

Scuttlebutt

May, 2023

Branch/Unit 269

Goose Creek
South Carolina



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Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

April has been a very eventful month for the branch, Starting with the very well attended combined USS Hobson memorial and two bell service for past national President George R Kaye, Thanks to our own past national President Don Muccheck excellent coordination of both events. We enjoyed a highly successful branch picnic(35-40 attendees) thanks goes to S/M Glenn Little,N/C Laurie Bailey and S/M Tim Bailey in all their work in coordinating this event also our grill masters S/M'S Keith and Patrick as well as all the wonderfully prepared sides and deserts again thanks to all who helped with this picnic.

May will be a busy as well, Please plan to attend the May branch meeting the 2nd round of nominations of branch officers, come out and have an input on who will represent you next year. Also we will celebrate Memorial Day Monday 29 May, Starting at 0800 with placing flags on Vet's graves at Plantation memorial Garden, followed at 1000 Memorial Day Service here at the branch(guest speaker past president Harry Nettles) followed by an indoor picnic,

Don't forget Mothers day!

Yours in Loyalty,protection & Service
Ken Hutchison

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Kenneth Hutchison Vice-President - Donald Barton
Treasurer - PNP Don Muccheck 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 Muccheck Historian - Mike Sparks
By-Laws – PNP Don Muccheck 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 Muccheck 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

Jr.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 – Jr PNP Pat Suckow Ship's Store -Trish Chilton

PRPSE Gale Nathan, Hospital – Theresa Milligan

Presilla Wilbanks Membership – Trish Chilton

Publicity – Anne Barton Unit Activities -- All

Members

Parliamentarian— Linda Cox

Youth Activities—Anne Barton

Madam President Tidbits

Greetings to all my LFRA members:

At our April meeting on April 18, 2023, nominations were made:

PRESIDENT- Gail Bolz

Vice President – Trish Chilton

Secretary - None

Treasurer – Gail Nathan

We will vote at our next meeting on May 16, 2023. Any one interested in any position, please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

May 12 – Mothers’s Day Basket drawing

May 27- Memorial Day Ceremony, McAlister Smith Funeral Home.

May 29 – Memorial Day Cremony at the Fleet Home

Anne Barton

Unit 269 President

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 4/4 – Arthur Difillippo, not signed; 4/11 Park Manuel, not signed; 4/18- James Fleming, 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 – 8

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 14

Members past due – 19

Suspended members - 5

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander -1

Total members: 808

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 808

New or reinstated: Mike Ciesielko, Robert Hedin, Charles Humbard, William Loudermilk, Kenneth Murphy, Rocky Puffer, Cubit Robinson, David Southall.

Ready to Renew: Richard Glass, Cynthia Hannah, James Harrison, Russell Nicholas, John Portieri, Lance Rabon, Robert Richardson, Santos Riduca, Kathleen Seader, Robert Shurling, Michael Sparks, Elliott Stamey, Julian Villegas, Marc West

Past Due: Jennifer Beilstein, Ernest Chresoulis, George Fulmer, Joseph Gimenez, Cory Grimm, John Hills, Daniel Hukaby, Gerald Jackson, Stephen Jeffery, Mark Johnson, Danny Mills, Elmer Mullins, Thomas Shepard, Lyle Smith, Rita Stiegelmeier, Stephen Taylor, Steven Thompson, Todd Walker, Tim Zartman

Suspended: Michael Delich, Morgan Gallapis, James Hanson, PNP George Kaye, Jon McCain

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by May 30: Carol Bailey, Lori Beier, Linda Brinson, Rosemary Clark, Mark Howell, Bryan Kopczynski, Shelagh Lammers, Mona Lozen.

April 30: Gail Bolz, Elizabeth Norris.

March 31: Diane Bahr, Beverly Shaffer, Krystal Shaffer.

Past Due: Bill Bradshaw, Ronald Conner, Maggie Morrin, Crissie Pringle, Carrol Sandefer, Mila Taylor, Cheryl Antley, Vicky Blihar, Laurie Douty, Tricia Hughes, Walter Spiller III, Donna Cassavaw.

Suspended: Barbara Kenney, James Miller, Maureen Williams.

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the family of Harry Gray

Pray for Rick Wise after surgery on his arm.

