

Scuttlebutt

April, 2024

Branch/Unit 269

Goose Creek  
South Carolina



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

<http://facebook.com/groups/frabran269>

Southeast region: [frasoutheastregion.org](http://frasoutheastregion.org)

Branch 269 website: [fra269gc.org](http://fra269gc.org)

**Branch President's Corner**

Shipmates:

As winter departs and spring arrives we look forward to a very busy spring/summer schedule, Congratulations to the winners and participants of the annual essay competition thanks to PNC Laurie Bailey for the great job.

We were honored to have Carl Kirkley, the SE region President attend the March meeting ,Carl was privileged to present our managers PNC Don Muecheck with his 50 year pin and Larry Pepper with his 25 year pin congratulations to both.

It's election time again with 1st nominations in April and 2nd nominations and elections in May, Please attend these important meetings let your voice be heard,

We will have the annual USS Hobson memorial service April 28th with Don Pace as guest speaker, Don't forget the Low Country Boil May 18 and drawing for the BBQ Grill.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Ken Hutchison

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**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**

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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 – Sue Peters Director –PNC Laurie Bailey

Director - Linda Cox Director – Tim Bailey

Director – John Tharp Director – Trish Chilton

Director – Marilyn Tharp Director – Yvonne Wallace

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 Easter, Happy Birthday and  
Anniversary to all!!

Upcoming Event:

April 14th we will have Bunco at the Fleet and the time is 12:30pm. If you plan on attending please bring a finger food to share. The cost is \$10.00 also bring a few quarters for any Bunco you get. All is welcome!!

We are having a Garage Sale at the Fleet on April 20th. We will be accepting any donations but not until after the 19th because we have no place to store them. If you would like to sell your own items it will cost \$ 10.00 bringing your own table. If you want to use one of our tables then it would cost \$ 15.00.

At the April months meeting we will be nominating Officers and then at our May meeting we will have elections.

Our next Luncheon is going to be at the Olive Garden in North Charleston on Tuesday April 16th, the time is 11:30am. Please let us know if you plan on attending.

Our Meeting will be on the same day at 6:00pm.

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: 03/06 – William Mcardle, not signed,; 03/12 –Albert Stoll, not signed; 03/19 – Georgia Cathcart, not signed; 03/26, Ken Hutchison, signed, and 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 – 4

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 17

Members past due – 19

Suspended members - 6

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 2

Total members: 790

### **Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace**

Total members: 790

**New Join:** Bryan Alfaro, Mariela Anderson, Tim Henson, Sarah Ihme

**Ready to Renew:** Richard Bishop, Robert Clark, Harold Crawford, Carter Crosson, Fredrick Dougherty, Michael Dellenbach, Jericho Garcia, Roy Kingdom, Stephen Kovacs Jr., Ray Marshall, Gerald Ott, Artyhur Raymond, Albert Schwartz, Thomas Seay, Richard Wise, Jack Wrbanich

**Past Due:** Rick Collins, Peter Cosgrove, Edward Feidt,

Clint Ferrell, Dennis Green, Early Griffin, Charles Harris, Johnny Joyce, Matthew King, Lewis Leal, Jon McCain, Jaiden Moore, Phillip Obie, Kevin Patton, Stephen Schultz, Franklin Seitz, Waylon Sexton, Jeromy Sherrill, Michael Welch

**Suspended:** Dennis Bowles, James Ezzell Sr., Stephen Kamp, John Merrell, Charles Meshaw, Edward Stank.

## Unit Membership and Retention

**Past Due 30 days:** Dylan Adams, Margaret Benjamin, Arilla Cotton, Tiffany Dubose, Maria Lusia Gulick, Nicole Nettles

**Past Due 60 Days:** None

**Past Due 90 Days:** Judy Higgins, Robert Samples

**Prayers for the family of: LCDR Millard Driscoll and FTG John Potter**

Rick Wise had a right lung nodule removed. Recovering at home  
 Jerry Stout-Still having cancer issues  
 James Graham had a scope procedure on left knee  
 Sonny Rash is still recovering from lung surgery  
 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	\$ 2,085.11
Savings	\$ 4,074.25
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,316.08
Total	\$ 18,075.44

