



## Madam President Tidbits

Greetings to all my LFRA members:

Thank you for all the birthday wishes, cards and flowers.

Remember we have the Chili Cookoff on April 22.

The Branch/Unit picnic will be on April 19

Remember first round of nominations will be in April

Second round of nominations and elections will be in May

God bless all of you

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: 2/28 – Georgia Cathcrt, not signed; 3/7 – Clyde Edington, not signed; 3/14- Joy Lambert, 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 – 7  
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 3  
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0  
Ready to renew – 23  
Members past due – 8  
Suspended members - 5  
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander -2

#### **Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace**

Total members: 803

**New or reinstated:** Terrie Ehlich, Nathan Gottsch, Raymond Jaekle, John Johnson Jr, Raymond Lassen, Samuel Williams, Stephen Woodside

**Ready to Renew:** Richard Bishop, Donald Blackwelder, John Blanchard, Roy Brosseau, Robert Burnett, Lynn Cortright, Carter Crosson, Ernest Culbreath, James Delaney, Michael Dellenbach, Allen Downs, Louis Goehring, David Horton, Lynnette Jordan, Thomas Jordan, John Keile, Richard Koehler, Jeff Latourelle, Dale Shepperd, William Wieties, Richard Wise, Fredrick Wolstencroft, Jack Wrbanich

**Past Due:** Matthew Aguilera, Michael Delich, Morgan Gallapis, Gerald Jackson Jr, Stephen Jeffery, Jon McCain, Danny Mills, Rita Stiegelmeier

**Suspended:** Joseph Chapman, Walter Johnston, Charles Magano, Rachael Richards, Cubit Robinson

### Unit Membership and Retention

**To be Renewed by April 30:** Joan Acosta, Gail Bolz, Sandra Houle, Elizabeth Norris, Sandra Rader.

**March 31:** Diane Bahr, Cynthia Clark, Jaqueline Paxton, Beverly Shaffer, Krystal Shaffer.

**Feb 28:** Lisa Berezny, Michael Berezny, Bill Bradshaw, Ronald Conner, Maggie Morrin, Crissie Pringle, Carrol Sandefer, Mila Taylor.

**Past Due:** Cheryl Antley, Vicky Blihar, Laurie Douty, Esther Ellisor, Tricia Hughes, Nicole Nettles, Walter Spiller III, Donna Cassavaw, Kenney, James Miller, Amanda Reid, Maureen Williams.

**Suspended:** James Caraviello, Melanie Caraviello, Julia Detwiler, Patricia Pruitt.

**BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW**

**Prayers for the families of John Priest and James Hanson**

Chris LaForce is in the hospital  
 Mark Chapman has cancer  
 Don Peterson is doing well  
 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 \$ 7,143.60  
 Savings \$ 4,662.48  
 Certificate of Deposit \$ 11,030.15  
 Total \$ 24,836.23

**FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT**

Checking Account \$ 9270.76  
 Credit Card Account \$ 11,301.86  
 Savings \$ 6,24.27  
 Total \$ 49,417.11

