

Scuttlebutt

March, 2022

Branch/Unit 269

Goose Creek
South Carolina



Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

National website: <http://ww.fra.org>

<http://facebook.com/groups/frabbranch269>

Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Good day Shipmates,

It seems that in the past month or so winter has finally arrived. And yet, the signs of spring are near by. I recently attended the Alabama/Tennessee caucus at Crossville Tennessee. Yes, I know we are not either of those states however, it was a highly informative event. This raises the question about the elephant in the room. What are we doing about recruiting? Recruiting is the responsibility of all. We do have a large Branch, however, the attendance at our meetings is pitiful. How do we change this to have a larger turnout? I am seeking ideas. We had a great field day in the galley and need to expand our efforts. I am looking for a working party to paint the foyer. It should not take long and will be easy task. I do not have a date yet but will soon. Also, come out and support the home. We need the income and without it we may need to close the galley. We all know that prices are on the rise, and this affects the galley also. So, drop by and enjoy a meal.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
President Harry Nettles
Branch 269

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Harry Nettles Vice-President - Ken Hutchinson
Treasurer - PNP Don Muecheck Secretary - John Tharp
Jr. Past President – Nate Nathan

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRPSE Laurie Bailey Tim Bailey Don Barton
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Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton Legislative Affairs – PRPSE Fred Bolz

Parliamentarian – PNP Don Muecheck Historian - Mike Sparks
By-Laws – PNP Don Muecheck Youth Activities –Donald Barton
Master-at-Arms-Glenn Little Ways and Means – Larry Pepper
PRelations – John Tharp Essay Contest – PRPSE Laurie Bailey
Membership – Cindy Bryan Amer/Pat –PRPSE Laurie Bailey
WEB Master –PRPSE Laurie Bailey

LOW COUNTRY HOME, INC.

99 Wisteria Road - (843) 569-2692

Home Chairman – Nate Nathan

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton Financial Sec- Donald Barton
Director – PRPSE Gail Bolz Director –Cindy Bryan
Director - Linda Cox Director –RVPSE Lee Nettles
Director – John Tharp Director – Skip Chilton
Director – Marilyn Tharp Director – Tommy Wilbanks

Home Manager – PNP Don Muecheck and Larry Pepper

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thur 1000-2200 Fri 1000-2400
Sat 1000- 2400 Sun 1000 – 2000

LAFRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

President – PRPSE Gail Bolz Treasurer – PRPSE Gale Nathan

Secretary – Marilyn Tharp Vice President – Anne Barton

Jr. Past President – Linda Cox

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annie Bain Trish Chilton Benita Kinlaw
Kathy Sorenson NP Pat Suckow
Theresa Milligan RVPSE Lee Nettles

LAFRA UNIT 269

Appointees & Committee Chairs

Chaplain – Theresa Milligan Amer/Pat – Benita Kinlaw
Sergeant-at-Arms VAVS – Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson Anne Barton
Welfare/Rehab –Annie Bain Ship's Store -RVPSE Lee Nettles
Benita Kinlaw
Publicity – Anne Barton Hospital – Theresa Milligan
Parliamentarian— Linda Cox Membership – Anne Barton
Youth Activities—Anne Barton Unit Activities— All Members
PRPSE Gail Bolz

Madam President Tidbits

Our February meeting went very well. We initiated two new members. Congratulations and Welcome Mila Taylor and Judy Dzedzicki. As of April 1, we have 226 members.

We purchased 400 Girl Scout Cookies to send to the Troops. We will have Bunco at the Fleet on February 27, at 12:30. All are welcome, please bring a finger food to share. Other events the auxiliary will be hosting are:

BBQ for our National President, Pat Suckow to raise money for her project. A very worthy cause, K9 for Warriors, which will be in September either the 10th or 24th. We will let you know more information soon. Anne Barton our Vice-President will be putting up flyers at the fleet, so be on the lookout. On the 14th of May will be having a Yard Sale in the Fleet Parking lot or if it should rain, we will have it inside. We will also have a table for you if you would like to sell your own items, a donation of \$10 per table and two items from you for our auxiliary table.

Our Unit Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 15th at the Fleet Home and our meeting will be on the same day at 6:00pm

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
PRPSE Gail Bolz
Unit President

Email: 60grandma@live.com or Cell #
[843-696-5789](tel:843-696-5789)

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 1-25 – Larry Pepper, signed, not present; 2/1 – James Graham, not signed; 2/8 – Crissie Pringle, not signed; 2/15 -Linda Brinson, not signed.

