

Scuttlebutt

November 2022

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

National website:

<http://facebook.com/groups/frabranh269>

Southeast region: fraseastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates:

Having attended the National FRA convention, we as an organization are in decline.

Life cycle of an organization.

Startup. Almost 100 years ago 3 CPOs came together to start the FRA.

Growth. An abundance of shipmates saw the potential, values and offerings the FRA provided. The FRA witnessed strong growth nationwide.

Maturity. Mature organizations establish formal organizational structures and procedures led by elected officers and a board of directors, this can be a happy place, things work, members know and do their jobs. Life is good until you get set in your ways and resist change.

Decline settles into a prescribed way of doing things losing touch with membership and resisting adaptations necessary to meet changing times, this is where leadership becomes complacent. Those that love the way things have always been done may be happy but those asking questions may not stay long. Old age and shipmate mortality may be factors but the inability to attract and maintain members is the major issue.

Declining membership equates to less income.

Turn around. Strong leadership and a committed board which programs are designed to meet membership needs, some programs may be cutback and budget cuts required to meet today's cashflow. Income has to be greater than outgo to continue.

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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

NC 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 – NC Laurie Bailey
Membership – Cindy Bryan Amer/Pat –NC Laurie Bailey
WEB Master –NC 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 – Director –NC 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 – Anne Barton Treasurer – PRPSE Gale Nathan

Secretary – Marilyn Tharp Vice President – (Vacant)

Jr. Past President – Linda Cox

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theresa Milligan Sandra Houle
Kathy Sorenson pNP 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 – Ann Griffith
Sergeant-at-Arms VAVS – Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson Anne Barton
Welfare/Rehab – PNP Pat Suckow Ship's Store -Trish Chilton
PRPSE Gale Nathan, Presilla Wilbanks
Publicity – Anne Barton Hospital – Theresa Milligan
Parliamentarian— Linda Cox Membership – Anne Barton
Youth Activities—Anne Barton Unit Activities -- All Members

Branch President Comments Continued

Congratulations to NC Laurie Bailey who is now the National Chaplain.

Branch 269 was awarded:

1st place (Public Relations)- Chair John Tharp

1st place (Veterans Services) – Chair PRPSE Fred Bols

2nd place (Americanism-Patriotism) Chair NC Laurie Bailey

Let's have a strong turnout for the Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 a.m. on November 11. Guest speaker MMNCM (SW/AW) Cynthia M Huertiak (CMC NNPTC). Followed by a BBQ dinner at 1200. Cost is \$12 per person.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Kenneth Hutchison



Madam President Tidbits

Hi Auxiliary Members,

Greetings to all our members of LAFRA from Anne Barton, President of Unit 269. Looking forward to our meeting in November. Remember the following dates:

November 6-Veterans Day parade,

November 11- Marine Corps B'day Cake Cutting, 6:00,

November 13 BUNKO—12:30,

November 15 Unit Lunch and Monthly Meeting, and

November 20-Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run. See you soon.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Anne Barton

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 11/4 –Colleen McCaw, not signed; 11/11- Jerry Frohbieter, not signed; 11/18 – Robert Stancik, not signed; 11/1 – Allen Lincoln, 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 – 5

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 2

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 21

Members past due – 8

Suspended members - 6

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 1

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 812

New Join/Reinstated: Boyd Davis, T. H. Tollison, George Johnson, John Rooney, Fredrick Wilson

Ready to Renew: Mashelle Ames, Donnell Blewer, Angela Chapman, Joseph Chapman III, Carl Farley, James Heath, Terrell Heath, James Hutton, Dominador Jimenez. Walter Johnston, Christopher Kelley, Kenneth Lux, Charles Magano, David Mayeres, John Merrell Jr., Arthur Pittman, Rachael Richards, Cubit Robinson, Kelly Rusboldt, Edward Stank, Larry Walton

Past Due: Christian Beilstein, Benjamin Bollard, Garry Greene, Rick Gueringer Sr., Robert Hedin, Kenneth Kirchner, Rosemary Manfield, Kenneth White

Suspended: David Aldrich, Ralph Brown Jr., Richard Fairbanks, Darrell Frier, George Labree, Waylon Sexton.

