



Scuttlebutt
September 2023

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina

National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)
<http://facebook.com/groups/trabranh269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org
Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

Branch 269 will host the 2024 Southeast region convention, this will be a very involved undertaking requiring several volunteers. NC Laurie Bailey will serve as the chair person for this event, We will have monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month following the unit meeting all branch and unit members encouraged and invited to attend, The branch will hold several fundraisers, starting with a BBQ dinner on Veterans Day more info to follow,

The Home will host an indoor picnic Labor Day Sep 4th. also We will have a picnic at Marrington plantation on the 23rd of Sep.

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

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 –

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 Gail Bolz Treasurer PRPSE Gale Nathan
 Secretary Yvonne Wallace Vice President – Trish Chilton
 Jr Past President Anne Barton
 NFS, Jr. PNP Pat Suckow Theresa Milligan
 Kathy Sorenson Linda Cox
 Ann Griffith Debbie Breeze
 Marilyn Tharp

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
Publicity – Anne Barton	Membership – Trish Chilton
Members	Unit Activities -- All
Parliamentarian— Linda Cox	
Youth Activities—Anne Barton	

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 7/25 – Joseph Giannetto, not signed; 8/1 – Ronald Walston, not signed; 8/8 Alvin Calas, 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 – 5
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 10
Members past due – 12
Suspended members - 4
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 5
Total members: 806

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 803

New Join: Larry Born, Daniel Jamison Jr., Dillion Brown, Joshua Chandler, Casey Preece

Ready to Renew: John Adams, Alfred Alston, Mariela Anderson, Bob Browning, Frank DeCampo, Trevor England, Mark Erwin, Robert Geiger, James Longo, William Reed III,

Past Due: Donovan Benne, Melissa Curtis, Johnny Ellis Jr., Patricia Gallagher, George Hamaker, Dan Heath Jr., Michael Leclair, Lance Rabon, Robert Shurling, Elliott Stamey, Ralph Utermark, Julian Villegas

Suspended: John Blanchard, Robert Burnett, Lynn Cortright, Allen Downs, Thomas Jordan

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by September 30 2023: Allyson McDermott, Rhonda McNally, Roger Nelson, Steven Rusbodlt, Elsie Sexton, Rosie Soderlund, Chun Stanfield, Dee Wallace, Elizabeth Worthy

Past Due 60 Days: Deborah Bacur, Darlene Beck, Patricia Day, Margaret Henshall, James Tennes, Theresa White, Anita Wright

Suspended: Diane Bahr

Madam President Tidbits

Hello Auxiliary Members

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Our August meeting was successful

We will be visiting the VA Clinic in North Charleston on September 12th

Bunko will be started again at the Fleet on September 17 at 12:30

We will be having an indoor year sale on October 14 at the Fleet.

I encourage all Unit members to attend meetings to see what is happening with the unit.

Trish Chilton
Unit 269 Vice President
For President Gail Bolz

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of: MMCM (SS) Donald Petersen, MMCM Wilmer Shirey, YNC Dale Shepperd, TMC Richard Koehler and HMCS (SS) Brian Repphum

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	\$ 8,004.98
Savings	\$ 4,667.27
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,072.88
Total	\$ 23,745.13

Branch 269 Continuous Membership September, 2023

Benjamin Kluth (58)	Charles Clore (23)	Donald Heinle (16)	James Bellemare (4)
Donald Hanley (52)	Merrell Peterson (23)	Micha dl Fusari (15)	Charles McAhon (4)
Kenneth Cowles (49)	Kenneth Seal (23)	Rodney McKanna (14)	James Graham Sr. (2)
David Mueller (49)	Ron Workman(23)	Michael Hadbavny (13)	Clarence Peifer (2)
Donald Rickert (39)	James Sherrow (22)	Michael Sosa Jr (11)	Earl Spurlock (2)
Willard Burton Jr. (37)	Jack Collier (21)	William Cox (10)	Jim Wilson (2)
William Ribbeck (32)	Ronald Lizenberger (18)	Vernice Smith Jr. (10)	George Johnson (1)
Larry Born (31)	Sam Pennington (18)	Dale Brannen (8)	John Rooney (1)
William Martin (27)	Herbert Franklin (17)	Donald Langdon (8)	Frederick Wilson (1)
Michael Clemens (24)	Park Manuel(17)	Jason Anderson (6)	
William Sullivan (24)	Wade Reid (17)		

Unit 269 Continuous Membership September, 2023

Neta Fewox (55)	Gale Nathan (43)	Barbara Moyer (36)	Dorothy Nephew (30)
Patricia Wlazlinski (54)	Barbara Timmons (43)	Elizabeth Worthy (36)	Brenda Hiers (25)
Betty Harris (50)	Dorothy Grooms (41)	Nancy Sandler (33)	Margie Rothrauff (24)
Gloria Allen (46)	Marie Lutrell (41)	Linda Harris (32)	Barbara Sullivan (24)
Beulah Wenzel (44)	Martha Willcutt (37)	Wanda Seay (31)	



Russell Nichols received his 30 year continuous membership pin from President Ken Hutchison

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN SEPTEMBER - 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

