

Scuttlebutt
December, 2023

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



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<http://facebook.com/groups/trabranh269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org
Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

Thank you to all hands for the tremendous support we enjoyed for our highly successful Veterans Day BBQ fundraiser, Special thanks to our pitmaster's/cooks Johnny Brown, Ray&Ling Stanfield, Keith Laster support staff Tim&Laurie Bailey and of course our Ladies Aux for the deserts and Luck of the draw Again thanks to all. Planing the next fundraiser "Old fashioned Navy Breakfast " looking at Feb 17th

The branch will participate in the following events.

Dec 7- 1100 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on board USS Yorktown

Dec 9- Childrens Christmas party

Dec 14 - 1800 Branch Christmas party (tickets available at the bar \$10) there will a white elephant gift exchange not to exceed \$20

Dec 16 - 1200 Wreaths across America will be at Carolina Memorial Gardens

Congratulations on continuous membership 55yrs - Richard Best, 45yrs - Arthur Pittman and James Ezzell, Jr - 5 yrs

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

Jr PNC 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 – PRPSE Fred Bolz Youth Activities – Donald Barton

Master-at-Arms-Glenn Little Ways and Means – Larry Pepper

PRelations – John Tharp Essay Contest – Jr PNC Laurie Bailey

Membership – Cindy Bryan Amer/Pat – Jr PNC Laurie Bailey

WEB Master – Jr PNC 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 – Jr. NC Laurie Bailey

Director - Linda Cox

Director – Tim Bailey

Director – John Tharp

Director – Trish Chilton

Director – Marilyn Tharp

Director –

Home Manager – PNP Don Muecheck, Larry Pepper and Don Garrand

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

Board of Directors

NFS, 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 – Trish Chilton

Ship's Store - Trish Chilton

Publicity – Anne Barton

Hospital – Theresa Milligan

Parliamentarian – Linda Cox

Membership – Trish Chilton

Youth Activities—Anne Barton

Unit Activities -- All Members

Madam President Tidbits

Hi Auxiliary Members,

To all members Happy December Birthday and Anniversaries!!

Merry Christmas to all

Welcome Linda Nichols to our Unit 269. We are so glad to have you as our New Member!

At our November Meeting we draped our Charter for. PRPSE Bessie Welch, unit 210 and Gloria Allan, unit 269

Please check out the Boxes in the Bar area for items that are needed for the Veterans, Toys for Tots, and food for that is needed for the Children.

Upcoming events:

December 3rd, Meeting at Walmart to purchase Toys for Tots, at 9:00am

December 7th, Pearl Harbor Wreath Laying at the Yorktown in Mt. Pleasant at 10:00am.

December 14th, Branch and Unit Christmas Party. Tickets are \$10 for dinner and bring a gift not to exceed \$20.00

December 16th, Wreath Across America at Carolina Memorial Gardens on Rivers Rd. North Charleston. At 12:00 pm.

December 21st. Unit 269 Luncheon at the Barony House, 401 Altman St. Moncks Corner. Please notify Dee Wallace if you would like to go.

There will be no December Meeting.

The next Meeting will be on January 16th at 6:00pm. Our Luncheon will be at 11:30 the same day at the Fleet Reserve Home

Yours, in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

PRPSE Gail Bolz

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 10/27 – Don Heath, not signed; 10/31 – Y. L. Little, not signed; 11/07 – Edward Stover, not signed; 11/04 – Elizabeth Adams, not signed; 11/21 – James Giordano, 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 – 1

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 12

Members past due – 12

Suspended members - 7

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 1

Total members: 800

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 800

New Join: Douglas Craig, Gary Arquisola, Robert Burnett, Lyndon Porter, Robert Pulos

Ready to Renew: Matthew Aguilera, Denise Barnes, Tim Cowan, Early Griffin, Johnny Joyce, Lewis Leal Jr., Jon McCain, Ralph Mummey, Phillip Obie, Stephen Schultz, Franklin Seitz, Bruce Tucker

Past Due: Alfred Alston, Mariela Anderson, Bob Browning, Frank DeCampo, George Durity, Trevor England, Robert Geiger, James Longo, Charles McAhon, William Reed III, William Ribbeck, John Rooney, Michael Sosa, Frederick Wilson

Suspended: Robin Buell, Richard Carlson, Jay Duncan, Richard Mueck, Edward Potts, Brian Repphun, Nytasja Sanders.

