FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

BY-LAWS

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FLEET RESERVE ASSOCITION
LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269
GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 101. The name of this Branch, as granted within the Charter, dated March 9, 1998, of the FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as "FRA", is "Low Country Branch 269", hereinafter referred to as "the Branch".

Section 102. All business enterprises including regular Branch transactions must be in strict compliance with the Fleet Reserve Association Constitution and Bylaws, Article 12, Sections 1225 and 1226.

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVE

Section 201. All business enterprises of the Branch are synonymous with those of the National Body as defined in Article 2, C&BL, FRA.

Section 202. Membership of the Branch is pledged to represent and support the National Body in its aims and petitions. The membership will endeavor to enhance the wellbeing of its members on a local level; to assist in recruiting for the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; to assemble for social activities and to keep ourselves informed on Sea Services matters whereby we may continue to loyally serve the Nation.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 301. Membership of the Branch shall be in accordance with Article 3, C&BL, FRA. (Should an applicant's eligibility become questionable, the individual may be requested to provide documentation to verify discharge under honorable conditions.)

Section 302. Regulations governing membership fees, payment of same, and suspension of membership shall be in accordance with Article 4, C&BL, FRA.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 401. In accordance with Section 1215, C&BL, FRA, the officers of this Branch shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than five (5) Directors. The Branch may add one (1) additional Director for each 100 members in good standing, if the Branch so desires. The above elective officers and directors with the Junior Past President shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 402. In accordance with Section 1217, C&BL, FRA, nominations for Branch Officers shall be opened at the regular Branch meeting in April of each year and shall remain open until the election is held during the regular Branch meeting in May of each year. Nominees must be present, or a letter of acceptance must be in the hands of the President prior to the vote or nominees will be removed from the ballot.

Section 403. Elected Officers and Directors shall be installed no later than the last day of June of each year.

Section 403(a). The manager(s) of the Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Home, Incorporated, shall not serve as a Branch President or Vice President of the Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269.

Section 404. Branch Officers and Directors who find that due to illness or for other reasons they cannot properly fulfill the duties of their office, shall resign, in writing to the Board of Directors, for the best interest of the Branch.

Section 405. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office, and in the event of a vacancy in the office he/she shall complete the unexpired term.

Section 406. In the event of a vacancy in other Branch offices, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor who shall complete the unexpired term of office.

Section 407. Any Officer or Director of the Branch who is absent from three (3) consecutive scheduled meetings, without a legitimate excuse, shall have his/her office declared vacant.

Section 408(a). **Duties of the President –** The Branch President may appoint the chairman of and maintain the following committees:

(1) Committee on Audit, Budget, and Finance
(2) Committee on Veterans Service and Legislative Service
(3) Committee on Membership and Retention
(4) Committee on Americanism/Patriotism
(5) Committee on Public Relations
(6) Committee on Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation
(7) Committee on Youth Activities
(8) Committee on Bylaws

Section 408(b). The Branch President may appoint additional committees as needed.

Section 408(c), The Branch President shall be an ex-officio member of all Branch committees.

Section 408(d). The Branch President shall appoint a Parliamentarian and a Master-at-Arms who shall perform such duties as the President may direct, and a Chaplain who shall perform non-sectarian devotional services for the Branch.

Section 408(e). The Branch President shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 409(a). **Duties of the Vice President –** The Vice President shall carry out such Branch duties as the President may direct and in the absence of the President shall assume the duties and obligations of the office of the President.

Section 410(a). **Duties of the Secretary –** The Branch Secretary shall keep membership records, prepare all Branch correspondence, and maintain all permanent Branch records. The Secretary shall take minutes of all Branch and Board of Directors meetings and shall maintain a permanent record of all such minutes.

Section 410(b), The Branch Secretary is authorized a petty cash fund not to exceed fifty dollars ($50.00) per month, for handling miscellaneous expenditures in the execution of secretarial duties. All expenditures will be documented by the presentation of a receipted bill or other acceptable record to the Branch Treasurer.

Section 410(c). The Branch Secretary shall perform duties as prescribed within Article 12 of the C&BL, and the Administrative Manual of the FRA.

