

Scuttlebutt

August, 2023

Branch/Unit 269

Goose Creek
South Carolina



National website: Fleet Reserve association.org

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

Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch President's Corner

Not a lot to report this month. We had a very well attended Independence Day indoor picnic celebration. Attendance/participation at branch events appear to be improving, we are planning another indoor picnic Labor Day, and an outdoor picnic at Marrington picnic area on Sep 23, hope to see you there.

Shipmate Nick Nichols and NC Laurie Bailey have developed a new Branch 269 website hope to be up and running soon, more to follow.

The FRA SE region annual convention will be held in Pensacola Fl, 8/28 to 9/1. Several Branch Officers will attend. Branch 269 has voted to endorse JRPPNC Maria Behm for National Vice President, and National VP John Handzuk for National President for 2023/2024

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 PRPSE Fred Bolz Tim Bailey
Cindy Bryan Skip Chilton Ron Lamon
Tom Lawson Glenn Little William Maloon
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 – Ken Wallace

Vice Home Chairman – NC Laurie Bailey

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton Financial Sec- Cindy Bryan
Director – Ken Ealy Director – Tim Bailey
Director - Linda Cox Director – Trish Chilton
Director – John Tharp Director – Skip Chilton
Director – Marilyn Tharp

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 – PRPSE GailBolz Treasurer – PRPSE Gale Nathan

Secretary – Dee Wallace Vice President – Trish Chilton

Jr. Past President – Anne Barton

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NFS, Jr PNP Pat Suckow Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson Linda Cox
Ann Griffith Debbie Breeze
Marilyn Tharp Trish Chilton

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

Membership – Trish Chilton

Publicity – Anne Barton Unit Activities -- All

Members

Parliamentarian— Linda Cox

Youth Activities—Anne Barton

Unit Presaident Tidbits

Hi Auxiliary Members,
To all members Happy July Birthday
and Anniversaries!!!!!!
Congratulations to our new officers:
President; PRPSE Gail Bolz
Vice President; Trish Chilton
Secretary; Dee Wallace
Treasurer; PRPSE Gale Nathan
Upcoming events:
SE Regional Convention:
August 29 to September 1st
VA Clinic: September 12th
Bunco: September 17th
Yard Sale: October 14th
Next Unit 269 Luncheon on August 15th
will be O'Charley's in North Charleston
at 11:30.
Our next Unit Meeting is August 15th at
6:00pm
Yours, in Loyalty, Protection and
Service,
PRPSE Gail Bolz

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 6/20 – Karen Hubert, not signed; 6/27 – Bill Sellers, not signed; 7/4 – Chuek Hines, present; 7/11 Mike Ciesilko, not signed; 7/18 – Charles Riggs, not signed; 7/25 - Joseph Giannetto, 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 – 12
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 2
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 12
Members past due – 12
Suspended members - 17
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander -0
Total members: 811

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 811

New or reinstated: Paul Burnstein, John Ingram, Matthew Frazier, George Hamaker, James McCutchison, Benjamin Money, Scott Salisbury, Todd Walker

Ready to renew: John Adams, Bob Browning, Frank DeCampo, Trevor England, Mark Erwin, Robert Geiger, James Longo, William Reed

Past Due: John Blanchard, Robert Burnett, Lynn Cortright, Allen Downs, Thomas Jordan, Jeff Latourelle, Lance Rabon, Robert Shurling, Elliott Stamey, Ralph Utermark, Julian Villegas, William Wieties

Suspended: Lawrence Barten, Kent Davis, Chris Ludwig, Wayne McDaniel, Michael Neff, William Stevens, Gary Stuckey

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by August 2023: Gloria Allen; Kathleen Bourgeois; Anna Brown; Georgia Cathcart; Jordan Highberger; Linda Jones; Susan Lee, Linda Lunn; Sandra Medley; Donald Whitedley Jr

Past Due 30 days: None

Past Due 60 Days: None

Past Due 90 Days: Diane Bahr

Suspended: Bill J Bradshaw; Ronald Conner; Madeline Morrin; Cressie Pringle; Carroll Sandeler; Mila Taylor

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

**Pray for the families of MMCM Wilmer Shirey,
MMCM(SS) Donald Peterson and Daughter of
Roger Gibson**

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	\$ 7,989.65
Savings	\$ 4,666.31
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,072.88
Total	\$ 23,228.84

