

Scuttlebutt

May, 2022

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

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

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Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Greetings fellow shipmates,

In 1919 two sailors, Chief Yeoman Robert White and Chief Gunners mate Carl McDonald, testified before Congress on the issue of military pay legislation. They were the first of many to have that opportunity. Two Years later Chief Yeoman George Carlin, not the funny guy, conceived the idea of an association dedicated to monitoring all legislation that impacts enlisted personnel. He became the "father of the FRA." The FRA was chartered on November 11, 1924, in Philadelphia. Since then, over the decades we have been advocating on behalf Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel, ensuring equity in pay, benefits, and the health and welfare of all the sea services. This is the reason we exist. We have a legacy to uphold, and we cannot do it without your support. The Home has some serious financial issues and the participation at our monthly meetings is lacking. If we DO NOT come out and support the branch and the home, we will lose them. If you think not, how many remember Branch 50? The L. Mendell Rivers Branch, which was down on Spruill Avenue, not far from the shipyard gate to the Naval Station. We have a purpose and that is to US and the young men and women who currently serve. We need you to become involved. I have served as your president for two years and will be leaving the area. Other members of our branch have served for years in the positions they now hold. Serving you! It's time to step up to plate and become involved or we experience the same fate Branch 50 did so many years ago. It has been my pleasure to have served you, the branch and the Fleet Reserve Association.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service Harry Nettles

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

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
Cindy Bryan Skip Chilton Robert Gay
Ron Lamon Glenn Little Larry Pepper
Bobbie Sutton Ken Wallace

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

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

Hi Auxiliary Members,

I wish everyone a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary for the month of May!!

We initiated Sandy Houle at our Meeting April 19th.
Welcome Sandy to our Unit 269!!!

We had our Nominations for Officers at the April Meeting:

President – Marilyn Tharp

Vice President – Trish Chilton

Secretary – Linda Cox?

Treasurer – Gale Nathan

Our next meeting on May 17th we will have elections, please come, and join us!!!

Here are our upcoming events for the Month of May:
May 14th yard sale from 8am to 12pm. If you would like to have your own table, the price will be \$10 or if you bring your own table, it will only be \$5. Contact Gale Nathan at (843) 870-7850 for more information.

May 28th Memorial Day Ceremony for VFW will be at McAllister's funeral home in Goose Creek on Saturday at 3:00pm

May 30th Memorial Day Ceremony for The Fleet Reserve Association Monday at 10:00am with reception to follow.

Our next Unit Luncheon will be at the Home on Tuesday May 17th at 11:30 and our meeting on the same day at 6:00pm.

On June 9th we will be giving out snacks and drinks at the VA facility on Rivers Ave. North Charleston for any Veterans, who have appointments.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

PRPSE Gail Bolz

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 4/5 – Arthur Pittman, not signed;
04/12 -Robert Simmang, not signed; 4/19 – Don Barton signed and present; 4/26 – Georgia Carthartm not signed.
You must t 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 – 3

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 12

Members past due – 15

Suspended members - 10

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 1

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

Laurie Bailey

Active. 828

New Join Guy Stuckey, Ernest Sweat Jr. and Harold Trosper Sr.

Ready to renew: Louis Bishop, Robert Burnett, Charlie Calas, Connie Collins, Carter Crosson, Michael Dellenbach, Joe Eudy, Jericho Garcia, Jeff Latourelle, Ray Marshall, ,Gerald Ott, Dale Shepperd

Past Due: Brian Brooks, Thomas Burgess, Fred Busch, Scott Cook, Anthony Dye, Charles Hughes Jr., Gerald Jackson, Jamie Johnson, Robert Laird, Mitchell Nappier, Haley Perry, Dennis Rash, Jason Reifsnyder, Arthur Robinson, Vedonne Sutton.

Suspended: Matthew Aguilera, Arthur Di Filippo, David Dukes, Michelle Dukes, Carlos Echeverry, Randy Haas, Benjiman Harman, Phillip Obie, Randall Rush, Robert Shurling

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by May 31: Carol Bailey, Linda Brinson Rosemary Clark, Linda Cox, Theresa Gavin, Brenda Hiers, Mark Howell, Shelagh Lammers, Mona Lozen.

To be Renewed by April 30: Dawna LaTourelle, Lori Marshall, Elizabeth Norris.

To be Renewed by March 31: Francis Migliano, Kimberly Sparkman, Barbara Berger, Kathleen Bourgeois, Danielle Carroll, Cynthia Clark, Martha Fulmer, Robert Home, Mackenzie Keohane,

Past Due: Michael Berezny, Lisa Berezny, Sierra Hood, David Hughey, Troy Pringle, Erica Alston, Maria Guilick, Coleen Pelloni, Steven Pelloni, Troy Pelloni, Douglas Richards, George Wach, Connie Singletary.

Suspended: Kyla Singletary.

