

Scuttlebutt
August, 2022

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269
National website:
<http://facebook.com/groups/frabbranch269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

This past month has been a learning experience for me as the Branch President. We have several hard working shipmates and ladies, How ever they are the same members who continue to step up year after year, We do need more members to volunteer their time, attend functions and meetings. A well deserved Thank You goes to Shipmates John Pardo, Ray Stanfield, Tim Bailey, Todd Walker and others for your time and maintenance work you continue to provide for the Home.

Shipmates the sad truth is that We are operating in what is best described as a Survival mode, We have not yet recovered from the Covid pandemic scare, The Home committee and Managers are doing everything possible to cut costs and increase revenue, We need your support, fresh fund raising ideas and participation , Come back to the home ,Enjoy the fellowship of your shipmates ,Help us increase cash flow,

Yours in Loyalty ,Protection and Service.

Ken Hutchinson
Branch 269 President

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Kenneth Hutchison Vice-President - Donald Barton
Treasurer - PNP Don Muecheck Secretary - John Tharp
Jr. Past President – Harry Nettles

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRPSE Laurie Bailey	Tim Bailey	Cindy Bryan
Skip Chilton	Ron Lamon	Tom Lawson
Glenn Little	Larry Pepper	Bobbi 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 – Skip Chilton

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton	Financial Sec- Cindy Bryan
Director – PRPSE Gail Bolz	Director –PRPSE Laurie Bailey
Director - Linda Cox	Director – Tim Bailey
Director – John Tharp	Director – Trish Chilton
Director – Marilyn Tharp	Director – Ken Wallace
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

Theresa Milligan	Sandra Houle
Kathy Sorenson	NP Pat Suckow
Trish Chilton	Judy Dziedzicki
Alvin Cales	Linda Cox
Ann Griffith	Presilla Wilbanks

LAFRA UNIT 269

Appointees & Committee Chairs

Chaplain – Theresa Milligan	Amer/Pat – Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	VAVS – Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson	Anne Barton
Welfare/Rehab - Vacant	Ship's Store -RVPSE Lee Nettles

Publicity – Anne Barton	Hospital – Theresa Milligan
Parliamentarian— Linda Cox	Membership – Anne Barton
Youth Activities—Anne Barton	Unit Activities— All Members

Madam President Tidbits



Hi Auxiliary Members,

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all for the month of August!!

Welcome Shirley Troster and Dee Wallace!!!

With sad news long-time member Erin Giannetto passed away on July 20th. We will drape our charter for her at the next meeting. We draped the charter for Dianne Carroll who was also a long-time member at this July meeting.

4th of July indoor Picnic Dessert Competition Results:

1st place-Marilyn Tharp with a Fruit Pizza

2nd place- Christine Stout with a Berry Truffle

3rd place- Judy Highberger with a Black Forrest Cake.

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Upcoming events are:

Aug. 5th – Coast Guard Birthday Cake Cutting

Aug. 22-26- SE Regional Convention, Jacksonville, FL.

Sept. 10 – Branch/Unit Picnic, Short Stay

Oct. 14th – Navy Birthday Cake Cutting

Oct. 16-22- National Convention, Birmingham, AL.

Nov. 6th – Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 11th – Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting

Dec. 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

Dec. 10th- Adult Christmas Party

Dec. 17th – Wreaths Across America.

The next Unit Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16th at 11:30, Bahama Breeze, 7811 Rivers Ave., N. Charleston. Please let the Secretary know if you plan to attend so reservations can be made properly

Our next Meeting will be the same day as to luncheon, except at 6:00pm

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

PRPSE Gail Bolz Unit President

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Aug 31: Annie Bain, Anna Brown, Georgia Cathcart, Linda Jones, Arthur Lee, Linda Lunn, Sandra Medley, Barbara Moyer, Patty Russell, Donald Whiteley.

July 31: Cacey Anderson, Carol Eustace, Gina Horne, Linda Odell, Ann Tolentino, Jacqueline Verheyen.

Past Due: Patricia Day, Linda Doll, Faye Graham, Margaret Henshall, Brian Marrale, Sheila Shea, James Tennes, Theresa White, Rosemary Clark, Linda Cox, Theresa Gavin, Mona Lozen, Lori Marshall, Francis Migliano, Kimberly Sparkman, Barbara Berger, Kathleen Bourgeois, Martha Fulmer, Robert Home, Mackenzie Keohane.

Suspended: Sierra Hood, David Hughey, Troy Pringle.