Branch 269 Continuous Membership August, 2023

Edward O'Connor (51)	Howard Anderson (25)	Richard Troy (13)	Alfred Alston (4)
Robert Bailey (49)	James Houchin (24)	David Farley (9)	Charles McAhon (4)
Charles Szad (49)	David Kiger (24)	Darrel Mckeown (9)	Petetr Andruchowsky (3)
Edward Fisher (46)	Stuart Erlandson (22)	John Nichols (9)	Frank DeCampo (3)
Carroll Watson (46)	Dana Johnson (22)	William Reed III (9)	Ronnie Jones (3)
David McCann (45)	Larry Larkins (22)	Mark Erwin (8)	Bob Segal (3)
Robert Kirtley (43)	Carl Miller (17)	Owen Bower (7)	John Adams (2)
Robert Bryant (38)	Linwood Murrow (17)	Ray Bryant (7)	Mariela Anderson (2)
Robert Geiger (38)	Chad Parsons (16)	Helen Breen (6)	Bob Browning (2)
Brendan Goff (35)	Charlie Hudson (13)	Charles Ethridge (5)	Trevor England (2)
Delores Rucker (35)	Bill Sellers (13)	Harry Nettles (5)	James Longo (2)
Dwight Weatherly (33)			

Unit 269 Continuous Membership August, 2023

Gloria Allen (46)	Linda Jones (18)	Kathy Sorenson (12)	Janice Highberger (4)
Barbara Moyer (36)	Anna Brown (15)	Robin McKeown (9)	Karen Hubert (4)
Wanda Seay (31)	Susan Lee (13)	Linda Lunn (6)	Georgia Cathcart (2)
Patty Russell (24)	Sandra Medley (12)	Donald Whiteley (6)	Arthur Lee (2)
Carmela Day (19)	Charles Schuster (12)	James Highberger (5)	



Welcome Aboard two new members.

Left: John Ingram and Pacifico C. Dela Fuente III to
Branch 269 and the Fleet Reserve.

If you are a member of Branch or Unit 269 and it is your birthday in August, stop by the Fleet Home for a free Birthday lunch!!!!!!

Michael Hadbany (1)	Lonnie Donahue (9)	Johnny Brown (16)	Lori Marshall (23)
Lance Rabon (1)	Michael Cline (10)	Ann O'Brien (16)	Daniel Speight (23)
William Adams (1)	Dustin Darrell (10)	Elizabeth Mullins (16)	John Keile (25)
Robert Brinson (2)	James Highberger (10)	Harold Starn (16)	Roberta Kiley (25)
Bonnie Laseter (2)	Ronald Hoadley Jr. (10)	David Thomas (17)	Roger Nelson (25)
Parke Manuel (2)	James Hightower (10)	Bruce Bailey (18)	D J Nyhart (25)
Charles Hughes Jr. (3)	Matthew King (10)	Danielle Carroll (18)	James Harrison (26)
Stephen Jeffery (3)	Elliott Starney (10)	Johnny Ellis (19)	Ralph Utermark (26)
Francis Migliaro (3)	Bobby Barbee (11)	Gerald Fraser (19)	Charlie Hudson (27)
Jim Wilson (3)	Neta Fewox (11)	Benjamin Kluth Jr. (20)	Lee Lepretre (27)
Solomon Eagles (4)	Barbara Kinney (11)	Jay Rowland Jr. (20)	Jon McCain (27)
Steven Edmund Sr. (4)	Darrell Boggs (12)	Bill Sellers (20)	Allen Downs (28)
Norma Jean Houch (4)	Terrie Ehlich (12)	William Besco (21)	Brandon Pruett (28)
Thomas Krieger (4)	Todd Walker (12)	Marion Clark (21)	William Ragan (28)
Timothy Kuehhas (4)	Fredrick Daughtery (13)	James Delaney (21)	Thomas Clark (29)
Fred Sprague (6)	William Mullins (13)	Alan Dempster (21)	William Freligh (30)
James Vinson (7)	William Ribbeck (13)	William Roberts (21)	Harold Trosper Sr. (30)
Yvonne Aguilera (8)	Shiela Shea (13)	Frederick Bolz (22)	Robert Ramsey (31)
Dale Brannen (8)	Joan Wilson (13)	David Lyle III (22)	Grady Scott (31)
Bruce Garrabrant (8)	Debra Bortell (14)	Roberta Sutton (22)	Tine Marie Willis (31)
Carol Mustain (8)	Charles Pyatt (14)	Lawrence Denapoli (23)	
Loye Bryant (9)	Leroy Rothrauff (15)	Lynnette Jordan(23)	