Section 410(d). The Branch Secretary shall receive a secretarial stipend in the amount of twenty-five cents per month for each member of the Branch in good standing as reported in the monthly membership report from the Member Services Department.

Section 411(a). **Duties of the Treasurer –** The Branch Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all monies received and expended for five (5) years.

Section 411(b). The Branch Treasurer shall pay all authorized bills by check within thirty days of receipt.

Section 411(c). Checks drawn from the Branch checking account shall normally bear the signature of the Branch Treasurer or Branch President. In the absence of the Treasurer and/or President, the Branch Vice President shall have the authority to sign.

Section 411(d). The Branch Treasurer shall display a written and make an oral report at the monthly meeting listing all receipts, expenditures, and balances of Branch funds.

Section 411(e). The Branch Treasurer shall maintain the financial reports of the Branch in the form of income statements and balance sheets and prepare necessary reports for appropriate government agencies.

Section 412(a). **Duties of the Board of Directors –** The members of the Branch Board of Directors will assist the Branch President and advise him/her in the conduct of the business of the Branch.

Section 412(b). In case of an emergency arising between Branch meetings, the Branch Board of Directors shall have authority to act in the best interest of the Branch and FRA. Such action shall remain in force until the first regular Branch meeting thereafter, at which time it must be ratified, amended, approved, or rescinded by the members in attendance for continuous action. The majority vote shall rule.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 501(a). The regular business meeting of the Branch will be held at 1900 on the third Thursday of each month at the FRA Low Country Home, Inc., Goose Creek, South Carolina. (The meeting date may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a General Assembly meeting if it conflicts with either an FRA Southeast Region Convention or an FRA National Convention.)

Section 501(b). No business may be conducted at a regular meeting of the Branch unless a quorum of no less than ten (10) Branch members is in attendance.

Section 501(c). Branch meetings shall be conducted as prescribed in Rituals, Articles 1, 2, and 3, C&BL of the FRA.

Section 502(a). The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each month at a time and place to be designated by a vote of the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the Installation of Officers. The initial meeting to be designated by the Branch President.

Section 502(b). A quorum of not less than a majority of the Board of Directors and the Presiding Officer must be present to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section502(c). Members of the Branch and invited guests may attend the Board of Directors meeting but shall have a voice only when recognized by the Presiding Officer. Under no circumstances shall they have a vote during a Board of Directors meeting.

Section 503. The time and/or date of any single regular meeting of the Branch may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided the membership is notified, in writing, at least 72 hours prior to the time of the regular meeting or time designated in the change, whichever is earlier.

Section 504. A logbook shall be maintained where all shipmates and visiting guests will register prior to attending a legally convened Branch meeting.

Section 505. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or purchased within the meeting hall, nor shall an attendee be permitted to leave to make said purchase and return to the meeting during the time that the Holy Bible is opened at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 601. In the absence of a written rule governing debates and procedures, the Branch shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised."

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 701(a). **Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee –** This committee is charged with the auditing of the Secretary and Treasurer and all accounts and books as specified under Article IX of these Bylaws.

Section 701(b). The committee shall be a minimum of three (3).

Section 701(c). This committee shall audit the accounts of the Branch at the request of the President, in addition to the requirements of these Bylaws.

Section 702. **Veterans Service and Legislative Service Committees.**

Section 702(a). **Veterans Service –** Committee members shall be VA certified Veteran Service Officer. Duties of the committee shall be: to oversee the FRA Veterans Service program, providing education and outreach of same to the membership of the Association, including the policies and regulations associated with the program; to solicit the branch and Shipmates to become involved in departments of veterans affairs/service pm the local, state, or national level, including VA regional offices, and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans in the area of Veteran Services..

Section 702(b). **Legislative Service –** The committee shall study and inform Branch members of legislation pending in the Congress of the United States, and the State of South Carolina, which may affect personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and/or Coast Guard, active, retired, reserve, veteran, and their dependents.

Section 702(c). Prepare annual reports as prescribed in the Administrative Manual for submission to the Regional President and Chairman.

Section 703(and). **Membership and Retention Committee –** The two-fold purpose of this committee shall be:

(1) To recruit new members for the FRA.

(2) To do everything possible to reduce the number of Shipmates who let their FRA membership lapse.

