

Scuttlebutt

June 2022

Branch/Unit 269  
Goose Creek  
South Carolina



Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

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**Branch President's Corner**

Good day Shipmates,

Well, my term as your President is about to end. It has been a great two years getting to know and serving with you. In two and half weeks Shipmate Ken Hutchinson will be inducted as the new Branch 269 President. My tenure as the Branch President has afforded me many wonderful opportunities. I have spoke at Memorial Day services we have held and presented awards at the Nuclear Power School class graduations. We have shared picnics and other wonderful events, such as Toys for Tots shopping at Walmart. It is always fun to spend other people's money on kids you will never meet. Had I not moved out to Santee to spend time with two of my grandchildren I might still be the president, but granddaddy wants time to hold and spoil them. I wish the best for all of you and our Branch as we sail into the future.

In order, protection, and service,

Harry Nettles

Outgoing Branch 269 President

**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**

**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

Hi Auxiliary Members,

At our monthly meeting May 17, we held officer elections. Here are the winners for year 2022 - 2023

- President - Gail Bolz
- Vice President - Ann Barton
- Secretary - Marilyn Tharp
- Treasurer - Gale Nathan

Congratulations to all and here's hoping for a successful year!

Girl Scout Troop 220 presented us with a beautiful certificate for our ordering of cookies to send to the troops.

We also had a very special visit from the Southeast Regional President,

Ronalee Klase.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Garage Sale, and especially

Don Barton and John Tharp from the Branch 269

Upcoming events:

June 9<sup>th</sup> we will be handing out snacks to the Veterans at the new clinic in North Charleston. We would love some donations for the snacks!! Please check the Bar area at the Fleet for a Snack Box. Crackers, Chips, Cookies to name a few. A list will be provided at the Fleet on the box.

June 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Golf Tournament at the Naval Weapon Station Golf Course.

June 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having our unit luncheon at Oscar's at 207 W. Fifth North St. Summerville.

Due to the Installation of the Branch and Unit there will be no Meeting in June.

July 14<sup>th</sup> will be our next Unit Meeting, and all are welcome!!!!

**Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,**

PRPSE Gail Bolz

**WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME**

Names drawn lately: 5/3- Kenneth Kirchner, not signed; 5/10 - Frederick Daughtery, not signed; 5/17 – Arthur Pittman, not signed; 5/24- Julian Czeisszperger, present, 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 – 32
- Members past due – 21
- Suspended members - 5
- Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 0

**Member and retention: Ken Wallacew**

Active. 826

**New Join** Matthew Aquilera Jr, Albert Schwartz

**Ready to Renew:** Roger Adams, David Aldrich, Robert Brinson, Ralph Brown, Jr, Rocky Davis, Patrick Dermody, Lonnie Donahue, Elmer Feeser, Darrell Frier, Trish Gallagher, Terry Gomez, William Hayes, Dan Heath, Harold Herrington, Charles Hollowood, Larry Knutson, George Labree, Robert Ladue, Michael Leclair, Julian Lemley, Raymond McKinley, Michael Mercer, Edward Multrey. John Pontgieri, William Reed, Charles Rider, Santos Riduca, Waylon Sexton, Brian Sims, Robert Sowards, Martin Tinsley, Jeffrey Wilmoth

**Past Due:** John Aquilera Jr, Lawrence Barten, Brian Brooks, Thomas Burgess, Arthur Camera, Trevor Guevara, Larry Guthrie, Gary Hopper, Eddie King, Robert Laird, Mitchell Nappier, Michael Neff, William Neira, Harley Perry, Ray Phillips Jr, William Pilson, Dennis Rash, Jason Reifsnnyder, Keith Schnebel, Kevin Sedgley, Vedonna Sutton

**Suspended:** Fred Busch, Scott Cook, Charles Hughes, Gerald Jackson, Jamie Johnson

**Unit Membership and Retention**

**To be Renewed by June 30:** Deborah Bacur, Patricia Day, Linda Doll, Lawrence Fowler, Faye Graham, Curtis March, Brian Marrale, Ruth Petersen, Sheila Shea, James Tennes, Theresa White, Margaret Henshall, Presilla Wilbanks.

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

**Past Due:** Dawna LaTourelle, Lori Marshall, Francis Migliaro, Kimberly Sparkman, Barbara Berger, Kathleen Bourgeois, Danielle Carroll, Cynthia Clark, Martha Fulmer, Robert Horne, Mackenzie Keohane, Michael Berezny, Lisa Berezny, Sierra Hood, David Hughey, Troy Pringle, Enrica Alston, Coleen Pelloni, Steven Pelloni, Troy Pelloni, Douglas Richards, George Wach.

**BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW**

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 Theresa 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 \$ 11,637.65  
 Credit Card Account \$ 524.35  
 Building Fund \$ 6,420.16  
 Total \$26,631.16

**Branch 269 Continuous Membership – June, 2022**

Richard Hair	56 yrs	Martin Tinsley II	32 yrs	Ken Ealy	21 yrs	Daniel Mckiernan	8 yrs
John Pardo	55 yrs	David Menefee	29 yrs	Lee Heitner	21 yrs	Jeffrey Wilmoth	8 yrs
Charles Rider	49 yrs	David Aldrich	28 yrs	Brian Sims	21 yrs	Trish Gallagher	7 yrs
James Giordano	48 yrs	Dwight Bain	23 yrs	Don Kopczynski	20 yrs	Michael Mercer	6 yrs
Dan Heath Jr	47 yrs	Randy Bognar	23 yrs	Robert Ladue	20 yrs	Eddie Beasley	5 yrs
Ronald Hoadley Jr	47 yrs	Gary Gander	23 yrs	Patrick Dermody	19 yrs	Benjamin Bollard	5 yrs
Franklin Osburn	47 yrs	Steven Gearhart	23 yrs	Terry Gomez	19 yrs	Michael Leclair	5 yrs
Perry Riley	47 yrs	Douglas Jordan	23 yrs	Paul King	18 yrs	Fred Sprague	5 yrs
William Korbisch	46 yrs	James Kenney	23 yrs	KEITH TIMMONS	18 yrs	John Thiry	5 yrs
Roy Knight	41 yrs	Grady Scott	23 yrs	Bobby Beck	17 yrs	Robert Brinson	4 yrs
Ronald Henderson	39 yrs	Robert Sowards	23 yrs	William Dunsing	17 yrs	William Reed	4 yrs
Joseph Dick	37 yrs	Terry Sprague	23 yrs	Mike Sroka	17 yrs	Johnny Ellis Jr	3 yrs
Carson Burgess	34 yrs	Roger Adams	22 yrs	James Baker	16 yrs	Darrell Frier	3 yrs
Jerry Frohbieter	34 yrs	Dwayne Ashline	22 yrs	Steven Edmund Sr	15 yrs	Lee Lepretre	3 yrs
Lester Callahan	33 yrs	Joseph Giannetto	22 yrs	Larry Knutson	15 yrs	William Ragan	3 yrs
Lonnie Donahue	33 yrs	Dennis Hazel	22 yrs	Donovan Bennett	13 yrs	Charles Hollywood	2 yrs
Maureen Gonzales	33 yrs	Thomas Lindberg	22 yrs	George Labree	13 yrs	Charles Walker	2 yrs
Michael Hanna	33 yrs	Howard Miles	22 yrs	Julian Lemley	13 yrs	Ralph Brown Jr	1 yr
James Kint	33 yrs	William Roberts	22 yrs	William Maloon	11 yrs	Dennis Cox	1 yr
Edward Mulrey	33 yrs	George Roberts	22 yrs	Gregg Schneider	10 yrs	Rockey Davis	1 yr
Leroy Rothrauff	33 yrs	Daniel Ryan	22 yrs	Kevin Scott	10 yrs	William Hayes	1 yr
Harold Herrington	32 yrs	Robert Windrow	22 yrs	Elmer Feeser	8 yrs	Waylon Sexton	1 yr
Gareld Landis	32 yrs						

**Unit 269 Continuous Membership – June 2022**

Linda Brinson	53 yrs	Susan Pardo	22 yrs	Bryan Kopczynski	15 yrs	Tammy Robinson	9 yrs
Brenda Hiers	24 yrs	Hazel Hacker	22 yrs	Isla Janney	14 yrs	Shelagh Lammers	9 yrs
Carol Bailey	24 yrs	Rosemary Clark	18 yrs	Theresa Gavin	13 yrs	Mark Howell	6 yrs
Mona Lozen	22 yrs	Linda Cox	16 yrs	Lori Beier	10 yrs	Scott Huber	4 yrs

## YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN JUNE - 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

James Gregory	05/01	Brian Repphun	05/07	James Hutton	05/15	Roy Kingdom	05/26
Carolyn Rose	05/01	Donald Langdon	05/08	Maryln Mucheck	05/15	Presilla Wilbanks	05/26
Sam Pennington	05/02	Mila Taylor	05/10	Phillip Smith	05/16	Dan Heath Jr	05/27
Ronald Vanco	05/02	Ronald Chambers	05/11	David Stevens	05/18	Robert Vehorn	05/27
Nancy Vella	05/02	Tricia Hughes	05/11	Connie Collins	05/19	Deborah Bacur	05/28
Richard Herndon	05/03	Otto Kaske	05/11	Raymond Cotton	05/19	Esther Ellisor	05/28
William Jenkins	05/03	Richmond Smith	05/11	Robert Kirtley	05/19	Lowell Mills	05/28
Willie Thompson Jr	05/03	Vedonna Sutton	05/11	Robert Reynolds	05/19	James Nelson	05/28
Marvin Brigman	05/05	Felix Cabanting	05/12	James Graham Sr	05/20	Lowell Mills	05/28
Angela Chapman	05/05	Tommy Hellems	05/12	Charles Magano	05/20	John Flynn	05/29
Matthew Douty	05/05	Donald Mucheck	05/12	Sandra Houle	05/22	Arthur Hance III	05/29
Judy Duncan	05/05	Guy Travaglio	05/12	Allan Patton	05/22	Michael Quigley	05/29
Shelagh Lammers	05/05	Robert Laird	05/14	Michael Andrews	05/23	Charles Rein	05/29
Larry Tarzwell	05/06	Robert Simmang	05/14	Michael Goad	05/23	Arthur Brown	05/30
William Teague	05/06	Alfred Bauer	05/15	Ron Morgan	05/24	John Sloane	05/30
Cacey Anderson	05/07	Cynthia Hannah	05/15	Ralph Bates	05/26	Gloria Bolyn	05/30
Nicole Nettles	05/07	Donald Heinie	05/15	Wendy Holman	05/26		



Top Left: Unit member Theresa Milligan volunteering at the VA Hospital (Rivers Ave.)

