

Scuttlebutt
January, 2024

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)

<http://facebook.com/groups/trbranch269>

Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

We have enjoyed a very productive and rewarding December.

We participated in the Pearl Harbor remembrance day as well as Wreaths across America at Carolina Memorial gardens and Beaufort National cemetery.

The Branch/unit raised around \$3500 for the annual (Toys for Tots) program

We had a very successful Childrens Christmas party and a very well attended Branch/unit Christmas party.

As the New Year arrives please take a moment to remember the active duty Coast Guard, Navy and Marines deployed around the World protecting our way of life.

We must turn our attention to the New Year.

We will host the 2024 Southeast Regional convention in September. This will require volunteers and a lot of work. Starting with a good old fashioned Navy breakfast On 17th of Feb, more info to follow.

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

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 – Director – PNC 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 Garrard

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,

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Years!!!

Happy Birthday!!
Happy Anniversary to all!!

Yours in Loyalty,
Protection and Service,

PRPSE Gail Bolz

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 11/28 – William Galloway, not signed;
12/5 – Krystal Shaffer, not signed; 12/1 – Larry Born, not
signed; 12,-19 – William Adams, 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 – 0
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 14
Members past due – 14
Suspended members - 9
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 0
Total members: 798

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

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New Join: Michael Cousino, Michael Genalo, Sarah Harry, Gary Landry,
Willie McDonald, Steve Rusboldt, Gordon Williams,

Ready to Renew: William Aguilera, Early Griffin, Johnny Joyce, Gavin
Karelits, Lewis Leal Jr., Jon McCain, Phillip Obie, Stephen Schultz,
Franklin Seitz

Past Due: Julian Czeiszperger, Alan Dempster, Thomas Driscoll, George
Durity, Charles McAhon, D J Nyhart, John Parnell, Kenneth Pilcher,
William Ribbeck, John Rooney, Michael Sosa Jr., Jason Tatge, Frederick
Wilson, Jim Wilson

Suspended: Alfred Alston, Mariela Anderson, Frank DeCampo, Trevor
England, Robert Geiger, James Longo, William Reed III, George Shatto Sr.,
Richard Sparger.

Unit Membership and Retention

Past Due 30 days: Nancy Bullis, Angela Clark, Holly Gordon, Shirley McDonald

Past Due 60 Days: Rhonda McNally, Roger Nelson, Steven Rusboldt, Elsie Sexton, Rose Soderlund, Chun Stanfield

Past Due 90 Days: Kathleen Bourgeois, Linda Jones, Susan Lee Bacur, Darlene Beck Margaret Henshaw, James
Tennes, Theresa White

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

Prayers for the family of:

.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

January, 2024

Theodore Martin (54) Thomas Wunder (52) Donald Siron (51) Thomas Irvine (50) Oscar Edrada (48) William Teague (45) Nestor Derecho Jr. (43) Don Heywood (42) Don Clark (41) Robert Newton (41) Robert Rose (40) Charles Walton (40) Wayne Swiech (39) David Cornelius (38) Daniel Montgomery (38) James Fricks (34) John Flynn (26) Bruce Brown (25) Olin Thomas (25)	Duane Henriksen (24) Paul Reece (24) Joe Travis (24) Charles Pyatt (23) Larry Starland (23) Ronnie Vandiver (23) Marion Clark (21) Robert Reilly Sr.(21) Steven Koch (20) Michael Markiewich (20) William Riley (18) Robert Block (17) Mark Fiorey (17) Robert Isaman (17) Ronald Redondo (16) Jack Bullis (16) Jamey Farley (16) Frederick Woodley (16) Peter Cosgrove (15)	Heather McGuire (15) J D Porter (15) William Galloway (14) Tommy Hellems (14) Grady Langley (14) Ronald Houde (13) Gary Williams (13) Thomas Blizard (12) Otto Kaske (11) Felix Cabanting (10) Bruce Seltzer Jr (9) John Shaak (9) Charles Harris (7) Rick Collins (6) Dennis Green (6) Kevin Patton (6) Gordon Hobgood (5) Stephen Jeffery (5)	Clint Ferrell (4) William Nieschalk (4) Lawrence Willoughby (4) Milton Willoughby (4) David Button (3) David Lyle III (3) Thomas Brown (2) Paul Burnstein (2) Michael Patterson (2) Lee Barkley (1) Shannon Cason (1) Edward Feidt (1) Matthew King (1) Michael Moore (1) Nathaniel Nelson (1) Kevin Sedgley (1) Jeromy Sherrill (1) Waylon Sexton (1) Daniel Speight (1)
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Unit 269 Continuous Membership

January, 2024

Linda Brinson (55) Patricia Wlazlinski (55) Beulah Wenzel (45) Casey Anderson (30)	Barbara Sullivan (25) Rosemary Clark (20) Carolyn Rose (20) Deborah Rullmann (20)	Katherine Sparger (20) Deloris Cox (20) Camela Day (20) Cynthia Young (20)	Benita Kinlaw (10) Robin McKeown (10) Allyson McDermott (10) Jacqueline Verheyen (10)
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Branch and Unit members completed the shopping for 303 toys for Toys for Tots. Thanks for all the work to do this. After the toys picture they were loaded up and delivered to the Toy Factory.