Section 703(b). The Secretary is automatically a member of this committee.

Section 703(c). It shall be the responsibility of this committee to organize and direct all Branch membership drives, campaigns, or other activities for recruiting new members.

Section 703(d). Each month the Chairman shall obtain a list of shipmates whose dues are in arrears or delinquent and attempt to personally contact these shipmates and endeavor to persuade them to renew their membership.

Section 704(a). **Americanism-Patriotism Committee –** The Chairman has the duty to encourage shipmates as well as all fellow citizens:

(1) To honor the flag of the United States of America.

(2) To observe all patriotic days and anniversaries of distinguished persons and events in our nation's history.

(3) To promote the Constitution of the United States and to instill and foster the principles of our founding fathers to our youth.

(4) To plan appropriate activities, often in participation with other veteran organizations and encourage participation in all local patriotic programs and celebrations.

(5) To Conduct an annual Americanism Essay Contest in accordance with all branches, regional, and national guidelines.

(6) To honor our departed shipmates and their families.

Section 704(b). Prepare an annual report, as prescribed in the Administrative Manual, for submission to Regional President and Chairman.

Section 705(a). **Public Relations Committee –** The Chairman shall be responsible for the preparation of all media and reports on Branch publicity.

Section 705(b). Prepare an annual report, as prescribed in the Administrative Manual, for submission to Regional President and Chairman.

Section 706(a). **Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation Committee**

Section 706(b), Duties of the committee shall be: to manage and oversee the FRA VA Volunteer Services (VAVS) Center for Development and Community Engagement (CDCE), providing education and outreach of the same to the membership of FRA Branch 269, including VA MHA policy and regulations associated with this program, to report on the number and activities of FRA designated VAVS/CDCE representatives of Branch 269 and each medical facility located within the Greater Charleston area, to solicit and promote Branch 269 members to become VAVS/CDCE representatives or volunteers and become involved in department of veterans affairs services, medical facilities, state national cemeteries, or veteran homes, and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans in the area of hospital, welfare, and rehabilitation. A committee member is required to attend VAVS meetings.

Section 706(c). When the need for welfare assistances come to the attention of the Chairman, he/she shall immediately notify the respective regional chairman for action in accordance with applicable FRA Regional Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Section 706(d). He/She shall be furnished with a log which shall be maintained on each assistance fulfilled and/or requested, giving a brief report of the undertaking.

Section 706(e). Maintain a current listing of people, offices or firms which may be contacted to assist in the proper performance of said duties.

Section 706(f). Upon notification, prepare the mailing of Branch "Get Well Cards" to all members of the Branch who are hospitalized and, if possible, visit all sick and shut ins.

Section 706(g). Be authorized to purchase at his/her discretion cards, flowers, and other incidentals required in the performance of such duties. Upon producing receipts to the Board of Directors for approval, the Branch Treasurer shall make reimbursement.

Section 706(h). Prepare an annual report, as prescribed in the Administrative Manual, for submission to the Regional President and Chairman.

Section 707(a). **Youth Activities Committee –** Duties shall be to study various methods by which the members may best serve the youth in their community to the end that these young people may be properly guided in their endeavors to become better and more useful citizens and to solicit the full cooperation of all members in assisting in carrying out these duties.

Section 707(b). Prepare an annual report, as prescribed in the Administrative Manual, for submission to Regional President and Chairman.

Section 708(a). **Branch Bylaws Committee –** The Bylaws Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President. The Branch Parliamentarian shall serve in the capacity as Advisor, if not serving as Chairperson of said committee.

Section 708(b). The Committee shall receive and acknowledge receipt of proposed amendments to the Branch Bylaws and resolutions to the FRA, C&BL, Standing Rules, and Rituals from Branch members, Board of Directors, or standing Branch committees. Resolutions and amendments received shall be reviewed for conformity with the FRA C&BL, and those found to be in possible conflict shall be returned to the originator explaining the discrepancy.

Section 708(c). The Committee shall review the Branch Bylaws annually, before the regularly scheduled meeting in August, and propose amendments or revisions when appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII
APPOINTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 801(a). **Branch Master-at-Arms –** Shall be familiar with the FRA Standing Rules and Rituals and Branch Bylaws.

