

Scuttlebutt
February, 2023

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)
<http://facebook.com/groups/frabbranch269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

As we look forward to a prosperous and rewarding 2023 , As we close the books on 2022, I would like to say THANK YOU to the Home, Branch and Unit for all you do,

Thanks to the Home Committee ,our managers(Don and Larry) the bar staff and cooks as well as our own Low Country Misfits for the several fund raising events and maintenance they have provided.

Thanks to the Branch Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chair people and our Wonderful Ladies who support all we do.

Thank You all for keeping us afloat. You are the life blood of Branch 269.

Yours 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

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton	Financial Sec- Cindy Bryan
Director – Ken Ealy	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

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 – Trish Chilton
Youth Activities—Anne Barton	Unit Activities -- All Members

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

PNP Pat Suckow	Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson	Linda Cocs
Ann Griffith	Presilla Wilbanks

Madam President Tidbits

Our February meeting will be held on 14th at 6:00pm. Our luncheon is scheduled for that day at Olive Garden in North Charleston at 11:30 am.

At our last meeting, we voted to collect gifts for a Mother's Day basket raffle and jackets for the VA. Please bring any contributions you may have to the meeting.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Anne Barton

Unit 269 President

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Anne Barton

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 1/3 – Charles Wright, not signed; 1/10 – Joe Wiehl, not signed; 1/17 – Raymond Clark, not signed; 1/24 – Dana Johnson, 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 – 3
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 26
Members past due – 11
Suspended members - 3
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 3

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 806

New or reinstated: Michael Moore, Edward Whiteley, Lewis Leal

Ready to Renew: Robert Bear, Jennifer Beilstein, Thomas Britton, Loye Bryant, Ernest Chresoulis, Walter Deal, Anthony Dye, Francis Evans, Larry Fowler, George Fulmer, Joseph Gimenez, John Glass, Cory Grimm, John Hills, Daniel Huckaby, Robert Hudspeth, Mark Johnson, Janet Mizer-Brunner, Ron Morgan, Eugene Morris, Elmer Mullins, Patrick Murphy, Arthur Robinson,, Lyle Smith, Steven Thompson, Tim Zartman

Past Due: Joseph Chapman, Carl Farley, Jerry Huffines, John Johnson Jr, Walter Johnston, Charles Magano, William Patton, Rachel Richards, Cubit Robinson, George Thiebaud, Peter Wizes

Suspended: David Adams, Jason Cole, Mark Tracy

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by Feb 28: Lisa Berezny, Michael Berezny, Bill Bradshaw, Lorraine Carver, Ronald Conner, Joseph Holman, Frederick Kiley, Roberta Kiley, Maggie Morrin, Crissie Pringle, Carrol Sandefer, Kit Sparger, Mila Taylor, Nancy Vella, Patricia Wlazlinski.

Jan 31: Cheryl Antley, Vicky Blihar, Laurie Douty, Esther Ellisor, Maria Luisa Gulick, Tricia Hughes, Mary Korinek, Teri Korinek, Colleen McCain, Nicole Nettles, Walter Spiller III, Joseph VonBrincken, Susan Westbury.

Dec 31: Donna Cassavaw, Sandra Peeples.

Past Due: Barbara Kenney, James Miller, Amanda Reid, Robert Reynolds, Robert Samples, Maureen Williams, James Caraviello, Melanie Caraviello, Julia Detwiler, Patricia Pruitt. Jeff Barnes, Tina Bohannon, Jean Jones, Rosalie Lawrence, Jody Oliver, Kendra Sumner.

Suspended: Arthur Lee, Patty Russell.

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of Billy Fowler and Leroy Werley

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 \$ 10,384.06
 Savings \$ 4,660.50
 Certificate of Deposit \$ 11,010.70
 Total \$26,460.50

FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account \$ 22,300.19
 Credit Card Account \$ 12,831.19
 Savings \$ 6,423.00
 Total \$ 49,417.11 4,732.77