You must be a member of the Branch or Unit in good standing and you must be signed in the log. You can sign up until 1800 hours, on the day of the drawing. The drawing is held every Tuesday night at 2030 hours.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members – 2
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 14
Members past due – 11
Suspended members - 7
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 5

Member and retention: Ken Wallace/ Advisor Jr. Past RPSE

Laurie Bailey

Active. 849

New Join Thomas Brown and Stephen Taylor

Ready to renew: Jennifer Beilstein, Brian Brooks, Thomas Burgess, Kent Davis, Anthony Dye, Francis Evans, Warren Kratz, Robert Laird, Ron Morgan, Patrick Murphy, Mitchell Nappier, Harley Perry, Dennis Rash, Jason Reifsnnyder, Arthur Robinson, Robert Stodola, Vedonna Sutton, Tim Zartman

Past Due: Matthew Auilera, Bill Ansel, James Bishsop, Arthur Di Filippo, David Dukes, Michelle Dukes, Carlos Echeverry, Matthew Gilbert, Randy Haas, Benjiman Harman, Robert Hookman, Kevin Holland, Nicholas Kopanski, Jon McCain, Theresa Mullis, Phillip Obie, Matthew Ratliff, Randall Rush, Franklin Seitz, Robert Shurling, James Walker, Amy Wood

Suspended: Clifton Carr, Dennis Doerr, Melvin Harper, Robert Kokinda, Kim Smith, George Thiebaud, George Williams

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Feb 28: Lisa Berezny, Michael Berezny, Bill Bradshaw, Joseph Holman, Sierra Hood, David Hughey, Troy Pringle, Deborah Rullmann, Kit Sparger, Nancy Vella, Tine Marie Willis.

Jan 31: Enreicka Alston, Diane Carroll, Maria Gulick, Robert Kirkley, Nichole Nettles, Colleen Pelloni, Steven Pelloni, Troy Pelloni, Douglas Richards, Walter Spiller, George "Skip" Wach, Susan Westbury.

December 31: Sandra Peeples, Connie Singletary.

Past Due: Tammy Robinson, Robert Samples, Kyla Singletary, Maureen Williams, Toby Hunter, Wanda Brown, Nichole Echeverry, Mary Horton, Rita Johnson, Rhonda McNally, Ann Sabo.

Suspended: Karl Farber, Denise Smith.

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAINS' PEW

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of: Jesse Cumbie Jr and Benjamin Larvie

Anyone knowing of any illness or death among our Shipmates or Unit members please contact:

**Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 843-879-9473 or
Unit Chaplain Theresa Milligan @ 843-535-2757**

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 12,626.51
Savings	\$ 4,648.84
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,961.18
Total	\$28,236.53

FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account	\$ 6,400.95
Credit Card account	\$ 1,396.89
Building Fund	\$ 6,439.78
Total	\$25,853.37

Branch Continuous Membership -- March, 2022

Charles Riggs	54 yrs	Richard Davies	24 yrs	Dennis Lanier	15 yrs	Ray Phillips Jr	6 yrs
William Cole	51 yrs	Mark Heck	24 yrs	Wayne McDaniel	15 yrs	Sheri Ragan	6 yrs
Donald Muccheck	48 yrs	Robert Moore	23 yrs	William Stevens	15 yrs	Donald Barton	5 yrs
Frank Carroll Jr	47 yrs	Larry Pepper	23 yrs	Stephen Nogle	13 yrs	William Bryar	5 yrs
Robert Mustain	47 yrs	Thomas Chilton	22 yrs	Keith Schnebel	13 yrs	Kenneth Gray	5 yrs
Joseph Ondo Jr	47 yrs	Richard Duprey	22 yrs	Ray Stanfield	13 yrs	William Mcardle	5 yrs
Thomas Clark	46 yrs	David Johnson	22 yrs	Michael Neff	11 yrs	Ralph Bates	4 yrs
Leo Kelley Sr	44 yrs	Thomas Lawson	22 yrs	Charles Day	9 yrs	William Pilson	4 yrs
Robert Koscianski	44 yrs	Gary Gardner	21 yrs	Lawrence Fletes	9 yrs	Trevor Guevara	3 yrs
Donald Barvilchal	39 yrs	Chris Ludwig	21 yrs	Wayne Stella	9 yrs	Walter Mabe	3 yrs
Jimmie Gambrell	36 yrs	Martin Sessler	20 yrs	Arthur Camera	8 yrs	Larry Guthrie	2 yrs
Bruce Garrabrant	36 yrs	Donald Detwiler	17 yrs	Arthur Hance III	8 yrs	Eddie King	2 yrs
Francis Jones	36 yrs	Jeanette Gombash	17 yrs	Don Ort	7 yrs	William Niera	2 yrs
Charles Ivey	33 yrs	Robert Harris	17 yrs	Howard Hogue	6 yrs	Kevin Sedgley	2 yrs
Robert Hughes	28 yrs	John Tharp	17 yrs	Crystal Koch	6 yrs	Lawrence Baren	1 yr
James Lewis	27 yrs	Paul McHugh	16 yrs	Joe Lunn	6 yrs	Gary Hopper	1 yr
Arthur Brown	24 yrs						

