



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

## MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

### MAY 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 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 Shipmates recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



EDWARD J. READMAN, BMC, USN, RET – Lenexa, KS  
 GORDON F. SMITH, LTCOL, USMC, RET – Olathe, KS  
 WILLIAM J. WALLACE, MSGT, USMC, RET – Lebanon, MO  
 STEPHEN CUTT, DPC, USN, RET – St. Louis, MO  
 HARRY H. BROGAN, YNCS, USN, RET – Kansas City, MO

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### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Americanism-Essay:**  
 S/Ms LICKTEIG and DELAFUENTE presented awards to Essay winners

who could not attend the April meeting.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**  
 Next National Holiday observance will be Memorial Day, 27 May.

**Membership:**  
 The Branch had 344 members with 341 in-good-standing as of 30 April.

**Finance & Audit:**  
 The annual audit will be conducted prior to the June meeting.

**Youth Activities:**  
 Sea Cadets are preparing for their summer training and boot camp.

**Public Relations:**  
 Shipmates met with a few WWII veterans in Claycomo.

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

ALPERS, Harry	40	BATES, Prentis	37	BAZE, James	30	BELL, Chris	05
BELL, Ronald	28	BROWER, Wayne	35	CAIN, William	20	★CHRISMAN, David	60
DICKERSON, Micah	27	DOEBELE, Wayne	30	GOLD, Richard	05	HOUK, Joseph	40
GUTHRIE, Charles	01	KINGSLEY, Karl	41	LICKTEIG, Jerry	23	LOHMANN, Leonard	23
LYLES, Harry	41	MARKT, James	15	MATTHEWS, Richard	26	MCCARTY, Daniel	37
MCDANIELS, Paul	26	MENKHUS, Thomas	23	NELSON, Charles	01	PARTIN, John II	41
RAINS, Robert	26	RATHERT, Ronald	41	SHAW, Bart	44	SHEETS, Larry	27
★SHEPHERD, Milford	51	SHIELDS, Robert	30	STEWART, Jeryl	23	THOMAS, Jerry	37
UNNERSTALL, Conrad	41	VERMETTE, Roger	26	WIETER, James	36	WILSON, Kenneth R.	43

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:

Report received that S/M Stephen CUTT had recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MOTION:** To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund in S/M CUTT's memory; *seconded; passed.*

#### Veterans Service:

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS worked BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU 27 April; next BINGO will be 25 June.

SUMMERFEST will take place the evening of 12 June at Building 160.

#### Communications:

S/M Secretary read an email from the daughter of a deceased thanking the FRA and Branch 161 for our advocacy on behalf of her father.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was \$2,828.57.

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

#### Unfinished Business:

1. Shelter 3 at Armstrong Park in Grain Valley is reserved for Sunday, 25 August.

2. Elections were held with the following results:

President SCHILLY  
1st VP WHITE  
2nd VP LICKTEIG

Secretary DELAFUENTE  
BoD COMBS, FLIPPIN, SHICK,  
NARRON, QUINTERO,  
CARTER, TURNHAM

Shipmates were reminded of the 2019 Air Show at Wheeler Downtown Airport, 6 and 7 July; Branch 161 is operating two food stands. WE CAN USE SOME HELP IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED. Must be 16 or older to participate.

#### New Business:

**MOTION:** To send the following Branch members to the 2019 NCR Convention in Nashville, IN: WHITE, LICKTEIG, FLIPPIN, QUINTERO, N. COMBS, SANDERS, CHAMPAGNE; *seconded; passed.*

**MOTION:** To name S/M FLIPPIN as chief delegate to the 2019 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

**MOTION:** To send the delegates to the 2019 NCR Convention uninstructed; *seconded; passed.*

**MOTION:** To authorize chief delegate to add names at the 2019 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

**MOTION:** To start Branch and Unit meetings at 1900; *seconded; passed.*

#### STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:  
BLACK, GARY W.  
SCHUMAKER, RONALD

Members 60 days past due:  
BARLOWS, NOEL F.

Members 90 days past due:  
COLE, JAMES H.  
HOLZMEISTER, ABRAHAM  
SCOTT, CHESTER  
SWAIM, JOSH

**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 344.



#### UNIT NEWS

*Ernestene Combs*

We were pleased to have nine members in attendance at the May meeting. Please mark your calendars for the June 5th meeting; we will install the new officers. We also had five members attend the luncheon on May 11th.

As of June 1st, the North Central Region will have a new Unit located in Omaha, NE; congratulations and thanks for all the hard work that took

place to get it started.

To those of you with May birthdays, we hope it was a happy 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:

Norma M. Foster

Past Due 60 Days:

Bessie Baker

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

Agnes V. Taff

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

Kamey A. Shaw\*

Ashli C. VanDerlinden\*

\*reinstated

To be renewed:

Nancy M. Calhoun

Sara E. Foust

Carolyn L. Frauenfelder

Diane E. Schilly

Elizabeth J. Schonhorst

## 📣 The Bosn's Pipe

### Agent Orange Bill Approved by the House

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Mark Takano (CA) and Ranking Member Rep. Phil Roe (TN) are making another attempt to enact the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (H.R.299). The legislation is similar to what was passed by the House last year and then stalled in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Takano with 333 co-sponsors, passed the House (410-0). The bill now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

This bill and a similar measure introduced in the Senate (S.1195) clarify that service members serving off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict have a presumption for filing disability claims with the VA for ailments associated with exposure to Agent Orange herbicide. The bills extend the presumption of herbicide exposure for veterans who served on or near the Korean DMZ between 1 Sept. 1967 and 31 Aug. 1971. The legislation provides health care, vocational training, rehabilitation and

monetary allowance to a child who was born with spina bifida, if at least one of the child's parents served in Thailand between 9 Jan. 1962 and 7 May 1975. The VA must also have to determine that at least one of the parents was exposed to a herbicide agent during that period.

In January, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled that VA officials have improperly interpreted the law in denying those claims of Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans. The Department of Justice has until the end of May to decide if they will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. The members of the House of Representatives are not waiting for the courts and want to enact legislation addressing this issue.

### COMING EVENTS

Wed. 5 June 2019. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of Branch & Unit Officers for 2019-20 take place

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

Sat. Sun. 6 & 7 July 2019. Air Show, Wheeler Downtown Airport.



S/M President Ray SCHILLY presented Michelle Campbell the Mo-Kan Branch 161 Exceptional Humanitarian Award. She is flanked by her parents, Lady Robyn and Shipmate Kevin FLIPPIN, witnessed by Branch and Unit members.

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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