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Nov 30: Sandra Beilstein, Patricia Chilton, Judy Dzedzicki, Christopher Gillespie, Barbara Kenney, Brenda Kraus, James Miller, Amanda Reid, Robert Reynolds, Robert Samples, Linda Villa, Maureen Williams.

Oct 31: Yvonne Aguiler, James Caraviello, Melanie Caraviello, Julia Detwiler, Shirley McDonald, Patricia Pruitt.

Sept 30: Jeff Barnes, Tina Bohannon, Jean Jones, Rosalie Lawrence, Jody Oliver, Kendra Sumner.

Aug 31: Linda Jones, Arthur Lee, Patty Russell.

Past Due: Linda Doll, Faye Graham, Sheila Shea,.

Suspended: Theresa Gavin.

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the family of Stacy Power

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 \$ 6,078.61
 Savings \$ 6,422.11
 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 \$34,155.00

Branch 269 Continuous Membership – November, 2022

Richard Best (54)	Jay Rowland II (30)	Timothy McNally (16)	Walter Johnston (6)
Thomas Evans (50)	Thomas Chilton (27)	John Merrell Jr (16)	David Mayeres (6)
Robert Jaeger (50)	Alfred Bauer (24)	Randy Reed (16)	Cubit Robinson (6)
Carl Farley (49)	Boyd Davis (24)	Kelly Rusboldt (16)	Ernest Smith (5)
Joseph Wiehl (48)	Pedro Garcia (22)	John Sloane (16)	Donnell Blewer (4)
Emmette Boone Jr (47)	Thomas Krieger (22)	Edward Stank (16)	Dennis Bowles (4)
Hubert Pearce Sr. (47)	David Smith (22)	Richard Dougherty (11)	James Ezzzell Sr. (4)
Dominado Jimenez(45)	Lawrence Denpoli (19)	Michael LeCompte (11)	Michael Goad (4)
Arthur Pittman (44)	James Heath (19)	Joseph Perillo (11)	Daniel Lehman (4)
Raymond Montminy (42)	Francis Bohannan (17)	Larry Walton (11)	David Thomas (4)
Millard Driscoll (39)	Richard Day (17)	Joseph Chapman III (10)	Christopher Kelley (2)
Glenn Little (37)	James Hutton (17)	Mellissa Curtis (10)	Charles Magano (2)
Clemmis Floyd (30)	Camelo Olmo Jr (17)	Russell Hale (7)	Rachael Richards (2)
Merle Knapp (30)	Angela Chapman (16)	Joseph Hayes Jr (7)	Stephen Kamp (1)
	John Merrell Jr (16)	Charles Wood (7)	Kenneth Lux (1)

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –November, 2022

Yvonne Aguilera (21)	Elfriede Campbell (17)	Patricia Martin (11)	Melanie Caraviello (4)
Martha Pyatt (21)	Elizabeth Mullins (17)	Shirley McDonald (7)	Julia Detwiler (4)
Angela Clark (20)	Nancy Bullis (16)	George Ellison (6)	Holly Gordon (4)
Patricia Pruitt (18)	Ann O'Brien (15)	James Caraviello (4)	



Happy Birthday, U. S. Navy

Right: Home Committee Chairman Skip Chilton cut the cake for everyone to enjoy



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN NOVEMBER- 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**

