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NEXT MEETING OF BRANCH & UNIT 161 WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT SHELTER #3 IN ARMSTRONG PARK, GRAIN VALLEY, MO, (ACROSS FROM SONIC;TURN EAST ON ROLLO DR.) **SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2019.** SETTING UP STARTS BY 1000; EATING STARTS BY NOON; REFRESHING STARTS SOMETIME BETWEEN. SHIPMATE LICKTEIG WILL SMOKE SOMETHING WITH PROTEIN. REFRESHMENTS & BEANS ARE PROVIDED. BRANCH & UNIT MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING AN AWARD WINNING SIDE DISH. THE AUXILIARY WILL CONDUCT BINGO, SO BRING SOMETHING YOU WANT TO GET RID OF.



IN MEMORIAM



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



ROBERT KARL, HTC, USN, RET – St. Peters, MO
 DALE K. DOUD, MM2, USN, RET – Versailles, MO



**AUGUST MEETING
 POSTPONED UNTIL
 THE 25th**

NOTES OF IMPORT

Americanism Essay:

The 2019-20 Americanism Essay theme is: “*What Freedom of Speech Means to Me.*” Sure has been a lot on this subject going

around lately. Maybe we’ll have a lot more kids weigh in on this one.

Americanism-Patriotism:

Next holiday will be Labor Day, 3 September.

Membership:

The Branch had 331 members with 324 in good standing as of the 31 July EDP from National.

Youth Activities:

Sea Cadets are drilling this

summer.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report that Shipmates Robert KARL and Dale DOUD joined the staff of the Supreme Commander.

Veterans Service:

S/M’s QUINTERO, LICKTEIG and N. COMBS held BINGO on 25 July. Next BINGO is scheduled for 31 August and 21 September.

Quarterly membership luncheons

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

BALDRIDGE, Norma	17	BAUER, Richard	33	BOWMAN, Alfred	45	BYERS, Robert	44
★COMBS, Dave	56	COMBS, Gary	32	CONWELL, Francis	45	★DOWNER, Donald	50
DWIGANS, Joseph	34	FISH, Raymond	46	GRAHAM, Basil	24	GRISSOM, Bobby	45
HARVEY, Robert	42	JONES, Melvin	40	KEKABAH, Curtis	02	LASSEN, Otto	30
MILLER, Lawrence	15	MILNER, Joseph	42	MOORE, Charles	35	SONDAG, Lawrence	23
THOMPSON, Ken	37	★WILSON, Bobby	50				

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

BOLON, Harry	39	★BOONE, Harold	62	CHADWICK, Emery	19	COMBS, Norm	45
COULTER, Harold	44	DAHL, Jon	05	DAVENPORT, Dave	05	DELAFUENTE, Ed	17
DICAPO, Anita	29	EDWARDS, Cecil	30	★GOODSON, William	50	KIES, Robert	37
LAKINS, Tanya	37	MURAWSKI, John	15	NARRON, Ron	05		
PASZKIEWICZ, Edmund	15	PATTERSON, Kevin	24	SCHAEFER, Ralph	30	SCOTT, Toney	36
SHICK, Joel	02	STEELE, Murl	41	TESSMER, George	25	WILLIAMS, Les	03

Your continued membership is what helps the FRA keep "gitin' 'er done."

for the upcoming fiscal year are as follows:

- Sunday 25 August (at the picnic)
- Friday 29 November.
- Saturday 15 or 22 February
- Saturday 9, 16 or 23 May

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:
SULLIVAN, STUART

Members 60 days past due:
DOEBELE, WAYNE A.

Members 90 days past due:
JAMISON, KEVIN
MAYBERRY, JESSIE L.
MEYER, BRYAN
WEBB, ROBB M.

Shipmate David S. CHRISTIAN paid his life member dues to the Secretary.

Transferred out:
NELSON, CHARLES L.

New members:
BENZ, MICHAEL
CPT, USMC
BENZ, MONTY
CEC, USN, RET

HURLEY, PATRICK
STG2, USN, VET

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

Membership now stands at 331.



UNIT NEWS

By *Ernestene Combs*

Time is near for the annual Branch and Unit picnic. Hope you plan to attend; information is in this newsletter. Bring a white elephant for bingo prizes.

PLEASE NOTE: The August meeting was postponed until the picnic and there will not be a meeting in September.

Again. Thank all of you for the volunteer work. Please send what you do in that area to someone in the Unit so we can include it in our annual reports.

We really appreciate hearing from our members and plan to keep in touch. Although Unit 161's membership is spread all over the North Central Region and other states, you are not forgotten.

For those having lost loved ones our prayers and sympathies are with you. To those having been ill — *Get Well* soon. For those of you having birthdays — celebrate in style.

Past Due 30 Days:
None

Past Due 60 Days:
Teresa Norton

Past Due 90 Days:
None

Dropped for non-payment:
None

Transfers-out:
None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:
None

To be renewed:

Danae H. Fields
Agrifina A. Green
Kathleen E. Griffith
Violet L. Lafferty
Cynthia K. Murley
Wanda A. Strohkirch
Debra E. Wentworth

🎺 The Bosn's Pipe

Branch & Unit Picnic

The 2019 Branch and Unit Picnic will take place at Shelter #3, Armstrong Park in Grain Valley. The Auxiliary conducts BINGO so bring an item you want to get rid of.

