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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 is scheduled for the fourth SATURDAY of each month around 1300. The BINGO crew usually meets at Tenpenny in Leavenworth at 1100 for Lunch prior to entertaining the players.



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



HAROLD E. COULTER, CTOCS, USN, RET – Palm Bay, FL
 PRENTIS R. BATES, GYSGT, USMC, RET – Olathe, KS
 RONALD SCOTT NARRON, SR., MRFN, USN, RET – Gravois Mills, MO



📅 OCTOBER 📅 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting guests: John Nichols and Josh Mann.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

This year's Essays are due 1 December.

Americanism-Patriotism:

Next National Holiday observance will be Columbus/Discoverers Day, 9 Oct.

Membership:

The Branch had 251 members with 250 in good standing as of 30 Sept. This follows the merger with Branch 223.

Finance & Audit:

The Mid-year report is due prior to the February 2024 meeting.

Youth Activities:

Branch members are no longer working concessions to raise funds for Branch or Unit programs.

Public Relations:

Guest John Nichols spoke about an event in Overland Park where the Branch could participate on 9 Nov.

Hospital & Welfare:

S/Ms Harold COULTER, Prentis BATES and Ron NARRON recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander. A

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BENZ, Michael	00	BOLON, Harry	43	BUELL, Joshua	02	CHADWICK, Emery	23
COMBS, Norman	49	DAVENPORT, Dave	09	DELAFUENTE, Ed	21	DICAPO, Anita	33
EDWARDS, Cecil	44	KIES, Robert	41	LAKINS, Tanya	03	MURAWSKI, John	19
PASZKIEWICZ, Edmund	20	PATTERSON, Kevin	28	SCHLEY, Walter	02	SHOCKLEY, Cleo	01
STEELE, Murl	45	TAYLOR, Robert	01	WILLIAMS, Leslie	07		

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★BACHMAN, Arnold	54	BRADFORD, Richard	27	CHAMPAGNE, Tony	28	DAVIS, Blaine	40
GILNER, Francis	14	★JOLLY, Raymond	58	LICKTEIG, Fabian	03	MARINARO, Armand	48
MCLEES, Edward	14	MOORE, Robert	39	MURLEY, James	07		
POLSON, Craig	04	SHEPHERD, Donald	38	WESTERGAARD, Jim	30		

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

few Branch members performed the Two Bell ceremony at the memorial service for S/M NARRON.

MOTION: To donate \$25 in each of the above S/Ms memory; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

BINGO resumed in August. S/M LAKINS is undergoing VSO training.

Communications:

None requiring Branch action.

Treasurer's Report:

The Branch has \$4,082.05 in the checking account.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

✓ Branches 161 and 32 have been appointed to host the 2025 National Convention.

✓ Homes have been notified about Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas gift lists.

✓ Branch members will hand out goodies to kids during *Spooktacular* in Downtown Grain Valley, 27 October.

✓ The retiree Open House at Ft. Leavenworth will be held 28 October.

Good-of-the-Order:

Guest Josh Mann addressed the membership.

PRPNC Maria BEHM was elected National Vice President at the National Convention in Sparks, NV.

Members 30 days past due:

PALMER, FOREST
WENTWORTH, KEVIN R.

Members 60 days past due:

None.

Members 90 days past due:

BROWER, WAYNE

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

REMINDER: Dues renewals some-time 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 251.

The conventions are over and the plans for 2024 are in progress. The newly elected National officers as follows:

President	PNVP Veralyn Thomas
VP	PRPNC Kelly Pena
NFS	PNP Pat Suckow
NES	Laurie Starkey
Treasurer	Carolyn Whitaker

The JPNP is Jackie Scarbro and the Chaplain is Shirley Ferrill. The President's Project is the Gary Sinise Foundation; donations may be made online at:

garysinisefoundation.org/donate

PNP Doris Fri was elected the NCRP for this year and is also the Auxiliary webmaster.

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 October birthdays ... we hope your day was enjoyable. And belated birthday wishes to those of you who celebrated birthdays in September.

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.

UNIT NEWS

Ernestene Combs

Past Due 30/60/90 Days:

Unknown

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Patricia Rutherford
Jason N. Barton
PRPNC Lisa M. Barton
Betty J. Curran

SALAS, K.	20
WESTERGAARD, J.	20
COX, G.	10
PASZKIEWICZ, E.	25
SULLENGER, J.	10
RAGAN, L.	20
SHEPHERD, M.	50
DAVENPORT, D.	20
RETFERFORD, P.	20
PRUSACIK, DO	20
FOX, A.	20
RAINS, R.	100
BROWN, G.	20
THOMPSON, H.	20
CURRAN, B.	2
SCHNEIDER, L.	20
PHELPS, R.	20
SINGER, J.	25
THOMAS, R.	50
FORD, W.	100
GARRIGUES, N.	20
BENZ, M.	100
PISHKO, P.	20
LONGHI, M.	40
+\$ for names on 10 addn'l tickets	
DWIGANS, J.	20
PIPPIN, J.	20
FOLEY, J.	50
WEIS, D.	40
CAMPBELL, E.	40

BACHMAN, A.	50
FULMER, M.	20
WENTWORTH, P.	50
FOLKERS, S.	20
SCHERMAN, E.	50
FOSTER, N.	20
CHAMPAGNE, E.	20
GRINDEL, R.	20
HINKLEDIRE, J.	20
SHICK, R.	20
MURAWSKI, J.	20
VOSS, H.	20
REINHOLD, W.	20
HAMM, C.	20
PRUSACIK, D.	20
BEARD, L.	50
BORGMEYER, L.	20
RIVAS, R.	20
RIVAS, W.	20
CONWELL F.	25
SHARP, A.	20
PISHKO, P.	30

TOTAL TO DATE \$1,622



**2023 CHRISTMAS
TICKET RECEIPTS**

FRAUENFELDER, C	20
JONES, M.	25
STIERN, T.	20
STEELE, M.	20
STEWART, J.	20



COMING EVENTS

- Wed. 1 Nov. 2023. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.
- Fri. 24 Nov. 2023. Giftwrap 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.
- Wed. 6 Dec. 2023. Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.
- TNC Christmas Party at the DAV - TBD in December.



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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?
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____ No 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