

Scuttlebutt
December 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:

November proved to be a very good month, No two Bells, We enjoyed a well attended Veterans Day ceremony followed by a highly successful BBQ lunch provided by our own Low Country Misfits where around \$1000 was raised for the Home, Thanks Shipmates for all you do.

Congratulations to PNP Pat Suckow on her very successful charity(canines for warriors) where She raised \$28,000 for this very worthy cause, Good job Pat.

- December promises to be a very busy month.
- 1800 3 Dec Subvet Christmas party.
- 1200 7 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance day, Hosted by USS Yorktown. FRA Reps will toss wreaths into the harbor following a guest speaker.
- 1800 9 Dec Branch/Unit Christmas party,(\$6 per person tickets available at the bar0 a ornament exchange after dinner The annual Toys for Tots collections drive is on going
- 1300 11 Dec Children's Christmas party
- 1200 17 Dec Wreaths across America ,We will be laying wreath's on Veterans graves at Carolina Memorial Gardens as well as Beaufort National Cemetery.
- 1900 17 Dec Marine Corps League Christmas party.

As we enter this holiday season please remember those deployed around the globe protecting our freedom and way of life.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving .

Your in Loyalty, Protection and Service Ken Hutchison

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

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 – Trish Chilton
Jr. Past President – Linda Cox

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Theresa Milligan | Sandra Houle |
| Kathy Sorenson | PNP Pat Suckow |
| Ann Griffith | Judy Dziedzicki |
| Alvin Cales | Linda Cox |
| 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



President Comments Continued

Madam President Tidbits

Greetings to all!!!!!!

I hope you are planning to spend time with your family over Thanksgiving.

We signed up about 1900 families for Toys for Tots

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!!!!!!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Anne Barton

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 11/1 - William Adams, not signed; 11-8; - Melanie Caraviello, not signed; 11/15 – Wendy Holman, 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 – 1
- Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
- Ready to renew – 9
- Members past due – 8
- Suspended members - 4
- Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 1

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace
 Total members: 810
New Join/Reinstated: Robert Warder, Jonathan Starry
Ready to Renew: Matthew Aguilera, Randall Bolin, Mark Chapman, Morgan Gallapis, Willy Hecker, Johnny Joyce, William Korbisch ,David Markyvech, Jon MaCain,
Past Due: Christin Berilstein, Benjamin Bollard, Jason Cole, Darry Greene, Rick Gueringer Sr. Rosemary Manafield, Mark Trach, Kenneth White
Suspended: Kenneth Adam, Robert Hedin, Kenneth Kirchner, Stacy Power

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Dec 31: Alvin Cales, Donna Cassavaw, Dorothy Nephew, Sandra Peeples, Michael Perillo, Carol Traynor, Beulah Wenzel.

Nov 30: Sandra Beilstein, Judy Dziedzicki, Barbara Kenney, James Miller, Amanda Reid, Robert Reynolds, Robert Samples, Linda Villa, Maureen Williams.

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

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

Past Due: Linda Jones, Arthur Lee, Patty Russell.

Suspended: Linda Doll.

BRANCH & UN IT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the family of HT1 James Bolyn

Shipmates or Unit members please contact:
Ken Ealy-Breathing problems: Rick Wise – Surgery on arm: Rodney McKanna- Right knee needs replaced

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

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations \$ 13,284.65
Savings \$ 4,658.55
Certificate of Deposit \$11,010.70
Total \$28,953.90

FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account \$ 14,266.58
Credit Card Account \$ 7,445.58
Total \$34,157.82

Branch 269 Continuous Membership –December, 2022

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Cecil Rash (50) | Leonard Chilton (25) | George Bradstreet (17) | Harvey Belcher (8) |
| Dustin Darrell (42) | Jerry Walton (24) | John Hoyt (17) | Sarah Soldatke (8) |
| Charles Baylor (34) | Mark Chapman (23) | Jon Simmons (16) | Phillip Obie (7) |
| Everette Coates (34) | Robert Lopez (23) | John Stroman (15) | Frank Strunk (7) |
| Charles Hines (34) | Larry Nicodin (23) | Barbara Aler 9130 | Butch Clift (6) |
| Celestial Conrado (31) | David Markyvech (22) | Randall Bolin (120) | Willy Hecker (5) |
| Stephen Schultz (31) | William Mullins (22) | Jon McCain (121) | Michael Delich (4) |
| Tim Cowan (30) | Bruce Tucker (22) | Robert Traynor (11) | Raymond Cotton (3) |
| Earl Goodell (30) | Early Griffin (21) | Alexander Bodo (10) | Johnny Joyce (30) |
| Ralph Mummy (30) | Denise Barnes (19) | Joseph Patrick 9100 | William Trotman (2) |
| Gordon Strevenson (30) | Perry Friend (19) | Robin Corkill (9) | Craig Vanderbilt(1) |
| William Butler (28) | Gavin Karelitz (19) | Judy Duncan (9) | |
| Franklin Seltz (28) | Carol Murphy (19) | Thomas Skorepa (9) | |

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –December, 2022

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Maureen Williams (23) | Barbara Kenney (11) | Robert Reynolds (210) | Sandra Beilstein (7) |
| Norma Jean Houck (16) | James Miller (11) | Bonita Martin (10) | Bonnie Lasaeeter (5) |
| Karen Hightower (15) | Linda Walton (11) | Brenda Kraus (10) | Judy Dziejdzicki (4) |
| Judith Hightower (15) | Robert Samples (11) | Joy Lambert (9) | Christopher Gillespie (2) |
| Linda Villa (15) | Amanda Reid (11) | Trish Chilton (9) | Judy Higgins (2) |