For those wanting a little exercise, there are two walking venues, a skate park, playgrounds; day pass at the swimming pool is \$5.

We mostly spend the day sitting around eating burgers and brats, or whatever S/M LICKTEIG smokes, having a beer and embellishing old sea stories.

Christmas Ticket Drawing

Enclosed should be five tickets for this year's Christmas fund raiser. Your participation helps the Branch purchase Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas presents for homeless/homebound veterans and institutionalized kids in eight homes in our geographical area. **During 2018, with your help, the Branch expended \$13,913.75 toward charitable causes.** You can help the Branch and Unit by either selling or purchasing the tickets; every little bit helps. To participate in the Christmas fund, simply write a name and address on the ticket stub and send them along with \$2 per ticket to:

1008 SW Foxtail Dr.
Grain Valley, MO 64029

You may also obtain tickets at the picnic. The drawing will be held during the December Branch and Unit meeting. More tickets are

available upon request.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE OR DO NOT CARE TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY RECYCLE THE TICKETS.

With the help of our generous members, the Branch hopes to expend over \$12,000 to help those in need during 2019. This year we will raise \$5,000 to sponsor a Tiny House for Homeless Veterans, maybe more.



Bowling: The Branch sponsors a bowling league that bowls on alternate Sundays at Summit Lanes located at 803 SW Oldham Pkwy. Lees Summit, MO. This is strictly a recreational league. Proceeds go to the Branch charity fund. Anyone wishing to enjoy themselves on every-other Sunday, simply form a team of four bowlers and contact S/M LICKTEIG at 816-699-7286.

STEM Benefits for GI Bill Students

Effective 1 Aug. 2019, Post-9/11 GI Bill students enrolled in STEM programs could have an additional nine months of GI Bill benefits available to them. The STEM Scholarship provision is part of the Forever GI Bill Act of 2017, which made improvements to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Among those improvements, is a provision to give extra benefits to students training in the high-demand (STEM) fields of: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Obtaining a degree in these areas usually require more training than other fields.

This scholarship aims to provide additional incentive to students who choose the careers our society needs most. This is not automatic as it requires an application.

COMING EVENTS

Sun. 25 Aug. 2019. Annual Branch and Unit Picnic.

Tue - Sun. 23-29 Sept. 2019. FRA National Convention San Antonio, Texas.

Wed. 2 Oct. 2019. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.

The Branch has . . . USN RET and USN VET ball caps along with the one pictured below.

Includes stars for E8 & E9



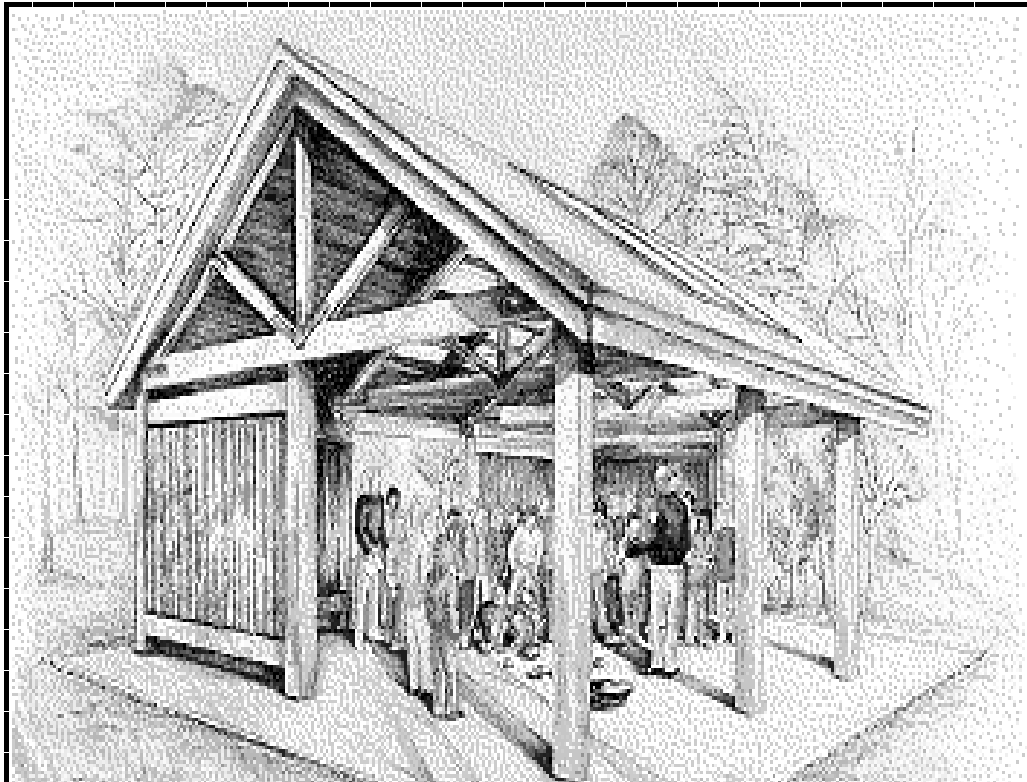
S/M LICKTEIG will bring smoked something? for the picnic.

***** NOTICE *****

NO MEETING OR NEWSLETTER DURING SEPTEMBER



ANNUAL BRANCH & UNIT



Sunday, 25 August • Armstrong Park, Grain Valley