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –March, 2022

Patricia Wlazlinski	53 yrs	Nancy Villa	15 yrs	Michael Berezny	7 yrs	Troy Pringle	3 yrs
Carroll Sandefer	24 yrs	Carol Eustace	15 yrs	Bill Bradshaw	5 yrs	David Hughey	3 yrs
Deborah Rullmann	18 yrs	Marilyn Tharp	13 yrs	Sierra Hood	5 yrs	Ronald Conner	3 yrs
Kit Sparger	18 yrs	Madeline Morrin	12 yrs	Rebecca Moseley	3 yrs	Joseph Holman	2 YRS
Linda Cox	16 yrs	Lisa Berezny	7 yrs	Crissie Pringle	3 yrs	Tine Marie Willis	2 yrs



Don Ort (center) was finally initiated into Branch 269!!



Congratulations to Robert Hudspeth (left) and Tim Zartman (center) for receiving their 15 year continuous membership pins!!

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN MARCH - 2022

If you are a Branch 269 or Unit 269 member, come on in to the Low Country Home **on your birthday** for a

FREE BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Robert Mustain	03/01	Jerry Espiritu	03/08	Chad Parsons	03/18	Martin Sessler	03/24
Hubert Pearce	03/01	Robert Massey	03/09	Edward Smith Jr	03/18	Patricia Day	03/25
Troy Pringle	03/01	John Potter	03/09	Jennifer Beilstein	03/19	Barbara Timmons	03/25
Millard Driscoll	03/02	Michael Dellenbach	03/10	Frederick Koenig	03/19	Timothy McNally	03/26
Trevor Guevara	03/03	Linda Lunn	03/10	Jeff Latourelle	03/19	Gerald Monnat	03/26
03/	03/03	Melanie Caraviello	03/11	Scott Benson	03/20	Thomas Jordan	03/27
Darlene Hines	03/04	Michael Berezny	03/12	Arthur Lee	03/20	Eugene Morris	03/27
George Shatto Sr	03/04	Dennis Bowles	03/12	Anne Barton	03/20	Richard Bishop	03/28
Gary Hopper	03/05	Stuart Erlandsor	03/12	John Pardo	03/21	Don Heywood	03/28
Eugene Lemieux	03/06	Dorothy Grooms	03/12	Sherri Ragan	03/21	Betty Hilliard	03/28
John Merrell Jr	03/06	Connie Chinn	03/14	Cynthia Clark	03/22	Michael Black	03/29
Phillip Obie	03/06	Mackenzie Keohane	03/14	Merie Melling	03/22	Arthur Camera	03/30
Gordon Sarver	03/06	James Bishop	03/16	Martha Willcutt	03/22	Eric Collins	03/30
Jerry Frohbieter	03/07	Morgan Gallapis	03/16	Arilla Cotton	03/24	William Nieschalk	03/30
Bertil Johnson	03/07	Wayne McDaniel	03/17	Frank Hizenbaugh	03/24	Kenneth Cowles	03/31
Dana Johnson	03/07	Kent Davis	03/18	Isla Janney	03/24	Robert Crenshaw	03/31
Ronald Laqua	03/07	Robert Jaeger	03/18	Barbara Moyer	03/24		



Unit 269 had an initiation for two new members:

Left: Mila Taylor

Right: Judy Dziedricki **(WELCOME ABOARD)**



Cornbeef and cabbage lunch and dinner!!