Happy Birthday, U. S. Marine Corps

Left: (Right) Don Barton is the oldest Marine (87)

Kevin Patton(44) is the youngest Marine



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN DECEMBER- 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**

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Michael Dubay (01) | Frank Yeager (10) | Deloris Cox (17) | Ed Young (24) |
| Jerry Huffines (01) | Clemmis Floyd (11) | Ralph Deeter (18) | John Blanchard (25) |
| Melvin Wright (01) | Dominador Jimenez (11) | James McKinney (18) | Janice Highberger (25) |
| Boyd Davis (02) | Patty Russell (11) | Rosamond Milligan (18) | Jason Cole (26) |
| Francis Evans (02) | Carl Chinn (12) | Elfriede Campbell (19) | Carol Murphy (26) |
| Trish Chilton (04) | Robert Shober (12) | Francis Perillo (19) | Wayne Stella (26) |
| Steven Geary (04) | Earl Spurlock (12) | Robert Sowards (19) | Brian Adams (27) |
| Karen Hubert (04) | David Cornelius (13) | Gerald Jackson Jr. (20) | Rick Collins (27) |
| Robert Melton (04) | David Horton (13) | Terry Sprague (20) | Clint Ferrell (27) |
| John Grover (05) | David Button (14) | Ronnie Vandiver (20) | William Haney (27) |
| Robert Harris (06) | Brenda Hiers (14) | Frederick Woodley (20) | James Caraviello (28) |
| Frank Strunk (06) | Frederick Hooker Jr. (14) | Lucinda Bryan (21) | Dale Shepperd (29) |
| Leroy Werley (06) | Susan Pardo (14) | Joseph Holman (21) | William Trotman (29) |
| Ann Tolentino (07) | Butch Clift (15) | Merrell Peterson (21) | Anita Wright (29) |
| Early Griffin (08) | David Karrick (15) | Y L Little (22) | Charles Murray (30) |
| Garry Radwick (09) | Grady Langley (15) | Marvin Meistrell (22) | Joseph Weber (30) |
| Terry Trump (09) | PNP Pat Suckow (15) | Robert Yancy (22) | Eddie Beasley (30) |
| Nestor Derecho (10) | Tina Bohannon (16) | Michael Perillo (23) | Kim Hamilton (31) |
| John Popa (10) | Dorothy Nephew (16) | Donald Hanley (24) | Colleen MxCain (31) |
| George Scharf (10) | John Bullock (17) | James Tennes (24) | |



(Center) Skip Chilton received his 25 Year pin from President Ken Hutchison.

(Left) John Stroman received his 15 Year pin from President Ken Hutchison.



75 YEARS OF GIVING TOYS. Please bring a toy when you come to the fleet.

The Christmas tree will be put up Friday.

Give a donation and put an ornament on the tree. Money will be used to buy more toys



Home Committee Meeting News November 2022

Cash Audit conducted with following reported: Checkbook Balance \$14,266.58, Credit Card Account \$7,445.58, Savings Account balance \$6,422.66. \$1,423 in pending deposits. Total cash on hand \$34,657.82.

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

The SUBVET'S Christmas party is the 3rd of December. The Branch and Unit Christmas Party will be on the 9th, dinner will be served with ornament exchange afterwards. The Children's party will be on the 11th from 1 until 3. Shopping for Toys for Tots will be that morning at the Goose Creek Walmart. The Marine Corp Christmas Party will be on the 17th. There was a great turnout for the Golf Tournament and the Veteran's Day indoor picnic.

We are having a Brick sale. they will be placed on the wall of the foyer. This is a great way to show someone your appreciation for their service. It is \$100/brick and will also help the Home.

PRPSE Fred Bolz submitted in writing a proposed change to the home By-Laws to change Section 901 to include the following sentence:

"The changes as amended shall be promulgated in the Branch Newsletter prior to the next regularly scheduled Branch meeting.

The Home Committee will review and vote on their recommendation to the General Assembly.

The field day scheduled for the 29th of October was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. It has been rescheduled for 14th of January 2023. Please pass the word. Everyone is welcome 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



The guest speaker of our Veterans Day event was Master Chief machinist's Mate Nuclear (SW/AW) Cynthia M. Huratiak

Command Master Chief , Naval Nuclear Power Training Command

Congratulations to the Chairs for winning at National

1st place (Public Relations) John Tharp

1st Place (Veterans Affairs) PRPSE Fred Bolz

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

Laurie Bailey was appointed as the National Chaplain at National



Come on out and have a fun time with your Shipmates!!!!

Friday, December 9, 2022

Branch/Unit Christmas Party

Meal served from 6:30 pm – 9:00

Dinner cost is \$6.00

Tickets are behind the bar

Ornament Exchange (\$15.00) after dinner

THE BRANCH WILL HAVE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER (ONLY THE CHRISTMAS PARTY)

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

DECEMBER, 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 SubVet Christmas Party |
| 4 Free Pool | 5 VVA meeting  | 6 Sons of the Confederacy 1830 | 7 | 8 | 9 Branch/Unit Christmas Party | 10 DAV 1000 |
| 11 Free Pool Children Christmas Party 1300 | 12 Home Committee 1800 | 13 Unitr Lunxh 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800 | 14 Purple Heart Meeting 1900 | 15 | 16 | 17 MCL Christmas Party |
| 18 Free Pool | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Free Pool  | 26 | 27 Sojourners Meeting 1900 | 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!!!