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Meeting are held at the DAV Chapter 2 Home located at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO located between Noland & Phelps Rds. Meetings start by 1930. The DAV will cook up something with protein; chicken leg, pork chop, etc., or you can order from the menu.

BINGO for the residents of the Home Care Unit at Eisenhower VA Medical Center will be held the third or fourth THURSDAY of each month. The BINGO crew will meet at TENPENNY in Leavenworth for lunch around noon. Call S/M QUINTERO at 816-260-0435 for definitive information.



Our national symbol and Branch 161 are saddened because the following Shipmates recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



ROSEMARY POSEKANY, ATC , USN, RET
 REGIONAL PRESIDENT, NORTH CENTRAL, FRA

LLOYD F. WALTRIP, SKC, USN, RET



MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

No word yet on Regional judging.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be

Memorial Day observance, 28 May.

Finance & Audit:

The Mid-Year financial report was made; the Branch remains solvent.

Legislative Service:

Next MAVO meeting should be in April.

No report for Kansas.

Youth Activities:

S/M Ron SCHUMAKER and son,

Max, spoke about the H. S. Truman Squadron of the Sea Cadets.

MOTION: To donate \$250 to the Sea Cadets; *seconded; passed.*

Public Relations:

The Branch received a Certificate-of-Appreciation from Ft. Leavenworth for participating in the October retiree open house.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report that Shipmate Lloyd

The following are recognized by MO-KAN Branch 161 for their continuous years of FRA membership during the month of March:

BLACK, Gary	36	BOGERT, Richard	34	CABY, David	45	CARTER, Ken	27
COMBS, Don	03	CRANE, Don	32	★CUTT, Stephen	52	DECOURLEY, Charles	36
DOUD, Dale	33	ELLIOTT, Steve	26	FARWIG, George	35	FERRINGTON, David	42
GANN, Dale	36	GARRIGUES, Ned	22	GEORGE, David	40	GEORGE, William	29
HALL, Robert	39	HARDEN, Louis	37	HENDRICKSON, Jas	41	★KISPERT, Ernest	51
KORTUM, Joseph	39	LEHART, Walt	40	LILLIG, Bernie	02	★O'BRIEN, David	66
O'BRIEN, George	27	PRICE, Robert	44	PULLIAM, Darrell	27	REYES, John	02
★RODGERS, William	58	ROSE, Elmer	32	SALSBERY, Brandon	02	SANDERS, Gary	11
SCHERMAN, Ernest	19	SCHUMAKER, Ron	01	SHELTON, Robert	20	SIEG, John	41
STUTTS, Wesley	41	TAYLOR, Levon	03	TREON, Donald	39	WISE, Cletus	40

Your continued membership keeps the FRA at the table on Capitol Hill instead of a menu item.
We could not do it without you!

WALTRIP had joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander. Motion made to donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of Shipmate WALTRIP; *seconded; passed.*

Report that Lady Robyn Flippin will undergo a kidney transplant on 11 April at Research Hospital; the donor is her daughter, Michelle.

Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS worked BINGO 22 February; next BINGO will be 22 March at Leavenworth VA HCU.

S/Ms WHITE and BROWN conducted BINGO 13 February at the Cameron Veterans Home; next BINGO will be 13 March.

Brandon Mixon from Veterans Community Project spoke about the Tiny Houses for homeless veterans. The project has received 573 inquiries from around the country. Upcoming sites are planned for: Nashville, TN; Jonesboro, AR; San Antonio, TX; St. Louis, MO and somewhere in Illinois. Sponsorship programs are \$15,000 for a new house or \$10,000 for ongoing. The Branch will kick around sponsoring one or the other.

Communications:

None requiring action.

Treasurer's Report:

The Acting Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,936.12.

MOTION: To pay bills; *seconded; passed.*

Unfinished Business:

Dates of the NCR Mid-Year are: 8 to 11 April at Stone Castle Hotel in Branson, MO. Call 417-335-4700 for reservations.

Quarterly membership luncheon is 24 March. Details on raising funds for a Tiny House will be promulgated.

The shelter for the annual picnic in August has been reserved.

New Business:

The next Membership Luncheon will be 24 March (see insert on pg. 3). Cost is \$5 each; free if you bring an eligible FRA or Auxiliary member.

Good-of-the-Order:

None.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

DIZON, ANTONIO P.
GAGE, FREDERICK E. II
THOMPSON, ALLEN L.

