

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

BATES, Prentis	39	BAZE, James	32	BELL, Chris	07	BROWER, Wayne	37
CAIN, William	22	DICKERSON, Micah	29	GOLD, Richard	07	GUTHRIE, Charles	03
KINGSLEY, Karl	43	LICKTEIG, Jerry	25	LOHMANN, Leonard	25	MARKT, James	17
MATTHEWS, Richard	28	MCDANIELS, Paul	28	MENKHUS, Thomas	25	PARTIN, John II	43
RAINS, Robert	28	RATHERT, Ronald	43	SHAW, Bart	46	SHEETS, Larry	29
★SHEPHERD, Milford	53	SHIELDS, Robert	32	STEWART, Jeryl	25	THOMAS, Jerry	39
UNNERSTALL, Conrad	43	VERMETTE, Roger	28	WIETER, James	38		

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

SRONCE; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU remains on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Branch continues to donate funds for one monthly session. Since the CDC has deemed enough individuals have been vaccinated, we may be able to resume BINGO and other events soon.

Communications:

S/M Secretary referred to upcoming Regional and National Conventions.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M Treasurer said the Branch had \$3,282.55 in the checking account and gave a list of the bills due.

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

Unfinished Business:

The following were elected as 2021-22 Branch Officers and BoD:

- President WHITE
- 1st VP BORGMEYER
- 2nd VP DELAFUENTE
- Secretary LICKTEIG
- BoD: SCHILLY, C. SANDERS SHICK, COMBS, QUINTERO, GRINDEL, NARRON, CARTER.

New Business:

The following were selected as delegates to the 2021 NCR Convention in Osage beach, MO:

- WHITE, LICKTEIG,
- BORGMEYER, SHICK, C.
- SANDERS QUINTERO, COMBS,

NARRON, DeLaFUENTE,
SCHILLY, MAROWSKI, and VOSS

MOTION: To name S/M WHITE as the chief delegate to the 2021 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To authorize the chief delegate to add names; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To send delegates to the Regional Convention uninstructed; *seconded; passed.*

Good-of-the-Order:

S/M FELLER gave the membership a rundown on the USS Kansas City LCS-22.

STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:
GARRIGUES, NED
SCHLEGEL, DAVID R.

Members 60 days past due:
CHISHKO, LOUIS B.
SCHLEGEL, DAVID R.

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:
GRINDEL, RICHARD
MMC, USN, RET
PISHKO, PATRICK M.

CPO, USN, RET

Transfer out:

None

Membership now stands at 284.



UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

During the May meeting we elected officers for the upcoming year; installation will take place at the June meeting. We hope many of you can make it to congratulate our new officers.

We also held the Branch/Unit quarterly luncheon and hope that many more will be able to start attending that function.

Don't forget to make reservations for the Regional Convention to be held August 9-11. Information is listed in this newsletter, or feel free to contact a Unit officer for details.

Wishing those of you with an May birthday a very *Happy Birthday.*

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:
None

Past Due 60 Days:
Beverly J. Dempsey

Past Due 90 Days:
Betty M. Dulebohn

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:
None

To be renewed:
Sara E. Foust
Carolyn L. Frauenfelder



THE BOSUN'S PIPE

SVAC Wants "Bold New Plan" for Veterans Toxic Exposure

At a recent Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee legislative hearing, Chairman Jon Tester (Mont.) announced the committee's "bold" plans to take up comprehensive legislation to provide generations of

veterans suffering from military toxic exposure, their earned benefits and care in general. The SVAC Chairman claimed the process is "broken" and "disjointed" for ensuring coverage for veterans who are experiencing adverse health effects of toxic exposures. He wants comprehensive legislation to provide health care for all veterans suffering from the consequences of toxic exposure, from the past, present, and into the future. "It is a cost of war," he said, "and the country must take care of these veterans."

This issue was included in FRA's testimony by National President Mick Fulton during the 18 March 2021 joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees. In addition, FRA provided a statement for the record of the 28 April 2021 SVAC toxic exposure hearing. The FRA is a member of the Toxic Exposures in the American Military Coalition (TEAM) and wants to ensure that no veteran who had exposure to burn pits or other environmental toxins goes without access to VA health care benefits. This issue is listed on the FRA Action Center and members are urged to weigh in on this issue by going to the FRA [Action Center](#).

Life member payments are:

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

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 Branch Secretary you have done so.

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 2 June 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of Officers; Branch buys dinner.

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

Wed. 4 Aug. 2021. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting at 14605 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years Eff. Date: _____ Month Year	Payment Options: <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Check or Money Order Enclosed Amount: _____ Credit Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____
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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