

Scuttlebutt

March, 2023

Branch/Unit 269

Goose Creek  
South Carolina



National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)

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

Southeast region: [frasoutheastregion.org](http://frasoutheastregion.org)

**Branch President's Corner**

Shipmates

As Winter departs and the warm breeze of spring nears We look forward to a busy schedule, Congratulations to the winners and participants of the annual American essay contest (What the U.S,Flag stands for) Thank You NC Laurie Bailey for such a Wonderful job.

Happy Birthday Shipmates, Yes Low Country Branch 269 is 25 years old. To help us celebrate our Southeast Region President Jerry Anger will join us for the March 16 branch meeting. We plan to have ice cream&cake. Help show support and join us with a well attended meeting.

Branch 269 will host the annual USS Hobson memorial celebration at the Home Sunday 23 April guest speaker will be National Vice President John Handzuk, We are also planning a picnic on 29 April (location TBD)

Branch 269 will host the 2024 Southeast region Convention at the Hilton Garden INN in Summerville , we will be enlisting the support of fellow member's for assistance. looking for your participation in all these events.

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  
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Ken Wallace

Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton Legislative Affairs – PRPSE Fred Bolz

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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**

**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 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 – Trish Chilton

Youth Activities—Anne Barton Unit Activities -- All Members

## Madam President Tidbits

Thank you to all who donated jackets and coats. They have now been taken to the VA for distribution to those in need. Thank you for your help.

We have assembled a huge gift basket, which will be raffled in honor of Mothers' Day and the arrival of spring. This basket is loaded with lots of goodies just waiting to go to your house. Tickets are \$1 each, or six tickets for \$5. The drawing will be in the evening on Friday, May 12. You do not plan to be present to win. Be sure to put your name & phone number on your tickets. Good luck!!

The Unit will sponsor a Chile Cookoff on April 22. Doors will open at 11:30, with the contest starting at noon. Prizes will be awarded. After judging, a bowl of chili plus dessert may be purchased for \$10. Branch members are invited to participate in the competition -- as well as eating all the delicious food. Come hungry!!

Anne Barton

Unit 269 President

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

## WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 2/7 – Joseph Perillo, not signed; 2/14- John Paul Pardo, signed, not present; 2/21 – Paul McFall, 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 – 9  
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: 799

**New or reinstated:** Debra Bortell, Lee Barkley, Shannon Cason, Matthew King, Nathaniel Nelson, Kevin Sedgley, Waylon Sexton, Jeromy Sherrill, Daniel Speight

**Ready to Renew:** Lawrence Barten, Richard Davies, Jeannette Gombash,,Robert Harris,,Howard Hogue, Francis Jones, James Kennedy Sr., Crystral Koch, James Lewis, Chris Ludwig, Joe Lunn, Wayne McDaniel, Robert Mutain, Michael Neff, Stephen Nogle, Don Ort, Sheri Ragan, Wayne Stella, William Stevens, Guy Stuckey, Jerome White, Tim Zartman

**Past Due:** Matthew Aquilera, Joseph Chapman III, Michael Delich, Morgan Gallapis, Walter Johnston, Charles Magano, Jon McCain, Rachal Richards, Cubit Robinson

**Suspended:** James Bolyn, Joseph Brace, Conrado Celestial, Eric Collins, Carl Farley, Robert Gay, Thomas Gray, Jerry Huffines, John Johnson Jr., James Kenney, JIMMY Kimbrell, Charles Morris, Carol Murphy, William Patton, Gordon Smith, George Thiebaud, Norma Walker, Peter Wizes

## Unit Membership and Retention

**To be Renewed by March 31:** Diane Bahr, Gloria Bolyn, Rebecca Bower, Cynthia Clark, Mary Johnson, Terese Masterson, Jaqueline Paxton, Beverly Shaffer, Krystal Shaffer.

**Feb 28:** Lisa Berezny, Michael Berezny, Bill Bradshaw, Ronald Conner, Joseph Holman, Frederick Kiley, Roberta Kiley, Maggie Morrin, Crissie Pringle, Carrol Sandefer, Kit Sparger, Mila Taylor, Nancy Vella.

**Jan 31:** Cheryl Antley, Vicky Blihar, Laurie Douty, Esther Ellisor, Maria Luisa Gulick, Tricia Hughes, Nicole Nettles, Walter Spiller III.

