**Fleet Reserve Association**

**MO-KAN Branch & Unit 161**

**June 2019**

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Meetings are held at the DAV Chapter 2 Home located at 14605 E. US 40 Hwy. Kansas City, MO located between Noland & Phelps Roads. Meetings start at 1900. The DAV kitchen staff offers daily specials or you can order from the menu – $4 to $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. The BINGO crew will meet at TENPENNY in Leavenworth for lunch around noon. Call S/M Quintero at 816-260-0435 for definitive information.

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**In Memoriam**

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

GLENN WILSON, AMS1, USN, RET – Mission, KS

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**June Meeting Highlights**

S/M Pres. Schilly initiated S/M Larry Borgmeyer into the FRA and Branch 161.

**Committee Reports**

**Americanism-Essay:**
Next year's Essay theme should be available by the July meeting.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**

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

**Membership:**
The Branch had 340 members with 335 in-good-standing as of 31 May.

**Finance & Audit:**
The annual audit is complete; the Branch remains solvent.

**Youth Activities:**
Report that S/M White has volunteered 100 hours with the Boy Scouts in St. Joseph this past year.

**Public Relations:**
The Branch received a Certificate of Participation from Ft. Leavenworth for Retiree Day last October.

**Hospital & Welfare:**
Report received that S/M’s Edward Readman, Gordon Smith, William Wallace, Harry Brogan and Glenn Wilson had recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MOTION:**
To donate $25 to the NCR Essay Fund in the memory of each; seconded; passed.

**Veterans Service:**

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

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Your continued membership keeps the FRA at the table on Capitol Hill instead of a menu item. We could not do it without you!

S/Ms QUINTERO and Norm COMBS worked BINGO at the Leavenworth VA HCU 25 May; next BINGO will be 22 June.

SUMMERFEST will take place the evening of 12 June at Building 160.

**Communications:**
S/M Secretary read: No action required.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
The Treasurer gave a report and identified bills to be paid; checking account balance was $2,715.10.

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

**Unfinished Business:**
1. The Regional Convention ad and booster roll has been executed.
2. Annual reports will be worked at 1400 on 8 June at the DAV.

Shipmates were reminded of the 2019 Air Show at Wheeler Downtown Airport, 6 and 7 July; Branch 161 is operating two food stands. WE CAN USE SOME HELP IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED; must be 16 or older to participate.

**New Business:**

**MOTION:** To send the following Branch members to the 2019 National Convention: QUINTERO, SANDERS, LICKTEIG, FLIPPIN, N. COMBS, WHITE; seconded; passed.

**MOTION:** To name S/M Marty POSEKANY of Branch 298 and Marcia CUNNINGHAM of Branch 14 as proxies to the 2019 National Convention; seconded; passed.

S/M RPNC WHITE installed the following Branch Officers and BoD:

- **President**: SCHILLY
- **1st VP**: WHITE
- **2nd VP**: LICKTEIG
- **Secretary**: DELAFUENTE
- **BoD**: COMBS, FLIPPIN, SHICK, NARRON, QUINTERO, CARTER, TURNHAM

**Good-of-the-Order:**
None

**STATUS REPORT**

**Members 30 days past due:**
- JAMISON, KEVIN
- MAYBERRY, JESSIE L.
- MEYER, BRYAN
- WEBB, ROBB M.

**Members 60 days past due:**
- SCHUMAKER, RONALD

**Members 90 days past due:**
- BARLOWS, NOEL F.

**REMINDER:** Dues renewals sometimes 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 344.

**UNIT NEWS**

Ernestene Combs

We had ple10 members attend the June meeting; installation of new officers was held. The new officers installed were:

- President: Diane Schilly
- 1st VP: Joann Pommerer
- Treasurer: Pat Wentworth
- Secretary: Ernestene Combs

We decided on the delegates to the Regional Convention to be held in Nashville, IN, August 18-20.

Congratulations to the new Unit in Omaha, NE. The National President, Christina Murray, was able to do the honors if getting into working order.

To those of you with June birthdays, we hope it was a happy one. To those who were ill, we hope you’re on the road to recovery and to those of you who have lost loved ones, our prayers and sympathies are with you.