**Branch 269 Continuous Membership April, 2023**

Robert Stancik (61)	Alan Lincoln (27)	Joe Eudy (21)	Ronald Lamon (10)
Robrt McNeishs (59)	Dale Shepperd (26)	David Horton (20)	Howard Luper (10)
Donald Cady (52)	Charlie Calas (25)	Paul McFall (19)	John Autrey (9)
Herbert Hiatt (48)	Robert Clements (25)	Tommy Wilbanks (18)	Ray Marshall (9)
William Peterson (48)	Harold Crawford (25)	Gerald Ott (17)	Terrence Mummert (9)
Richard Koehler (43)	David Graminski (25)	Edward Bowles (16)	Michael Roth (9)
Thomas Seay (41)	Lynnette Jordan (25)	Fredrick Daughtery (16)	Robert Yancey (7)
Robert Brunner (39)	Thomas Jordan (25)	Brian Steffen (16)	Jeffrey Kirksey (6)
Eugene Lemieux (39)	Dennis Lambries (25)	Richard Wise (16)	Jericho Garcia (5)
Charles Gravley (38)	Edward Smith (25)	Roy Brosseau 15)	William Lindler (5)
Gay Crozier (36)	Richard Bishop (24)	Dennis Turner (15)	Robert Burnett (4)
Ralph Deeter (35)	Donald Blackwelder (24)	Louis Goehring (14)	Lynn Cortright (2)
William Freligh (34)	Michael Dellenbach (24)	Robert Massey (14)	Ernest Culbreath (2)
Lewis Flader (32)	James Mastin (24)	James Turner Jr (14)	Jeff Latourelle (2)
Gerald Monnat (30)	Cecil Skipworth (24)	Bertil Johnson (13)	Michael Rikard (2)
Hilton Hooks (29)	Jack Wrbanich (24)	Roy Kingdom (13)	Arthur Raymond (2)
Frederick Bolz (27)	James Delaney (23)	Fredrick Wolstencroft (13)	William Wieties (2)
Carter Crosson (27)	Edward Fretschel III (23)	Jaqueline Brooks (12)	Matthew Aguilers Jr (1)
Allen Downs (27)	John Keile (22)	John Blanchard (10)	Albert Schwartz (1)
	Terry Trump (22)		

**Unit 269 Continuous Membership –April, 2023**

Nancy Sandefer (33)	MarylN Muckeck (10)	James Vinson (6)	Barbara Berger (3)
Linda Harris (32)	Diane Bahr (7)	Kelley Hall (5)	Danielle Carroll (3)
Cynthia Clark (23)	Connie Chinn (6)	Michael Dubay (5)	Jacqueline Paxton (2)
Patricia Suckow (21)	Rebecca Bower (6)	Carol Mustain (4)	Marjorie Gottsch (1)
Deloris Cox (19)	Anne Barton (6)	Therese Masteron (4)	Beverly Shaffer (1)
Gloria Bolyn (12)	Michael Steele (6)	Charlotte Johnson (3)	Kyrstal Shaffer (1)
Mary Johnson (11)			

## ***YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN APRIL- 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***

Jayne Campbell (1)	Donald Detwiler (8)	Joseph Gimenez (16)	George Bradstreet (24)
Linda Jones (1)	Brenda Kraus (8)	Hazel Hacker (16)	Charles Ethridge (24)
Mildred Koscianski (1)	Stephen Taylor (8)	Daniel Montgomery (16)	Karen Hightower (24)
Arthur Raymond (1)	Gina Horne (9)	Gordon Stevenson (17)	Susan Lee (25)
Albert Schwartz (1)	Charles Schuster (9)	Paul Misuraca (18)	William Peterson (25)
Joe Eudy (1)	Gordon Gingras (11)	Ronald Redondo (18)	Elsie Sexton (25)
Roger Gibson (2)	Teresa Hagan (11)	Ron Workman (19)	Marjorie Gottsch (26)
Richard Roebuck (2)	Edward Mulrey (11)	Trevor England (20)	Duane Henricksen (26)
Guy Stuckey (2)	Richard Sparger (11)	Phillip Nunnally (20)	Jay Duncan (27)
Maureen Williams (2)	Theodore Martin (12)	Tammy Robinson (20)	Richard Jones (27)
Charles Ivey (4)	Judy Dziedzicki (13)	Ken Ealy (21)	James Mastin (27)
Harry Nettles (4)	Linda Odell (13)	Randy Reed (21)	Raymond Montminy (27)
Larry Pepper (4)	Lisa Berezny (14)	Margaret Benjamin (22)	Marilyn Tharp (28)
Bob Segal (4)	Lee Heitner (14)	Mary Anna Chinniers (22)	William Martin II(29)
Richard Brown (5)	Carol Traynor (14)	William Hayes (23)	Kahleen Bourgeois (30)
Joseph Giannetto (6)	Richard Carlson (15)	Michael Roth (23)	
Lori Beier (6)	William Reed (15)	Robert Block (24)	
Dawna LaTourelle (7)	Lynn Cortright (16)		



FRA President James Robinson awarded the Jr. Past President pin to Harry Nettles



FRA President (right) awarded continuous membership pins to:

(Second from right) Robert Koscianski (45 years), (middle) NC Laurie Bailey (25 years), 2<sup>nd</sup> from left Wayne Stella (10 years) and far left is our Southeast President Jerry Anger.