Branch 269 Continuous Membership February, 2023

Richard Crank (49)	Kent Davis (27)	Tim Zartman (16)	Mark Johnson (5)
Douglas Perkins (46)	Allen Katen (26)	Robert Henry (15)	Daniel Mckierman (5)
Paul March (45)	Richard Brown (25)	Arthur Robinson (15)	Verne Merrell (5)
Norris Nathan (45)	William Hall (24)	Jennifer Beilstein (14)	Robert Mixon (5)
Thomas Britton (44)	Lawrence Case (23)	Wallace Williams (14)	Llewellyn Brennen (4)
Francis Evans (43)	James Moseley (23)	Bruce Whipple (13)	Bettysue Henderson (4)
Charles Campbell (43)	Eugene Morris (22)	John Hills (12)	Patrick Murphy (4)
Lewis Miller (43)	William Roup (22)	Marion Hall (11)	Lyle Smith (4)
Keith Suiter Sr (43)	Ginger Bevis (20)	Ron Morgan (11)	Steven Thompson (4)
Donald Petersen (42)	Elmer Mullins (20)	George Fulmer (10)	Janet Mizer-Brunner (3)
Larry Fowler (41)	Richard Jones (18)	Charles Baylor (9)	Larry Mole (3)
Marvin Meistrell (41)	Sammy Jackson (17)	Lucinda Bryan (9)	Robert Simmang (3)
George Scarf (41)	Tom Lufkin (17)	Joseph Gimenez (9)	Matthew Douty (2)
Albert Stoll (41)	Carla Passmore (17)	Michael Scott (9)	Anthony Dye (2)
Ernest Chresoulis (40)	Johnny Brown (16)	John Byrd (8)	Cory Grimm (2)
John Class (38)	Robert Bear (16)	Gordon Sarver (8)	Daniel Huckaby (2)
Walter Deal (31)	Robert Hudspeth (16)	John Bullock (7)	Ronald Laque (2)
Thomas Woodall (31)	Robert Stodola (16)	James Schaefer (7)	Thomas Shepard (2)
Loye Bryant (30)	James Wilcutt Jr. (16)	George White (7)	Charles Moss (1)

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –February, 2023

Dorothy Grooms (41)	Mary Korinek (11)	Robert Kirkley (3)	Nicole Nettles (2)
Vicky Blihar (18)	Teri Korinek (11)	Francis Perillo (3)	Allan Patton (2)
Esther Ellisor (16)	Margaret Benjamin (7)	Arilla Cotton (3)	Cheryl Antley (1)
Maria Louisa Glick (12)	Susan Westbury (6)	Colleen McCain (2)	Laurie Douty (1)
Karen Kopczyński (12)	Tricia Hughes (6)	Walter Spiller (2)	Teresa HAGAN (1)
Joseph VonBrincken (11)			



Next Branch golf tournament will be Saturday, March 25.
 Registration for teams is behind the bar



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN FEBRUARY- 2023

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**

Margie Rothrauff (1)	Alezander Bodo (7)	Julian Lemley (14)	Brian Sims (22)
Jerry Stout (1)	Charlie Calas (7)	Darryl Watson (14)	Edward Potts (22)
Barbara Berger (2)	Alvin Cales (7)	Carson Burgess (15)	Donna Cassavaw (23)
Mark Johnson (2)	William Maloon (7)	William Korbisch (15)	Franklin Shoenberger (23)
Kelly Rusboldt (2)	Kathy Sorenson (7)	Jerome White (15)	Libby Adams (24)
George Thiebaud (2)	William Patton (7)	Jordan Highberger (16)	David Johnston (240)
T H Tollison (2)	Dwight Bain ((8)	Bonita Martin (16)	Don Clark (25)
Jacqueline Brooks (3)	Santos Riduca (8)	Robert Newton (16)	Carl Miller (25)
Douglas Jordan (3)	James Spence (8)	Jean Jonesa (17)	Perry Riley (25)
James Kennedy Sr (3)	Allyson McDermott (9)	Robert McNeish (17)	Jonathan Starry (25)
Joe Lunn (3)	Steven Gearhart (10)	Franklin Osburn (17)	Steven Rusboldt (26)
Richard Mucheck (3)	Deborah Breeze (11)	Frederick Wilson (17)	Julia Detweiler (26)
Betty HARRIS (4)	Charlas Campbell (11)	Melvin Harper (18)	Ronald Conner (27)
Richard Nolan (4)	Roy Massey Sr (11)	Ronald Lamon (18)	David Cox (27)
Melissa Curtis (5)	George Roberts (11)	Stephen Nogle (18)	Carter Crosson (27)
Richard Day (5)	William Riley (11)	Gale Nathan (19)	Carol Eustace (27)
Michael Delich (5)	Ronald Troy (11)	Mary Korinek (19)	Joseph Glavan (27)
Barry Gordon (5)	John Cardno (12)	Carroll Watson (19)	Heather ivey (27)
Charles Harris (5)	Patrick Murphy (12)	Helen Breen (20)	Cecil Rash (27)
Mitchell McCain Jr (5)	Francis Jones (13)	James Longo (20)	Robert Reilly Sr (28)
James Baker (6)	Joseph Patrick (13)	George Fulmer (21)	Franklin Seitz (28)
James Siroky (6)	Daniel Ryan (13)	Terrell Heath (21)	Daniel March (29)
Timothy Bailey (7)	Jams Sherrow (13)	Richard Koehler (22)	Olin Thomas (29)



