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Meetings are held at 1900 the first Wednesday of each month at the DAV Chapter 2 Home located at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO (between Noland & Phelps Roads). The DAV kitchen staff offers daily specials or you can order from the menu; prices range from \$4 - \$14.

BINGO for the residents of the Home Care Unit at Eisenhower VA Medical Center will be held the third or fourth SATURDAY of each month. ♦♦ **BINGO has been suspended until further notice. Once the concerns over the corona virus subsides, we will resume** ♦♦

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

S/M President BORGMEYER and S/M National Am-Pat Chairman LICKTEIG presented Branch 1st place and NCR 2nd place essay contest winner, Isaiah Cox, checks and trophies. Checks and trophies have been delivered to all other Branch 161 winners.

The theme for next year's contest is: *"What Memorial Day Means to Me."* Contact S/M Secretary LICKTEIG if you want to deliver posters and contest rules to your local schools.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be Independence Day, 4 July.

Membership:

The Branch had 234 members with 232 in good standing as of 31 May.

Finance & Audit:

Audit and financial reports were given; the Branch remains solvent.

Youth Activities:

S/M FLIPPIN and WHITE helped the Scouts place flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

Public Relations:

S/Ms LICKTEIG and COMBS along with Lady Donna Lickteig visited graves of Branch members at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth National Cemetery and Shoal Creek Cemetery.

Hospital & Welfare:

MOTION: To donate \$25 to NCR Essay Fund in memory of S/M NEISWENTER; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

Resumption of BINGO at the VA HCU in Leavenworth is now scheduled for October.

Communications:

S/M Secretary LICKTEIG read communications. No action required.

Treasurer's Report:

S/M Treasurer reported the Branch has \$3,300.25 in the checking account and on current bills.

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

Unfinished Business:

Still working on details for Time & Place for hosting the 2024 NCR Convention.

New Business:

MOTION: To send S/Ms LICKTEIG and COMBS as delegates to the 2023 National Convention in Reno, NV; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To send delegates to the 2023 National Convention in Reno, NV uninstructed; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To name S/M LICKTEIG chief delegate to the 2023 National Convention in Reno, NV; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To give chief delegate to the 2023 National Convention in Reno, NV authority to add names; *seconded; passed.*

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

BALLARD, Don	06	BORGMEYER, Larry	04	HAGLER, Bobby	41	HANNEMANN, Edgar II	44
LEWALLEN, Edwin	33	★MEYER, Richard	56	SCHILLY, Raymond	09	THOMAS, Nate	29
WALLIS, Joseph	30	WEIS, Donald	44	WINNER, Steven	09		

LET THE FRA DIE; KI\$\$ YOUR BENEFITS GOODBYE!

MOTION: To name S/Ms Marty POSEKANY of Branch 298 and Maria BEHM of Branch 32 Branch Proxies to the 2023 National Convention in Reno, NV; *seconded; passed.*

S/M COMBS installed Branch Officers and BoD for the 2023-24 Association year

Good-of-the-Order:
None

Members 30 days past due:
EIFERT, ALFRED R.

Members 60 days past due:
SHELTON, ROBERT D.

Members 90 days past due:
AYVERSONE, ELPHIRD R.

QUESTION: did any of you listed in the *Status Report* receive renewal notices?

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 245.

UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

The Unit members have decided to provide an ongoing donation to the Veterans Community Project — the donations should consist of non-perishables, hygiene products, and paper products.. These can be brought

to each meeting and then will be delivered. Thanking you all in advance for your generosity.

The installation of officers was held during the June meeting. Thank you to everyone who could attend and help with the installation.

The Branch will be celebrating their 70th anniversary at the annual picnic in August. Be sure to mark your calendars for August 27 and plan to attend the picnic and celebration.

PNP Pat Suckow has been selected as the new National Financial Secretary has been selected. We know she will do an exceptional job.

Happy Birthday to those of you with June birthdays ... we hope your day was enjoyable.

To those suffering an illness, get well soon. And to those who have lost loved ones, our prayers and sympathies go out to you.

Please notify the Secretary of any change of address or phone number. If you have any questions, please notify an officer listed in the heading of this newsletter.

Past Due 30 Days:
None

Past Due 60 Days:
Ruth A. Gindling
Joann D. Pommerer

Past Due 90 Days:
Salli Leary-Espinozai
Kathleen E. Griffith
Violet L. Lafferty

Dropped for non-payment:
None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:
None

