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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.



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



ROBERT C. NESBIT, PNCS, USN, RET
 ANTONIO P. DIZON, YNC, USCG, RET



MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

Trophies and checks were distributed to Branch members for presentation.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be Memorial Day observance, 28 May.

The Branch will not conduct a Memorial Day Two Bell Ceremony at Swan Lake this year.

Membership:

The Branch had 406 members with 400 in-good-standing as of 30 April.

Finance & Audit:

The annual Branch audit will be done prior to the June meeting.

Legislative Service:

April MAVO was cancelled. Expect changes for TRICARE.

Youth Activities:

Report given on Sea Cadet training.

Public Relations:

FRA Information has been distributed at various venues.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report that Shipmate Robert NESBIT had joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander. Motion made to donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of S/M NESBIT; *seconded; passed.*

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

ALPERS, Harry	39	BATES, Prentis	36	BAZE, James	29	BELL, Chris	04
BELL, Ronald	27	BOOTH, David	25	BROWER, Wayne	34	CAIN, William	19
★CHRISMAN, David	59	COX, Gordon	22	DICKERSON, Micah	26	DOEBELE, Wayne	29
GOLD, Richard	04	HOUK, Joseph	40	JUSTIS, William	48	KINGSLEY, Karl	40
KLINGER, Dave	03	LICKTEIG, Jerry	22	LOHMANN, Leonard	22	LYLES, Harry	40
MARKT, James	14	MATTHEWS, Richard	25	MCCARTY, Daniel	36	MCDANIELS, Paul	25
MENKHUS, Thomas	22	PARTIN, John II	40	PATTERSON, Ed	44	RAINS, Robert	25
RATHERT, Ronald	40	SHAW, Bart	43	SHEETS, Larry	26	★SHEPHERD, Milford	50
SHIELDS, Robert	29	STEWART, Jeryl	22	THOMAS, Jerry	36	TUTTLE, Kenneth	28
UNNERSTALL, Conrad	40	VERMETTE, Roger	25	WALLACE, David	04	WIETER, James	35
WILSON, Kenneth R.	42						

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

Report that S/M Bart SHAW is home from the hospital in Arizona.

Lady Clara Combs passed away 17 April.

Lady Diane Schilly had knee surgery.

Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS, along with Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO 26 April; next BINGO will be 24 May at Leavenworth VA HCU. Summerfest will be 13 June.

BINGO at the Cameron Veterans Home was cancelled.

Communications:

None requiring action.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,230.33.

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

Unfinished Business:

Elections of 2018-19 Branch officers were conducted with the following:

President Ray SCHILLY

1st VP Ray SHICK

2nd VP Kevin FLIPPIN

Treasurer D. GAGE

BoD: LICKTEIG, C. SANDERS, NARRON, WHITE, G.

COMBS, TURNHAM, N. COMBS.

All Branch officers plus the Jr. Past

President, QUINTERO, are automatic members of the Board of Directors.

New Business:

MOTION: To send the following Shipmates to the 2018 Regional Convention in Grand Rapids, MI: LICKTEIG, C. SANDERS, WHITE, FLIPPIN, N. COMBS, QUINTERO; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To appoint S/M QUINTERO chief delegate; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To allow chief delegate to add delegate names at the convention; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To send delegates to the convention uninstructed; *seconded; passed.*

Shelter 3 at Armstrong Park in Grain Valley has been reserved for the annual picnic, 26 August.

Good-of-the-Order:

None.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:
HENDRICKSON, JAMES
REYES, JOHN
SALSBERRY, BRANDON

Members 60 days past due:
HUBBARD, NINA
KLEFFNER, DONALD

SRONCE, LESTER

Members 90 days past due:

CONRAD, CARL C.

SMITH, JOSIAH

WELCH, WILLIE T.

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

New members:

TURNHAM, JOEL L.

EQCM, USN, RET

Membership now stands at 406.



UNIT NEWS

By Ernestene Combs

Elections of Unit officers took place at the May meeting; the following were elected:

President Diane Schilly

VP Joann Pommerer

Treasurer Pat Wentworth

Secretary Ernestene Combs

BoD RVPNC B. White,

D. Sanders, JPP D. Fri
and PRPNC C. Fields

The Treasurer and Secretary positions carry a 3-year term. Installation of officers will take place during the

June meeting. Also at the June meeting, we will be visited by National Treasurer Bea Parco ... so come out and help welcome her.

As a reminder, The Regional Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, MI August 9-12. We hope many of you plan to attend.

If you have any volunteer work to report, please contact a Unit member so it can be recorded and added to the final report; your support is greatly appreciated.

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

To those suffering an illness, get well soon. And to 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 30 Days:

Danica R. Goff
Frances C. Rodina
Karen D. Salas
Kamey A. Shaw

Past Due 60 Days:

Linda D. Gilleland
Alfreda C. Rhoades

Dropped for non-payment:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Linda L. Burnham
Sara E. Foust
Carolyn L. Frauenfelder
Elizabeth J. Schonhorst

 **The Bosn's Pipe**

Caregiver and Choice Program

Funding Bill Passes the House —

The VA Caregiver Expansion and VA Choice Program funding bill passes the House. The committee approved VA MISSION Act was amended onto S.2372 on the House floor. The House approved the amended bill (347-70) and sent it back to the Senate for approval of the House amendment and send it on to the President to be signed into law. The amended bill includes:

- Expanding the VA Caregiver Program to include all disabled veterans;
- Consolidating seven VA community care programs into one to improve access to care;
- Funding for the VA Choice Program; and
- Auditing of VA infrastructure.

House Committee Approves FY2019 NDAA —

The House Armed Services Committee approved the House version of the FY2019 National Defense Authorization. The markup provides:

- No TRICARE fee increase or pharmacy co-pay increase;
- Mandates Defense to make a report to the HASC on the TRICARE structural changes impacting beneficiary access to health care services no later than 29 March 2019;
- The full 2.6 percent pay raise for the troops;
- Repeal of a scheduled 1 percent cut in Basic Allowance for Housing;
- A 15,600 increase in active duty end strength (Navy increased 7,500);
- For the Secretary of the Army to take steps to extend the life of Arlington National Cemetery;
- That DoD review mental health and wounded warrior programs for effectiveness; and
- Reform of the Transition Assistance Program.

The Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs —

Robert Wilkie, has issued three letters

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.

to Congress reminding legislators that the VA Choice Program will exhaust its remaining dollars by the end of the month. If VA Choice runs out of money then there will be no more referrals to outside medical services. Acting Secretary Wilkie thanked FRA and other MSO/VSO organizations for supporting the bill. The Caregiver Program is currently available only to veterans disabled after 11 September, 2001.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 6 June 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of 2018-19 Br. & Unit Officers.

Sat. 16 June 2018. Quarterly Membership Luncheon 1100. Cost: \$5 a pop. Bring a potential member the \$5 will be refunded. Donations for Tiny Houses will be collected.

Wed. 4 July 2018. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting **POSTPONED !!!**

9-12 August 2018: Annual NCR Convention at DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport 4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan Tel: 616-957-0100

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Address: _____
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Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____

Recruited By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Lifetime Membership Payment Plan

1 Year
 2 Years

Eff. Date: _____
Month Year

Payment Options: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Check or Money Order Enclosed

Amount: _____ Credit Card No.: _____
 Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

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