



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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### AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2021

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NEXT MEETING OF BRANCH & UNIT 161 WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT the PAVILLION IN ARMSTRONG PARK, GRAIN VALLEY, MO, (ACROSS FROM SONIC;TURN EAST ON ROLLO DR.) **SUNDAY, 29 AUGUST 2021.** 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. **DO NOT BRING ANY BINGO PRIZES. FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED for UNVACCINATED.**



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



PRPNC DONALD L. GAGE, AKC, USN, RET – Marshall, MO  
 WILLIAM FISHER, HMC, USN, RET – San Diego, CA  
 FRANK W. PAGE, GMCM, USN, RET – Louisburg, KS  
 WESLEY S. STUTTS, MM1, USN, RET – Midway, GA



## AUGUST

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Americanism Essay:

S/M LICKTEIG plans to make it a point to deliver essay information to Leavenworth High School.

#### Americanism-Patriotism:

The next holiday will be Labor Day, 6 September.

#### Membership:

The Branch had 303 members with 276 in good standing as of the 31 July EDP from National.

#### Youth Activities:

S/M QUINTERO is working the

concession stand, when scheduled.

#### Hospital & Welfare:

We received word that Shipmate William FISHER had joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

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

BALDRIDGE, Norma	19	BAUER, Richard	35	BYERS, Robert	46	COMBS, Gary	34
CONWELL, Francis	47	DWIGANS, Joseph	36	FISH, Raymond	48	HARVEY, Robert	44
JONES, Melvin	42	LASSEN, Otto	32	MILLER, Lawrence	17	MILNER, Joseph	44
MOORE, Charles	37	SONDAG, Lawrence	25	THOMPSON, Ken	39	WENTWORTH, Kevin	01
★WILSON, Bobby	52						

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

BOLON, Harry	41	★BOONE, Harold	64	CHADWICK, Emery	21	COMBS, Norm	47
COULTER, Harold	46	DAVENPORT, Dave	07	DELAFUENTE, Ed	19	DICAPO, Anita	31
EDWARDS, Cecil	32	KIES, Robert	39	LAKINS, Tanya	02	MURAWSKI, John	17
NARRON, Ron	07	PASZKIEWICZ, Ed	18	PATTERSON, Kevin	26	SCHAEFER, Ralph	32
STEELE, Murl	43	TESSMER, George	27	WILLIAMS, Les	05	WRIGHT, Willie	03

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

**Veterans Service:**

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

**Communications:**

The Branch received a note and \$50 donation from Debbie Matthews for S/M Carl.

S/M Secretary read a flyer concerning this year's VCP Open House at Union Station 5 Nov.

**Treasurer's Report:**

S/M Treasurer Flippin reported that \$3,605.81 is in the checking account and bills to be paid.

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

**Old Business:**

Membership went over obligations for the 2021 NCR Convention.

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

- Sunday, 29 August (at the picnic)
- Friday, 26 November
- Saturday, 19 February (?)
- Saturday, 21 May (?)

**New Business:**

Membership will work on the mailing

of this Friday, 20 August.

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

None.

**STATUS REPORT**

Members 30 days past due:

GILLESPIE, JAMES M.

Members 60 days past due:

KINGSLEY, CARL E.

Members 90 days past due:

None

**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 276.



**UNIT NEWS**

By *Ernestene Combs*

There will not be any BINGO at the picnic.

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 — be sure to celebrate in style.

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

Past Due 30 Days:

Carolyn L. Frauenfelder

Past Due 60 Days:

Deborah K. Davenport

Past Due 90 Days:

Michelle Migliorato  
Teresa A. Stephenson

Dropped for non-payment:

Karen D. Salas

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

Vivian E. Combs (rein)  
Jeremy D. Davenport  
Matthew G. Davenport

To be renewed:

Kathleen E. Griffith  
Violet L. Lafferty  
Cynthia K. Murley  
Wanda A. Strohkirch  
Debra E. Wentworth

**📣 The Bosn's Pipe**

**Branch & Unit Picnic**

The 2020 Branch and Unit Picnic will take place at Main Pavilion, Armstrong Park in Grain Valley on 29 August. The Auxiliary will not conduct BINGO this year.