Top Left: Right: Cecil Rash and Ed O'Conner received their 50 year continuous membership pin and certificate

Center: Left: Rick Collins received his 5 year pin and Marion Clark received his 20 year pin.

Right: Left: Marion Clark and Dennis Cox were initiated into the FRA (Branch 269)

Home Committee Meeting News January 2023

For the month of January these are the following balances; our saving account \$6,423, the operating checkbook \$22,300. 19, the credit card account is \$12,831.19. There is \$362.00 in pending deposits. Our total cash on hand is \$49,417.11

Financial Audit The following balances as of November 30 2022; the checking account \$11,117.05, the credit card account \$6,422, the savings account \$11,117.24, our cash on hand \$1,947.05, net profit for the month of \$3,236.50. The balances for December were, checking account \$5421.11, the saving account \$6,423.73, credit card account \$17,019.88. Our cash on hand \$4,732.77, net profit for the month of December was \$6,561.10.

There will be a Superbowl party will take place on Sunday February 12th. The next Golf tournament will be on 23 March. We have sold eight bricks and will be ordered Monday, 23 January.

We had to replace one beer cooler for approximately \$2000. We also had a backup in our drainage system and had to call in a plumber to repair for \$750.

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 reviewed and voted to recommend approval to the BOD. The BOD also recommended approval. It passed by vote at the General Assembly and has been promulgated in the Home By-Laws.

There was a purging of the pill barrel on the 7th of January. The field day on the 14th of January was cancelled and will be rescheduled. An Equipment Inventory was conducted on the 21st of January. Our next Meeting is on the 13th of February

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

From the Secretary:

If you have not called the FRA Publication yet, please call 1-800-767-5595.

They need to get your information for the new book/digital. You do not have to buy anything, however you can get the book/digital for \$504.15 with two month installments. Buying this you not only get the book, a FRA cap, tee shirt, sweat shirt and a 3 pin set.

This is important to call and update your information. **You do not have to buy anything!!**

AND MUCH MORE!!!

Please place money in bank pouch on bottom shelf of cabinet.

Separately –

Veteran Bracelets – Please place donation in white envelope on shelf near bracelets. Your donation will help us buy snacks for VA Clinic, N. Charleston



The Branch's Ship Store also has a new item.

Fleet Reserve night light. Only \$15.00. One of these is plugged in on the stage area.

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night. The following is an example of how to conduct a Four Chaplain's service.



American Legion Post 166 will present the "Four Chaplain's" presentation on Sunday, February 5 at 1400

All are welcome to attend this service



The **Battle of Iwo Jima** (19 February – 26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the [United States Marine Corps](#) (USMC) and [United States Navy](#) (USN) landed on and eventually captured the island of [Iwo Jima](#) from the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) (IJA) during [World War II](#). The American invasion, designated **Operation Detachment**, had the purpose of capturing the island with its two airfields: [South Field](#) and [Central Field](#).

The flag raising was on February 23. The battle continued until 26 March.



Operation Homecoming was **the return of 591 American prisoners of war (POWs) held by North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.**



Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

February, 2023
Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 SubVet Eboard meeting	3	4
5 Free Pool	6 VVA 1700 	7 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	8	9 SubVet Mtg 	10	11 DAV 1000
12 Free Pool	13 Home Committee 1800	14 Unit Lunxh 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	15 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	16 Branch mtg 	17	18
19 Free Pool	20	21	22	23 MCL Meeting 	24	25
26 Free Pool	27	28 Sojourners Meeting 1900				

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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!!!!