Unit Membership and Retention

Past Due 30 days: Rhonda McNally, Roger Nelson, Steven Rusboldt, Elsie Sexton, Risie Soderlund, Chun Stanfield..

Past Due 60 Days: Kathleen Bourgeois, Linda Jones, Susan Lee

Past Due 90 Days: Dawn Gallopis, Linda Odell

Suspended: Deborah Bacur, Darlene Beck Margaret Henshaw, James Tennes, Theresa White

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of: TMC(SS) Richard Sparger

Tom Clark has cancer, James Graham Sr. has pancreatic issues and Ron Kring has dialysis treatments weekly.

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	\$ 6,927.48
Savings	\$ 4,670.21
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,193.82
Total	\$ 22,791.51

**Branch 269 Continuous Membership
December, 2023**

Dustin Darnell (43) Thomas Beach (35) Everette Coates (35) Charles Hines (35) Tim Cowan (31) Earl Goodell (31) Ralph Mummey (31) William Butler (29) Mark Chapman (24)	Robert Lopez (24) Larry Nicodin (24) David Markyvech (23) William Mullins (23) Early Griffin (22) Denise Barnes (20) Gavin Karelitz (20) George Bradstreet (18) John Hoyt (18)	Barbara Alaer (14) Randall Bolin (13) Jon McCain (12) Alexander Bodo (11) Joseph Patrick (11) Robin Corkill (10) Judy Duncan (10) Perry Friend Sr. (10)	Harvey Belcher (9) Phillip Obie (8) Butch C lift (7) Willy Hecker (6) Michael Delich (5) Raymond Cotton (4) Johnny Joyce (4) Lewis Leal Jr. (1)
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December, 2023**

Neta Fewox (55) Betty Harris (50) Joan Acosta (40) Dorothy Nephew (30) Nancy Sandler (30) Carol Bailey (25)	Brenda Hiers (25) Dee Wallace (20) Anna Brown (15) Isla Janney (15) Elsie Sexton (15) Loretta Dailey (10)	Joy Lambert (10) Shelagh Lammers (10) MaryIn Muccheck (10) Tammy Robinson (10) Chun Stanfield (10) Michael Dubay (5)	Judsy Dziedzicki (5) Holly Gordon (5) Kelly Hall (5) James Highberger (5) Scott Huber (5) Mildred Koscianski (5)
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Right: Richard Best – 55 years

Center: Arthur Pittman – 45 years

James Ezzel Sr: 5 years

Outstanding job keeping your membership for as long as you have. Congratulations!!!!!!

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN DECEMBER- 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

Howard Hogue (1)	Nestor Derecho Jr (10)	David Karrick (15)	Y.L. Little (22)
Boyd Davis (2)	John Popa (10)	Grady Langley (15)	Frank DeCampo (23)
Francis Evans (2)	Robert Pulos (10)	Pat Suckow (15)	Michael Perrillo (23)
Karen Hubert (3)	George Scharf (10)	Lynette Gonzalez (16)	Donald Hanley (240)
Patricia Chilton (4)	Clemmis Floyd (11)	Dorothy Nephew (16)	Janice Hightower (25)
Steven Geary (4)	Dominador Jimenez (11)	John Bullock (17)	Wayne Stella (26)
Robert Melton (4)	Patty Russell (11)	Deloris Cox (17)	Brian Adams (27)
Casey Preece (4)	Carl Chinn (12)	James McKinney (18)	Rick Collins (27)
Maureen Gonzalez (5)	Robert Shober (12)	Theresa Milligan (18)	Clint Ferrell (27)
John Groover (5)	Earl Spurlock (12)	Elfriede Campbell (19)	William Haney (27)
Robert Harris (6)	David Cornelius (13)	Francis Perillo (19)	Derrick Mihanovich (29)
Garry Radwick (6)	David Horton (13)	ROBERT SOWARDS (19)	William Trotman (29)
Frank Strunk (6)	David Button (14)	ROBERT BAILEY (20)	Anita Wright (29)
Ann Tolentino (7)	Brenda Hiers (14)	TERRY SPRAGUE (20)	Eddie Beasley (30)
Donald Barvilchak (8)	Frederick Hooker (14)	RONNIE VANDIVER (20)	Charles Murray (30)
Early Griffin (8)	Susan Pardo (14)	LUCINDA BRYAN (21)	Joseph Weber (30)
Earl Milligan (9)	Butch Clift (15)	JOSEPH HOLMAN (21)	Kim Hamilton (31)
Terry Trump (9)	Ralph Deeter (15)	MERRELL PETERSON (21)	Colleen McCain (31)