Top right: Theresa Milligan receiving a Volunteer Excellence Award from the Director of the VA.



Top Left: Left (Marilyn Tharp presented a 5 year continuous membership pin to (center) Anne Barton and a 15 year pin to Gail Bolz.



Top Right: The Unit is presented a certificate from Girl Scout Troop 220 for Girl Scout cookie sales.



Steve and Milda Taylor (above left) with Presilla Wilbanks (top right) cooked Phillipino food for the Home on May 10 and 24. Their husbands (Steve and Tommy helped with the meal as well as serving)



Welcome aboard to Harold Trosper

**Congratulation to the new Unit 269 Officers for the 2022-2023 Association Year**

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 Kathy Sorenson NP Pat Suckow  
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 Alvin Cales Linda Cox  
 Ann Griffith Presilla Wilbanks

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 Ken Wallace PRPSE Laurie Bailey  
 Tim Bailey

**Installation of Branch and Unit Officers**

*The Installation of the Branch and Unit will be on June 10 with dinner at 1800 and installation of Officers at 1900. The National FRA Vice President will do the installation of the Branch. PRPSE Fred Bolz will do the installation of the Unit.*

*Cost of the installation will be \$5.00. Tickets will be available behind the bar. This will be for a head count. I really encourage members to get tickets and attend this event.*





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



The **Battle of Midway** was a major naval battle in the [Pacific Theater](#) of [World War II](#) that took place on 4–7 June 1942, six months after Japan's [attack on Pearl Harbor](#) and one month after the [Battle of the Coral Sea](#).<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> The [U.S. Navy](#) under Admirals [Chester W. Nimitz](#), [Frank J. Fletcher](#), and [Raymond A. Spruance](#) defeated an attacking fleet of the [Imperial Japanese Navy](#) under Admirals [Isoroku Yamamoto](#), [Chūichi Nagumo](#), and [Nobutake Kondō](#) near [Midway Atoll](#), inflicting devastating damage on the Japanese fleet. Military historian [John Keegan](#) called it "the most stunning and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare",<sup>[9]</sup> while naval historian [Craig Symonds](#) called it "one of the most consequential naval engagements in world history, ranking alongside [Salamis](#), [Trafalgar](#), and [Tsushima Strait](#), as both tactically decisive and strategically influential".<sup>[10]</sup>

Luring the American [aircraft carriers](#) into a trap and occupying Midway was part of an overall "barrier" strategy to extend Japan's defensive perimeter, in response to the [Doolittle air raid](#) on [Tokyo](#). This operation was also considered preparatory for further attacks against [Fiji](#), [Samoa](#), and [Hawaii](#) itself. The plan was undermined by faulty Japanese assumptions of the American reaction and poor initial dispositions. Most significantly, [American cryptographers](#) were able to determine the date and location of the planned attack, enabling the forewarned U.S. Navy to prepare its own ambush.

Four Japanese and three American aircraft carriers participated in the battle. The four Japanese [fleet carriers](#)—[Akagi](#), [Kaga](#), [Sōryū](#), and [Hiryū](#), part of the [six-carrier force that had attacked Pearl Harbor](#) six months earlier—were sunk, as was the [heavy cruiser Mikuma](#). The U.S. lost the carrier [Yorktown](#) and the destroyer [Hammann](#), while the carriers [USS Enterprise](#) and [USS Hornet](#) survived the battle fully intact.

After Midway and the exhausting attrition of the [Solomon Islands campaign](#), Japan's capacity to replace its losses in [materiel](#) (particularly aircraft carriers) and men (especially well-trained pilots and maintenance crewmen) rapidly became insufficient to cope with mounting casualties, while the United States' massive industrial and training capabilities made losses far easier to replace. The Battle of Midway, along with the [Guadalcanal campaign](#), is widely considered a turning point in the [Pacific War](#).

## 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

**June, 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 SubVet eboard meeting	3	4
5 Free Pool	6 VVA Mtg 1800 	7 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	8	9 SubVet mtg 	10	11 DAV 1000  Golf Tournament
12 Free Pool	13 Home Committee 1800	14 Unit 269 Meeting 1800 Fly your FLAG	15 Purple Hearts 1900	16 Branch mtg 	17	18
19 Free Pool	20	21	22	23 3MCL Meeting 	24	25
26 Free Pool	27	28 Sojourners Meeting 1900	29	30		

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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](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)