Section 801(b). Shall arrive at the appointed meeting place at least one-half hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time and shall arrange the meeting hall.

Section 801(c). Shall have the following information, if called for by the President, and announce to the members:

(1) Visiting National or Regional Officers (name, title, and Branch number).
(2) Visiting Shipmates and Guests (name and Branch number).

Section 801(d). If the Colors are placed in position before the meeting, shall attend to the unfurling of the Colors and furling of same, or ensure that the Color Guard is standing by ready to accept that responsibility.

Section 802. **Branch Parliamentarian –** Assist the President in the conduct of meetings and other matters requiring parliamentary guidance.

Section 803(a). **Branch Chaplain –** Shall perform non-sectarian devotional services.

Section 803(b). Assure that the Holy Bible and Altar are placed in the proper position prior to the opening of the regular Branch meeting.

Section 803(c). Shall be familiar with the FRA Standing Rules and Rituals.

Section 803(d). Shall perform any special duties relating to this office and as directed by the President.

Section 803(e). Upon notification, prepare for mailing "Condolences/Sympathy Cards" to newly deceased branch member's families.

ARTICLE IX
FINANCES

Section 901. Bank accounts, bonds, securities, property and goods, insurance policies, fidelity bonds and all valuables belonging to the Branch, shall be registered, or listed in the name of "Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269" and all business transactions, of whatever nature, shall be transacted in the same.

Section 902. All funds belonging to the Branch, and documents which deserve a high degree of security, are to be deposited in a financial institution. Any changes must be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 903. The position fidelity bond authorized in Standing Rule 8, C&BL, of the FRA, shall be applied to the President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Section 904(a). The Board of Directors has the authority to expend money up to the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) monthly. All resale items must go through the Board of Directors for approval. All expenditures combined exceeding seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) must be approved by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of those in attendance at the General Assembly meeting.

Section 904(b). The Board of Directors may expend a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) periodically for the sole purpose of restocking Branch membership pins and medallions as requested by the Branch Secretary.

Section 905(a). It shall be mandatory that the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer be audited quarterly by the Committee on Audit, Budget, and Finance and a written report furnished the Secretary for Branch files that bears the signature of the Chairman of said committee.

Section 905(b). The Chairman of the Committee on Audit, Budget, and Finance shall make a verbal report to the Branch members in attendance at a regularly General Assembly meeting for ratification.

ARTICLE X
AWARDS/MEDALLIONS

Section 1001. Each of the elected outgoing officers may be presented with appropriate pins, in recognition for their services to the Branch, provided they have properly fulfilled the duties of the office to which they are elected. Cost of pins and necessary engraving to be defrayed by the Branch.

Section 1002. Any member of the Branch who successfully completes 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 continuous years in the FRA shall be presented with the applicable pin at a Branch meeting in their anniversary month or mailed to them, if required. The Branch shall defray the cost

of the pins. Members not in attendance who desire a continuous membership pin may obtain one from the Branch upon the member's written request. Any member who requests his/her pin to be mailed shall be assessed a $10.00 fee to absorb the cost of postage.

Section 1003. Any new member joining and initiated by the Branch shall receive the FRA lapel pin. Cost of pin to be defrayed by the Branch.

Section 1004. The gold lapel button award, silver pendant award, and silver anchor squadron award will be awarded in accordance with Sections 311(b), 311(c), and 311(d), C&BL, FRA to any member of the Branch. The Branch may defray the cost of pins/pendants if not provided at no cost by the FRA National Headquarters.

Section 1005. The spouse of any deceased Branch member shall receive the FRA Widow's/Widower's Medallion. The cost of the medallion and its engraving is to be defrayed by the Branch.

Section 1006. American Essay Awards shall be in the form of gift cards as awards. The chairman of the Americanism Essay Contest shall make a recommendation as to the amounts to be awarded to each winner in each grade group.

Section 1007. All outgoing elected officers will return their hat pin of elected position they are exiting to the Branch President to be presented to incoming officers taking their place. These positions are Branch President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officer hat pins are the property of FRA Low Country Branch 269.