**Past Due:** Donna Cassavaw, 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:** (None)

**BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW**

**Prayers to the families of Joseph Hayes and John Priest**

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 \$26,055.26

**FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT**

Checking Account \$ 9,270.76  
 Credit Card Account \$ 11,301.86  
 Savings \$ 6,424.27  
 Total \$ 35,352.64

**Branch 269 Continuous Membership March, 2023**

Charles Riggs (55)	James Lewis (28)	Melvin Wright (20)	Ronald Walston (10)
Ronald Vanco (54)	Laurie Bailey (25)	Donald Detwiler (18)	Arthur Hance III (9)
William Cole (52)	Arthur Brown (25)	Robert Harris (18)	Frank Yeager (8)
Donald Muccheck (49)	Richard Davies (25)	John Tharp (18)	Howard Hogue (7)
Frank Carroll Jr (48)	Mark Heck (25)	Paul McHugh (17)	Leo Kelley Sr (7)
Robert Mustain (48)	Marvin Wiands Sr. (25)	Bryan Wright (17)	Crystal Koch (7)
Joseph Ondo Jr. (48)	Robert Moore (24)	Dennis Lanier (16)	Joe Lunn (7)
Jack Wirick (48)	Larry Pepper (24)	Wayne McDaniel (16)	Sheri Ragan (7)
Thomas Clark (45)	Donald Tingle (24)	Donald Wolfe (16)	Donald Baraton (6)
James Kennedy (45)	Carl Chinn (23)	Jerome White Jr. (15)	William Bryar (6)
Robert Koscianski (45)	Richard Duprey (23)	Stephen Nogle (14)	Kenneth Gray (6)
Donald Barvilchak (40)	David Johnson (23)	Ray Stanfield (14)	William Mcardle (6)
Jimmie Gambrell (37)	Thomas Lawson (23)	Jeannette Gombash (12)	Ralph Bates (5)
Bruce Garrabant (37)	Gary Gardner (22)	Michael Neff (12)	Timothy Thrower (5)
Roger Adams (35)	Chris Ludwig (22)	Danny Trapp (12)	Lawrence Barten (2)
Charles Ivey (34)	Martin Sessler (21)	Lawrence Fletes (10)	Ernest Sweat (1)
Robert Hughes (29)	Charles Day (20)	Wayne Stella (10)	Guy Stuckey (1)
			Harold Trosper Sr (1)

**Unit 269 Continuous Membership March, 2023**

Carroll Sandefer (25)	Marilyn Tharp (14)	Ronald Conner (4)	Tine Marie Willis (3)
Deborah Rullman (19)	Madeline Morrin (13)	Rebecca Moseley (4)	Frederick Kiley (1)
Katherine Sparger (19)	Lisa Berezny (8)	Crissie Pringle (4)	Roberta Kiley (1)
Carol Eustace (16)	Michael Berezny (8)	Joseph Holman (3)	Mila Taylor (1)
Nancy Vella (16)	Bill Bradshaw (6)		



**Get your golf team together!!!!**  
 Next golf tournament at the Weapons Station is March 25.  
 Sign your team up with the registration behind the bar!!



If you are a Branch 269 or Unit 269 member, come on in to the Low Country Home **on your**

## **FREE BIRTHDAY LUNCH**

**YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN MARCH- 2023**

William Ambler (1)	Robert Massey (9)	Wayne McDaniel (17)	Isla Janney (24)
Robert Mustain (1)	John Potter (9)	Donald Tingle (17)	Barbara Moyer (24)
Hubert Pearce Sr (1)	Howard Anderson (10)	Robert Jaeger (18)	Martin Serssler (24)
Millard Driscoll (2)	Michael Dellenbach (10)	Chad Parsons (18)	Patricia Day (25)
Robert Zimmerman (2)	Linda Lunn (10)	Edward Smith Jr (18)	Virginia Stamey (25)
Roger Adams (2)	Charles Mewshaw (10)	Jennifer Beilstein (19)	Barbara Timmons (25)
Richard Mabe (3)	Steven Thompson (10)	Jordan Carver (19)	Timothy McNally (26)
Darlene Hines (4)	John Adams (11)	Jeff Laoufrelle (19)	Gerald Monnat (26)
George Shatto Sr (4)	Melanie Caraviello (11)	Scott Benson (20)	Thomas Jordan (27)
Eugene Lemieux (6)	Michael Berezny (12)	Gary Williams (20)	Eugene Morris (27)
John Merrell Jr (6)	Dennis Bowles (12)	Anne Barton (20)	Richard Bishop (28)
Phillip Obie (6)	Stuart Erlandson (12)	John Pardo (21)	Don Heywood (28)
Gordon Sarver (6)	Dorothy Grooms (12)	Sheri Ragan (21)	Betty Hilliard (28)
Jerry Frohbieter (7)	Connie Chinn (14)	Cynthia Clark (22)	Michael Black (29)
Dana Johnson (7)	Joyce Hillsman (15)	Merle Melling (22)	Mark Tompkins (29)
Bertil Johnson (7)	Wayne Swiech (15)	Martha Willcutt (22)	William Nieschalk (30)
Ronald Laqua (7)	Morgan Gallapis (16)	Arilla Cotton (24)	Robert Crenshaw (31)
Jerry Espirtu (8)	Kenneth Wallace (16)	Frank Hixenbaugh (24)	Kenneth Cowles (31)

### **Home Committee Meeting News February 2023**

Cash Audit For the month of February has the following balances. Our saving account \$6,424.75, the operating checkbook \$9,270.76, the credit card account is \$11,301.86. There is \$1,605.75 in pending deposits. Our total cash on hand is \$35,352.64.

