

**78th FRA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION
76th LA FRA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION
September 24-26, 2024**

Newsletter #1

**HOSTED BY:
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GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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WELCOME BACK TO CHARLESTON

The Shipmates & Auxiliary members of Branch and Unit 269 are so looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming 2024 FRA Southeast Regional Convention. It will be exciting to greet all our shipmates from the region as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our FRA organization. So be prepared to have a great time here in Charleston doing what Southerners do best! Details on that in future newsletters to come!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Where: Double Tree by Hilton, 7401 Northwoods Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29406

When: Actual Convention Dates: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 – Thursday, 26 September 2024. Members arrive on Monday or Tuesday, 23rd or 24th of September and depart on Friday, 27 September 2024 unless staying over to see some sites.

Room Rate, etc: \$114.00 plus 14% room tax = \$129.96. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2024, to receive preferred group rate. Group rates are available for those arriving three days early or staying three days past the group dates.

Reservations: Reservations can be made by calling 1-843-518-6200. Specify that you are making a GROUP RESERVATION under the name of “Fleet Reserve Association Convention” Group Code CHSNCDT.

Direct Link to the hotel is: This will be posted on our website (fra269gc.com) and national headquarters website (fra.org under events) also. Let us know if you have any problems with the link.

HOTEL BOOKING LINK

Rates include: FREE parking. All rooms have a refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, iron & ironing board, and hair dryer.

Meals available: Dinner is offered at the Double Tree each day. There are several eateries within walking distance or a short drive.

Check-in/Check-out: Check-in time is at 3:00PM and check-out time is at 11:00AM.

Future events and meal selections: Forthcoming in future newsletters. Suggestions on these will be accepted from all region shipmates and unit members. It is a regional convention so tell us what you want to see/eat/do.

LOCATIONS

The **Double Tree by Hilton** is conveniently located just off I-26 (exit 209) in North Charleston. The hotel is less than eight miles from Charleston International Airport with complimentary transportation to and from.

The **FRA Low Country Home** is located at 99 Wisteria Rd in Goose Creek, approximately five miles from the Double Tree Hotel. The phone number is (843) 569-2692.

JOURNAL ADS

Camera ready ads must be submitted by August 26, 2024. Send ads with check or money order payable to FRA SER Convention. Mail to FRA SER Convention, C/O Laurie Bailey, 101 Pine Court, Summerville, SC 29486

Front inside and back cover
(color) (8x10) \$250.00
Full page (8"x10") \$150.00
Half page (8"x5") \$75.00
1/4 page (4"x5") \$40.00
Business card size \$15.00

BOOSTER ROLLS

Booster rolls must be submitted by August 26, 2024. A donation of \$.50 per name is requested. Mail booster rolls with check or money order payable to FRA SER Convention. Mail to FRA SER 2024 Convention, C/O Laurie Bailey, 101 Pine Court, Summerville, SC 29486

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