

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

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| BOGERT, Richard | 37 | CABY, David | 48 | CARTER, Ken | 30 | CRANE, Don | 35 |
| DAVIS, James III | 03 | ELLIOTT, Steve | 29 | FERRINGTON, David | 45 | GARRIGUES, Ned | 25 |
| GEORGE, William | 32 | HALL, Robert | 42 | HARDEN, Louis | 40 | HENDRICKSON, Jas | 44 |
| HOLTMANN, Paul | 34 | KORTUM, Joseph | 42 | LILLIG, Bernie | 05 | O'BRIEN, George | 30 |
| PULLIAM, Darrell | 30 | RAGAN, Larry | 17 | ROSE, Elmer | 35 | SANDERS, Gary | 14 |
| SCHERMAN, Ernest | 22 | SHELTON, Robert | 23 | SIEG, John | 44 | STUTTS, Wesley | 44 |
| VOSS, Henry | 01 | WISE, Cletus | 43 | | | | |

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

recently 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 at the Leavenworth VA HCU is still on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Branch continues to donate funds for one monthly session. With a little luck and enough vaccines, we should be able to continue BINGO soon.

Communications:

S/M Secretary had none for action.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M Treasurer has not received an account update since January; gave a list of the bills due.

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

Unfinished Business:

Shipmates were reminded of the North Central Regional Convention at Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO 9-10-11 August.

New Business:

MOTION: To hold the Annual Branch Picnic at Armstrong Park in Grain Valley on 29 August; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

S/M RPNC LICKTEIG mentioned that the 2021 FRA National Convention has been moved to Spokane Valley, WA.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:

BUSH, JOHN A.
LAFORTE, WILFRED H.

Members 60 days past due:

None

Members 90 days past due:

GREENLEE, DANIEL
WISE, CLETUS F.

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

New members:

MASON, JERRY K.
IC3, USN, RET

Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 299.



UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

Nominations of officers for the coming year will be open during the April and May meetings; elections will be held in May with the installation in June. We look forward to seeing everyone who can come out and share your ideas.

I hope this year is going much better for you than last year. We certainly

appreciate what everyone of you does for the Unit and if you have volunteer work to report please send or call one of the Unit members listed at the top of this newsletter. Again, many "thanks".

Wishing those of you with a March 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 Jeremy D. Davenport
Matthew G. Davenport
Betty M. Dulebohn
Daniel A. Fri

Past Due 60 Days:

RVPNC D. J. Hopkins
Alline D. Shaw

Past Due 90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

PRPNC Jessie E. Hale
Gerald W. Shaw

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:
None

To be renewed:

Rhea B. Davidson
Ruth A. Gindling
Michelle Migliorato
Joann D. Pommerer
Teresa A. Stephenson



THE BOSUN'S PIPE

Expand Concurrent Receipt

Legislation to expand concurrent receipt has been introduced in the House and Senate. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL) introduced legislation (H.R. 303) that would add Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments to retirees rated less than 50 percent disabled. Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA) has introduced the "Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act" (H.R. 333) that is comprehensive concurrent receipt legislation that includes the elements

of H.R. 303 and would also give concurrent receipt to all Chapter 61 retirees with less than 20 years of service. Rep. Bilirakis (FL) and Senator Jon Tester (MT) introduced the "Major Richard Star Act" (H.R. 1282 /S. 344) that expands concurrent receipt to include Combat Related Special Compensation beneficiaries who are medically retired with less than 20 years of service

TRICARE Select Enrollment Fee

To protect military retirees' earned health care, Sens. Jon Tester (Mont.) and Lisa Murkowski (Alaska) introduced bipartisan legislation, the "TRICARE Select Restoration Act" (S. 625) to eliminate TRICARE Select enrollment fees for retirees who retired prior to 2018. The bill would eliminate enrollment fees for retired beneficiaries using TRICARE Select, ensuring that these retirees are not subject to these burdensome costs. FRA strongly opposed the new TRICARE Select enrollment fee in 2016 when it was added to the FY

2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as part of military health system reform, because it diminishes the earned health care benefit for military retirees. FRA efforts reduced and delayed the fee.

On January 1, 2021, an annual enrollment fees for TRICARE Select beneficiaries went into effect, increasing the financial burden on countless military retirees. Under this law, beneficiaries who retired before January 1, 2018 are subject to health care enrollment fees under TRICARE Select health plans.

COMING EVENTS

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

Wed. 5 May 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Election of Officers.

Sat. 15 May 2021. Qtrly Membership Luncheon at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.



TNC Christmas Party 2019; Hope we can resume parties this year.

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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