Members 60 days past due:

CONRAD, CARL C.
SMITH, JOSIAH
WELCH, WILLIE T.

Members 90 days past due:

KENNEY, BEN C.

REMINDER: Dues renewals sometime come with extraneous information from NHQ and are easily overlooked; also, reports from National run a month late.

New members:

SUMPTER, SCOTT
ATC, USN

Transfer out:

DAVIS, KENNETH L.

Membership now stands at 420.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

Once again, we were pleased to see 10 members attend the March meeting; thank you for your attendance and all that you do. We missed those of you who were unable to attend.

Nominations for new officers will open at the April meeting. We hope you can attend.

We were saddened by the news of the unexpected passing of RPNC Rosemary Posekany and also of the recent news on the passing of Unit member Carolyn Collins, who passed away last year.

There is still time to make your reservations for the Mid-Year, which will be held at the Stone Castle Hotel in Branson, April 8-11. The phone number is (417) 335-4700.

Happy Birthday to those of you with March birthdays ... we hope your day was enjoyable.

To those having an illness, get well soon. Those who have lost loved ones, our prayers and sympathies go out to you.

Please notify the Secretary of any change of address or phone number. If you have any questions, please notify an officer listed in the heading of this newsletter.

Past Due 60 Days:
Susan D. Odom

Past Due 90 Days:
Mildred C. Manning

Dropped for non-payment:
None

Transfers-out:
None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:
None

To be renewed:
Lee A. Beard
Marian E. Brockel
Rhea B. Davidson
Joann D. Pommerer
Violet M. Taylor

The Bosn's Pipe

The Veterans Community Project (VCP) has received 573 inquiries from around the country on how to set up a "tiny house village" to help homeless veterans. Hopes are to encourage veterans to resume as contributing members of society at their own pace. The "village" will have a resource center where veterans can receive counseling, medical

services, job placement and other necessities.

At present, 13 veterans have moved into their temporary quarters. VCP personnel did not know what to expect when they set out on this worthwhile endeavor. One, they knew their clientele would be homeless veterans. Two, a veteran with a wife and five kids are among their patrons. This means a bit of adjusting.

As sponsors become organized, VCP plans to expand Tiny Houses to more cities in the near future:

- [1] Nashville, Tennessee
- [2] Jonesboro, Arkansas
- [3] San Antonio, Texas
- [4] St. Louis County, Missouri
- [5] somewhere in Illinois

Branch 161 will be highly interested in the latter two.

This year, attendees at the March meeting of Branch 161 determined that since our membership is the most generous and civic minded in the entire Association, we will raise enough to sponsor a veteran (plus family-if applicable) for an entire year, or \$10,000.

Here's the plan: we're holding a two part contest based on.

- [1] Amount of money raised.
- [2] Most contacts to explain the program to the greatest number of individuals, whether they make a donation or not.

The winners of one and two above, or whoever they designate, will have the sponsorship named after them. All you have to do is talk to your network of friends, relatives, co-workers (especially those who have brought items such as band candy around to sell).

Make a list of who you talk to and the dollar amount donated. Give them the web site for those who want to keep informed about upcoming projects. Donors wanting to remain anonymous will be honored. We will make a

Life member payments are:

<u>LM Dues</u>	<u>Discount</u>
Active Duty - \$400;	\$300
Under Age 40 - \$450;	337.50
Ages 41 – 50 - \$425;	318.75
Ages 51 – 60 - \$390;	292.50
Ages 61 – 70 - \$340	255
Ages 71 – 80 - \$260;	195
Age 81 – 100 - \$200;	150
Over 100	Free

Remember! The Branch still pays 25% of your life member dues.

Use the application on back and mail above Discount amount to the return address.

determination at the June quarterly membership luncheon if more time is required to reach our goal.

If anyone wants social media updates on Facebook or Twitter go to: veteranscommunityproject.org

➔ WORTH REPEATING ➔

For those of you who are receiving your prescriptions from *Express Scripts*, starting 1 February the co-pay is anywhere from \$7 to \$53 per up to 90-day supply for each medication. This change was in the NDAA approved by Congress and signed into law by the President last November. Prescriptions can still be filled at Military Treatment Facilities without charge.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 4 Apr. 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Nominations open for 2018-19 Br. & Unit Officers.

Sun.-Wed. 8-11 Apr. 2018. Annual NCR Mid-Year Conference at Stone Castle Hotel, Branson, MO.

Wed. 2 May 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Election of 2018-19 Br. & Unit Officers.

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Your E-mail Address: _____

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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