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 ten tickets for this year's Christmas fund raiser. We doubled the number because so many of you requested more. Like me, you may have more than five grandkids to enter. Your participation helps the Branch purchase Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas presents for homeless/homebound veterans and institutionalized kids in seven homes in our geographical area plus all children residing in the Tiny Houses at Veteran's Village. **During 2020, with your help, the Branch only expended a bit over \$8,000 toward charitable causes due to COVID.** 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 2021-22. This year we expect to raise \$5,000, more or less, to sponsor a Tiny House for Homeless Veterans.

Speaking of Tiny Houses, work should soon start in St Louis in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood.

**VA Processing Disability Claims for Certain Conditions Related to Particulate Matter ...**

The VA announced that effective 2 Aug. 2021, disability claims for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis are being processed on a presumptive "fast-track" basis, for particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas possibly for conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service. VA conducted a review of scientific evidence to support the rulemaking, which recommended the creation of new presumptions of service connection for respiratory issues based on the VA's evaluation of a National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine report, and other evidence. The study concluded that particulate matter pollution is associated with chronic asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations beginning 2 Aug. 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning 19 Sept. 2001, to the present. The VA concluded that there was sufficient evidence to presume that these veterans had been exposed to particulate matter.

The Southwest Asia theater of operations also includes: Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Saudi Arabia, and Iraq Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and airspace above these locations.

Veterans and survivors who believe they may be eligible for the newly established presumptive conditions are encouraged to apply. They should file a **VA Form 21-526EZ** if applying for the first time or a **VA Form 20-0995** if they are reapplying for these conditions. For more information on the new presumptive conditions, visit the **VA website**.

**COMING EVENTS**

Sun. 29 Aug. 2021. Annual Branch and Unit Picnic.

FRA National Convention in Spokane Valley, WA: 4-9 Oct.

Wed. 6 Oct. 2021. Reg. Br. and Unit meeting.

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

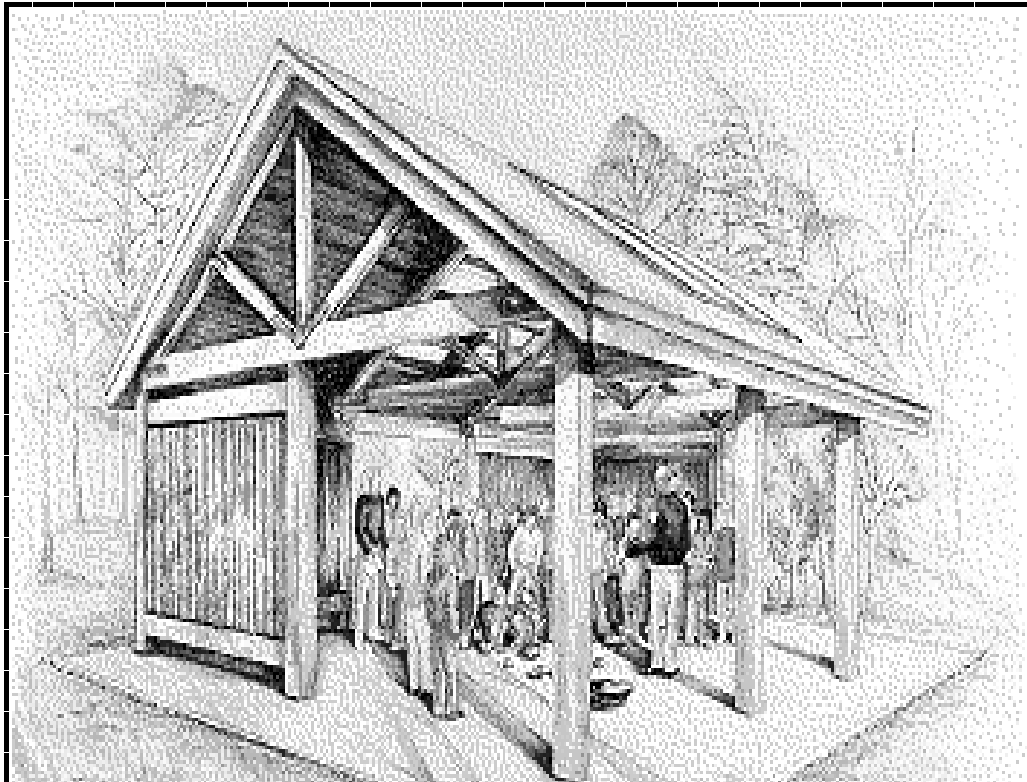
*Includes stars for E8 & E9*



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

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

# ANNUAL BRANCH & UNIT



Sunday, 29 August • Armstrong Park, Grain Valley