To be renewed:
Barbara J. Hodson



THE BOSN'S PIPE

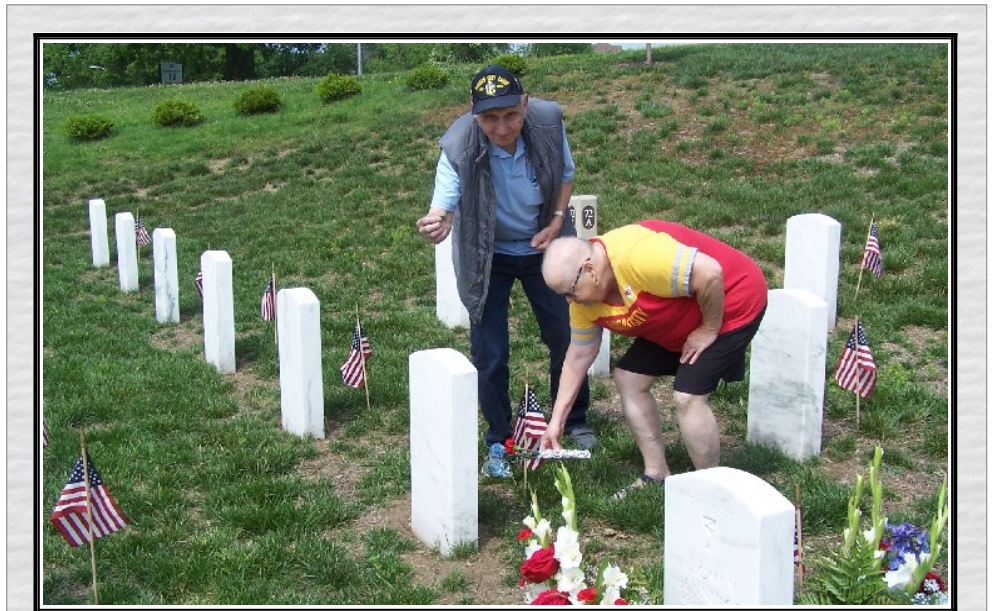
House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee marked up its portion of the FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R.2670). Chairman and Ranking Member both stressed that the bill focuses on helping military families. The markup includes:

- No new TRICARE fee increases;
- Increasing active duty pay by 5.2 percent;
- removing the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) from the calculation of service member eligibility for the Basic Needs Allowance;
- eliminating the five percent cut in BAH cost for service members;
 - expanding the in-home childcare pilot program to military families stationed in remote areas where service members are challenged to find suitable childcare providers;
- waiving fees on the TRICARE Dental Program for the Reserve Component; and
- Reducing Navy end strength by 7,000 and Marine Corps end strength 4,700.

FRA submitted a statement for the

record to the subcommittee in conjunction with the markup. The statement expresses support for concurrent receipt reform, opposition to increasing TRICARE fees, COLA cuts, and cuts to military medical billets. FRA urged the subcommittee to include military divorce law (USFSPA) reform in the markup. The FRA expressed concern about the need to restore BAH to 100 percent of housing costs from the current 95 percent and for an annual pay increase that keeps pace with inflation. The Association asked for more oversight of military privatized housing and increased funding for childcare at military installations. FRA also urged the subcommittee to allow survivors to retain the full month's retired pay for the month in which the retiree dies and repeal the requirement for retirees to wait 180 days before becoming a civilian Defense Department employee. The bill will now go to the full House Armed Services Committee for further consideration.

Once the HASC approves the bill it will go the full House for amendments and a final vote. The Senate Armed Services Subcommittee will soon start to mark up the Senate version of the FY2024 NDAA. After the Senate and House



Shipmate Norm Combs and Lady Donna Lickteig place coins and flowers on the grave of Donna's mom, Shipmate Levon Taylor, at the Leavenworth National Cemetery

approve their versions of the bill, a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences and then to the president for approval or veto.

HAC-Def Approves Military Pay Overhaul with Big Increase for Enlisted

The still unnumbered bill will provide at least 5.2 percent raise for all active

duty and a pay increase of more than 30 percent for some junior enlisted. The move would guarantee that even the lowest-ranking service members would make at least \$31,000 annually in base pay. Troops will still receive other financial compensation in the form of housing stipends, free health care coverage and food stipends. The proposal — which still must survive numerous rounds of negotiations on Capitol Hill — comes in direct response to concerns that thousands of military families are living at or below the federal poverty line, struggling to keep up with rising inflation costs.



SHIPMATE JERRY LICKTEIG PRESENTS CHECKS AND TROPHIES TO ESSAY WINNER ISAAH COX (parents Jeff and Deana Cox in attendance)

COMING EVENTS

Wed. 5 July 2023. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Mon-Thur 31 July-3Aug. 2023. NCR Convention Wauwatosa, WI.

August Meeting postponed by BoD.

27 Aug. 2023. Annual Picnic Grain Valley Pavilion 1100-????

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



I certify I meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran

NAME	PHONE
RATE / RANK	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY) SSN (optional)
STREET ADDRESS	SPOUSE'S NAME
SUITE / SPACE / LOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Branch # _____
CITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Closest Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Member-at-Large
STATE ZIP CODE	Are you a previous FRA member?
EMAIL ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, previous member# _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

All memberships includes a subscription to *FRA Today* magazine, a \$40 value.

- 1 Year / \$40.00
- 2 Years / \$64.00** SPECIAL OFFER FIRST TIME MEMBERS!
- 2 Years / \$75.00 (for renewing or reinstating FRA members)
- 5 Years / \$180.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Master Card Visa Discover
- American Express Check-enclosed

CREDIT CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Join the Auxiliary of the FRA: Membership Application

Name in full _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip+4

Phone: () _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____

The following service member information validates this application:

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SERVICEMEMBERS FULL NAME RATE/RANK USN/USMC/USCG

- I certify that the information is true and accurate and that my sponsor is a member of Branch _____ or MAL
- I certify that the information is true and accurate that my sponsor was eligible for membership at time of death.

Unit preference _____ Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Recruited by _____ Member # _____ Unit/Branch _____

Verified by _____ Title _____ Unit/Branch _____ Date _____

★ I am the:

Wife	Mother
Sister	Father
Daughter	Widow
Stepdaughter	Widower
Husband	Granddaughter
Brother	Grandson
Son	Grandmother
Stepson	Grandfather

\$25	1 Year
\$50	2 Years
\$75	3 Years
\$100	4 Years
\$125	5 Years