

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

ALPERS, Harry	41	BATES, Prentis	38	BAZE, James	31	BELL, Chris	06
BELL, Ronald	29	BROWER, Wayne	36	CAIN, William	21	★CHRISMAN, David	61
DICKERSON, Micah	28	GOLD, Richard	06	GUTHRIE, Charles	02	KINGSLEY, Karl	42
LICKTEIG, Jerry	24	LOHMANN, Leonard	24	MARKT, James	16	MATTHEWS, Richard	27
MCCARTY, Daniel	38	MCDANIELS, Paul	27	MENKHUS, Thomas	24	PARTIN, John II	42
RAINS, Robert	27	RATHERT, Ronald	42	SHAW, Bart	47	SHEETS, Larry	28
★SHEPHERD, Milford	52	SHIELDS, Robert	31	STEWART, Jeryl	24	THOMAS, Jerry	38
UNNERSTALL, Conrad	42	VERMETTE, Roger	27	WIETER, James	37		

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

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

BUDISELICH, GUY S.
GANN, DALE L.

Members 60 days past due:

None

Members 90 days past due:

ARMOUR, ELIZABETH
BEVFODEN, DONALD L.
MARLIN, PETER J.

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 308.



UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the May LAFRA meeting was canceled. The DAV has resumed Monday-Friday limited operations following city protocols. We are encouraged to wear face covering, but not mandated. The dining room will be open with

50% capacity.

Our meeting space is available.
No large gatherings

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 of May 25th the 2020 NCR Convention is still scheduled unless the Camden County, Missouri Health Department says otherwise.

For those of you born in May, 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 *corona-virus*. Stay safe, stay healthy.

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

Past Due 30 Days:

PRPSW Salli E. Leary-Esponiza
Karen D. Salas
Kamey A Shaw
Ashli C. VanDerlinden

Past Due 60 Days:

None

Past Due 90 Days:

PRPSC E. Jane Holtmann

Dropped for non-payment:

None

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:

Nancy M. Calhoun
Sara E. Foust
Carolyn L. Frauenfelder
Diane E. Schilly
Elizabeth Schornhorst
Marguerite R. Schuld

The Bosn's Pipe

COVID-19 at VA Med Centers

Facility	cases	deaths
Eastern Kansas	27	0
Wichita	10	1
Columbia, MO	9	1
Kansas City	92	3
Poplar Bluff, MO	3	0
St Louis	156	13
Danville, IL	8	0
Hines, IL	204	15
Marion, IL	1	0
North Chicago	383	2
Indianapolis	267	34
No. Indiana	48	4
Iowa City	35	2

Lexington, KY	8	0
Louisville	79	7
Ann Arbor, MI	145	14
Battle Creek	55	4
Detroit	278	38
Iron Mtn, MI	1	0
Saginaw, MI	27	0
Minneapolis	162	23
St Cloud, MN	23	1
Nebraska-Western IA	115	14
Fargo, ND	28	5
Black Hills, SD	1	0
Sioux Falls	42	2
Central Iowa	49	4
Chicago	312	19
Chillicothe, OH	17	1
Cincinnati	64	2
Cleveland	260	28
Columbus	41	2
Dayton	33	0
Muskogee, OK	31	5
Oklahoma City	37	4
Madison, WI	24	2
Milwaukee	102	6
Tomah, WI	4	0
Fayetteville, AR	6	2
Little Rock	65	5
VA Totals	13,302	1,130
Military Totals	8,950	32

Above figures are as of 25 May

Legislators Letter Urges HASC to Delay Cuts to Military Medical Staff

Reps. Kathy Castor (Fla.) and Bill Posey (Fla.) are urging their fellow legislators to sign onto a letter to the House Armed Services Committee urging them to add language to the House version of the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act not to authorize a planned reduction in military medical staff. These cuts were based on military medical end strength requirements conducted before the coronavirus emergency. The pandemic requires that medical readiness be reassessed and updated with lessons learned based on our nation's response to the coronavirus emergency. The letter notes that many had concerns about the planned downsizing of Military Treatment Facilities before the COVID-19

emergency

FRA Supports Repeal of 180-Day Delay for Retirees Applying for DoD GS-13 and Below

The FRA supports an amendment in the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act sponsored by Rep. Rob Bishop (UT), that authorizes military retirees to transition to DoD GS13 and lower positions directly after retirement. Current law requires a 180-day waiting period after retirement before a military retiree can be appointed into the Civil Service within the Department of Defense. This specific time restriction forces many who wish to continue national service toward other careers a delay in employment. The waiting period has resulted in a talent management problem with hiring qualified personnel. They are grappling with an antiquated hiring process that often takes months to attain a qualified candidate with a current security clearance.

The intent of the 180-day rule is to prevent senior military officers in positions of influence from creating GS positions for themselves upon retirement. However, the current scope of the 180-day rule severely restricts the ability of federal human resource managers to hire highly qualified individuals for GS13 and below positions that require current military certifications and experience. This issue has become severe at many of our nation's depots and organizations that require diverse experience. Changes to the 180-day rule will support efforts to improve the quality of the talent pool competing for GS positions and enhance force readiness a major concerns of our military leaders.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more important now to get these retirees back on the job where they are desperately needed.

COMING EVENTS

Quarterly Membership Luncheon was cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

Wed. 1 July 2020. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sun-Mon-Tues 2-3-4 Aug. 2020. NCR Convention Inn at Grand Glaize Osage Beach, MO.

Wed. 5 Aug. 2020. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

TRUISMS

No matter how educated, wealthy, talented or cool you believe you are, it's how you treat others that exposes the truth.

"I don't trust anyone who's nice to me, but rude to the waiter. Because they would treat me the same way if I were in that position."

— Muhammad Ali

In life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it was built for.

— Albert Einstein


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I am the: spouse ; widow(er) ; parent ; grandparent ; sibling ; child ; grandchild (all include "step")
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