Edward Fisher (1)	Charles Gravley (7)	Jason Anderson (14)	Bob Browning (22)
Jeffrey Hamm (1)	Richard Hair (7)	Thomas Jennings (14)	Holly Gordan (22)
Thomas Ervine (1)	Kenntn Hutchison (7)	Tammy Miller (14)	Clarence Hall (22)
Robert Richardson (1)	Danny Trapp (7)	James Wilicutt (14)	John Paul (22)
Paul King (2)	Robert Hedin (8)	Robert Mixon (15)	Cynthia Young (22)
Carla Passmore (2)	Judy Higgins (8)	Edward Bowles (16)	Gail Bolz (23)
Deborah Rullman (2)	Roland Kring (8)	Ernest Sweat (16)	Raymond Clark (23)
Dennis Lanier(2)	Darlene Beck (9)	Linda Vinson (17)	Michael Mercer (23)
Joseph Shea (2)	William Hunter (9)	Mike Ciesielko (18)	John Tharp (23)
Robert Windrow (2)	Paul McHugh (9)	Thomas Clifton (18)	Michael Fremem (24)
Alan Lincoln (3)	John Glass (10)	Anna Brown (19)	Curtis March (24)
Cecil Skipworth (3)	Gary Hinks (10)	Patrick Dermody (19)	Annie Bain (24)
Charles Szad (3)	Robert Lopez (10)	Don Pace (19)	Benita Kinlaw (24)
Jeffrey Kirksey (4)	Daniel Mckiernan (10)	Wayne Suckow (19)	Raymond McKinley III (24)
Kimberly Vandiver (4)	Nancy Sandler (10)	Anthony Dye (20)	Scott Salisbury (24)
Jimmie Gambrell (5)	Tiffany Dubuse (11)	Walter Mabe (20)	Oscar Diano (27)
Jessica Murphy (5)	David Greeno (11)	Walter Markyvech (20)	William Dunsing (27)
Scott Huber (5)	Robert Stodola (11)	Donalds Snead (20)	Thomas Evans (28)
Wanda Seay (5)	Tim Cowan (12)	James Turner Jr. (20)	Louis Goehring (28)
Bryan Couch (6)	William Lindler (12)	Milton Willoughby (20)	Marv Johnson (28)
Robert Curtis (6)	Michael Steele (12)	Robert Bear (21)	Joseph Perillo (28)
Allen Katen (6)_	Don Kopczynski (13)	Michael Clemens (21)	Donald Blackwelder (30)
Larry Knutson (6)	Randall Bolin (13)	Robert Ingebretson (21)	Earl Goodell (30)
Robert Stancik (6)	Kevin Scott (13)	Robert Rose (21)	
Robin Buell (7)	Mike Sroka (13)	Julian Villegas (21)	
Dennis Cox (7)	Gary Thomas (13)	Donovan Bennett (22)	

From the Branch Secretary:

(tharpj@sc.rr.com) or (843-709-8520)

Branch/Unit 269 now has a website (fra269gc.org)!!!!!!

The Branch/Unit now has a website. Please look at this site to get current and past newsletters.

This website will give you information on what events are scheduled so you can participate in the event.

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 11 August 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$19,198.55, Credit Card account \$7,004.84, Savings account \$6,427.46; there is \$1,391.00 in pending checks. Total cash on-hand \$43,687.85.

Financial Audit as of 31 July 2023 reflected the following balances: cash on-hand \$4,501.74, Checking Account \$8,092.48, Savings Account \$6,426.92, and Credit Card account \$15,569.88. Net profit for the month of July was \$3,710.81.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: S/M Tim Bailey reports all air conditioners are working; heating portion of kitchen A/C unit needs repair but impact is negligible.

The August 4th Coast Guard birthday celebration was well attended; had two retired Coasties and five active duty personnel.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported five new members although Headquarters reported a net active members decrease of 803.

Old/New Business: Last meeting we were asked to bring a list of improvements (cleaning, repairs, painting, etc.) to be completed before convention next year. This was tabled until next meeting, September 18th.

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.



Above left: PRPSE Fred Bolz received an On Watch lapel pin for recruiting an active duty member.

Above right: National Chaplain received a recruiting lapel pin for recruiting three or more members.



Happy Labor Day!!!!
Indoor Picnic at 1130
At the Fleet



Twenty years ago, the United States endured one of the most unconscionable tragedies in our country's history. The cowardly terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and onboard United Flight 93 cut short the lives of 2,977 innocent people.



A prisoner of war (POW) is a person who is held captive by a belligerent power during or immediately after an armed conflict. The earliest recorded usage of the phrase "prisoner of war" dates back to 1610.



U. S. Coast Guard Birthday Celebration

The U. S. Coast Guard celebrated their 233rd birthday at the Fleet

There were five active duty personnel from the Charleston Sector to help us celebrate their birthday.

Left to right (Robert Hudspeth and Ronald Henderson (both retired)

In uniform left to right: LCDR Catherine Lawson, MST2 Aaron Ray, SK2 K'Ron Clark, SK3 Kevin Gonzales Flores, and LCDR Luke Strittnatter

Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

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

September, 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Free Pool	4 LABOR DAY Indoor picnic	5 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	6	7 SubVet Eboard meeting	8	9 DAV Meeting
10 Free Pool	11	12	13	14 SubVet mtg 	15	16
17 Free Pool	18 Home Committee 1800	19 Unit Lunch 1130 Unit Meeting 1800	20 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	21 Branch mtg 	22	23
24 Free Pool	25 VVA Mtg 	26 Sojourners Meeting 1900	27	28 MCL Mtg 	29	30

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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