

Scuttlebutt
October 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

With the hot and humid dog days of summer behind us, as we look forward to the pleasant cool days ahead we start a very busy schedule,

The LA National President's BBQ fund raiser will be held on 24 Sep 1200/1500 to raise funds to support "K-9's for Warriors" come out and help us support this worthy cause. We will celebrate our Navy's 237th Birthday with a cake cutting on the 14th of Oct at 1800,

The annual FRA/LA National Convention will be held in Birmingham AL 16-22 Oct, The Oct Board of directors/ General assembly will be held on Monday 24 Oct 1800/1900. Moving on to Nov remember Veterans Day activities, Branch 269 will participate in the annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Charleston, placing flags at Plantation memorial gardens as well as our annual Veterans day service and indoor picnic (more info to follow)

Looking to hold a field day in near future, clean up home and grounds, Come to the home and help us celebrate these functions,

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service

Ken Hutchison

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

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

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 everyone for the month of October and a special Birthday to the Navy!!!! Our meeting went very well. S We draped our Charter for, Erin Gianetto and Pearl Korbisch. May they Rest in Peace.

Thank you, Ann Griffith, Kathy Sorenson, Trish Chilton, NP Pat Suckow, PRPSE Gale Nathan and Priscilla Wilbanks for helping to take over an activity.

All went well at the Regional Convention. Yours truly is going to be Southeast Regional President for the year 2022-2023. Shirley Reed from Unit 22 is going to be our Vice President. Congratulations to Shirley Reed!!

Please take note of the following, September 24th, BBQ at the fleet from 12pm to 3pm for only \$12. All proceeds go to the K-9 Warriors. Thank you, Misfits, for helping our NP Pat Suckow with this project. Bunco is back, Oct 9th at the Fleet starts at 12:30 for only a donation of \$10. Please bring a finger food to share.

Upcoming Events:

October 14th, Navy Birthday Cake Cutting at the fleet, 6pm.

16-22nd, National Convention, Birmingham

November 6th, Veterans Day Parade

November 11th, Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting

December 7th, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

December 9th, Adult Christmas Party

December 17th, Wreaths Across America

Unit Luncheon will be on Oct. 26th time 11:30 at Bahama Breeze, 7811 Rivers Ave, N. Charleston please email Marilyn Tharp so she can make reservations.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 26th time 6pm at Fleet. Due to National Convention, our meeting was moved to the above date.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
PRPSE Gail Bolz

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Oct 31: Yvonne Aguiler, Elfriede Campbell, James Caraviello, Melanie Caraviello, Julia Detwiler, Patricia Martin, Shirley McDonald, Ann O'Brien, Patricia Pruitt.

Sept 30: Jeff Barnes, Tina Bohannon, David Emerson, Jean Jones, Rosalie Lawrence, Allyson McDermott, Rhonda McNally, Roger Nelson, Jody Oliver, Rosie Soderlund, Kendra Sumner.

Aug 31: Anna Brown, Linda Jones, Arthur Lee, Patty Russell, Donald Whiteley.

Past Due: Carol Eustace, Gina Horne, Jacqueline Verheyen, Linda Doll, Faye Graham, Brian Marrale, Sheila Shea, James Tennes, Theresa Gavin.

Suspended: Lori Marshall.

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 9/6 – William Reed III, not signed; 9/13 - Howard Luper, not signed; 9/20– Dwight Weatherly, 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 – 1
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 20
Members past due – 9
Suspended members - 3
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 1

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 811

New Join/Reinstated: Rick Gueringer Sr

Ready to Renew: Bruce Bailey, Cary Baxley JR., Robert Berilstein, Eric Collins, Alan Dempster, Oscar Diano, James Fleming, Robert Gay, Joseph Glavan, Terrell Heath, John Johnson, David Karrick, Brian Masterson, Don Pace, William Patton, Garry Radwick, Richard Roebuck, George Thiebaud, Daniel Wal, Peter Wizes

Past Due: David Aldrich, Ralph Brown, Darrell Frier, Robert Hedin, Kenneth Kirchner, George Labree, Charles Lewis, Y. L. Little, Waylon Sexton

Suspended: A. B. Campbell, Frederick Koenig, Andrew Tout

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the family of ADCS Richard N. Fairbanks

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	\$ 12,647.79
Savings	\$ 4,656.60
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,991.29
Total	\$28,295.68

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 – October, 2022

George Kaye (64)	Betty Hillard (22)	Phillip Nunnally (16)	Bruce Bailey (11)
John Lemieux (55)	William Jenkins (22)	George Thiebaud (16)	David Clemmons (11)
James McDonough (55)	Richard Roebuck (22)	Leroy Werley (16)	Ronnie Kerstetter (10)
Clyde Edington (52)	Charles Rein (22)	Melvin Harper (15)	John Lambert (9)
John Potter (52)	Jeffrey Muniz (21)	John Newby (15)	Mark Tompkins (9)
Earnest Hall (48)	Kenneth Pilcher (20)	Richard Nolan (15)	Richard Herndon (7)
Rocco Losito (48)	Carey Baxley Jr (19)	D J Nyhart (15)	William Pye Jr (7)
Kenneth Wallace (48)	Jeffrey Elliott (19)	Brandon Pruett (15)	Edward Stover (7)
John Parnell (47)	Mitchell McCain Jr (18)	Guy Travaglio (15)	Larry Turner (7)
James Bolyn (45)	William Patton (18)	William Campbell (14)	Peter Wizes (7)
Joseph Glavan (44)	Timothy Bailey IV (17)	James Fleming (14)	Garry Radwick (6)
Robert Beilstein (42)	Terrell Heath (17)	Ed Young (14)	Robert Gay (5)
Gerald Fraser (42)	Stephen Jackson (17)	Roger Gibson (13)	Jerry Huffines (5)
Marvin Brigman (37)	Leonard Monnig (17)	Kim Hamilton (13)	Lowell Mills (5)
Alan Dempster (36)	Roberta Sutton (17)	Robert Jett (13)	Julian Czeiszperger (3)
Brian Repphun (34)	James Finney (16)	James Nelson (13)	Frank Hixenbaugh (3)
Wilmer Shirey (34)	James Gregory (16)	Daniel Wall (13)	David Karrick (3)
John Paul (29)	William Hunter (16)	Darryl Watson (13)	Jack Collier (2)
Don Pace (27)	Brian Masteron (16)	Wendy Holman (12)	Thomas Driscoll (1)
Oscar Diano (23)	Robert Masterson (16)	Jason Anderson (11)	John Johnson Jr (1)
			Jason Tatga (1)

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –October 2022

Gale Nathan (42)	Elsie Sexton (14)	James Siroky (7)	Daniel March (2)
Elizabeth Worthy (35)	Rhonda McNally (10)	David Emerson (6)	Roger Nelson (2)
Rosalie Lawrence (22)	Chun Stanfield (9)	Jeff Barnes (2)	Kendra Sumner (2)
Yvonne Wallace (19)	Jody Olive (9)	Tina Bohannon (2)	Rosie Soderlund (21)
Carolyn Rose (18)	Allyson McDermott (8)	Jean Jones (2)	
Cynthia Young (18)			

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN OCTOBER- 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**

Brendan Goff (1)	Ernest Holt (9)	Robert Clements (14)	James Ezzell (24)
Mark Heck (1)	Stephen Schultz (9)	Dwayne Ashline (15)	Gary Gander (26)
Sandra Rader (1)	Joseph VonBrincken (9)	Hilton Hooks (15)	Ralph Rohrssen (26)
William Roup (1)	Ken Anderson (10)	John Casner Jr (16)	Llewdllyn Brennen (28)
David Adams (2)	Dennis Lambries (10)	Thomas Skorepa (16)	William Hall (28)
Robert Jett (2)	Thomas Lindberg (10)	Craig Wold (16)	Jamers Hanson (28)
Robert Traynor (2)	Mark Chapman (11)	Rick Gueringer Sr (17)	Robert Koscianski (28)
Verne Merrill (3)	William Cole (11)	Lindsay Nelson (18)	Charles McAhon (28)
Joseph Dick (4)	Charles Hines (11)	John Aguilera Jr (19)	Winfield Meadows Jr (29)
William Butler (5)	James Miller (11)	Conrado Celestial (19)	Dennis Hazel (29)
David Markyvech (5)	Maria Luisa Gulick (12)	Norris Nathan (19)	Dennis Green (30)
Carl Farley (6)	Lonnie Kenney (12)	Leonard Chilton (20)	Margaret Henshall (30)
Brian Koller (6)	Bryan Kopczynski (12)	Ronnie Jones (20)	Cubit Robinson (31)
Brian Masterson (6)	John Lookabill (12)	Robin McKeon (20)	
Amanda Reid (6)	Earnest Hall (13)	James Bellemare (23)	
Judy Olive (7)	Fred Lentz (13)	Loretta Dailey (23)	
Arthur Pittman (8)	Brian Marrale (13)	Joseph Wiehl (22)	
Charles Walker (8)			



