



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

MO-KAN BRANCH & UNIT 161

JUNE 2024

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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.





IN MEMORIAM



Our national symbol and Branch 161 are saddened to learn the following Shipmates recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander



DAVID S. CHRISTIAN, LCDR, USN, RET – Festus, MO

RICHARD F. HOWELL, LTJG, USN, RET – St. Louis, MO





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism-Essay:

Essay posters from NHQ will no longer be distributed due to budget constraints. Shipmates interested in contacting Middle & High Schools will have to go to fra.org to print posters, cover sheets and rules.

Americanism-Patriotism:

The next National Holiday observance will be Juneteenth, 19 June.

Membership:

The Branch had 237 members with 236 in good standing as of 31 May.

Finance & Audit:

The annual audit report of the Branch books was given; the Branch remains solvent.

Youth Activities:

No report.

Public Relations:

No report.

Hospital & Welfare:

Report received that Shipmates David CHRISTIAN and Richard HOWELL recently joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

MOTION: To donate \$25, each, to the NCR Essay Fund in memory of Shipmates CHRISTIAN and HOWELL; *seconded; passed.*

Veterans Service:

S/Ms LICKTEIG, and COMBS worked BINGO on 24 May; next BINGO will be

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

BALLARD, Don	09	BORGMEYER, Larry	05	HAGLER, Bobby	42	HANNEMANN, Edgar II	45
LEWALLEN, Edwin	34	MCFALL, Mary	11	★MEYER, Richard	57	MOSES, James	36
SCHILLY, Raymond	10	★TANNNER, James	56	THOMAS, Nate	30	WALLIS, Joseph	31
WEIS, Donald	45	WINNER, Steven	10				

LET THE FRA DIE; KISS YOUR BENEFITS GOODBYE!

held 22 June. *Summerfest* has not yet been scheduled for resumption.

Communications:

S/M Secretary read communications; no action required.

Treasurer's Report:

The Branch has \$2,252.85 in the checking account.

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

Unfinished Business:

Membership was reminded of the 2024 NCR Convention being hosted by MO-KAN Branch 161 at Stone Castle Hotel, Branson, MO 18-22 August.

- call **417-335-4700** for reservations

New Business:

S/M COMBS Installed the following Branch Officers and Board of Directors: The following were elected as 2024-25 Branch Officers:

President	DELAFUENTE
1st VP	R. RIVAS
2nd VP	OHLSON
Secretary	J. LICKTEIG
BoD	QUINTERO, W. RIVAS, WHITE, TURNHAM, GRINDEL

MOTION: To send all Branch Officers and Board members plus S/M COMBS as delegates to the 2024 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

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

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

MOTION: To give chief delegate authority to add names at the NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To name S/Ms Marty POSEKANY, Branch 298 and Marcia CUNNINGHAM, Branch 14 as proxies for Branch 161 at the 2024 NCR Convention; *seconded; passed.*

MOTION: To postpone the August Branch meeting due to DAV being closed; *seconded; passed.*

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Good-of-the-Order:

S/M Secretary LICKTEIG has FRA Centennial Pins for \$5 each.

Members 30 days past due:
None

Members 60 days past due:
KORTUM, JOSEPH R.

Members 90 days past due:
SUMPTER, SCOTT

? 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 247.

UNIT NEWS
Ernestene Combs

We were pleased to have eight members attend the June meeting; and it was great seeing D.J. and Doris again, too. The installation of new officers was held; congratulations to all.

The Regional Convention will be held August 18-22 in Branson, MO. We hope you have made your reservations and look forward to seeing you there.

We are gathering raffle items for the Regional Convention. Please let us know if there's an item you can donate; it's always interesting to see what unique things are provided.

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 June birthdays ... we hope your day 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 60 Days:

Gerald W. Shaw

Past Due 90 Days:

Joshua R. Mann

Dianna K. Parks

Dropped for non-payment:

None

Transfers-out:

None

If your dues have been paid please disregard.

New Members/Transfers-in:

None

To be renewed:

Jeremy D. Davenport

Matthew G. Davenport

Daniel A. Friday

Barbara J. Hodson



THE BOSN'S PIPE

The next two newsletters will cover two months each: July/August and September/October issues.

NDAAs Move Forward in House and Senate ... the House is expected to pass its version of the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAAs-HR 8070) and send it to the Senate for further consideration. The bill provides the following:

- No TRICARE fee increases
- Authorizing annual pay increases of 19.5% for E-1 through E-4, 13% for E-5, and 4.5% for other active-duty personnel
- Increasing the Basic Allowance for Housing
- Repealing the 180-day delay for retirees obtaining employment at DoD
- Reviewing bonuses and retention

allowances for military childcare workers

- Authorizing DoD to quickly hire military spouses
- Helping military spouses gain and retain employment
- Enhancing funds for barracks renovations
- and more



COMING EVENTS

Wed. 3. July 2024: Reg. Br. & Unit Meeting 14605 E. US 40 Hwy.

Sun-Thur 18-22 Aug. 2024; NCR Convention, Branson, MO.

Sun. 25 Aug. 2024: Annual Branch Picnic; Pavillion Armstrong Park; Grain Valley, MO 1100-1500

S/M JERRY AND LADY DONNA LICKTEIG ATTEND TO THE GRAVE OF S/M LEVON TAYLOR, DONNA'S MOM (LEAVENWORTH NATIONAL CEMETARY)



S/M COMBS PLACED A COIN ON THE GRAVE MARKER OF HIS NEPHEW WHO WAS KIA - 1ST MARINES, VIETNAM, 1969 (FORT LEAVENWORTH NATIONAL CEMETARY)



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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:

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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