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

The a Superbowl party was a success. There will be Bunco on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. The next Golf tournament will be on 25 March. Our building is being power washed by our landscaper.

Our application for new liquor license has been submitted and paid for and is in the process of approval. Part of the insurance and license approval is that all bartenders and food preparers required to be certified. They are working on being certified.

Our kitchen was professionally cleaned. We will be conducting field days on Saturdays to held the cooks keep it clean. The dates will be established later.

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

**By-Law Proposed Change (1<sup>st</sup> reading in February-2<sup>nd</sup> reading in March**

**PRPSE Fred Bolz**

Art IX Finance, Section 903(a) Section (2)

Whereas, Section 903(a)(2) reads Regional Convention Expenses are authorized, but not limited to, the list below:

Rental of Convention Hall and Public Address System Bulletin/newsletters/forms

Postage and mailing

Supplies

Gifts and expenses for Keynote Speaker

Telephone

Travel

Printing Badges and Labels

Printing Ribbons/Name Tags

Legal Expenses

Excess Expenses incurred by Host Unit LA FRA

Regional Presidents Accommodations

Whereas, Article IX Finance, Section 903(a) 2 has not been updated to current needs and some items are not needed or need revision, and

Whereas, the use of a land line telephone is not needed, and

Whereas, travel expenses have never been used in running the convention, and

Whereas, LA FRA Southeast Region has sufficient funds in its Treasury to cover excess costs incurred by Host Units.

Resolved Section 903(a)(2) Regional Convention Expenses are authorized, but not limited to, the list below:

Rental of Convention Hall and Public Address System

Bulletins/Newsletters/ Forms

Postage and Mailings

Supplies

Gifts for the Keynote Speaker

Printing Badges and Labels

Printing Ribbon/Name Tags

Legal Expenses/State Incorporation Fees

Regional Presidents Accommodations

This is to certify this resolution was proposed at a regular Low Country Branch 269 meeting held on day of month, read, debated, and adopted by unanimous vote, with a quorum being present at the Branch meeting

President

Secretary

Whereas, Article IX Section 903(b)(2) Reads Midyear meeting expenses are authorize, but not limited to the list below:

Bulletins/newsletters/forms

Postage and Mailing

Telephone

Regional Presidents accommodations

Whereas, a land line telephone is not needed

“Resolved” Article IX Section 903(b)(2) shall read

Midyear Meeting epens3es are authorized, but not limited to list below:

Bulletins/Newsletters/Forms

Postage and Mailing

Regional Preaidents Accommodations

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Presideent

Secretary



Congratulation to Nate Nathan (I) for 45 years continuous membership. Nate also received a 45 year pin for Paul March

Loye Bryant (Center) received his 30 year continuous membership pin

1<sup>st</sup> place winners for the Branch awards for the National Essay Contest

Left: 7<sup>th</sup> grade(also overall winner Isabella Coeyman – Coastal Christian Prep, Mt Pleasant

Middle: 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Natalie Loftin - Coastal Christian Prep, Mt Pleasant

Right: 11<sup>th</sup> grade- Mercy Fletcher- Goose Creek High School



2<sup>nd</sup> place winners

Left: 9<sup>th</sup> grade -Sofia Lusardi – Bishop England Center: 9th grade Connor McDoule – Cario Middle

Right: 7<sup>th</sup> grade-Tallulah Dausman- James Island Christian School

3rd place winners

Left: 12<sup>th</sup> grade - Gabrielle Domingoi – Ft Dorchester

Center: 8th grade-Christian Crescenzo – Cario Middle

Right: 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Lana Gallagher – Charleston Christian

**Attention all Branch and Unit members:**

**FRA and LAFRA Southeast Regional Convention**

**11-13 September 2024**

**Hosted by FRA Branch and Unit 269**

There will be an organizational meeting for this event on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 after the unit meeting, around 7:15 to 7:30 pm. We are needing a lot of people to plan this convention and 2024 is the FRA's 100th anniversary so we want to make this a special event and participate fully in the Centennial of our organization. Please come to the meeting to find out the details. It will be a short meeting.

Laurie Bailey, Chairperson for the FRA and Pat Suckow, Chairperson for the LAFRA.

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

**March, 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 SubVet Eboard meeting	3 <b>Star Spangled Day</b> 	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 Lunch 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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**NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT EVERY MONTH**

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](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)