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	\$ 8,354.98
Savings	\$ 4,663.37
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,049.20
Total	\$ 24,067.55

FRA HOME TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account	\$ 14,783.02
Credit Card Account	\$ 7,925.00
Savings	\$ 6,425.31
Total	\$ 35,609.33

Branch 269 Continuous Membership May, 2023

John Casner Jr (68)	John Popa (30)	Paul Langan (23)	Robert Curtis (6)
Edward Potts (57)	Santos Riduca (28)	Keith Laster (23)	Charles Murray (6)
Bryon Couch (53)	Cynthia Hannah (27)	T. H. Tollison (21)	Jeffrey Hamm (5)
George Shatto Sr. (53)	Darlene Hines (27)	Kenneth Hutchison (20)	Michael Fremen (4)
Phillip Smith (53)	Jones Kersey (27)	Brian Cecil (17)	John Pontieri (2)
Roy Massey Sr. (52)	Robert Weber Sr. (27)	Michael Sparks (17)	Donald Rickert (2)
Clarence Hall (51)	Ronald Chambers (25)	David Stevens (17)	Edward Whiteley (2)
Vernice Smith Jr (48)	Kirk Owen (25)	Solomon Eales (16)	William Besco (1)
Gerald Starr (47)	David Cox (24)	Scott Benson (15)	Donald Garrand (1)
Robert Shober (43)	David Greeno (24)	Mark Hunter (13)	Albert Horne Jr (1)
Thomas Scott (38)	Gary Hinks (24)	Richard Lawwell (12)	Timothy Kuehha (1)
James Stover (37)	Lonnie Kenney (24)	Ralph Utermark (12)	Fred Lentz (1)
Merle Melling (33)	Richard Mabe (24)	Kathleen Seader (10)	Lance Rabon (1)
Roland Kring (31)	Timothy Reed (24)	Richard Glass (9)	Robert Shurling (1)
Russell Nichols (30)	Jerry Espiritu (23)	Paul Miuraca (9)	Elliot Stamey (1)
Raymond Pease (30)	James Harrison (23)	Marc West (7)	Julian Villegas (1)

Unit 269 Continuous Membership –May 2023

Joan Acosta (40)	Gail Bolz (16)	Dawna LaTourelle (2)	Sandra Houle (1)
Sandra Rader (23)	Elizabeth Norris (16)	Jayne Campbell (1)	



Left: Congratulations to Ronald Lamon for receiving his 10 year continuous membership pin from President Ken Hutchison

The Branch/Unit Spring picnic was April 29 at Marrington Plantation. This is a very close place to have a picnic. This was a success compared to the last that we tried. Had 30+ people

Will have to discuss where the Fall picnic will be held at.

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN MAY- 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**

John Byrd (1)	John Parnell (11)	Michael Patterson (19)	Robert Zauner (25)
Beverly Shaffer (1)	Dylan Adams (12)	Vernice Smith (20)	John Autrey (26)
Daniel Wall (1)	David Dux (12)	Krystal Shaffer (20)	Ronald Brunner (26)
Yvonne Wallace (2)	Howard Luper (12)	William Sullivan (20)	Edward Fretschel III (26)
Michael Hanna (3)	Johnny Joyce (13)	Hugh Graham (21)	Daniel Huckaby (26)
Brian Steffen (3)	Crystal Koch (13)	Ralph Mummey (22)	Robert Ladue (26)
Bill Ansel (4)	Rhonda McNally (13)	Keith Suiter Sr. (22)	Edward Stover (26)
Richard Glass (4)	Thomas Wunder (13)	Joe Travis (22)	Stephen Kamp (27)
Frederick Kiley (5)	Stephen Jackson (14)	Jack Wirick (22)	John Nichols (27)
Michael Sparks (5)	John Johnson Jr (14)	Oscar Ederada (23)	Wallace Williams (27)
Tim Zartman (5)	John Pontieri (14)	Craig Vanderbilt (23)	Laurie Bailey (29)
David Emerson (6)	Bryan Wright (14)	Tyler Adams (24)	Jack Collier (29)
Russell Hale (6)	Sammy Jackson (15)	William Galloway (24)	Richard Davies (30)
Robert Shurling (6)	Elmer Mullins (125)	Raymond Jaekle (22)	Laurie Douty (30)
Shirley McDonald (7)	Paul Close (16)	Roy Knight (24)	James Fricks (30)
Charles Riggs (7)	Richard Crank (16)	James Moseley (24)	Albert Godwin (30)
Marc West(7)	Michael LeCompte (16)	Charles Wright (24)	Tom Lufkin (30)
Charles Cloe (8)	Linda Villa (16)	Lawrence Fowler (25)	Jerry Walton (30)
Rocco Losito (9)	William Woodsmall III (17)	Raymond Lassen (25)	John Lambert (31)
Tonia Miller (9)	Elmer Feeser (18)	Rebecca Moseley (25)	Don Ort (31)
Sandra Beilstein (10)	Wilmer Shirey (18)	Delores Rucker (25)	Elizabeth Worthy (31)
Charlotte Johnson (10)	Edward Astle (19)	Katherine Sparger (25)	
Frank Carroll Jr (11)	David McCann (19)	Barbara Sullivan (25)	

