



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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### MAY 2023

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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** ♦♦



Our national symbol and Branch 161 are saddened because the following Shipmate recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander

GEORGE H. NEISWENTER, CEC, USN, RET – Dallas, GA



#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

##### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Americanism-Essay:**  
National Essay judging is complete.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**  
The next National Holiday observance will be Memorial Day, 29 May.

**Membership:**  
The Branch had 237 members with 234 in good standing as of 31 March.

**Finance & Audit:**  
The annual audit will be conducted before the June meeting.

**Youth Activities:**  
Branch members are no longer working concessions to raise funds for Branch or Unit programs.

**Public Relations:**  
No report.

**Hospital & Welfare:**  
S/M George NEISWENTER recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**Veterans Service:**  
Resumption of BINGO changed to October.

**Communications:**  
None requiring Branch action.

**Treasurer's Report:**  
S/M Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**  
The following were elected Branch Officers and BoD for the 2023-24 Association Year:

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

BATES, Prentis	41	BAZE, James	34	BELL, Chris	09	BROWER, Wayne	39
CAIN, William	24	DICKERSON, Micah	31	FELLER, Bill	02	GOLD, Richard	09
GUTHRIE, Charles	05	KINGSLEY, Karl	45	LICKTEIG, Jerry	27	LOHMANN, Leonard	27
MARKT, James	19	MATTHEWS, Richard	30	MCDANIELS, Paul	30	RAINS, Robert	30
RATHERT, Ronald	45	SHEETS, Larry	31	★SHEPHERD, Milford	55	STEWART, Jeryl	27
THOMAS, Jerry	41	UNNERSTALL, Conrad	45	VERMETTE, Roger	30		

### LET THE FRA DIE: KISS YOUR BENEFITS GOODBYE!

President	BORGMEYER
1st VP	DELAFUENTE
2nd VP	GRINDEL
Secretary	LICKTEIG
BoD	R. RIVAS, QUINTERO, W. RIVAS, TURNHAM, SHICK, HERNANDEZ, N. COMBS

friend of and benefactor to MO-KAN Branch 161, Carl DiCapo, passed away last month. The Branch extends Honorary Shipmate Anita (Sugie) our most heartfelt sympathies.

When Carl was part owner of the Italian Gardens Restaurant he allowed his employees the opportunity to raise funds for Branch 161's charitable endeavors during the late "80s" and early "90s." The program was suspended after our Special Charity Account reached close to \$50,000.

#### New Business:

✍ **MOTION:** To send S/Ms R. RIVAS, J. LICKTEIG and N. COMBS as delegates to the 2023 NCR Convention in Milwaukee; *seconded; passed.*

✍ **MOTION:** To select S/M Jerry LICKTEIG Chief Delegate to the 2023 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

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

✍ **MOTION:** To authorize the Chief Delegate to add names at the 2023 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

✍ **MOTION:** To name S/Ms Marty POSEKANY and Maria BEHM proxies for the 2023 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

✍ **MOTION:** To run full page ads in the Regional and National Convention Journals; *seconded; passed.*

MO-KAN Branch 161 was chartered on 10 August 1953. Discussion ensued on whether to have a separate 70th anniversary party or simply observe the event during the annual picnic, 27 August. Consensus of the membership was to observe our birthday at the picnic.

#### Good-of-the-Order:

We are sorry to hear that long time

#### UNIT NEWS

*Ernestene Combs*

The installation of officers for the coming year will be held at our June meeting. The officers elected are as follows:

President	PNP Doris Fri
VP	Joann Pommerer
Treasurer	Pat Wentworth
Secretary	Ernestene Combs (2-year term)
Chaplain	RVPNC Barbara White
BoD	Sharon Folkers DJ Hopkins Jennifer DeLaFunete Dottie Sanders Doris Fri

The Regional Convention will be held July 31-August 3 in Wauwatosa, WI at the Sonesta Milwaukee West Hotel. If you need more information feel free to email one of the event contacts:

- Marcia Cunningham  
 • [marcia853@hotmail.com](mailto:marcia853@hotmail.com)  
 Donna Lickteig  
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We were sorry to learn about the passing of National Financial Secretary Brneda Holton. Information on her replacement will be in a future newsletter. In the meantime, if your dues have been paid and you appear on a *Past Due* report, please disregard.

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

*Happy Birthday* to those of you with May birthdays ... we hope your day

#### STATUS REPORT

Members 30 days past due:  
SHELTON, ROBERT D.

Members 60 days past due:  
AYVERSONE, ELPHIRD R.  
KELLEY, DOUGLAS R.

Members 90 days past due:  
LaFORTE, WILFRED H.  
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM W.

**? 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:  
PARSON, JOHN

Membership now stands at 237.

was enjoyable.

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 30/60/90 Days:

None

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Sara Foust

Carolyn Frauenfelder



## THE BOSN'S PIPE



### Happy Birthday Navy Nurse Corps

The United States Navy Nurse Corps was finally established by Congress on 13 May 1908. Although women had been working as nurses aboard Navy ships and in Navy hospitals as far back as 1861. The Corps was all-female until 1965.

## COMING EVENTS

Wed. 7 June 2023. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Installation of 2023-24 Branch and Unit Officers/ BoD.

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

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



Members of Branch and Unit 16 • PNP Doris Fri's 80th Birthday Party

**Top Row L-R:** Dan Fri, Jeremy Davenport, PRPNC Norm Combs, Ernestene Combs, Pat Wentworth, Matthew Davenport, Mitch Barton,

**Front Row L-R:** Debby Davenport, RPNC Donna Lickeig, PNP Doris Fri, Danica Goff, PRPNC Jerry Lickeig, PRP Lisa Barton

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  Branch # \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  Closest Branch  Member-at-Large  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a previous FRA member?  
 No  Yes, previous member# \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

★  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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