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of EMCM James Williams

Prayers for Chuck Hines, Robert Gay and Jerry Stout
Anyone knowing of any illness or death among our Shipmates or Unit members please contact

Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 843-879-9473
Unit Chaplain Thesera Milligan @ 843-535-2757

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 9,554.39
Savings	\$ 4651.71
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,976.05
Total	\$25,82.15

FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account	\$ 11,617.96
Credit Card Account	\$ 1,525.02
Building Fund	\$ 6,420.00
Total	\$28,342.98

Branch 269 Continuous Membership – MAY, 2022

John Casner Jr	67 yrs	Joseph Brace	30 yrs	Gary Hinks	23 yrs	Scott Benson	14 yrs
Edward Potts	56 yrs	Roland Kring	30 yrs	Lonnie Kenney	23 yrs	Emmett Rackley	14 yrs
Byron Couch	52 yrs	Russell Nichols	29 yrs	Robert Mabe	23 yrs	Mark Hunter	12 yrs
George Shatto Sr	52 yrs	Raymond Pease	29 yrs	Jerry Espiritu	22 yrs	Robert Curtis	11 yrs
Phillip Smith	52 yrs	John Popa	29 yrs	James Harrison	22 yrs	Richard Lawwell	11 yrs
Roy Massey Sr.	51 yrs	Santos Riduca	27 yrs	Paul Langan	22 yrs	Ralph Utermark	11 yrs
Clarence Hall	50 yrs	Cynthia Hannah	26 yrs	Keith Laster	22 yrs	A B Campbell	8 yrs
Jimmy Kimbrell	48 yrs	Darlene Hines	26 yrs	Kenneth Hutchison	19 yrs	Paul Misuraca	8 yrs
Donald Snead	47 yrs	Jones Kersey	26 yrs	Gordon Smith	17 yrs	Marc West	6 yrs
Gerald Starr	46 yrs	Ronald Chambers	24 yrs	Brian Cecil	16 yrs	Charles Murray	5 yrs
Harry Gray Jr	40 yrs	Kirk Owen	24 yrs	Cheryl Cecil	16 yrs	Jeffrey Hamm	4 yrs
Boyd Patterson	37 yrs	Timothy Reed	23 yrs	David Stevens	16 yrs	Michael Fremen	3 yrs
Thomas Scott	37 yrs	David Cox	23 yrs	Norma Walker	16 yrs	John Pontieri	1 yr
James Stover	36 yrs	David Greeno	23 yrs	Soloman Eagles	15 yrs	Robert Richardson	1 yr
Merle Melling	32 yrs						

Unit 269 Continuous Membership – May, 2022

Joan Acosta	39 yrs	Sandra Rader	22 yrs	PRPSE Gail Bolz	15 yrs	Elizabeth Norris	15 yrs
Lori Marshall	8 yrs	Dawna Latourelle	1 yr				



President Harry Nettles presented the Hard Charger Award to a graduate of the Nuclear School Graduation



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN MAY - 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

John Byrd	05/01	Charlotte Johnson	05/10	Elmer Feeser	05/18		
Charles Morris	05/01	Sandra Beilstein	05/10	Wilmer Shirey	05/18	Delores Rucker	05/25
Beverly Shaffer	05/01	Frank Carroll Jr	05/11	David McCann	05/19	Katherine Sparger	05/25
Daniel Wall	05/01	John Parnell	05/11	Kyrstal Shaffer	05/20	Barbara Sullivan	05/25
Yvonne Wallace	05/02	David Dux	05/12	Vernice Smith Jr	05/20	Robert Zauner	05/25
Michael Hanna	05/03	Howard Luper	05/12	William Sullivan	05/20	Ronald Brunner	05/26
Brian Steffen	05/03	Johnny Joyce	05/13	Mark Tracy	05/21	Edward Fretschel III	05/26
Richard Glass	05/04	Crystal Koch	05/13	Ralph Mummey	05/22	Robert Ladue	05/26
Frederick Kiley	05/05	Rosalie Lawrence	05/13	Keith Suiter Sr.	05/22	Edward Stover	05/26
Michael Sparks	05/05	Rhonda McNally	05/13	Joe Travis	05/22	Stephen Kamp	05/27
Tim Zartman	05/05	Thomas Wunder	05/13	Jack Wirick	05/22	John Nichols	05/27
David Emerson	05/06	John Johnson Jr	05/14	Oscar Edrada	05/23	Wallace Williams	05/27
Russell Hale	05/06	Robert Simmang	05/14	Craig Vanderbilt	05/23	Jack Collier	05/29
Jeff Barnes	05/07	John Pontoeri	05/14	William Galloway	05/24	George Kaye	05/29
Shirley McDonald	05/07	Bryan Wright	05/14	Roy Knight	05/24	Richard Davies	05/30
Charles Riggs	05/07	Christopher Gillespie	05/15	James Moseley	05/24	Laurie Douty	05/30
Marc West	05/07	Elmer Mullins	05/15	Charles Wright	05/24	James Fricks	05/30
Charles Clore	05/08	Donald Barton	05/16	Lawrence Fowler	05/25	Tom Lufkin	05/30
Rocco Losito	05/09	Richard Crank	05/16	Rebecca Moseley	05/25	Jerry Walton	05/30
TONIA MILLER	05/09	Michael LeCompte	05/16			John Lambert	05/31
						Don Ort	05/31



Left: NP Pat Suckow (Unit 269 member) stands next to the National President James Campbell with a member of the "Old Guard" to present a wreath at the Pilgrimage



Right: Picture at the Mast of the Maine



Left:
Jeffrey Kirksey received his 5 year continuous membership pin



Above right: Second from right: Robert Stancik received his 60 year continuous membership pin. Congratulations!!!
Middle- Thomas Seay received his 40 year continuous membership pin.
Left: Richard Wise received his 5 year continuous membership pin.