Left to right: Yvonne Wallace, Trish Chilton, Gail Nathan, NFS Pat Suckow, MGySgt (Ret) John Tharp, Sue Peters, Theresa Milligan, Ann Griffith, Marilyn Tharp and Bobbi Sutton



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN JANUARY- 2024

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

Peter Andruchowsky (1)	Barbara Aler (9)	Herbert Franklin (18)	Harvey Belcher (25)
Robert Bryant (1)	Paul McFall (9)	Harry Kirk (18)	David Mayeres (25)
Kevin Deise (1)	Wade Reid (9)	Clarence Peifer (18)	Kirk Owen (25)
Larry Fowler (1)	Thomas Beach (10)	Perry Friend Sr. (19)	Kenneth Ferrell (26)
Lori Ryan (1)	Francis Bohannan (10)	Norman Jones (19)	Daniel Lehman (26)
Keith Timmons (1)	Douglas Craig (10)	Alan Chambers (20)	Terrence Mummert (26)
Donald Garrand (2)	Lorraine Carver (10)	James Fleming (20)	Linda Walton (26)
Ann Griffith (2)	Gary Gardner (11)	Thomas Woodall (20)	Johnny Aldea (27)
Rosemary Clark(3)	Michael Genalo (11)	Mark Howell (21)	Tommy Wilbanks (27)
Karen Kopczynski (3)	Jeri Larson (11)	Arthur Robinson (21)	Edward Feidt (28)
Robert Moore (3)	Jacqueline Paxton (11)	Joseph Chapman III (22)	Willard Barton (29)
Richard Duprey (4)	Bobby Beck (12)	Martha Pyatt (22)	David Farley (29)
Robert Isaman (5)	William Scheer (12)	Thomas Scott (22)	Robert Henry (29)
Lawrence Fletes (6)	Clyde Edington (13)	James Farley Jr (23)	Leo Kelley Sr. (29)
Ginger Bevin (8)	Michael Schlievert (13)	Kelly Hall (23)	Michael Welch (30)
Roy Brosseau (8)	Michael Struve (14)	Kenneth Lux (23)	Robert Horne (30)
David Graminski (8)	Walter Spiller (14)	Richard Stank (23)	Beulah Wenzel (30)
Judith Highberger (8)	Jason Tatge (14)	Susan Westbury (23)	Rebecca Bower (31)
Steven Koch (8)	Gordon Williams (14)	Gordon Hobgood (24)	
James Lewis (8)	Charles Day (16)	Robert Kirkley Sr. (24)	
Donald Rickert (8)	Ronald Walston (16)	Chun Stanfield (24)	

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. Please contact me at the above email, phone number if you want to stop the printed copies.

NEW INFORMATION:: There is a Membership Box outside the office with a container for new member applications and renewals applications. If you recruit a new member ensure all his information is correct on the new member application. Once the new application or renewal is complete place it in an envelope (which is provided) and place inside the "Membership Box". Nothing concerning membership will be placed in the pass down log.

Life Membership ages and dues

Active Duty - \$400.00

Ages 61 – 70 - \$340.00

Ages 40 & younger - \$450

Ages 71 – 80 - \$260.00

Ages 41-50 - \$425.00

Ages 81- 99 - \$200.00

Ages 51-60 - \$390.00

Ages 100 and older - FREE

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 15 December 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$9,331.84; Credit Card account \$32,356.11; Savings account \$11,430.32; there is \$687.75 in pending Deposits. Total cash on-hand \$60,806.02.

Financial Audit as of 30 November 2023 reflect the following balances: cash on-hand \$1,535.55; Checking Account \$10,156.08; Savings Account \$11,429.38; Credit Card account \$24,098.09. Net Profit for the month of November was \$7,165.77.

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 (\$2,300.00) but still waiting for additional costs (and approvals) for purchase and mounting FRA/Navy/Marine Corp/Coast Guard shields on outside of building.

Christmas parties at the Home have been joyous and well attended (Children's, SubVets, Marine Corp, and Branch/Unit). Home was CLOSED on Christmas Day and will be New Year's Eve party is Canceled.

Looking ahead, 06 January – Physical inventory of Home assets (1000 – 1300)

We have a new manager, 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 eight new key cards.

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.



The Branch and Unit had a great Christmas party. We had a good turnout of fifty nine members, family members and guests. I think a lot of attendees received a great gift. If they did not like what they got they only had to steal from someone else.

The Children also had a great party. Special thanks for a great Santa (Ray Stranfield). He did such a great job he is recommended for a contract for three more years.

The month of January was bad for the Vietnam War. On January 21, 1968 was the beginning of the Siege of Khe Sanh (Left). On January 30, 1968 the TET Offensive began (Right).





The Persian Gulf War, also known as Operation Desert Storm or the First Gulf War, began in 1991 after President Saddam Hussein of Iraq ordered the invasion and occupation of neighboring Kuwait in early August 1990. Alarmed by these actions, Arab powers such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt called on the United States and other Western nations to intervene. Hussein defied United Nations Security Council demands to withdraw from Kuwait by mid-January 1991, and Operation Desert Storm began with a massive U.S.-led air offensive. After 42 days of relentless attacks, U.S. President George H.W. Bush declared a cease-fire on February 28; by that time, most Iraqi forces in Kuwait had either surrendered or fled.

Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

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

January, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	3	4 SubVet Eboard meeting	5	6
7 Free Pool	8	9	10	11 SubVet mtg 	12	13 DAV Meeting 1000
14 Free Pool	15 MLK Day Home Committee 1800	16 Unit Lunch 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	17 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	18 Branch mtg 	19	20
21 Free Pool	22 VVA Mtg 1730 	23 Sojourners Meeting 1900	24	25 MCL Mtg 	26	27 Observance of USCGC Blackthorn (WLB-39) sinking
28 Free Pool	29	30	31			

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!