ARTICLE XI
BRANCH REPRESENTATION

Section 1101. This Branch shall be entitled to elect the number of delegates to the National and Regional Conventions based on members in good standing as of March 31 of each year.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1201. These Bylaws may be amended annually by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regularly scheduled Branch General Assembly meeting, provided that the written proposed amendment(s) is/are presented at the previous meeting. The change(s) as amended shall be promulgated in the Branch Newsletter prior to the next regularly scheduled Branch meeting.

ARTICLE XIII
BRANCH HOME

Section 1301. The election of Home Committee and the operation of the Branch Home shall comply with Section 1226(h), C&BL, FRA and in accordance with the Home Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and Home Rules.

RECORD OF CHANGES – PAGE 1

ORIGINAL	
21 SEP 1998	Ratified Original Bylaws
CHANGE	
16 FEB 2016	Amended Section 1007 - Changed Americanism Essay Contest awards from "I Bonds" to monetary values of $75, $100, $200, and $500, respectively.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article I, Section 102 – Changed to comply with FRA Bylaws, Article 12, Sections 1225 and 1226.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article IV, Section 403(a) – Reflects manager(s) unable to serve as Branch President and Branch Vice President.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article IV, Section 408(a) – Amended Committee on Legislative Service to also reflect Veterans Service and added new Committee on Bylaws.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article VII, Sections 702(a) through 702(e) – Corrects all typographical errors and includes new section delineating the FRA Veterans Service Committee duties at the Branch level.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article VII, Section 705(a) – Amended to reflect sentence structure and correct typographical errors.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article VII, Sections 706(a) through 706(g) – Clearly delineates the official duties of the Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation Committee, deletes duties not related to said committee, and transfers other duties to the appropriate Branch standing committees.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article VII, Section 708 – Establishes a new Branch Standing Committee on Bylaws and reflects all duties related thereto.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article IX, Section 904 – Increased monetary monthly Branch expenditure value from $200 to $500.
CHANGE	
17 AUG 2017	Article IX, Sections 905(a) and 905(b) - Amended to delineate the auditing and reporting procedures of the Branch Treasurer and Secretary accounts.

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CHANGE 17 AUG 2017	Article X, Section 1002 – Rewritten to reflect the awarding of membership pins.
CHANGE 17 AUG 2017	Article XII, Section 1201 – Delineates when Branch Bylaws changes can occur.
CHANGE 17 NOV 2022	Article XII, Section 1201 – Stipulates that proposed amendments must be promulgated in the Branch Newsletter prior to the next regularly scheduled Branch meeting.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article II, Section 202 –Corrects grammatical errors in first sentence as originally written.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article III, Section 301(a) – Deleted in its entirety as it conflicted with Article 3, C&BL, FRA. Added new Article III, Section 301 to comply with Article 3, C&BL, FRA. Renumbered Section Article III, Section 303 to reflect Section 302.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IV, Section 401 – Rewritten to bring into compliance with Article 12, Section 1215, C&BL. FRA. There is no requirement to add additional directors as originally written.
CHAANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IV, Section 407 – Rewritten to delineate when a Branch office is declared vacant due to failure to attend meetings in a timely manner.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IV, Section 408(d) – Removed the appointment of a Branch Historian by the Branch President since this position is no longer required since Branch history is maintained by the Branch Secretary in the Branch files.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IV, Section 410(d) – Grammatically corrected to reflect the Branch Secretary receives a secretarial stipend vice a secretarial expense fee.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IV, Section 411(c) – Established new procedures whereby all Branch checks will bear only one signature vice two signatures, Financial institutions no longer require two signatures, nor do they enforce this practice. Delineates that the only signatures required are the Branch President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

