

Scuttlebutt
February, 2024

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserve.org)
<http://facebook.com/groups/trbranch269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org
Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

The sad truth is that our membership is steadily in decline. I challenge all members to recruit fellow sea service members active/veteran. We have streamlined our application process, a box is mounted by the entrance with applications/envelopes to assist(new/renewal).

If you have new member ensure you put your name and member number on the application.

As you know we will host the 2024 southeast convention September 24-27. this will require several volunteers.

if you wish to assist, We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday starting around 1830,

Don't forget the Old Fashioned Navy breakfast and the 55 inch tv drawing 17 Feb 0900-1100.

Many thanks to Ed Young, of Smith Heat and Air and Ron Rodondo of RTR Trucking, for your continuing support of the Fleet.

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 – PNC Laurie Bailey
Membership – Cindy Bryan	Amer/Pat –PNC Laurie Bailey
WEB Master - 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

Hello Auxiliary Members:

Our meeting in January was successful, The unit has a lot of exciting things going on.

Upcoming Events:

February 3rd – 4 Chaplain Memorial Service at American Legion (2PM)

February 6th – Planning Committee Meeting for SE Convention (6PM)

Will meet 1st Tuesday of each month.

February 11th – Superbowl Party (4PM)

February 17th – OLD NAVY Breakfast (9 to !!) Fundraiser for SE Convention.

February 25th – BUNKO

March 23 – Golf Tournament – The Unit will be participating.

April 20th – Indoor yard sale. All items will be appreciated

May 18th – Low Country Boil – Fundraiser for SE Convention.

Linda Nichols was installed during our January Meeting. Welcome Aboard.

Trish Chilton

Unit Vice President

For

Gail Boltz Unit President

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and

Service

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 12/26 – Robert Block, not signed; 01/02 – Barbara Moyer, not signed; 01/09 – Gary Aguilera. Not signed; 01/16 – Charles Hudson, 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 – 21

Members past due – 15

Suspended members - 6

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 2

Total members: 798

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 795

New Join: William Hunt, Samuel Jenkins, Jahleel Jones-Valentine, Jacob Sobeck, David Taschner

Ready to Renew: Ginger Bevis, Anthony Dye, Francis Evans, William Hall, Robert Hudseth, Raymond Lassen, Alan Lincoln, Earl Milligan Jr., Larry Mole, Ron Morgan, Eugene Morris, Charles Moss, Elmer Mullins, Patrick Murphy, Carla Passmore, Douglas Perkins, Arthur Robinson, William Roup, Robert Stodala, Samuel Williams, Stephen Woodside

Past Due: Dennis Bowles, Julian Czeiszperger, Alan Dempster, Thomas Driscoll, James Ezzell Sr., Stephen Kemp, John Merrell, Charles Mewshaw, David Mueller, D J Nyhart, John Parnell, Kenneth Pilcher, Ste4ve Rusboldt, Edward Stank, Jason Tatge

Suspended: George Durity, Charles McAhon William Ribbeck, John Rooney, Frederick Wilson, Jim Wilson

Unit Membership and Retention

Past Due 30 days: Judy Higgins, Robert Reynolds

Past Due 60 Days: Shirley McDonald

Past Due 90 Days: Rhonda McNally, Roger Nelson, Steven Rusboldt, Elsie Sexton, Chun Stanfield

Prayers for the family of: CMSGT Donnell Blewer and ENCS Richard Crank

Jerry Stout cancer is back and is undergoing treatment.
 Tom Clark has aggressive type lymphoma in his spine.
 Mike Emerson had surgery in Dec and doing well.
 Alan Dempster and wife are now at the Bridge, (assisted living at the Elms)
 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	\$ 5,435.53
Savings	\$ 4,672.16
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,315.05
Total	\$ 21,423.77