Above left: Unit Officer pins are presented to the past Officers



Above right: Branch Officer pins are presented to the past Officers



Above: Edward Fisher received his 45 year continuous membership pin.

Home Committee Meeting News September

Cash Audit conducted with following reported as of September 9th: Checkbook Balance \$9,674.47, Credit Card Account \$6,642.66, Savings Account balance \$6,421.58. No pending deposits. Total cash on hand \$30,238.22.

Financial Audit We have not received financial statement from the accountant, no report.

We will be celebrating the Navy's Birthday with a cake cutting at the Home on Friday the 14th of October at 1800. The Branch Christmas Party is scheduled for the 9th of December.

At the September General Assembly there was a final reading of the proposed Home By-Laws changes. These changes are to update our By-Laws to match our operations. They are as follows;

Section 702 – Removes Building fund wherever it appears, Changes amount required in savings account to \$5,000 vice \$20,000.

Section 704 – Deleted – Building Fund Section

Section 802.1&2 - \$2,500 changed to \$3,000 to match section 604.2

Section 803.1 - \$2,500 changed to \$3,000 to match section 604.2

Each proposed change was voted on by the General Assembly and were approved by two thirds vote. Anyone desiring an electronic copy of the updated Home By-Laws, e-mail the Home Committee Chairman and I will send you a copy. (skip576c@aol.com)

Note from the Chairman – The home has been operating in a trying to survive mode since COVID. Come the first of the year our License and Insurances become due. Last year that amounted to over \$34,000. It will probably be more next year. Several month's ago, we were granted permission by the general assembly to obtain a loan of \$50,000. We will be working on that over the next several months.

Thanks to S/M Tim Bailey, our Cook and Lady Linda Cox for a great cleanup of our kitchen area. We will be posting a time for us to continue this work with the help of anyone who would like to help.

One reminder: If you bring in a non-member to the Home insure you sign them into the guest log.

Use your Home. Make next year better.

Skip Chilton

Home Committee Chairman



Come on out to the Fleet on Friday, October 14 at 1800 to help us celebrate the 247TH Birthday of the United States Navy. Few members have come out in the past to celebrate this event



Above left: Image of Vietnam Memorial Wall dedicated in 1982. Will be celebrating the 40th anniversary on November 11, 2022

Above center: Image of the three Servicemen dedicated in November 11, 1984

Above right: The three nurses statue is a memorial to the 265,000 women who served in Vietnam, many of them nurses

There will be ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. EST on November 11. You can watch this online at vvmf.org/veteransday2022

Reading of the names on the wall will begin at 3 p.m on November 7, 2022 and will end at midnight on November 10, 2022

Due to the National Convention in Birmingham October 22-26 most officers will be attending this so the Home Committee will be at 1700 on October 24, with the BOD at 1800 and the General Assembly Meeting will be at 1900 on October 24.

Mark your calendar, watc for details, watch for additions

Friday nights – 1930 hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament

October, 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Free Pool	3	4 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	5	6 SubVet Eboard Mtg	7	8 DAV 1000
9 Free Pool	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13 Subvet mtg 	14 Navy Birthday Celebra5ion	15
16 Free Pool	17 National Bosses Day	18	19 Purple Hearts 1900	20	21	22
23 Free Pool	24 Home mtg 1700 BOD 1800 Branch 1900	25 Sojourners Meeting 1900	26 Unit mtg 1800 National Day Of the Deployed	27 MCL Mtg 	28	29
30	31 HALOWEEN					

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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

NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT EVERY MONTH

WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!