RECORD OF CHANGES – PAGE 3

CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article V, Section 501(a) – Rewritten to clearly delineate the date, time, and place in holding Branch meetings. Also, establishes correct procedures in changing meeting dates
CHANGE 21 SEP 2323	Article V, Section 503 – Delineates procedures to change date and time of a single Branch meeting, if considered necessary.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VII, Section 701(a) – Amended to correct grammatical errors and sentence structure.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VII, Section 702(c) – Rewritten to reflect correct policy for the committee to follow in attending all VAVS meetings.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VII, Section 704(a) – Amended to correct typographical errors.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VII, Section 705 – Amended this section by adding new Section 705(b) to establish proper procedures in submitting and forwarding annual committee reports.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023 Committee	Article VII, Section 708(a) – Delineates composition of Branch Bylaws as appointed by the Branch President.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VII, Section 708(c) – Changes review date for Branch Bylaws to be reviewed annually by the Branch Bylaws Committee.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VIII, Section 803 – Amended this section by adding new Section 803(e) establishing whereby the Branch Chaplain will be required to send out Condolence/Sympathy Cards to newly deceased branch member's families.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article VIII, Section 804 – Deleted in its entirety as obsolete. There is no mention of a Branch Historian in FRA C&BL under Branch Appointed Positions.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IX, Section 902 – Amended to correct grammatical errors by replacing the word "bank" to reflect "financial institution". Funds can be deposited not only in a bank but also in a credit union or other financial establishment,

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CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article IX, Section 904 - Increased monetary monthly Branch expenditure value from $500 to $750 and authorizing an increase on expenditure value on resale items from $1,000 to $1,200 with approval by the Branch Board of Directors.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article X, Section 1001 – Amended to replace the word "shall" to reflect "may". By changing the wording, it relieves the Branch from being forced to purchase pins on a yearly basis.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article X, Section 1004 – This section is deleted in its entirety as obsolete. The Branch no longer sponsors this recruiting program.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article X, Section 1005 – Delineates that should the FRA be unable to provide the pins/pendants at no cost, then the Branch would consider expending funds to defray such costs.
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023 Awards	Article X, Section 1007 – Amended to reflect that American Essay Contest will be issued in the form of "gift cards" vice "cash awards".
CHANGE 21 SEP 2023	Article X, Section 1008 – Added this new section to reflect that all hat pins of elected positions are property of Branch 269 and will be returned to Branch President to be redistributed to incoming newly elected officers upon expiration of term of office.
CHANGE 21 AUG 2025	Article V, Section 501(b) – Corrects grammatical error by changing the word "then" to reflect "than."
CHANGE 21 AUG 2025	Article VII, Section 702(b) – Typographical error in third line corrected the misspelled word "policies."
CHANGE 21 AUG 2025	Article IX, Section 904 – Amended this section by changing the Section 904 to reflect Section 904(a) and added a new Section 904(b).
CHANGE 21 AUG 2025	Article X, Section 1002 – Typographical error in sixth line corrected the misspelled word "Gold." Rewritten to include 5-year increment pins as gold bars have been discontinued and are no longer available for purchase at FRA NHQ,
CHANGE 21 AUG 205	Article X, Section 1006 – Rewritten to denote proper monetary awards presented to First Place winners and overall winner.

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CHANGE	
21 AUG 2025	Article X, Section 1007 – Corrects grammatical error in first line by changing the word "the" to reflect "their," and adding a new sentence at the end of Section 1008.
CHANGE	
16 APR 2026	Article VII. Section 702(b) - Rewritten to bring into compliance with FRA C&BL. Article .VIII, Section 820.
CHANGE	
16 APR 2026 Section	Article VII, Section 706(a) – Deleted all wording after the first sentence; added new Section 706(b) to bring into compliance with FRA C&BL Article VIII, 816(b); and renumbered Sections 706b) through 706(g) to reflect 706(c) to 706(h) respectively.
CHANGE	
20 AIG 2026	Article IV, Section 408A)(2) – Changed to read Committee on Veteran Service and Legislative Service.
CHANGE	
20 AUG 2026	Article VII, Section 702 – Changed to read Veteran Service and Legislative Service.
CHANGE	
20 AUG 2026	Article VII, Sections 702(a) and 402(b) – Reversed the two sections to reflect Section 702(b) to read Section 702(a) and Section 702(a) to reflect to read Section 207(b(.
CHANGE	
20AUG 2026	Article VII, Section 706(b) – Deleted Branch Chaplain as chairman of said committee.
CHANGE	
20 AUG 2026	Article IX, Section 904(a) – Rewrote the section to reflect that any resale items and costs must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to being ordered.
CHANGE	
20 AUG 2026	Article X, Section 1006 – Changed composition of this section to reflect that the Americanism Essay Contest chairman will recommend award denominations in each grade group on an annual basis.