Branch 269 Continuous Membership

February, 2024

Douglas Perkins (47)	James Moseley (24)	Bruce Whipple (14)	Bettysue Henderson (5)
Paul March (46)	Eugene Morris (23)	John Hills (13)	Patrick Murphy (5)
Norris Nathan (46)	William Roup (23)	Marion Hall (12)	Larry Mole (5)
Thomas Britton (45)	Loye Bryant (21)	Ron Morgan (12)	Janet Mizer-Brunner (4)
Francis Evans (45)	Ginger Bevis (21)	Charles Baylor (10)	Matthew Douty (3)
Lewis Miller (44)	Elmer Mullins (21)	Lucinda Bryan (10)	Anthony Dye (3)
Keith Suiter Sr. (44)	Richard Jones (19)	Michael Scott (10)	Ronald Laqua (3)
Larry Fowler (42)	Sammy Jackson (18)	John Byrd (9)	Charles Moss (2)
George Scharf (42)	Tom Lufkin (18)	Gordon Sarver (9)	Terrie Ehlich (1)
Albert Stoll (42)	Carla Passmore (18)	Robert Simmang (9)	Barry Gordon (1)
Ernest Chresoulis (41)	Robert Bear (17)	John Bullock (8)	Raymond Jaeger (1)
John Glass (39)	Johnny Brown (17)	James Schaefer (8)	John Johnson Jr. (1)
Walter Deal (32)	Robert Hudspeth (17)	George White (8)	Raymond Lassen (1)
Thomas Woodall (32)	Robert Stodola (17)	Daniel Mckierman (6)	Earl Milligan Jr (1)
Allen Katen (27)	Arthur Robinson (16)	Verne Merrill (6)	Cody Schaefer (1)
Richard Brown (26)	Robert Henry (16)	Robert Mison (6)	Stephen Woodside (1)
William Hall (25)	Jennifer Beilstein (15)	Jerry Stout (6)	Samuel Williams (21)
Robert Melton (25)	Wallace Williams (15)	Llewellyn Brennen (5)	
Lawrence Case (24)			

Unit 269 Continuous Membership

February, 2024

Rosemary Clark (20)	Deloris Cox (20)	Cynthia Young (20)	Robin McKeown (10)
Deborah Rullman (20)	Carolyn Rose (20)	Benita Kinlaw (20)	JACQUELINE VERHEYEN (10)
Katherine Sparger (20)	Camelia Day (20)	Allyson McDermott (10)	

(right-left) Congratulations to these members that received the below awards.

Judy Duncan – 10 years

Charles Hines – 35 years

Robert Rose – 40 years

Steven Koch – 20 years

Peter Cosgrove -- 15 years



YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN FEBRUARY- 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

Margie Rothrauff (1)	Alvin Cales (7)	Darryl Watson (14)	Franklin Shoenberger (23)
Jerry Stout (1)	William Maloon (7)	Carson Burgess (15)	Elizabeth Adams (24)
Barbara Berger (2)	Santos Riduca (8)	William Korbisch (15)	David Johnston (24)
Kelly Rusboldt (2)	James Spence (8)	Jerome White Jr. (15)	Don Clark (25)
Jacqueline Brooks (3)	Allusion McDermott (9)	Dwight Bain (16)	Carl Miller (25)
Douglas Jordan (3)	Brad Wonderling (9)	Peter Cosgrove (16)	Perry Riley (25)
Joe Lunn (3)	Steven Gearhart (10)	Jordan Highberger (16)	Jonathan Starry (25)
Betty Harris (4)	Debra Breeze (11)	Robert Newton (16)	James Baker (26)
Richard Nolan (4)	Roy Massey Sr. (11)	Robert McNeish (17)	Steven Rustbolt (26)
Melissa Curtis (5)	William Riley (11)	Franklin Osburn (17)	David Cox (27)
Richard Day (5)	George Roberts (11)	Melvin Harper (18)	Carter Crosson (27)
Michael Delich (5)	Richard Troy (11)	Ronald Lamon (18)	Carol Eustace (27)
Barry Gordon (5)	John Cardno (12)	Stephen Nogle (18)	Joseph Glavan (27)
Faye Graham (5)	Patrick Murphy (12)	Mary Korinek (19)	Heather McGuire (27)
Charles Harris (5)	Edward Whiteley (12)	Gale Nathan (19)	Cecil Rash (27)
Mitchell McCain Jr. (5)	Francis Jones (13)	Carroll Watson (19)	Robert Reilly Sr (28)
James Siroky (6)	Joseph Patrick (13)	Helen Breen (20)	Franklin Seitz (28)
Timothy Bailey (7)	Daniel Ryan (13)	Terrell Heath (21)	Olin Thomas (29)
Alexander Bodo (7)	James Sherrow (13)	Jeromy Sherrill (22)	Mervin Wlands Sr. (29)
Charlie Calas (7)	Julian Lemley (14)	Brian Sims (22)	Daniel March (29)
Made a goof on the	January newsletter	Left off David Coates	January 26