**Past Due 30 Days:**
None

**Past Due 60 Days:**
Norma M. Foster

**Past Due 90 Days:**
Bessie Baker

**Dropped for non-payment:**
Myra Milleson

**Transfers-out:**
None
If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:
Deborah K. Davenport*
*reinstated

To be renewed:
PRPNC Corinne E. Fields
Barbara J. Hodson
Marilyn J. Peters
Becky L. Rubal
Dorothy A. Sanders
Alta L. Sharp

The Bosn's Pipe

AOBWN Bill Passes Senate and on its Way to President to Sign into Law

In the wake of the Procopio v. Wilkie decision the Senate passed the FRA-supported "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (H.R. 299). This legislation will essentially codify the Procopio decision into law. FRA is listed as a "Friend of the Court" by the petitioner Blue Water Navy Veteran, Mr. Procopio. Agent Orange was a herbicide used during the Vietnam era that has been known to be associated with certain health issues in people who have been exposed to its chemical components. The Agent Orange Act of 1991 stipulated that if a veteran served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975 and has a disease that has been associated with exposure to Agent Orange, they are automatically presumed to have been exposed and, therefore, qualify for VA disability compensation. This included Blue Water Navy veterans.

HASC Markup of NDAA and Concurrent Receipt Amendments

The House Armed Services Committee marked up its version of the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization bill (NDAA-H.R. 2500). One of the major differences between the House NDAA and the Senate Armed Services Committee bill is the top-line spending for the Department of Defense. The House provides for $733 billion and the Senate bill (S. 1215) provides $750 billion. It should be noted that neither spending level will occur unless Congress eliminates or raises the spending caps on sequestration. Key provisions in the bill include:

- No TRICARE fee increase;
- Prohibiting DoD from realigning or reducing military medical end strength until analyses are conducted on combat readiness, quality of care and the availability of health care services for beneficiaries;
- Pay increase that keeps pace with civilian pay (3.1%);
- Continuing reforms of sexual assault and prevention;
- Increasing end strength for Navy and Marine Corps;
- Cutting $1.2 billion in military personnel funding; and
- Prohibiting the Marine Corps from segregating men and women in boot camp within five years at Parris Island and within eight years at San Diego.

FRA opposes the controversial plan to cut more than 17,000 military medical billets over three years and welcomes the two-year delay provided in the House committee markup to determine the impact on access and quality of care for beneficiaries. The subcommittee mark will go on to the full House for consideration.

The Senate Committee has already marked up its version of the defense authorization bill (S.1790) and is awaiting consideration by the full Senate as early as next week. Once both chambers pass their version of the NDAA, a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills. After that occurs, both chambers will vote on the final bill, and if approved by both chambers the bill will go to the President to be signed into law or vetoed.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL) has filed a floor amendment for the House NDAA (H.R. 2500) that would extend concurrent receipt for retirees with Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) rated less than 50 percent disabled. Sen. Jon Tester (MT) has filed a Senate floor amendment to the Senate version of the Defense Authorization bill (S. 1790) to provide concurrent receipt for CRDP beneficiaries medically retired with less than 20 years of service (Chapter 61) phased in over 5 years. These amendments were filed at FRA’s request and members are strongly urged to use the FRA Action Center located on the website (www.fra.org) to ask their legislators to support these critical amendments.

COMING EVENTS


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Remember! The Branch still pays 25% of your life member dues.

Use the application on back and mail above Discounted (BOLD $) amount to the return address.
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:  ________________________________  Rate/Rank: _______ Birth Date:  ____________

Member No: ____________ Branch No: _______

Name: _____________________________________________

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

Previous FRA Member: [ ] No  [ ] Yes  If yes; previous Member No. ______________________

Spouses Name: ___________________________  Your E-mail Address: _______________________

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________  __________________________  Date: ____________

MAIL TO: Address on Newsletter or;  125 N. West St.; Alexandria, VA 22314  Make check payable to: FRA

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: __________________________________________

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 - USC

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________  ______________________  Date: _________________

Proposed By: ______________________________________  Member No: ____________  Date: _______

___________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________  ________________________________________

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The above named Service Member is a member of [ ]Fleet Reserve Association Branch number ________  Verified by: __ ____________________________  Date ________

The above named Service Member is a member of [ ]Fleet Reserve Association Branch number ________  Verified by: __ ____________________________  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.

FRA Membership Application

Name: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________ ___________________________________________________

Street    Apt/Lot    City   State Zip

Dues: 1 yr $40[ ];  2 yrs $64[ ] (new members); 2 yrs $75[ ]; 5 yrs $180[ ]  Check enclosed[ ]

Mail to: Address on Newsletter or;  125 N. West St.; Alexandria, VA 22314  Make check payable to: FRA

SPECIAL OFFER

for NEW MEMBERS

$64 for two years

Pmt Options: [ ] Visa; [ ] MC; [ ] AE; [ ] Discover; Cr. Card No. ___________________________  Exp Date: ______

Check enclosed[ ]

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