**Branch 269 Continuous Membership**

**April, 2024**

Robert Stancik (62)	Alan Lincoln (28)	Joe Eudy (22)	Ray Marshall (10)
Robert McNeish (60)	Charlie Calas (26)	David Horton (21)	Terrence Mummert (10)
Donald Cady (53)	Robert Clements (26)	Paul McFall (20)	Lawrence Coates (7)
Herbert Hiatt (49)	Harold Crawford (26)	Gerald Ott (18)	Jeffrey Kirksey (7)
Eugene Weir (45)	David Graminski (26)	Edward Bowles (17)	Jericho Garcia (6)
Thomas Seay (42)	Lynnette Jordan (26)	Fredrick Daughtery (17)	William Lindler (6)
Ronald Brunner (40)	Dannis Lambries (26)	Brian Steffen (17)	Ernest Culbreath (3)
Eugene Lemieux 40)	Edward Smith (26)	Roy Brosseau (16)	Arthur Raymond (3)
Charles Gravely (39)	Richard Bishop (25)	Louis Goehring (15)	Michael Rikard (3)
Frederick Bolz (28)	Donald Blackwelder (25)	Robert Massey (15)	Matthew Aguilera (2)
Gary Crozier (37)	Michael Dellenbach (25)	Bertil Johnson (14)	Albert Schwartz (2)
Ralph Deeter (36)	James Mastin (25)	Roy Kingdom (14)	Robert Clark (1)
William Freligh (35)	Cecil Skipworth (25)	Jaqueline Brooks (13)	Dana Sisinger (1)
Lewis Flader (33)	James Delaney (24)	Ronald Lamon (11)	Stephen Kovacs Jr (1)
Gerald Monnat (31)	Edward Fretschel (24)	Howard Luper (11)	Fredrick Sorenson (1)
Hilton Hooks (30)	John Keile (23)	John Autrey (10)	
Carter Crosson (28)			

**Unit 269 Continuous Membership**

**April 2024**

Brenda Brinson (55)	Jacqueline Veheyen (10)	Sandra Peepies (4)	BRIAN ADAMS (2)
Patricia Wlazlinski (55)	Curtis March (5)	Francis Perillo (4)	SUZANNE PETERS (2)
Beulah Wenzel (45)	Karen Hubert (5)	Rosie Soderlind (4)	RYAN ADAMS (2)
Cacy Anderson (25)	Rebecca Moseley (5)	Lori Ryan (4)	TYLER ADAMS (2)
Janice Highberger (25)	Jessica Murphy (5)	Tine Marie Willis (4)	WILLIAM ADAMS (2)
Marjorie Rothrauff (25)	Carol Mustain (5)	Georgia Cathcart (3)	ALVIN CALES (2)
Barbara Sullivan (25)	Janice Highberger (5)	Lawrence Fowler (3)	JAYNE CAMPBELL (2)
Rosemary Clark (20)	Therese Masterson (5)	Ann Griffith (3)	LORRAINE CARVER (2)
Deloris Cox (20)	Deborah Breeze (4)	Teresa Hagan (3)	MARJORIE GOTTSCH (2)
Camela Day (20)	Danielle Carroll (4)	Dawna LaTourelle (3)	JORDAN HIGHBERGER (2)
Deborah Rullman (20)	Arilla Cotton (4)	Colleen McCain (3)	SANDRA HOULE (2)
Cynthia Yiung (20)	Christopher Gillespie (4)	Tammy Miller (3)	FREDERICK RILEY (2)
Catherine Sprager (20)	Judy Higgins (4)	Nicole Nettles (3)	ROBERTA RILEY (2)
Theresa Milligan (15)	Joseph Holman (4)	Allan Patton (3)	BEVERLY SHAFFER (2)
Marilyn Tharp (15)	Gina Horne (4)	Jacqueline Paxton (3)	KRYSTAL SHAFFER (2)
Allyson McDermott (10)	Charlette Johnson (4)	Walter Spiller III (3)	VIRGINIA STAMEY (2)
Benita Kinlaw (10)	Robert Kinley Sr. (4)	Presilla Wilbanks (3)	SHIRLEY TROPER (2)
Robin McKeown (10)	Daniel March (4)	Joan Wilson (2)	

**Unit 269 Continuous Membership (Continued)**

**April 2024**

Dylan Adams (1) Jacob Becker (1) Lorna Caxton (1) Carol Craig (1) Remedios Crawford (1)	Tiffany Debose (1) Lynette Gonzales (1) Faye Graham (1) Robert Horne (1)	Lori Marshall (1) Melissa Molina-Maggix (1) Bearice Murphy (1) Wendell Rourk (1)	Patty Russell (1) Scott Sarah (1) Joseph TGaschner (1) Gary Thomas (1)
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**YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN APRIL- 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**

Donald Cady (1) Jayne Campbell (1) Mildred Koscianski (1) Arthur Raymond (1) Joe Eudy (2) Roger Gibson (2) Richard Roebuck (2) Joseph Schepisi (2) Lori Beier (4) Harry Nettles (4) Charles Ivey (4) Larry Pepper (4) Bob Segal (4) Richard Brown (5) Dennis Essenmacher (5)	Joseph Gianne (6) Dawna LaTourella (7) