

Scuttlebutt

March, 2024

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:

As you know Branch 269 will host the 2024 Southeast region convention. We have held two highly successful events. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your participation, a very special thanks to Ed Young of Smith's Heat & air and Ron Redondo of RTR Trucking for your generous donation and continued support.

A very special thank you goes to our wonderful cooks, servers, donators, 50/50 ticket sellers. it takes you all to make it work. I know I probably missed someone.

Thanks again to Low country Branch

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

Hi Auxiliary Members,
Happy Birthday!! Happy Anniversary
to all!!

Up Coming Events:

Bunco will be on February 25th the fee
is \$10 and please bring a finger food
to share.

The Golf Tournament is on March 23,
2024

An Indoor/Outdoor Yard sale will be
on April 20, 2024, from 8am to 1pm.

If you would like a space to sell
bringing your own table will be \$10
If you need a table, then the price will
be \$15. All donations will be accepted
for the Auxiliary. We will also have
Coffee and Donuts for sale. Our
chairperson for this event is Debbie
Breeze. I will add my phone number
at the end of this Article.

Our Next Luncheon will be on March
19th at the Fleet, time 11:30am.

Our Next Meeting will be on March
19th at 6:00pm. Hope to see you all
then.

President Gail Bolz

Phone number is

843-696-5789

Email Address:

60grandma@live.com

Gail Boltz Unit President

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and
Service

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 01/30 – Norma Jean Houck, signed, not
present; 02/06 – Robert Clements, not signed; 02/13 – Trish
Chilton, signed, not present

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 – 6

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 1

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 19

Members past due – 14

Suspended members - 9

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 0

Total members: 791

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

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New Join: Elizabeth Baker, Kevin Henry, Jaiden Moore, Richad Muckeck,
Douglas Potter, Kent Wolcott

Ready to Renew: John Aguilera Jr., Mike Ciesielko, Donald Detwiler,
Anthony Dye, Jeannette Gombash, Crystal Koch, Robert Koscianski, Joe
Lunn, William Mcardle, Kenneth Murphy, Robert Mustain, Don Ort,
Michael Patterson, Rocky Puffer, Sheri Regan, Cubit Robinson, Ernest
Sweat, Larry Tarzwell, Melvin Wright

Past Due: Dennis Bowles, James Ezzell Sr., Early Griffin, Johnny Joyce,
Stephen Kamp, Lewis Leal Jr., Jon McCain, John Merrell Jr., Charles
Mewshaw, Phillip Obie, Steve Rusboldt, Stephen Schultz, Franklin Seitz,
Edward Stank

Suspended: Richard Crank, Alan Dempster, Thomas Driscoll, Joseph
Hayes, David Mueller, D J Nyharat, Kenneth Pilcher, Leroy Rothrauff, Jason
Tatge

Unit Membership and Retention

Past Due 30 days: None

Past Due 60 Days: Judy Higgins, Robert Samples

Past Due 90 Days: Angela Clark, Shirley McDonald

Prayers for the family of: John Lookabill losing his brother

Tom Lawson – Possible heart attach
 William Roberts and wife having COVID
 Rich Wise – Recovering well.
 Sonny Rash – Recovery from lunch surgery
 Jerry Stout-completing his focused radiation.
 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	\$ 4,047.46
Savings	\$ 4673.15
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,316.08
Total	\$ 20,036.69

