



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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### JANUARY 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

- HAROLD W. DAVIS, BT1, USN, RET – Independence, MO
- DALE K. DOUD, MM2, USN, RET – Versailles, MO
- GRANVILLE L. HARRISON, ME1, USN, RET – St. Joseph, MO
- GENE TAKACS, MSGT, USMC, RET – Pleasant Hill, MO
- GEORGE W. BRADY, AOC, USN, RET – Peculiar, MO
- BUELL J. THOMPSON, 1STSGT, USMC, RET – Kirkwood, MO
- HAROLD G. ANDERSON, MCPO, USN, RET – Odessa, MO
- LOWELL FLACHS, ADRC, USN, RET – Quincy, IL
- BENNY J. MAYBERRY, BMC, USN, RET – Centerville, TN
- GEORGE T. POWERS, SKC, USN, RET – St. Joseph, MO
- GARY W. BLACK, BMC, USN, RET – St. Joseph, MO
- ROBERT C. NESBIT, PNCS, USN, RET – St. Louis, MO



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

ABEL, Ralph	29	ARMOUR, Elizabeth	23	BEVFODEN, Donald	24	BROGAN, Harry	34
BROWN, Glenn	18	BURCHI, Albert	41	BUSH, John	29	BUSH, Kenneth	45
COBB, John	22	COLE, James	22	DAVIES, Albert	21	DIZON, Antonio	46
FELT, Richard	41	FERGUSON, Andrew	38	GAGE, Frederick II	32	GALLAGHER, Edward	39
GILLELAND, Don	49	HARTLEY, Dwight	21	HENNEQUIN, Harry	30	HOLZMEISTER, Abe	45
HUBERT, Gary	04	HUGHES, James	39	JOHNSON, Kirby	38	★KARL, Robert	57
★KEIGHLEY, Raymond	51	LAFORTE, Wilfred	26	MARTIN, Peter	02	MCVAY, Walter	29
MEINHARDT, Michael	23	NUGENT, William	15	PAGE, Frank	29	PAGE, Leslie	22
PENNINGTON, Donald	34	QUINTERO, Tony	29	REINHOLD, William	37	★RUSSELL, James	63
SANDERS, Curry	22	SCOTT, Chester	18	SISSON, James	16	★SMITH, David F.	51
SWAIM, Joshua	02	THOMPSON, Allen	32	WALLACE, William	25	WILLIAMS, William	26
★WINFIELD, Noel	55						

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



## JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Americanism-Essay:

Essays have been judged. Three 1st and one 2nd place winners will be awarded.

#### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be ML King Day, 21 January.

#### Membership:

The Branch had 371 members with 361 in-good-standing as of 31 Dec.

#### Finance & Audit:

Mid-year report is due in February.

#### Youth Activities:

None.

#### Public Relations:

S/M C. SANDERS addressed two groups about FRA activities.

Next MAVO meeting is scheduled for 1330 in the Truman Office Building, Jefferson City, 28 January.

#### Hospital & Welfare:

Reports that S/Ms Dale DOUD, Gene TAKACS, Granville HARRISON, Gary

BLACK, Buell THOMPSON, Harold ANDERSON, Benny MAYBERRY, Lowell FLACHS and George POWERS 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.*

Unit Secretary is still recovering from knee replacement surgery.

#### Veterans Service:

S/Ms LICKTEIG, QUINTERO and Norm COMBS, along with honorary member Debbie Palmer, worked BINGO and delivered Christmas cards to the HCU patients at Leavenworth VA HCU 20 December; next BINGO will be 24 January.

#### Communications:

None for action.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$2,050.48.

**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, Osage Beach, 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.

Next quarterly luncheon will be Saturday at the DAV at 1100; cost is \$5. Bring a potential or new member, FRA or Auxiliary, and have your lunch paid.

#### New Business:

None.

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

Results of Christmas ticket drawings:  
Christine Drew \$100  
Karen Salas 75  
Teresa Quintero 50  
Matt Davenport 25

#### STATUS REPORT

##### Members 30 days past due:

BUEHRLE, WILLIAM F.  
DICKMAN, TIM  
HARDY, JAMES H.  
HICKS, JON K.  
KIDD, WILLIAM E.  
MACKE, RAYMOND L.  
MCNEILL, DENNIS R.

##### Members 60 days past due:

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

Members 90 days past due:  
NEVIN, CHRISTOPHER

**REMINDER:** Dues renewals some-time 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 371.



### UNIT NEWS

By *Pat Wentworth* for  
*Ernestene Combs*

We only had five members in attendance at our January meeting, but it was fun. We stayed in the dining room and improvised. Since we were unable to access our materials – no keys – Barbara made a Bible out of some paper we had, Pat pulled a flag up on her phone, and we went from there.

Ernestene missed her second meeting, but is doing well after having knee replacement surgery in December. Please keep her and Barbara White in

your prayers. Barbara is having three surgeries this month; cataracts and a mass on her wrist.

Those who were not there were missed and we hope to see all of you on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

~ *Pat*

#### Past Due 30 Days:

Betty J. Curran  
Deborah K. Davenport  
Gina M. Stephenson  
Teresa A. Stephenson

#### Past Due 60 Days:

Edna D. Gage  
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 324)

#### To be renewed:

Bessie Baker  
PRPNC Lisa M. Barton  
PRPNC Virginia L. Bowers  
Ernestene E. Combs  
Beverly J. Dempsey  
Edna M. Lampkin

Alfreda C. Rhoades  
Lorna M. Schneider  
Denise N. Welch  
Maxine E. Wright

## The Bosn's Pipe

### **News item:**

The Navy has revived the rank of W-1 for a handful of cryptologists.



more intense pressure on DoD by the GAO to increase TRICARE co-pays and the implementation of TRICARE-for-LIFE enrollment fees.

And

DoD to cut 17,000 medical billets representing around 13 percent of the total.

### COMING EVENTS

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

Sat. 16 Feb. 2019. Quarterly luncheon at DAV; 1100.

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



The Christmas wrapping crew finished with almost half the gifts before someone rang the dinner bell; 23 November.

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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