



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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### AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2020

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NEXT MEETING OF BRANCH & UNIT 161 WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT SHELTER #3 IN ARMSTRONG PARK, GRAIN VALLEY, MO, (ACROSS FROM SONIC;TURN EAST ON ROLLO DR.) **SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST 2020.** SETTING UP STARTS BY 1000; EATING STARTS BY NOON; REFRESHING STARTS SOMETIME BETWEEN. BRANCH WILL FURNISH PROTEIN, REFRESHMENTS & BEANS. BRANCH & UNIT MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING AN AWARD WINNING SIDE DISH. THE AUXILIARY WILL CONDUCT BINGO, SO BRING SOMETHING YOU WANT TO GET RID OF. **FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED.**



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



JON E. DAHL, PH2, USN, VET – St. Louis, MO  
 RICHARD MORRIS, SKCM, USN, RET – Raymore, MO



#### AUGUST MEETING HIGHLITES

##### Americanism Essay:

The 2020-21 Americanism Essay theme is: *“The Bill of Rights and Me.”* This year’s essays are limited to one side of the paper only. Yes kiddies; there’s more to it than the Second Amendment.

##### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next holiday will be Labor Day, 7 September.

##### Membership:

The Branch had 303 members with 301 in good standing as of the 31 July EDP from National.

##### Youth Activities:

The Sea Cadets are going to the “type 3” uniforms; may need some help in purchasing them.

##### Hospital & Welfare:

Reported that Shipmate Richard MORRIS and Jon DAHL joined the staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

##### Veterans Service:

BINGO is still on hold; Branch 161 has donated money for the HCU staff to conduct games.

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

BALDRIDGE, Norma	18	BAUER, Richard	34	BOWMAN, Alfred	46	BYERS, Robert	45
COMBS, Gary	33	CONWELL, Francis	46	DWIGANS, Joseph	35	FISH, Raymond	47
GRISSOM, Bobby	46	HARVEY, Robert	43	JONES, Melvin	41	LASSEN, Otto	31
MILLER, Lawrence	16	MILNER, Joseph	43	MOORE, Charles	36	SONDAG, Lawrence	24
THOMPSON, Ken	38	★WILSON, Bobby	51				

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

BOLON, Harry	40	★BOONE, Harold	63	CHADWICK, Emery	20	COMBS, Norm	46
COULTER, Harold	45	DAVENPORT, Dave	06	DELAFUENTE, Ed	18	DICAPO, Anita	30
EDWARDS, Cecil	31	★GOODSON, William	51	KIES, Robert	38	LAKINS, Tanya	02
MURAWSKI, John	16	NARRON, Ron	06	PASZKIEWICZ, Ed	15	PATTERSON, Kevin	25
SCHAEFER, Ralph	31	SCOTT, Toney	37	STEELE, Murl	42	TESSMER, George	26
WILLIAMS, Les	04	WRIGHT, Willie	02				

Your continued membership is what helps the FRA keep "gitin' 'er done."

**Communications:**

No action required.

**Treasurers Report:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

S/M J. LICKTEIG was installed as Regional President Elect at the 2020 NCR Convention and will take over as RPNC in October.

FRA Garrison hats are available for members at \$25 each.

Quarterly membership luncheons for the upcoming fiscal year are as follows:

- Sunday, 30 August (at the picnic)
- Friday, 27 November
- Saturday, 20 February (?)
- Saturday, 22 May (?)

**New Business:**

The 2021 NCR Convention will be held at Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake-of-the-Ozarks, 9-10-11 August. The room rates are \$69 per night.

**Good-of-the-Order:**

None.

**STATUS REPORT**

Members 30 days past due:

None

Members 60 days past due:

ALPERS, HARRY W.  
BELL, RONALD J.

Members 90 days past due:

TRUSTY, CARL R.

Shipmate David S. CHRISTIAN paid his life member dues to the Secretary.

New members:

VOSS, HENRY L.  
ATC, USN, RET

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

Membership now stands at 303.



**UNIT NEWS**

By *Ernestene Combs*

We hope to see you at the annual Branch and Unit picnic August 30.

The picnic will be held at Armstrong Park, Grain Valley, MO, Shelter #3. If the weather is nice we will plan to play BINGO so please bring a white elephant item for prizes.

The Regional Convention is over and were pleased to welcome NP Bea Parco, NT Nadine Fulton, and RPWC Brenda Horton. The Regional officers installed were RPNC Lisa Barton and RVPNC Christine Drew.

We certainly want to thank all of you once again for all the volunteer work. Please send what you do in that area to someone in the Unit so we can include it in our annual reports.

For those having lost loved ones our prayers and sympathies are with you. To those having been ill — *Get Well* soon. And for those of you having birthdays — celebrate in style.

We appreciate your patience as National continues to resolve issues with the membership software.

Past Due 30-60-90 Days:

Unknown

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Jennifer DeLaFuente  
Christine Drew  
Elizabeth Durham  
Danica Goff  
Lisa Hayes  
Lena Lammers

📣 **The Bosn's Pipe**

**Branch & Unit Picnic**

The 2020 Branch and Unit Picnic will take place at Shelter #3, Armstrong Park in Grain Valley on August 30. The Auxiliary conducts BINGO so bring an item you want to get rid of. No husbands.

For those wanting a little exercise, there are two walking venues, a skate park, playgrounds; day pass at the swimming pool is \$5.