Branch 269 Continuous Membership**March, 2024**

Charles Riggs (56)	Dennis Bowles (26)	John Tharp (19)	Howard Hogue (8)
Ronald Vanco (55)	Arthur Brown (26)	Paul McHugh (18)	Leo Kelley Sr. (8)
William Cole (53)	Richard Davies (26)	Bryan Wright (128)	Joe Lunn (8)
Donald Muccheck (50)	Mark Heck (26)	Donald Wolfe Jr. (17)	Sheri Ragan (8)
Frank Carroll (49)	Marvin Wiands Sr. (26)	Jereome White Jr. (16)	Donald Barton (7)
Robert Mustain (49)	Robert Moore (25)	Stephen Nogle (15)	William Bryar (7)
Joseph Ondo Jr. (49)	Larry Pepper (25)	Ran Stanfield (15)	Kenneth Gray (7)
Thomas Clark (48)	Donald Tingle (25)	Dennis Lanier (14)	William Mcardle (7)
Robert Koscianski (46)	Carl Chinn (24)	Jeannette Gombash (13)	Ralph Bates (6)
Donald Barvilchak (41)	Richard Duprey (24)	Michael Neff (13)	Timothy Thrower (6)
Jimmie Gambrell (38)	David Johnson (24)	Danny Trapp (13)	Jack Wirick (5)
Bruce Garrabrant (38)	Thomas Lawson (24)	Lawrence Fletes (11)	Walter Mabe (5)
Francis Jones (38)	Gary Gardner (23)	Wayne Stella (11)	Ernest Sweat JR. (2)
John Aguilera Jr (36)	Martin Sessler (22)	Ronald Walston (11)	Mike Ciesielko (1)
Charles Ivey (35)	Charles Day (21)	Arthur Hance III (10)	Robert Hedin (1)
George Miller (35)	Melvin Wright (21)	Don Ort (9)	Charles Humbad (1)
Robert Hughes (30)	Donald Detwiler (19)	Larry Tarzwell (9)	Rocky Puffer (1)
James Lewis (29)	Robert Harris (19)	Frank Yeager (9)	Cubit Robinson(1)

Unit 269 Continuous Membership**March 2024**

Alvin Cales (1)	Joan Wilson (1)	Sandra Peeples (3)	CAROL MUSTAIN (4)
Jayne Campbell (1)	Krystal Soderlund (2)	Francis Perillo (3)	TERESE MASTERSON (4)
Brian Adams (1)	Walter Spiller III (2)	Suzanne Peters (3)	JAMES HIGHBERGER JR (5)
Ryan Adams (1)	Georgia Cathcart (2)	Danille Carroll (3)	MILDRED KOSCAINSKI (5)
Lorraine Carver (1)	Lawrence Fowler (2)	Judy Higgins (3)	MICHAEL DUBAY (5)
Tyler Adams (1)	Ann Griffith (2)	Barbara Berger (3)	SCOTT HUBER (5)
Williams Adams (1)	Dawna LaTourelle (2)	Gina Horne (3)	HOLLY GORDON (5)
Margorie Gottsch (1)	Colleen McCain (2)	Charlotte Johnson (3)	JUDY DZIEDZICKI (5)
Teresa Hagan (1)	Tammy Miller (2)	Joseph Holman (3)	ROSEMARY CLARK (20)
Jordan Highberger (1)	Nicole Nettles (2)	Lori Ryan (3)	DELORIS COX (20)
Sandra Houle (1)	Allan Patton (2)	Daniel March (3)	CACEY ANDERSON (25)
Frederick Kiley 1)	Presilla Wilbanks (2)	Debra Breeze (3)	MARGARET ROTHRAUFF (25)
Roberta Kiley (1)	Jacqueline Paxton (2)	Tine Marie Willis (3)	BEULA WENZEL (45)
Beverly Shaffer (1)	Roberta Kirkley Sr. (3)	Curtis March (4)	PATRICIA WLAZXLINSKI (55)
Virginia Stamey (1)	Christopher Gillespie (3)	Rebecca Moseley (4)	LINDA BRINSON (55)
Shirley Trosper (1)	Arilla Cotton (3)	Jessica Murphy (4)	

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN MARCH- 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

