



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

## MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

JULY 2021

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Meetings are held at 1900 the first Wednesday of each month at the DAV Chapter 2 Home off 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 Shipmates recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



CARL L. MATTHEWS, MRCM, USN, RET — Warrensburg, MO  
 CAROL E. RECTOR, AEC, USN, RET — St. Peters, MO

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**JULY**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Americanism-Essay:**  
 The 2021-22 Essay theme is: “Why I am Proud to Be an American”.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**  
 The next National Holiday observance will be Labor Day 6 September.

**Membership:**

The Branch had 278 members with 276 in good standing as of 31 May.

**Finance & Audit:**  
 Next report is due 1 February 2022.

**Youth Activities:**  
 S/M QUINTERO has only one scheduled fund raising event until October.

**Public Relations:**  
 S/Ms LICKTEIG, QUINTERO, FELLER, and Norm COMBS attended a breakfast with a few crew members from the USS Kansas City and the

Greater Kansas City Navy League on 1 July. The event was sponsored by the Navy League and MO-KAN Branch 161.

During the evening of 1 July, S/Ms LICKTEIG, QUINTERO and FELLER, attended a concert put on by one of the Navy Bands from Great Lakes.

**Hospital & Welfare:**  
 Word received that S/Ms Carl MATTHEWS and Carol RECTOR had been transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

ALLIE, Naggie	41	AUBUCHON, Raymond	23	BENZ, Michael	02	BENZ, Monty	02
BROWN, Cyrill	19	BRUECKMANN, Mike	21	BRYANT, Maxie	25	CHRISTIAN, David	25
CHRISTY, Mac	35	COVERT, James	47	EINFELDT, Samuel	32	FORD, William	19
HALLEY, Dennis	25	★HILDRETH, Marvin	51	★HOLLOWOOD, John	52	★HOWELL, Richard	54
HOYER, Kurt	23	HURLEY, Patrick	02	JOHANSEN, Roy	22	MINNER, William	14
PERCIVAL, Rose M.	32	POTEETE, William	43	RUPPERT, Nathan	32	SWITZER, Mike	02
WHITE, Barry	25						

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

Friends and relatives of S/M MATTHEWS donated memorials totaling \$425 to Branch 161. Many thanks, Debbie.

S/M Ken CARTER is still home convalescing from his heart attack.

**MOTION:** To donate \$25 to the NCR Essay Fund, each, in memory of S/Ms MATTHEWS and RECTOR; *seconded; passed.*

**Veterans Service:**

BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU will not resume until next year. The Branch will continue to donate funds for monthly prizes.

**Communications:**

S/M Secretary read a couple of “thank you” cards.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

S/M Treasurer did not have the exact amount in the checking account, but gave a list of the bills due. He is still having trouble getting the bank to change addresses.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Members confirmed who has reservations for the 2021 NCR Convention.

**New Business:**

None requiring action.

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

S/M RPNC LICKTEIG gave a report on the proceedings at the 2021

National Board of Directors Meeting.

**STATUS REPORT**

Members 30 days past due:

KINGSLEY, CARL E.  
MARKT, JAMES M.

Members 60 days past due:

None

Members 90 days past due:

None

Shipmate GARRIGUES paid his dues to the secretary.

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

New members:

WINNER, STEVEN J.  
MM1, USN, VET

Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 278.



**UNIT NEWS**

*Ernestene Combs*

There were eight members who attended the July meeting. Welcome to our new members, Leona D. Dunn and Vivian E. Combs. Those who weren’t able to attend you were certainly missed.

We always enjoying hearing from our members about volunteer work and sharing fresh ideas. If you have anything to report please forward it to any of the members listed at the top of this newsletter. You all are greatly appreciated.

Wishing those of you with a July birthday a very *Happy Birthday*; hope it was enjoyable.

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 pandemic.

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

Past Due 30 Days:

Deborah K. Davenport

Past Due 60 Days:

Ruth A. Gindling  
Michelle Migliorato  
Joann D. Pommerer  
Teresa A. Stephenson

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

Beverly J. Dempsey

Transfers-out:

None

**If your dues have been paid please disregard the *Past Due* notices.**

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Jennifer J. DeLaFuente  
PRPNC Corinne E. Fields  
Danica R. Goff  
Barbara J. Hodson  
Becky L. Rubal  
Dorothy A. Sanders

### THE BOSUN'S PIPE



#### The House Appropriations Committee

approved the FY2022 Defense Appropriations bill and sent it to the floor for further action. The still unnumbered bill provides a \$10 billion increase over the current year. Some key provisions in the spending bill include:

- Adequate funding for the Defense Health Agency that will not require any new TRICARE fee increases;
- Provides funding for an active-duty pay increase (2.7%), which keeps pace with civilian pay increases;
- Reduces active-duty end strength (Navy reduced by 1,600 and Marine Corps reduced by 2,700); and Provides \$70 million in impact aid for public schools with large military populations.

### SBP/DIC Offset Repeal Update

The FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was enacted with the long-sought repeal of the SBP/DIC offset, often referred to as the "Military Widows Tax." The repeal will be phased in over three years. Surviving spouses receiving the Survivor Benefits Program (SBP) benefits and the Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) should have seen an increase in their January benefits that were deposited on 1 February 2021. Instead of deducting the full DIC payment from the SBP annuity, only two-thirds was deducted for the first year's implementation of the offset. In 2022, only one-third of the DIC payment will be deducted from SBP. In 2023, the elimination of the SBP/DIC offset will be complete and surviving spouses will receive full SBP annuity and DIC.

**Senate Veterans' Affairs** Committee recently held a hearing on rolling-out the Electronic Health Record Modernization program. Lets hope the new program enables DoD and VA computers talk to one another instead of a Marine missing both arms having to wait three years for benefits because a signature is missing on the claim.

Life member payments are:


LM Dues	Discount
Active Duty - \$400;	<b>\$300</b>
Under Age 40 - \$450;	<b>337.50</b>
Ages 41 – 50 - \$425;	<b>318.75</b>
Ages 51 – 60 - \$390;	<b>292.50</b>
Ages 61 – 70 - \$340	<b>255</b>
Ages 71 – 80 - \$260;	<b>195</b>
Age 81 – 100 - \$200;	<b>150</b>
Over 100	<b>Free</b>

**Remember!** The Branch still pays 25% of your life member dues.

Use the application below and mail above Discounted (**BOLD \$**) amount to the return address **or** mail full amount to NHQ and notify the Branch Secretary.


### COMING EVENTS

- Wed. 4 Aug. 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at DAV on E. US 40 Hwy.
- Mon.-Tues.-Wed. 9-10-11 Aug. 2021. NCR Convention Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO.
- Sun. 29 Aug 2021. Annual Br. & Unit Picnic Armstrong Park Grain Valley, MO.
- Wed. 7 July 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at DAV on E. US 40 Hwy.



## Life Membership Application

"I wish to apply for Life Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association. I hereby certify that I am eligible. I fully understand the provisions of the Life Membership Program."



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Current FRA Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ FRA Branch No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional

Service:  USN  USMC  USCG Status:  Active  Reserve  Retired  Veteran Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited By: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FRA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Lifetime Membership Payment Plan

1 Year

2 Years

Eff. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

Payment Options:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express  Check or Money Order Enclosed

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**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