Come on out to the Branch and Unit spring picnic

**April 29 at 11:00 Chow at 12:00, ends at 1600**

**This will be at Marrington Plantation in Goose Creek**

**An email will be sent with the directions to the Marrington Plantation!!**

Hope all Branch and Unit members come out and help us have a great picnic like we used to have.



National Submarine Day is on April 11 and it celebrates the purchase of the USS Holland, the first modern commissioned submarine. This day is important to the submarine community as it honors the US Navy's purchase of their first modern submarine, but life underwater isn't all that glamorous. Often, crews are out at sea for months at a time and return when food supplies run low. Subs can be cramped with tedious tasks to complete daily, and some might not always be the best of friends with everybody on board. It's not just enemies and the sea they have to contend with.



**April 1, 1893 is the birthdate of the rank of chief petty officer, as established by General Order 409. This date marks the start of entrusting senior first class petty officers to become something more, to serve as subject matter experts**

A Navy Chief is a tried and true leader, training Sailors in their ratings while guiding and training junior officers into our future leaders. When confronted with a challenge, the age-old catchphrase in and around the Navy is, "Ask the Chief." Chief Petty Officers are expected to be technical and practical experts providing solutions to both officer and enlisted personnel. The Chief's expertise is a vital part of the U.S. Navy's successful daily operations and mission accomplishment.

## Home Committee Meeting News March 2023

Cash Audit For the month of March has the following balances. Our checkbook balance \$9,744.58, the credit card account \$11,766.22, the savings account \$6,424.77, there is \$1259.75 in pending deposits. Our total cash on hand \$36,694.32.

Financial Audit: As of 1 31 2023 we have the following balances; our cash on hand \$1,141.54, checking account \$12,853.10, credit card account \$13,012.04 savings account \$6423.73. Our net profit for the month of January was \$4,437.41.

Building and Grounds: We had to replace the freezer in the food preparation area at a cost of \$1700 and the pool tables have been recovered.

Our liquor license has been submitted and paid for and has been approved and posted.

Special Events: The golf tournament will be March 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Chili cook off contest on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April sponsored by the Unit. All the information is posted at the Home. We will be having a Corn Hole Tournament on the 21 of March and 4 April. Depending how they turn out we may have monthly tournaments, keep watch for details.

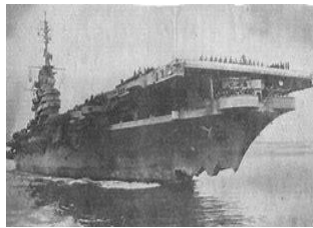
Our next meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

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

Use your Home. Make this year better.

Skip Chilton

Home Committee Chairman



**A Memorial Service will be held at the Branch Home on April 23 at 1300. Request all hands attend this Service**

In 1952, *Hobson* collided with the aircraft carrier [USS Wasp \(CV-18\)](#) and sank with the loss of 176 crew. The ships had been undertaking amphibious exercises in the Atlantic, with *Wasp* practicing night flying, when *Hobson* attempted to turn in front of the carrier and collided with *Wasp*. *Hobson* was broken in two and quickly sunk, causing the greatest loss of life on a US Navy ship since World War II.

### **From the Secretary:**

**If you sponsor a new member please cut off the bottom of the application and give to the new member. Put your name on the application as a sponsor. Please invite the member to a Branch meeting and encourage him to get involved with the Branch. We have 803 members but only a few really get involved. If we can get the new members to come to a meeting they will learn what is happening in the Branch and may get involved.**

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

**April, 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Free Pool	3 VVA 1700 	4 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	5	6 SubVet Eboard meeting	7	8 DAV 1000
9 Free Pool	10	11 Submarine Force Day	12 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	13 SubVet mtg 	14	15
16 Free Pool	17 Home Committee 1800	18 Unit Meeting 1800\\	19	20 Branch mtg 	21	22 Unit 269 Chili Cookoff
23	24	25 Sojourners Meeting 1900	26	----- Meeting 	28	29 Branch & Unit picnic
30 Free Pool USS Hobson Memorial						

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**WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!**  
**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