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 5/31 – Gloris Bolyn, not signed; 6/7 -Randy Bognar, not signed; 6/14 – Robert Buell, 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.

There is no cap on the weekly drawing.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members – 9

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 1

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 14

Members past due – 14

Suspended members - 9

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 0

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Active. 819

New Join Paul Close, Arthur Di Filippo and Joseph Weber

Ready to Renew: Robin Buell, John Cardno, Jay Duncan, Darry Greene, William Haney, Robert Hedin, Kenneth Kirchner, Charles Lewis, Ralph Rohrssen, William Scheer, Richmond Smith, James Spence, Robert Vehorn, Jerry Young

Past Due: Scott Benson, Louis Bishop, Robert Burnett, A. B. Campbell, Connie Collins, Harry Gray, Andrew Trout

Suspended: Arthur Camera, Trevor Guevara, Larry Guthrie, Gary Hopper, Eddie King, Michael Neff, William Neira, Ray Phillips, Jr., William Pilson, Keith Schnebel, Kevin Sedgley, James Williams

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of Unit member Erin Giannetto, and Branch members SN Corinne Janney, RMC John Morrison, James Dennis, Charles Rider, CPO Boyd Patterson, ICC Walter Rydzy, Emmett Lee Rackley and CPO Dale Brennan

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 \$ 11,671.88
 Savings \$ 4,653.66
 Certificate of Deposit \$10,976.05
 Total \$27,301.59

FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account \$ 8,179.63
 Credit Card Account \$ 1446.27
 Building Fund \$ 6,420.32
 Total \$23,416.22

Branch 269 Continuous Membership – August, 2022

Robert Bailey (48) Charles Morris (48) Charles Szad (48) Edward Fisher (45) James Harrison (45) David McCann (44) Robert Kirtley (42) Robert Bryant (37) Robert Geiger (37) Brendan Goff (34) Delores Rucker (34) Ronald Hacker (32)	Howard Anderson (24) James Houchin (23) David Kiger (23) Stuart Erlandson (21) Dana Johnson (21) Larry Larkins (21) Carl Miller (16) Linwood Murrow (16) Chad Parnell (15) John Priest (14) Charlie Hudson (12) Bill Sellers (12)	Richard Troy (12) David Farley (8) Daniel McKeown (8) John Nichols (8) William Reed III (8) Mark Erwin (7) Owen Bower (6) Ray Bryant (6) Helen Breen (5) Harry Nettles (4) Alfred Alston (3) Christian Beilstein (3)	Peter Andruchowsky (2) Darry Greene (2) Ronnie Jones (2) Bob Segal (2) John Adams (1) Mariela Anderson (1) Bob Browning (1) Johnny Ellis Jr. (1) Trevor England ((1) James Longo (1) Rosemary Mansfield (1)
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Unit 269 Continuous Membership –August, 2022

Barbara Timmons (42) Martha Willcutt (26) Cacey Anderson (23) Margie Rothrauff (23) Barbara Sullivan (23)	Elizabeth Adams (22) Mary Anna Chinnners (15) Tonia Miller (12) Loretta Dailey (9) Benita Kinlaw (8)	Jacqueline Verheyen (8) Ann Tolentino (6) Linda Vinson (6) Linda Odell (5) Mildred Koscianski (4)	Jessica Murphy (3) Deborah Breeze (2) Gina Horne (2) Lori Ryan (2) Ann Griffith (1)
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Come out to the Fleet on Friday, August 5 at 1800 and help us celebrate the U. S. Coast Guard birthday.

UF We will have a cake to cut for them to cut and all to share



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN AUGUST - 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**

