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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 at 1900. The DAV kitchen staff offers daily specials or you can order from the menu – \$4 to \$14.

BINGO for the residents of the Home Care Unit at Eisenhower VA Medical Center will be held the third or fourth SATURDAY 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 Shipmate recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



CHARLES D. DECOURLEY, CTIC, USN, RET – Hallsville, MO
 DONALD L. ADKISSON, SH1, USN, RET – Centralia, MO

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JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

2019-20 Essay theme was not yet available.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be Independence Day, 4 July.

Membership:

The Branch had 336 members with 330 in-good-standing as of 30 June.

Finance & Audit:

Next action will be to file IRS 990-N.

Youth Activities:

S/M WHITE said the Sea Cadets are looking for a new CO; was hoping a Branch member would volunteer.

S/Ms FLIPPIN and WHITE have been prepping 160 sandwiches for kids per week.

MOTION: To donate \$100 toward the program; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To donate \$45 each for scouts to visit USS Silversides in Michigan; *seconded; tabled.*

Public Relations:

S/M N. COMBS distributed parking passes and stand assignments for the Air Show at Wheeler Downtown Airport.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report received that S/M Charles DECOURLEY had recently joined the

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

ALLIE, Naggie	39	ATCHISON, Lonnie	13	AUBUCHON, Ray	21	BROWN, Cyrill	17
BRUECKMANN, Mike	19	BRYANT, Maxie	23	CESSNA, Gregory	41	CHRISTIAN, David	23
CHRISTY, Mac	33	COVERT, James	45	EINFELDT, Samuel	30	FORD, William	17
HALLEY, Dennis	23	HILDRETH, Marvin	49	★HOLLOWOOD, John	50	★HOWELL, Richard	52
HOYER, Kurt	21	JOHANSEN, Roy	20	MATTHEWS, Carl	41	MINNER, William	12
PERCIVAL, Rose M.	30	POTEETE, William	41	RUPPERT, Nathan	30	WHITE, Barry	22

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

Staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO, KLINGER, Norm COMBS and Debbie Palmer worked SUMMERFEST 12 June and S/Ms QUINTERO and N. COMBS worked BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU 22 June; next BINGO will be 27 July.

Communications:

S/M Secretary received four continuous membership certificates for Shipmates.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$3,435.01.

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

Unfinished Business:

None; not reported on in committee.

New Business:

None

Good-of-the-Order:

None

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

DOEBELE, WAYNE A.
LOHMANN, LEONARD

Members 60 days past due:

JAMISON, KEVIN
MAYBERRY, JESSIE L.
MEYER, BRYAN

WEBB, ROBB M.

Members 90 days past due:

SCHUMAKER, RONALD

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 344.



UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

A big "thanks" to one-and-all who worked the concession stand with the Shipmates at the air show; providing publicity about the Branch and Unit and a great opportunity to serve in our community.

We hope to see all 11 delegates at the Regional Convention to be held in Nashville, IN, August 18-20. Six delegates have also been selected for the National Convention in September.

To those of you with July birthdays, we hope it was an enjoyable one. 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:

PRPNC Teresa A. Norton

Past Due 60 Days:

None

Past Due 90 Days:

Norma M. Foster

Dropped for non-payment:

Bessie Baker

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

Teresa A. Stephenson*

**reinstated*

To be renewed:

Brenda L. Bryant
Jennifer J. DeLaFuente
PRPNC Christine N. Drew
Elizabeth A. Durham
Danica R. Goff
Lisa G. Hayes

The Bosn's Pipe

House is expected to pass its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA-H.R. 2500). The Senate passed its version of the NDAA (S.1790) last month. A floor amendment that would extend concurrent receipt for retirees with Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) rated less than 50 percent disabled was not called for a vote. A similar amendment in the



Life Membership Application

"I wish to apply for Life Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association. I hereby certify that I am eligible. I fully understand the provisions of the Life Membership Program."



Name: _____ Rate/Rank: _____ Current FRA Membership No.: _____

Address: _____
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____
Optional FRA Branch No.: _____

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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Senate was also not called for a vote. The House bill includes an FRA-supported provision to repeal the SBP/DIC offset known as the Widow's Tax.

Neither bill has a TRICARE fee increase. The Senate bill allows for the Administration's proposal for drastic cuts in military medical staff – down to 18,000 from the current 130,000. The House bill delays the proposed cuts to military medical staff until FY 2021 and requires a study to review the impact. FRA supports the House provision.

Another major difference between the House and Senate NDAA is the top-line spending for DoD. The House bill provides for \$733 billion and the Senate bill provides \$750 billion. It should be noted that neither spending level will occur unless Congress changes the spending caps on sequestration. Other key provisions in the House bill include:

- Pay increase that keeps pace with civilian pay (3.1%);
- Continuing reforms of sexual assault and prevention;
- Increasing end strength for Navy and Marine Corps;
- Prohibiting the Marine Corps from segregating men and

women in boot camp within five years;

- Requiring DoD to conduct a review policy and submit a report on suicide among members of the Armed Forces;
- Requiring the DoD to develop an assessment tool to measure health and safety hazards in DoD housing to include privatized housing;
- Mandating exposures to burn pits and blast events to be recorded in a service member's medical record; and
- Increasing maximum reimbursement amount from \$500 to \$1,000 for state licensure and certification of a military spouse due to relocation.

A conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills. That bill will be submitted to the House and Senate for approval. If approved by both chambers the bill will go to the President to be signed into law or be vetoed.

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 Discounted (**BOLD \$**) amount to the return address.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 7 Aug. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sun-Wed 18-21 Aug. 2019. NCR Conv. Nashville, Indiana

Sun. 25 Aug. 2019. Annual Branch & Unit Picnic Shelter 3 Armstrong Park, Gram Valley

Wed. 2 Oct. 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

SPECIAL OFFER for NEW MEMBERS \$64 for two years

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

