



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

## MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

### FEBRUARY 2019

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Meetings are held at the DAV Chapter 2 Home located at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO located between Noland & Phelps Roads. Meetings start by 1930. The DAV kitchen staff offers daily specials 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



WILLIAM F. JUSTIS, QMC, USN, RET – Fairhope, AL  
 DONALD W. TREON, GMG1, USN, RET – Mooresville, MO  
 ROBERT C. NESBIT, PNCS, USN, RET – St. Louis, MO  
 DONALD J. PENNINGTON, ADJC, USN, RET – Lees Summit, MO

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### FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The regularly scheduled meeting for 6 February of Mo-Kan Branch 161 was postponed until the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Americanism-Essay:**

Awaiting Regional judging of the Essays for further action.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**

Next National Holiday observance will be Presidents Day, 18 February.

**Membership:**

The Branch had 366 members with 359 in-good-standing as of 31 Jan.

**Finance & Audit:**

Mid-year finance report was given.

The Branch remains solvent.

Branch 161 expended \$13,913.75 to charitable causes during calendar year 2018. This does not include un-audited out-of-pocket donations.

**Youth Activities:**

Young Marines XO has been invited to attend a Branch meeting.

**Public Relations:**

None.

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

AYVERSONE, Elphird	15	BAKER, James	31	BARLOWS, Noel	12	BROWN, Wayne	36
CHISHKO, Louis	45	COX, Lawrence	27	DIPAOLA, Paul	45	DONNELLY, Wayne	41
ELLIOTT, Garrett	44	FOLEY, James	34	FOX, Arthur	33	GAGE, Donald	42
GRAVES, Thomas	47	HAMM, Clifford	39	HUDNELL, James	30	HUNTER, Charles	18
HUTCHINSON, Floyd	27	JACOBS, Arrol	41	KELLEY, Douglas	30	LAMPKIN, Clarence	41
LICKTEIG, Bernard	19	MORRIS, Richard	20	NAPPIER, James	40	PARSON, John	05
PHELPS, Robert	22	PRIDEMORE, Larry	15	ROE, Marsden	39	SCHLEGEL, David	29
SUMPTER, Scott	01	THOMASSON, James	36	WILSON, Glenn	20		

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

#### Hospital & Welfare:

Reports that S/Ms Donald TREON, William JUSTIS, Robert NESBIT and Donald PENNINGTON had recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MOTION:** To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in the memory of each; *seconded; passed.*

#### Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS, along with Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO at Leavenworth VA HCU 24 January; next BINGO will be 23 February.

#### Communications:

None for action.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,254.08.

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

#### Unfinished Business:

The 2019 NCR Mid-Year meeting is scheduled for 24-26 March at Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake Ozark, MO. Workshops will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>; Joint Meeting and dinner the 26<sup>th</sup>. Call 573-348-4731 for reservations. Dinner choices are: Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Cordon Bleu.

The 2019 National Convention will

be held in Memphis, TN 23-29 Sept.

#### New Business:

Next quarterly luncheon will be 11 May. Cost is \$5. Bring a potential member – FRA or Auxiliary – lunch for you and your guest will be paid by the Branch.

#### Good-of-the-Order:

NCR Vice President Don Watkins and Lady Peggy joined us for lunch and attended the meeting

#### STATUS REPORT

##### Members 30 days past due:

BLAKE, JOHNNIE R.  
PRATT JAMES L.

##### Members 60 days past due:

DICKMAN, TIM  
HARDY, JAMES H.  
KIDD, WILLIAM E.  
MACKE, RAYMOND L.  
McNEILL, DENNIS R.

##### Members 90 days past due:

DONNINI, JOHN E.  
FRANK, GEORGE A.  
JOHNSON, ARTHUR W.

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

##### New members:

None

##### Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 366.



#### UNIT NEWS

*Ernestene Combs*

Wherever you live, we hope your winter is milder than ours; Spring can't come too soon.

We welcome PRPNC Jessie Hale, PRPSC Jane Holtmann, Ruth Gindling, Michel Lambert, Myra Milleson, Jane Ott, Agnes Taff, Helen Todd, Natalie Young from Unit 315 and PRPSW Salli Espinoza from Unit 289 to Unit 161; we hope to see a couple of you at the Mid-Year.