Right to Left: President Ken Hutchison awarded Past Branch Officer pins to Tim Bailey, John Tharp, NC Laurie Bailey, PNP Don Mucheck, Skip Chilton, Cindy Bryan, Don Barton, Ron Lamon, Bobbi Sutton, Larry Pepper, Ken Wallace and Glenn Little



PNP Don Mucheck awarded Certificates of Appreciation to NC Laurie Bailey, Tim Bailey, Bobbi Sutton, Glen Little, Ken Wallace and Lady Linda Cox for their work preparing for and participating in the USS Hobson Memorial and the Memorial for PNP George Kaye

President Ken Hutchison presented (Middle) Charlie Szad with his 45 year continuous membership pin and (left) Carson Burgess with his 35 year continuous membership pin.



National Chaplain Laurie Bailey is our Southeast Regional Convention Chairman

If you're willing to help out with the 2024 Regional Convention hosted by Branch 269, there will be a meeting after the unit meeting on August 15th around 7:00-7:30. It will be an update on the status of the convention so it should be short.

Also, a notice about the new website to look for it in September, I hope.

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 14 July 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$7,833.81, Credit Card account \$16,288.30, Savings account \$6,426.92; there is \$1,391.00 in pending checks. Total cash on-hand \$41,440.03.

Financial Audit as of 30 June 2023 reflected the following balances: cash on-hand \$4,664.79, Credit Card account \$13,895.83. Net profit for the month of June was \$4,517.81.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: S/M Tim Bailey reports he added coolant (Freon) to one of the air conditioners, another A/C unit needs repair but is waiting on parts. Bar area A/C unit that was leaking has been repaired. Broken outside light fixture has been repaired; all of the outside lights will be changed to LED's.

PNP Don Mucheck reports all bills have be paid, including the business Credit Cards.

The July 4th Indoor Picnic was well attended; approximately \$400.00 in donations was received, before Food and prizes for the cake decorating were paid.

There was a NASCAR party on July 15th.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported that he made eight additions, eleven deletions, and updated five address changes to address book. There were six pills added to the Tuesday drawing barrel (five Branch members and one Unit member).

Old/New Business: No old business to discuss. NC Laurie Bailey initiated a discussion regarding general sprucing improvements to the Home for the upcoming convention next year (cleaning, repairs, painting, etc.) both inside and outside. We agreed that all of us look around and bring suggestions to next meeting currently scheduled for Monday, August 14, at 1800.

One final reminder, if you bring a Non-Member to Home, please remember to sign them into the Guest Log.

Ken Wallace, Home Committee Chairman.



Happy 233rd Birthday Celebration for the United States Coast Guard

Come to the Fleet Reserve (99 Wisteria Road, Goose Creek) and help us celebrate the 233rd birthday of the US Coast Guard
Friday, August 4 at 1800



The Korean War began June 25, 1950, and lasted until July 27, 1953. 5.8 million Americans served in the war, with 36,574 killed, 103,284 wounded, and 8,000 missing in action.

Approximately 7,600 U.S. personnel remain unaccounted for after the Korean War, with some 5,300 believed to be lost in North Korea. Families of some 92 percent of those missing personnel have provided DNA samples for their hopeful and eventual identification.



From the Branch 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.

FRA National Headquarters put new members, as well as renewals into the system regularly, however, the quickest way to get your renewal updated is to contact Headquarters, either by phone or by the national website. I contacted them last week on Friday and all of the renewals which were past due were updated Friday afternoon.

If you sponsor a new member please tell him that once National gets his/her information they will send the new member an email. At the bottom of this email is a "Get Membership Card"

They can print the new card until they receive one from Headquarters.

The same goes with members renewing. Once you get the email at the bottom of the email is (get membership card) print your new card until you get the card from Headquarters.

Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions
 Friday nights – 1930 hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	2	3 SubVet Eboard meeting	4 Coast Guard Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony 1800	5
6 Free Pool	7	8	9	10 SubVet mtg 	11	12
13 Free Pool	14 Home Committee 1800	15 Unit Mtg 1800	16 LCCC 1900	17 Branch Mtg 	18	19
20 Free Pool	21	22	23 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	24 MCL Mtg 	25	26
27 Free Pool	28 VVA Meeting 1730	29 Sojourners Meeting 1900	30 Bowling Meeting 1900	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!!!