Mike Hadbavny (1)	Carol Mustain (8)	Elizabeth Mullins (16)	Lawrence Denapoli (23)
Lance Rabon (1)	Loye Bryant (9)	Ann O'Brien (16)	Lynnette Jordan (23)
Rita Stiegelmeier (1)	Lonnie Donahue (9)	David Thomas (17)	Lori Marshall (23)
Roberrt Brinson (2)	Michael Cline (10)	Bruce Bailey (18)	Kenneth Kirchner (24)
Bonnie Laseter (2)	Dustin Darnell (10)	Danielle Carroll (18)	John Kelle (25)
Paarke Manuel (2)	James Highberger (10)	Norma Walker (18)	Roberta Kiley (25)
James McDonough (2)	Ronald Hoadley Jr (10)	Johnny Ellis (19)	Roger Nelson (25)
Stephen Jedffery (3)	Elliott Starney (10)	Gerald Fraser (19)	DJ Nyhart (25)
Francis Migliaro (3)	Bobby Barbee (11)	Benjamin Kluth Jr (20)	Richard Fairbanks (26)
Jim Wilson (3)	Neta Fewox (11)	Jay Rowland II (20)	Ralph Utermark (26)
Solomon Eagles (4)	Robin Corkill (12)	Bill Sellers (20)	Charlie Hudson (27)
Steven Edmund Sr (4)	Todd Walker (12)	William Besco (21)	Lee Lepretre (27)
Norma Jean Houck (4)	Fredrick Daughtery(13)	Marion Clark (21)	Jon McCain (27)
Thomas Krieger (4)	William Ribbeck (13)	James Delaney (21)	Allen Downs (28)
Timothy Kuehhas (4)	William Mullins (13)	Alan Dempster (21)	Brandon Pruett (28)
Fred Sprague (6)	Sheila Shea (13)	William Roberts (21)	William Ragan (28)
James Vinson (7)	Joan Wilson (13)	Frederick Bolz (22)	Thomas Clark (29)
Yvonne Aguilera (8)	Charles Pyatt (14)	David Lyle III (22)	William Freligh (30)
Dale Brannen (8)	Leroy Rothrauff (15)	Roberta Sutton (22)	Tina Marie Willis (31)
Brude Garrabrant (8)	Johnny Brown (16)		Grady Scott (31)



(Center) Willie Thompson received his 60 year membership pin from PNP Don Mucheck



Congratulations to our continuous pins:

(Left) John Paul Pardo (55 years)

(Middle) Kenneth Ferrell (20 years)

(Right) Lindsay Nelson (5 years)



Nytasja Sanders was initiated into the Fleet Reserve

She was also the most recent "Hard Charger Award"



Unit Vice President (Right) initiated two new members into Unit 269

(Left) Dee Wallace

(Middle) Phyllis Trospen

From the Unit Secretary (mtharp@sc.rr.com)

REMINDER:

**As of January 1, 2022,
Membership Dues for the LA FRA
have increased from \$20 – Now dues are \$25.
Please plan accordingly.**

UPCOMING EVENT:

Unit 269 is planning a fundraiser BBQ dinner for Sept 24 from 12:00 – 3:00 at the Fleet.

Meal and Dessert -- \$12. Tickets will be available at the bar.

There will be a 50/50 Drawing at 2:00.

Proceeds go to the LA FRA National President’s Project: “K-9s for Warriors.” (K-9s for Warriors

is an American charity and veterans service organization that provides service dogs to veterans

– your donation will save two lives “They rescue the dog, and the dog rescues the Warrior”.)



U.S. Marine Corps Band

(The President’s own)

was established on July 11, 1798



CONGRATULATIONS

The last golf tournament Ben Kluth got a “HOLE IN ONE”

Guess this is the first one in many tournaments.

Odds of a hole in one is 12,500 to 1



Ken Wallace and PRPSE Laurie Bailey are manning a hospitality table for the VA giving out snacks to veterans with appointments.

The Branch will do this more often.



On August 6, 1945, during World War II (1939-45), an American B-29 bomber dropped the world's first deployed atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The explosion immediately killed an estimated 80,000 people; tens of thousands more would later die of radiation exposure. Three days later, a second B-29 dropped another A-bomb on Nagasaki, killing an estimated 40,000 people. Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced his country's unconditional surrender in World War II in a radio address on August 15, citing the devastating power of "a new and most cruel bomb."



The **Purple Heart (PH)** is a [United States military decoration](#) awarded in the name of the [President](#) to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after 5 April 1917, with the [U.S. military](#). With its forerunner, the [Badge of Military Merit](#), which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest [military award](#) still given to U.S. military members,



National Aviation Day

The holiday was established in 1939 by [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#), who issued a proclamation which designated the anniversary of [Orville Wright](#)'s birthday to be National Aviation Day (Mr. Wright, born in 1871, was still alive when the proclamation was first issued and lived another nine years). The proclamation was codified (USC 36:1:A:1:118), and it is the duty of every sitting US President to proclaim August 19 as *National Aviation Day* each year, if a proclamation may direct all federal buildings and installations to fly the US flag on that day, and may encourage citizens to observe the day with activities that promote interest in aviation. [\[1\]](#)

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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

NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT EVERY MONTH

WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!