ONE MISTAKE IN THE APRIL BIRTHDAYS MISSED GLENN LITTLE (21)



The Unit had a great Chili Cookoff. There were thirteen members that brought chili.

Top Left: The Winners: (Left to right: John & Marilyn Tharp – 1st place

Right: Jeff Finer – 2nd place

Middle Laurie & Tim Bailey – 3rd place

Top Right: Thanks to the Judges for testing all of the chili: Left: Larry Pepper, Yvonne Wallace and Wayne Suckow
Lots of tasting and drinking (especially Larry)



Left: USS Hobson Memorial in White Point Garden, Charleston

Middle: PNP Don Mucheck and Glenn Little placed a wreath at the Memorial on Saturday, prior to the ceremony.

Right: Picture of PNP George Kaye and a picture of the USS Hobson for the memorial service.



Left: George Oliver (One of the last remaining survivors attended the ceremony

Right: George Oliver and Don Pace placed the wreath for the USS Hobson



Wreaths were also placed by the Branch President, Ken Hutchison
 Unit 269 -LAFRA PNP Pat Suckow and Trish Chilton
 Marine Corps League – Helen Breen
 Summerville 4H
 Also thanks to the American Legion Post 166 for the color guard,
 honor guard and rifle salute as well as Taps.

Home Committee Meeting News April 2023

Cash Audit For the month of April has the following balances. Our checkbook balance \$14,783.02, the credit card account \$7925.00, the savings account \$6,425.31, there is \$517.00 in pending deposits. Our total cash on hand \$35,609.33.

Financial Audit: As of 2 28 2023 we have the following balances; our cash on hand \$2,673.10, checking account \$8,688.79, credit card account \$7,789.66 savings account \$6423.73. Our net profit for the month of February was a loss of \$1,753.02.

As of 3 31 2023 we have the following balances; our cash on hand \$5,709.32, checking account \$6,455.45, credit card account \$7,410.92 savings account \$6,425.31. Our net profit for the month of March was \$3,988.72.

Building and Grounds/Managers Report: All the yearly bills have been paid except the liquor liability insurance, the last installment will be paid soon. This means we will not be required to get a loan.

Special Events: There will be a Chili cook off contest on the 22nd of April sponsored by the Unit. All the information is posted at the Home. The Corn Hole Tournament on the 21 of March and 4 April went well and we may have monthly tournaments, keep watch for details.

On Sunday the 23rd, there will be memorial services and 2 bell for USS HOBSON and PNP George Kaye.

The Branch Picnic will be on the 29th. Check flyers for details.

Our next meeting will be the 15th of May.

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

From the Secretary: John Tharp- 843-709-8520// tharpj@sc.rr.com

There is a new membership application which is on line at the Fleet Reserve Association

There are copies above the ATM on the wall, so ensure you use these. This new one has the name of the sponsor so ensure you put your name with membership number. Cut off the bottom of the application and give to the new member.

If you have an email address and do not get emails from me please let me know. I do get some rejects but when talking to the member they are still receiving emails from me.

If you want the newsletter sent to you by mail please put your name on the pink form on the bulletin board so I can put you on the listing.

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

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

Military Appreciation Month May, 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 VVA Mtg	2 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	3	4 SubVet Eboard meeting Battle of Coral Sea 1942	5	6
7 Free Pool	8 VE Day Germany Surrender	9 Operation Linebacker Begins 1972	10	11 SubVet mtg 	12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	13 DAV 1000
14 Free Pool Happy Mothers Day	15 Home Committee 1800 Peace Officer Memorial Day	16 Unit Lunch FRA Home 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	17 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	18 Branch Mtg 	19	20
21 Free Pool	22 1 ST Marine Aviator – 1912 Alfred Cunningham	23	24	25 MCL mtg 	26	27 Memorial Day VFW 10256 McAlister-Smith 1500
28	29 Memorial Day At the Fleet 1000 Indoor picnic to follow	30 Sojourners Meeting 1900	31			

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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!!!!