Welcome Aboard Marjorie Gottsch!!
New member for Unit 269



Left: LAFRA President Pat Suckow received her 20 year continuous membership pin

The **Battle of the Coral Sea**, from 4 to 8 May 1942, was a major **naval battle** between the **Imperial Japanese Navy** (IJN) and naval and air forces of the United States and Australia. Taking place in the **Pacific Theatre** of **World War II**, the battle is historically significant as the first action in which **aircraft carriers** engaged each other and the first in which the opposing ships neither sighted nor fired directly upon one another.



The American aircraft carrier **USS Lexington** explodes on 8 May 1942, several hours after being damaged by a Japanese carrier air attack.



Happy Mothers Day
May 8, 2022



Military Spouse Day --- May 6, 2022

*The Friday before **Mother's Day** in the **United States** is observed as **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**. It is a day to acknowledge the significant others of military personnel who hold the fort down at home while their partners are protecting*

National Nurses Day is the first day of National Nursing Week, which concludes on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. Yet the week was first observed in the US in October 1954 to mark the 100th anniversary of Nightingale's pioneering work in Crimea.



May 13 – 1908 – Navy Nurse Corps Established



The United States Navy Nurse Corps was officially established by Congress in 1908; however, unofficially, women had been working as nurses aboard Navy ships and in Navy hospitals for nearly 100 years. The Corps was all-female until 1965.

VFW 10256 will be hosting a Memorial Day Service on Saturday, May 28 at McAlisters' Funeral Home (869 St. James Ave, Goose Creek, at 1500. This includes a service and wreath laying. Please come to this service if at all possible

At 0800 on Memorial Day we will have a working party to put flags on all Veterans graves at Plantation Memorial Gardens. This only takes a few minutes if we get enough members to help. Flags will be picked up at 1700.

The Branch 269/Unit 269 will be hosting a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30 at 1000 at the Fleet Home. After the service there will be an indoor picnic

Members of the Branch and Unit will be cooking special meals:

May 10, 1800-2000
Pancit and Chicken Adobo

May 24, 1800-2000
Fried Rice and Egg Rolls

This oriental food is excellent. If you have not tried it please come out and enjoy!!!!!!!



Article from PNP Don Mucheck

PRPSE Shipmate John Handzuk of West Jacksonville Branch 126 will be making an official visit to Branch 269 at the May General Assembly. Shipmate John is a candidate for the high office of FRA National Vice President.

The May meeting will be the 2nd round of nominations and the elections. After the first round of nominations for Branch Officers and Directors, as well as Home Committee, there are still have two vital offices to be filled—Branch President and Branch Vice President.

According to the FRA National Constitution and Bylaws, a branch our size in Group I requires a minimum of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (may be combined()), and five Directors to remain a Branch in good standing. Otherwise, the Branch will be placed in suspension or have their charter revoked. If this occurs, the Auxiliary of the Branch will also be placed in suspension or charter revoked. Since the Branch is the sponsor of the FRA Home, should the Branch have to be placed in suspension or charter revoked due to lack of officers required to operate, the FRA Home will also be closed for business until the Branch becomes in compliance with FRA National Constitution and Bylaws.

There will be no Home to come to without these two positions. If you would like to be the President or Vice President, there are members that can assist you with these positions.

Also, the Home Committee is required to have a Chairman, Administrative Secretary, Financial Secretary and eight Directors to function in compliance with State of South Carolina regulations for nonprofit veteran's organization. Four of the eight directors may be from the Auxiliary.

With almost 900 Branch members in good standing, there must be someone who can come forward and hold an elective office to prevent the above the happen.

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

May, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	4	5 SubVet eboard meeting	6	7
8 Free Pool <i style="color: red;">Mother's Day</i>	9 VVA Mtg 1800 	10	11	12 SubVet mtg 	13	14 DAV 1000
15 Free Pool	16 Home Committee 1800	17 Unit Lunch 1130 Unit 269 Meeting 1800	18	19 Branch mtg 	20	21
22 Free Pool	23	24	25	26 MCL Meeting 	27	28
29 Free Pool	30	31 Sojourners Meeting 1900				

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Shipmates AND auxiliary members, if you WISH or MUST have the monthly newsletter by "pony express" you MUST request it.
The Branch has voted to cut printing and mailing expenses. If you don't own a computer, you obviously cannot see the newsletter online. To receive it via "pony express", you MUST submit IN WRITING your request to have it mailed.
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