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Meetings are held at 1900 the first Wednesday of each month at the DAV Chapter 2 Home (14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO located between Noland & Phelps Roads). 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 are generally held the third or fourth SATURDAY of each month However, **BINGO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. AFTER THE CONCERNS OVER CORONA VIRUS SUBSIDES, WE WILL RESUME.**



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



DONALD COMBS, ARM2, USN, VET – Independence, MO
 HARRY R. LYLES, DT1, USN, RET – Jerseyville, IL



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The regular Branch meeting was canceled due to COVID-19. The subjects pertinent to Branch business were discussed and approved for dissemination are contained in this newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

Trophies and checks are ready for

distribution for Branch and Regional winners.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday will be 25 May, Memorial Day.

Membership:

The Branch had 313 members with 307 in good standing as of 31 March.

Finance & Audit:

Annual audit is scheduled to be executed sometime between the May and June Branch meetings.

Youth Activities:

Fund raising from hockey, soccer, concerts, et. al. has been suspended due to CV-19.

Tour of the DAV facilities by TNC staff for feasibility of holding Christmas parties took place 5 March. They were duly impressed by the facility and okayed the program.

Public Relations:

No report. Several events have been cancelled due to CV-19.

Hospital & Welfare:

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

BENTZ, David	30	BEUSSINK, Ted	09	BOLEY, Carl	38	BRANHAM, Wallace	34
COMBS, Michael	12	DRAINER, John	38	EIFERT, Alfred	29	FELLOWS, Hurley	44
FLIPPIN, Kevin	29	HALL, Burl	26	HEFFEL, Edward	41	KATZENBERGER, Al	24
KELSEY, Edward	20	KRUMP, Michael	19	KUHN, Thomas	26	LACY, Ronald	24
MAYBERRY, Jesse	34	MCARTOR, Frank	44	PIPPIN, Jack	41	PRINCE, Wallace	24
★RECTOR, Carol	51	SAMPSEL, John	30	SINGER, Jerry	05	SKEENS, Donald	23
TAYLOR, James	31	TEGMEYER, Darrell	39	THOMPSON, Ronald	24	TRUSTY, Carl	34
TURNHAM, Joel	02	★VARGO, Walter	53				

Your continued membership is what helps the FRA impact the thinking on Capitol Hill.
We could not do it without you!

We received reports that S/Ms Harry LYLES and Donald COMBS recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

MOTION: To postpone donations to the NCR Essay Fund due to absence of the Treasurer; *seconded; passed.*

NOTE: Don COMBS was the oldest brother of S/Ms Dave and Norm. Don was the radioman for a PBY crew during WWII. He received the Air Medal with three gold stars (that equates to at least 100 combat missions), the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Unit Commendation.

Veterans Service:

March BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU was cancelled. BINGO has been suspended during the all-out-war on *Coronavirus*.

Communications:

S/M Secretary read all communications; no action.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

MOTION: To postpone payment of bills; *seconded; passed.*

Unfinished Business:

The 2020 North Central Regional Mid-Year was canceled; the NBOD was postponed.

The 2020 NCR Convention will be held 2-3-4 August at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake Ozark, MO; call 573-348-4731 for reservations — be sure

to mention the Fleet Reserve Association convention. The status of the 2020 NCR Convention is too early to say either way. In order to proceed as scheduled, four main items must pass:

- (1) COVID-19 cases minimized
- (2) Governor suspends stay-in-place
- (3) Camden County, MO Health Department gives go-ahead
- (4) Inn at Grand Glaize is cleared and feels the property is safe

New Business:

Nominations opened for 2020-21 Branch officers and BoD:

- President WHITE
- 1st VP J. LICKTEIG
- 2nd VP BORGMEYER
- Treasurer FLIPPIN
- BoD: KLINGER, MONAGHAN, CARTER, QUINTERO

Nominations will continue in May followed by elections.

Good-of-the-Order:

In addition to S/Ms Dave and Norm COMBS losing their oldest brother 17 March, their oldest sister, Lady Alfreda Rhoades, passed away the morning of 18 March.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:
PRIDEMORE, LARRY

Members 60 days past due:
ARMOUR, ELIZABETH
BEVFODEN, DONALD L.
MARLIN, PETER J.

Members 90 days past due:

None

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 313.



UNIT NEWS
Ernestene Combs

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the April LAFRA meeting was canceled.

National continues to experience difficulties with the membership software; if your dues payment is late in getting posted we ask for your patience as processing is taking longer than usual. The address for sending dues payments is:

LAFRA National Financial Secretary
106 Hyrne Drive
Goose Creek, SC 29445-7331

As a reminder, the Mid-Year scheduled for April has been canceled.

For those of you with an April

birthday, we wish you a very *Happy Birthday*. And to those who are ill, get well soon; we certainly hope that no one has contracted the *coronavirus*. Stay safe, stay healthy.

If you have recently lost a loved one, our prayers and sympathies are with you.

Past Due 30 Days:

None

Past Due 60 Days:

PRPSC E. Jane Holtmann

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

Marlene M. Juhasz

Transfers-out:

None

Thank you all for your support. If your dues have been paid please disregard the *Past Due* notice.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Deborah K. Davenport
PRPNC Teresa A. Norton

 **The Bosn's Pipe**

35 Reps Demand SecDef Help Military Families Impacted by Stop

Movement Order — Thirty-five U.S. Representatives have sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper urging the DoD to ease up and help service members and their families who are financially impacted by the Pentagon's 60-day stop movement orders.

"While the stop-movement order was noble and necessary, this unprecedented action left thousands of military families in extreme financial distress," the letter states.

Two stop-movement orders were issued in March by the Defense Secretary in response to the spreading covid-19 outbreak and barred all travel including military moves and redeployments. These restrictions have impacted thousands of service members and their families around the world. An inability to follow through with their change of station, separation or retirement, is making some pay for two residences, having to repurchase necessities and in some cases, creating job losses for spouses. Some military families are finding themselves in financial distress.

As of 17 April, the letter was signed by; U.S. Reps. Haaland (NM), McGovern (MA), Fitzpatrick (PA), Gaetz (FL), Speier (CA), Bustos (IL), Norton (DC), Heck (WA), Beyer,

Jr.(VA), Dean (PA), Gabbard (HI), Cisneros, Jr.(CA), Escobar (TX), Crow (CO), Clay (MO), Lamborn (CO), Luria (VA), Sewell (AL), Brindisi (NY), Gallego (Z), Waltz (FL), Wilson (SC), Cardenas (Calif.), Brown (MD), Lynch (A), Hartzler (MO), Underwood (IL), Brownley (CA), Moulton (MA), Levin (CA), Raskin (MD), Carbajal (CA), Keating (MA) and Allred (TX).

We should have more signatories.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 6 May 2020. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting postponed by city. Election of 2020-21 Branch Officers will take place via email.

Wed. 3 June 2020. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of 2020-21 Branch and Unit Officers.

Sat. 16 May 2020??: Quarterly Luncheon at meeting place.

TRUISMS

If Anne Frank could hide from the Nazis for two years in an attic, surely we can hunker down in our one-day-used Y2K

bunkers for a few weeks.

The wife and I have been practicing "social distancing" ever since our 52nd anniversary.



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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

