

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

AYVERSONE, Elphird	17	BAKER, James	33	BROWN, Wayne	38	CHISHKO, Louis	47
COX, Lawrence	29	DIPAOLA, Paul	47	DONNELLY, Wayne	43	ELLIOTT, Garrett	46
FOLEY, James	36	FOX, Arthur	35	GAGE, Donald	44	HAMM, Clifford	41
HUDNELL, James	32	HUNTER, Charles	20	HUTCHINSON, Floyd	29	JACOBS, Arrol	43
KELLEY, Douglas	32	LICKTEIG, Bernard	21	MORRIS, Richard	22	NAPPIER, James	42
PHELPS, Robert	24	PRIDEMORE, Larry	17	ROE, Marsden	41	SCHLEGEL, David	31
SUMPTER, Scott	03	THOMASSON, James	38				

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

pandemic. The Branch continues to donate funds for one monthly session.

Communications:

S/M Secretary had none for action.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M Treasurer reported \$4,295.46 in the checking account and on bills due.

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

Unfinished Business:

Shipmates were reminded of the Quarterly Membership Luncheon on 20 February.

New Business:

MOTION: To donate \$35 to the NCR Mid-Year host; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

S/M 2nd VP BORGMEYER mentioned the Military Honor Guard of Eastern Jackson County.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

MILAN, LARRY J.

Members 60 days past due:

GREENLEE, DANIEL
WISE, CLETUS F.

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 299.



UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

Happy Valentine's Day ... February 14. ♥

We were pleased to have RPNC Lisa Barton visit our Unit. Our quarterly luncheon will be held February 20 at our normal meeting place; hope many of you can attend.

The National President's project for 2021 is the *Special Operations Warrior Foundation* (specialops.org). The LAFRA website has all the information; any donations should be made payable to LAFRA and sent to:

LAFRA National Financial Secretary
PO Box 3037
Carson City, NV 89702

Please continue to stay in touch with as ... we love hearing from you all.

Wishing those of you with a February birthday a very *Happy Birthday*. We hope you were able to enjoy your special day.

If any of you have been affected by the COVID virus we certainly hope you are either over it or are healing.

And to those who may have another illness, get well soon; please stay safe and healthy, especially during this widespread pandemic.

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

Past Due 30 Days:

PNP Doris C. Fri
RVPNC D. J. Hopkins
Alline D. Shaw

Past Due 60 Days:

None

Past Due 90 Days:

PRPNC Jessie E. Hale
Gerald W. Shaw

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* notices.**

New Members/Transfers-in:

Sarah L. Jenkins

To be renewed:

None

THE BOSUN'S PIPE



COVID-19 Vaccines and TRICARE

The Defense Health Agency has asked the FRA to share the following messaging regarding TRICARE

coverage of vaccine issuance at network and non-network pharmacies. TRICARE Network Pharmacies: TRICARE beneficiaries should contact their local TRICARE network pharmacy to determine if they may schedule an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as supplies are distributed in their area. You can locate a local pharmacy online at: <https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/find-pharmacy>.

TRICARE beneficiaries can receive the COVID-19 vaccine at non-network pharmacies – at no charge – as supplies are distributed in their area. Currently, under the federal response, pharmacies are prohibited from balance billing patients for COVID-19 vaccines.

► *THIS ONLY APPLIES TO THE COVID VACCINE*

Veterans Economic Recovery Act Introduced . . .

Rep. Mike Bost (IL), the Ranking Member of the House Veterans'

Affairs Committee, Sen. Jon Tester (MT) the Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Sen. Jerry Moran (KS), Ranking Member of SVAC, introduced the Veterans Economic Recovery Act (H.R.637, S.134) that directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the veteran unemployment rate across the country has risen exponentially from 3.1 percent in 2019 to 11.7 percent in 2020. The centerpiece of this legislation would be a program that provides unemployed veterans and reservists with 12 months of educational benefits for pursuing training in high-demand occupations.

Education benefits made available through the rapid retraining program would be equivalent to the benefits provided to veterans under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. To participate in the retraining program, eligible veterans must comply with the following

requirements:

- Be between the ages of 25-66;
- Be unemployed as a result of COVID-19;
- Have an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge;
- Not be eligible for any other VA education benefits;
- Not be enrolled in another Federal or State job training program;
- Not be receiving disability compensation for reasons that have led to un-employability;
- Not be in receipt of any unemployment benefits when they begin training under this program.

— COMING EVENTS —

Sat. 20 Feb. 2021. Qtrly Membership Luncheon at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Wed. 3 Mar. 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Wed. 7 Apr. 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.



Lets see → *“Was that one foot or one yard?”*

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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