We mostly spend the day sitting around eating burgers and brats, or whatever S/M LICKTEIG smokes, having a beer, and embellishing old sea stories.

**Christmas Ticket Drawing**

Enclosed should be five tickets for this year's Christmas fund raiser. Your participation helps the Branch purchase Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas presents for homeless/homebound veterans and institutionalized kids in eight homes in our geographical area. **During 2019, with your help, the Branch expended \$13,478.44 toward charitable causes.** You

can help the Branch and Unit by either selling or purchasing the tickets; every little bit helps. To participate in the Christmas fund, simply write a name and address on the ticket stub and send them along with \$2 per ticket to:

1008 SW Foxtail Dr.  
Grain Valley, MO 64029

You may also obtain tickets at the picnic. The drawing will be held during the December Branch and Unit meeting. More tickets are available upon request.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE, OR DO NOT CARE TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY RECYCLE THE TICKETS.**

With the help of our generous members, the Branch hopes to expend over \$12,000 to help those in need during 2020-21. This year we will raise \$5,000 to sponsor a Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans, maybe more.

**DUE TO COVID-19, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO WORK CONCESSIONS SINCE EARLY MARCH.**

**TRICARE Select Monthly Fees**  
TRICARE Select beneficiaries under the age of 65 who joined the military before 1 January 2018 (Group A) will be required to pay a monthly fee, beginning 1 January 2021. The monthly fee for an individual will be \$12.50; \$25 for a family. The monthly fee must be done via allotment, if feasible. In order to maintain your health care coverage, TRICARE Select Group A beneficiaries must take action and pay your TRICARE Select enrollment fees. These and other fee increases were opposed by the FRA but were authorized by the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA-S.,2943-P.L.114-328). The FRA opposition at the time resulted in a smaller fee and initiated a four-year delay.

The Defense Health Agency announced that these beneficiaries will be receiving communication from their regional contractors with instructions about setting up automatic monthly payments. Beneficiaries who fail to set up their TRICARE Select monthly payments by 1 January 2021 will be dropped from TRICARE Select coverage. If a beneficiary does not take action, they will only be able to get care from a military hospital or clinic when space is available. All civilian health care costs will be their full responsibility.

Fees are waived for Chapter 61 retirees and their family members along with survivors of deceased active duty service members.

**COMING EVENTS**

Sun. 30 Aug. 2020. Annual Branch and Unit Picnic.

FRA National Convention in Portland, Oregon: **Cancelled.**

Wed. 7 Oct. 2020. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.

**The Branch has . . . Made in USA USN RET/USN VET ball caps plus the one pictured below.**

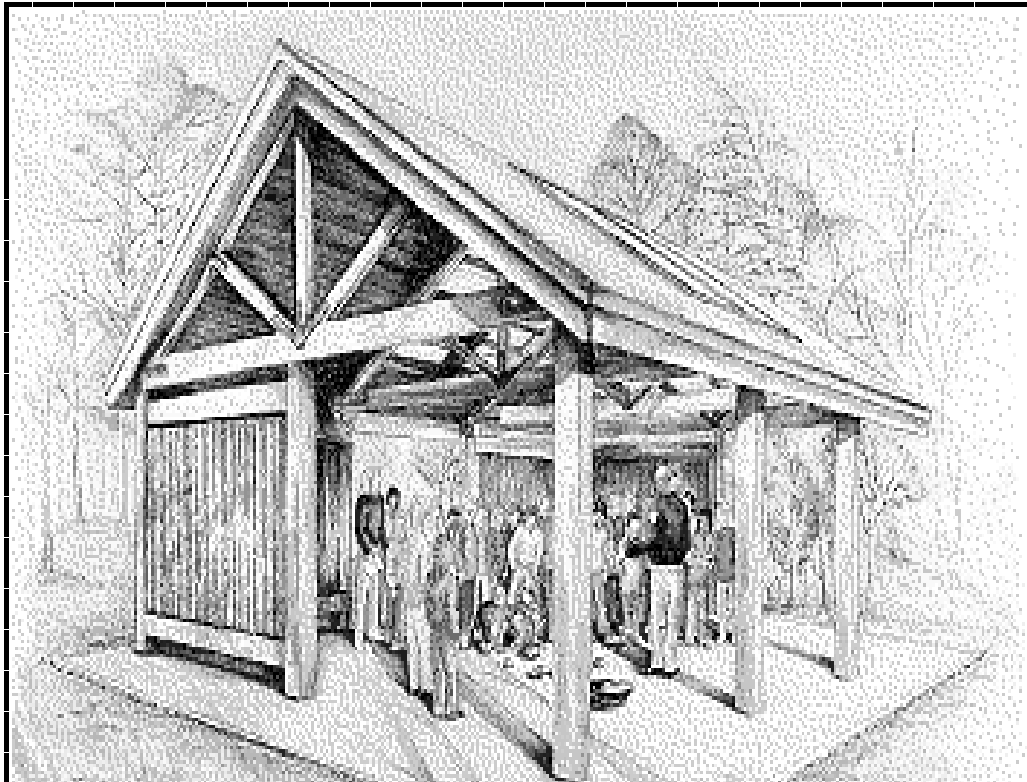
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S/M LICKTEIG will bring smoked something? for the picnic.

**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***  
NO MEETING OR NEWSLETTER DURING SEPTEMBER

# ANNUAL BRANCH & UNIT



Sunday, 30 August • Armstrong Park, Grain Valley