William Ambler (1)	Robert Massey (9)	Richard Harbold Jr. (17)	Barbara Moyer (24)
Robert Mustain (1)	John Potter (9)	Doanld Tingle (17)	Martin Sessler (24)
Hubbert Pearce Sr.(1)	Howard Anderson (10)	Robert Jaeger (18)	Patricia Day (25)
Roger Adams (2)	Michael Dellenbach (10)	Chad Parsons (18)	Virginia Stanley (25)
Millard Driscoll (2)	Linda Lunn (10)	Edward Smith Jr. (18)	Barbara Timmons (25)
Robert Zimmerman (2)	Charles Mewshaw (10)	Jennifer Beilstein (19)	Timothy McNally (26)
Richard Mabe (3)	John Adams (11)	Jeff Latourelle (19)	Gerald MonnaT (26)
Darlene Hines (4)	Dennis Bowles (12)	Anne Barton (20)	Eugene Morris (27)
Eugene Lemieux (6)	Michael Berezny (12)	Gary Williams (20)	Richard Bishop (28)
John Merrell Jr. (6)	Stuart Erlandson (12)	Scott Benson (20)	Don Heygood (28)
Phillip Obie (6)	Dorothy Grooms (12)	John Pardo (21)	Betty Hilliard (28)
Gordan Sarver (6)	Connie Chinn (14)	Sheri Ragan (21)	Michael Black (29)
Jerry Frohbieter (7)	Joyce Hillman (15)	Merle Melling (22)	Mark Tompkins (29)
Bertil Johnson (7)	Wayne Swiech (15)	Martha Wilcut (22)	William Nieschalk (30)
Dana Johnson (7)	Christopher Gilbreath (16)	Arilla Cotton (24)	Robert Crenshaw (31)
Michael Moore (7)	Kenneth Wallace (16)	Frank Hixenbaugh (24)	Kenneth Cowles (31)
Jerry Espiritu (8)	Samuel Williams (16)	Isla Janney (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 or continue getting the printed copies.

NEW INFORMATION: Life membership has increased. Below is the list of the current life membership rates.

Life Membership ages and dues

Ages 40 & younger - \$600.00

Ages 71 – 80 - \$380.00

Ages 41-50 - \$570.00.00

Ages 81- 90 - \$260.00

Ages 51-60 - \$535.00

Ages 91-99 - \$145.00

Ages 61-70 - \$475.00

Ages 100 and older - FREE

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 10 February 2024 as follows: Checkbook balance \$17,908.04; Credit Card account \$12,695.18; Savings account \$11,432.26; pending check deposit amount unavailable. Total cash on-hand \$52,535.48.

Financial Audit report was not received as of 10 February 2024.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: all first of the year taxes have been paid including Liquor Liability bill. Super Bowl party was successful and generated a profit of approximately \$3,000.00.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported nine losses & seven new members. FRA Headquarters reported a net active membership of 791.

Looking ahead:

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.

The kitchen will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage on Saint Patrick's Day (March 17).

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.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick, in memory of a loved one or friend, to be placed on the wall in the entrance foyer, the manager is placing the order soon.

Now that all insurance bills have been paid, we will commence completion of Home improvements such as:

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 general sprucing of all spaces.

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



Ladies Auxiliary will have an indoor yardsale on April 20, 2024 from 8 until 1. If you would like to participate, spaces will be fifteen dollars and can be reserved by calling Debbie Breeze at 843-343-6852. Set-up will be held on April 19th. If you have items that you wish to donate, please contact any Ladies Auxiliary member.




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**

Mark your calendar, watch for

details, watch for additions

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

March, 2024
Women's History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 MCL Paint Party	2
3 Free Pool	4	5	6 Sojourners Meeting 1900	7 SubVet Eboard meeting	8	9 DAV Meeting 1000
10 Free Pool	11	12	13 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	14 Subvet mtg 	15	16
17 Free Pool Bunko 12:30	18 Home Committee 1800	19 Unit lunch 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	20	21 Branch Mtg 	22 MOAA 1100	23 Golf Tournament
24/ 31 Free Pool	25 VVA Mtg 1730 	26	27	28 MCL Mtg 	29	30

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!