Also will be the Branch meeting night. Wear your favorite Paddy's Day Attire



Daylight Savings time Begins

Sunday, March 13, 2021





Ensign and four chiefs charged for leaking F-35 crash video

A Navy officer and four senior enlisted leaders are facing non-judicial punishment in connection to the [leak of shipboard video footage](#) showing the harrowing Jan. 24 crash of an F-35C Lightning II jet on the deck of the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson while the ship was deployed to the South China Sea. [The video](#) shows the jet hitting the deck, catching fire and then sliding the length of the carrier before falling into the sea.

A Navy ensign, a senior chief and three chiefs have all been charged with failure to obey an order under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Naval Air Forces spokesman Cmdr. Zach Harrell declined to identify the accused or confirm where their cases are in the legal process.

While the investigation into the leaked video is complete, the investigation into the crash remains ongoing, Harrell said.

“We remain grateful to the highly trained Sailors aboard Carl Vinson who immediately responded to ensure that the pilot was recovered from the water, all injured personnel were cared for, and flight deck was cleared and re-set for operations,” Harrell said in a statement. “After a short pause in accordance with safety procedures, the rapid response from the crew enabled flight operations resume with minimal impact to mission requirements.”

U.S. Naval Institute News first reported the charges.

Navy Times’s sister news site, [Defense News](#), reported this week that the crash severed all four of the arresting cables on the Vinson’s deck, which are used to catch and stop landing jets.

The Vinson’s crew had the deck cleared and ready to resume launches and landings within 45 minutes, Defense News reported.



Vietnam Veterans Day

Tuesday, March 29

More info will follow



Spring is here

March 30



The FRA 100 year Coin Bill Introduced

At the request of FRA, Reps. Gus Bilirakis (Fla.) and John Garamendi (Calif.) proudly introduced legislation (H.R.6663) that will create a 100th anniversary commemorative coin for the Fleet Reserve Association. This bipartisan legislation would direct the Department of Treasury to mint a coin to commemorate the centennial of the foundation and charter of the FRA in 1924, all at no cost to American taxpayers.

"For one century, the FRA has served as a strong voice in Washington," said Congressman Gus Bilirakis. "The organization has been instrumental in advocating for Sea Service Members and their families, including successfully fighting back against proposed cuts to benefits and supporting enhanced eligibility and benefits for veterans. The organization has been a valued partner in my fight to rectify the injustice of concurrent receipt. Together, I am optimistic that we will be able to ensure all veterans finally receive the full benefits they've earned and deserve. I am honored to help commemorate this prestigious organization's tireless work and legacy of success."

Members are strongly urged to ask their legislators to co-sponsor this legislation.



Happy 80th birthday

US. Navy

Seabees



The **Navy Construction Battalion** – better known as the Seabees – is responsible for building much of the temporary and permanent infrastructure at U.S. military locations around the world. With roots dating back to World War II, the Seabees were formally established on March 5, 1942, to meet the Navy's growing need to build bases, camps and other structures as part of the war effort.






The **United States Navy Band**, based at the [Washington Navy Yard](#) in Washington, D.C., has served as the official musical organization of the [U.S. Navy](#) since 1925. The U.S. Navy Band serves the ceremonial needs at the seat of government, performing at [presidential inaugurations](#), [state arrival ceremonies](#), [state funerals](#), [state dinners](#), and other significant events.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions
 Friday nights-1930 hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament
 Saturday nights – 2000 hrs – In House 8 Ball Tournament

March, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	1 LCCC Meeting 1900	3 Sub Vets eBoard Meeting	4	5
6 Free Pool	7 VVA Mtg 1800 	8	9	10 SubVet Mtg 	11	12 DAV 1000
13 Free Pool	14 Home Committee 1800	15 Unit Lunch 11:30 Unit 269 Meeting 1800	16 Purple Hearts	17 Branch Mtg 	18	19
20 Free Pool	21	22 Sojourners Meeting 1900	23	24 MCL Mtg 	25	26
27 Free Pool	28	29	30	31		

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Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at The Home or mail your request to the Branch Secretary, tharpj@sc.rr.com

NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT EVERY MONTH

WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!