We hope everyone has their reservations in for the Mid-Year; info is in "Coming Events" section of the Newsletter.

Again, our thanks for supporting the Branch and Unit with your continued membership. No matter where you live, you will remain in our thoughts.

To those of you who had a birthday, we hope it was enjoyable. To those who were ill, we hope you're on the road to recovery and to those of you who have lost loved ones, our prayers and sympathies are with you.

##### Past Due 30 Days:

D.J. Hopkins  
Alline D. Shaw

Agnes V. Taff

Past Due 60 Days:

Deborah K. Davenport  
Gina M. Stephenson  
Teresa A. Stephenson

Past Due 90 Days:

Barbara A. Skates

Dropped for non-payment:

Charlene M. Wetzsteon

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

(Unit 315)

To be renewed:

Norma Foster  
PRPNC Jessie Hale  
PRPSW Salli Espinoza  
Barbara Hodson  
PRPSC Jane Holtmann

Myra Milleson  
Anna J. Ott  
Agnes Taff  
Helen Todd  
Natalie Young

**📣 The Bosn's Pipe**

**FRA Staff go to Capitol Hill**  
NED Tom Snee, DLP John Davis, NSD Chris Slawinski and a few other Military Coalition Policy Committee co-chairmen met with the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee staff for an off-the-record meeting to discuss upcoming congressional issues. The group discussed concurrent receipt expansion, guard and reserve issues, commissary and exchange reforms, expected burial limitations at Arlington National Cemetery and the need for adequate oversight of privatized military housing. The

Pentagon FY2020 proposed budget will be delivered to the Hill 12 March.

**Senior Enlisted Go to Capitol Hill**

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Russ Smith, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Ronald Green, along with their Army and Air force counterparts testified before the House Appropriations, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agency Subcommittee. They addressed quality of life issues for the active duty enlisted. MCPON Smith told lawmakers that sailors and their families need more child care services, improved infrastructure and continued funding to modernize the personnel system. "While we currently have the most capable ships and leading-edge technology, our greatest asset in battle against any determined adversary will always be the asymmetric advantage that is provided by our people," Smith said in his opening remarks.

SMMC Green told the subcommittee that housing and infrastructure are a top priority for his service, as more than 1,000 Marine families remain displaced from their homes as the result of two hurricanes last year.

**Make Sure Your TRICARE Information is Current**

The Defense Health Agency has issued notice to beneficiaries that due to the many recent changes to TRICARE those beneficiaries may have outdated TRICARE reference publications. Visit **TRICARE Publications** for more information.

**COMING EVENTS**

Wed. 6 Mar. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sun-Mon-Tue 24-25-26 Mar. 2019 NCR Mid-Year Inn at Grand Glaize Lake Ozark, MO.

Wed. 3 Apr. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.



Norm Combs, Debbie Palmer and Jane Hinkledire delivered four "Big Birds" to the Gillis kitchen staff for Thanksgiving.

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### FRA Membership Application

Membership is open to all current or former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. My signature below certifies that I fulfill the eligibility requirements and want To join the FRA. Annual dues includes a subscription to *FRA Today* magazine.

RECRUITED BY: (Optional Information)  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt/Lot City State Zip

Dates of Service: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Service: USN; USMC; USCG; Status: Active; Reserve; Retired; Veteran Membership Pref: Branch No. 161

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Previous FRA Member:  No  Yes If yes; previous Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: 1 yr \$40; 2 yrs \$64 (new members); 2 yrs \$75; 5 yrs \$180 Check enclosed

Pmt Options:  Visa;  MC;  AE;  Discover; Cr. Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Address on Newsletter or; 125 N. West St.; Alexandria, VA 22314 Make check payable to: FRA

### JOIN THE AUXILIARY FRA; Membership Application (Dues \$20)

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt/Lot City State Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the: spouse ; widow(er) ; parent ; grandparent ; sibling ; child ; grandchild  (all include "step")

Of \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Member's Name Rate/Rank USN - USMC - USCG

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

The above named Service Member is a member of  or, at time of death, was eligible to be a member of  Fleet Reserve Association Branch number \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Secretary