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 or continue getting 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 12 January 2024 as follows: Checkbook balance \$12,871.19; Credit Card account \$20,419.04; Savings account \$11,431.29; there is \$1,316.00 in pending checks. Total cash on-hand \$57,540.52.

Financial Audit as of 31 December 2023 reflected the following balances: cash on-hand \$235.63; Checking Account \$12,381.19; Credit Card account \$32,097.41; Savings account \$11,431.41. Net profit for the month of December was \$7,088.86.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: all first of the year taxes have been paid except for the Liquor Liability (awaiting bill). S/M Muccheck gave us a rundown on expenditures paid and anticipated Liquor Liability bill.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported seven losses & five new members although Headquarters reported a net active members holding at 795.

Looking ahead:

Super Bowl Party is scheduled for February 11th.

Old Fashioned Navy Breakfast is scheduled for February 17th 0900-1100 at the Home. The drawing for the 55 inch TV will be during event; proceeds from the raffle will benefit Southeast Region Convention.

Golf tournament (first of the year) on 23 March 2024, 0800 till noon; awards and meal following at the Home.

Low Country Boil currently planned for May 18th at the Home. Watch for further details as we get closer to event.

Old/New Business: We were asked to bring a list of improvements (cleaning, repairs, painting, etc.) to be completed before convention next year. Exterior cleaning, repairs, and painting: replace all rotted wood items, rework window lattices (replace and paint); clean out gutters; clean and paint front entrance.

Inside: replace ceiling tiles especially soiled ones; install chair rail in the Banquet room, and repaint the walls. Clean and/or replace floor tiles and carpet in Banquet room. Repaint walls in Bar room and look into reducing amount of plaques hanging on the wall.

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.

ANNOUNCING THE 2024 FRA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION
HOSTED BY FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH AND UNIT 269, GOOSE CREEK, SC
DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON, 7401 NORTHWOODS BLVD.,
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29406
24-26 SEPTEMBER 2024

Branch and Unit 269 are hosting this year's convention and it's a big deal because it is the FRA's 100th anniversary and we will be celebrating all year long! But in order to have a successful convention, we need ALL HANDS (Branch and Unit) on deck to pitch in and help. There are so many things to do to put on a convention from selling ads to merchants, asking for items to put in a welcome bag to attendees, making crafts and baskets, helping with the fundraisers and of course, the setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

The Convention Committee has started meeting at the Fleet Home on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Please come if you can and get involved. Many hands make light work and it will be fun also. POC: Laurie Bailey at (843) 813-3430 or lauriebailey21@gmail.com

Our next fundraiser will be an "Old Fashioned Navy Breakfast" at the Fleet Home, 99 Wisteria Rd, Goose Creek, SC from 0900 to 1100 am on 17 February 2024. Cost is \$10.00/person and all proceeds go to the SER Convention. Hope to see you there.

The Home will do another order of bricks in February. Anyone wishing to get a brick please get your request in as soon as possible. ***A minimum of 5 bricks need to be received before we can place an order, so it may be a while before another order is placed***



Top left:

Left: Secretary Dee Wallace presented Trish Chilton with her 10 year continuous membership pin.

Bottom Left:





Bottom left Linda Nichols is installed into Unit 269 by Vice President Trish Chilton.



Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

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

February, 2024
Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SubVet Eboard meeting	2	3
4 Free Pool	5	6	7 Sojourners Meeting 1900	8 SubVet mtg 	9	10 DAV Meeting 1000
11 Free Pool SUPERBOWL	12 Home Committee 1800	13 Unit Meeting 1800	14 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	15 Branch mtg 	16	17
18 Free Pool	19	20	21	22 MCL Mtg 	23 MOAA 1100	24
25 Free Pool Bunko 12:30	26 VVA Mtg 1730 	27	28	29		

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!