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 and upcoming events

The Branch and Unit would like to eliminate the printed newsletters to save money. since everything is on the website. If you have a computer you will get access on the website earlier instead of waiting for the printed copy.

If you recruit a new member and he/she has an email account and HQ receives it they will send an email confirmation. At the bottom of the confirmation will be a "GET MEMBESHIP CARD". This will give the new member a temporary card until the original comes from HQ.

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 10 November 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$14,995.97; Credit Card account \$20,296.52; Savings account \$11,429.38; there is \$1,826.00 in pending checks. Total cash on-hand \$60,047.87.

Financial Audit: Report not received as of 13 November 2023.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: S/M Tim Bailey still waiting for colder weather and dry conditions to repair the moisture tray for A/C unit in Banquet Room (not draining properly).

Larry Pepper received estimate(s) for repairs to the outside of the Home (\$2,640.00) but still waiting for additional costs (and approvals) for purchase and mounting FRA/Navy/Marine Corp/Coast Guard shields on outside of building.

In-door Veterans Day Celebration and BBQ was a success at the Home on Saturday, 11 November 2023.

Home will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day.

Looking ahead: 01 December – SubVets Christmas Party

08 December – Marine Corp Christmas Party

09 December – Children's Christmas Party

14 December – FRA 269 Christmas Party

25 December – Home will be CLOSED

31 December – NO New Years Eve party at the Home (Band unavailable)

We have a new Marque that actually works with our "new" office computer; thanks to Bob Zauner.

Super Bowls Squares are just about filled.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp and Headquarters reported a net active membership holding at 800. John issued one new key card.

Old/New Business: No old business at this time.

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.

Right: Nick Nichols received a letter of Commendation and a check fore \$250.00 for setting up the Branch website (fra269gc.org).

Others pictured that presented (L-R) Jr. PNC Laurie Bailey, President Ken Hutchison, PNP Don Muccheck and PRPSE Fred Bolz.



PRPSE Fred Bolz awarded the Hard Charger award to a graduate of the Nuclear Power Training School.



Left: Sarah Harry

Center: Nick Nicholas

Right: Craig Landry

The three pictured were initiated into the Branch and the Fleet Reserve at the November meeting.

Welcome Aboard!!!!



Branch/Unit Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 14 at 1800. Cost of the meal is \$10.00 (tickets behind the bar)

White Elephant gift exchange with a gift not to exceed \$20.00



There will be no December meeting.



The Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 9 at 1200 noon. Get your children, grand children or great grandchildren signed up on the bulletin board so our coordinators will know how much to get for them.



Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

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

December, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Submarine Veterans Christmas Party	2
3 Free Pool	4	5 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	6	7	8 Marine Corps Christmas Party	9 DAV Meeting 1000
10 Free Pool	11	12 No Unit Meeting	13	14 Branch/Unit Christmas Party	15	16
17 Free Pool	18	19	20 Sojourners Meeting 1900		22	23
24/31 Free Pool	25 	26	27	28	29	30

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!