Thomas Blizard (1)	Lewis Miller (6)	Gerald Ott (15)	Ronald Litzenberger (24)
Ronald Henderson (1)	Douglas Perkins (6)	Michael Leclair (16)	William Reed III (24)
Donald Wolfe Jr (1)	Lyle Smith (6)	Ronald Houde (17)	Jeannette Gombash (25)
James Finney (2)	Larry Starland (6)	David Mueller (17)	Jeffrey Elliott (26)
Christian LaForce (2)	Rodney McKanna (7)	Emmette Boone Jr (18)	Christopher Kelley (26)
Paul Langan (2)	Carmelo Olmo (7)	Gary Crozier (18)	Leonard Monnig (26)
Richard Miley (2)	Robert Beilstein (8)	Kenneth Pilcher (8)	Charles Moss (26)
Charles Wood (2)	Raymond Pease (8)	Fredrick Walstencroft (18)	Kenneth Seal (26)
Dwight Weatherly (3)	Terry Gomez (8)	David Johnson (19)	Lawrence Willoughby (26)
Harold Herrington (4)	Robert Hughes (9)	Linwood Murrow (19)	James Kenney (27)
Nytasja Sanders (4)	Kenneth Gray (10)	John Rooney (19)	John Stroman (27)
Richard Lawwell (5)	Brian Cecil (11)	Lawrence Case (20)	Julian Czeiszperger (29)
Howard Miles (5)	John Shaak (11)	David Clemmons (20)	Peter Wizes (29)
John Newby (5)	Sarah Soldatke (11)	James Heath (20)	James Houchin (30)
Kevin Patton (5)	Harry Gray Jr. (12)	Roger Rader (21)	Ronnie Kerstetter (30)
Thomas Seay (5)	Gerald Landis (14)	Richard Best (22)	Bruce Seltzer (30)
Charles Baylor (6)	Cheryl Cecil (15)	Owen Bower (23)	
Pedro Garcia (6)	Jones Kersey (15)	Joseph Ondo (23)	
Herbert Hiatt (6)	Larry Larkins (15)	Thomas Lawson (24)	



Merkle Knapp received his 30 Year pin from President Ken Hutchison.



75 YEARS OF GIVING TOYS.

Last year was almost 96,000 toys donated IN THE Tri County area. The Fleet gave a total of 542 toys last year, Bring a toy when you come to the fleet



From the Home Committee Chairman – Skip Chilton

Home Committee Meeting News October

Cash Audit conducted with following reported as of September 9th: Checkbook Balance \$11,076.11, Credit Card Account \$7,873.08, Savings Account balance \$6,422.11. There is \$1,283 in pending deposits. Total cash on hand \$34,155.00.

Financial report for September 30 2022 is as follows: Checking account \$6,078.61, credit card account \$9,983.36, savings account balance \$6,422.11. Our cash on hand was \$294.79. Our net income for September was minus \$1,336.53.

The minus on the financial report was due to repair of the roof and two coolers needing repair plus some general maintenance costing approximately \$4,800.

Our guest speaker for veterans day ceremony on Nov 11th is the Command Master Chief of NPTC MMNCM Cindy Huratiak. Following the ceremony, the Low Country Misfits will serve BBQ with all the fixins. Tickets are \$12; all proceeds going to help the Home to pay Taxes and insurance. On 19 Nov there will be a NASCAR Appreciation day at the home, Come watch the race.

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.

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

Use your Home. Make next year better.

Skip Chilton

Home Committee Chairman



Above left: LAFRA National President Pat Suckow

Center: President Pat Suckow receives her past president hat!

Top Right: PRPSE Gale Nathan enjoying the conclusion of the banquet in Birmingham.



ATTENTION ALL MARINES



The Low Country Detachment,
MCL will have a Marine Corps
cake cutting at the Fleet on
Friday, November 11 with social
hour at 1800 and ceremony at
1900.



Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Everyone have a great, safe

And Happy Thanksgiving

Please remember all our military
that are deployed around the
world



Veterans Day Program at the Fleet -- Guest Speaker:

Master Chief machinist's Mate Nuclear (SW/AW) Cynthia M. Huratiak


Command Master Chief , Naval Nuclear Power Training Command

The Misfits will have great BBQ dinner after for \$12. Come out and support the Home

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

November 2022
National Veterans and Military Family Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	2	3 SubVet Eboard meeting	4	5
6 Free Pool	7 VVA meeting 	8	9	10 SubVet Mtg 	11 Veterans Day Event at 1100 am MC cake cutting 1900	12 DAV 1000 Golf Tournament
13 Free Pool	14 Home Committee 1800	15 Unitr Lunxh 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	16 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	17 Branch mtg 	18	19
20 Free Pool	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 Free Pool	28	29 Sojourners Meeting 1900	30	27	28	29
30	31					

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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!!!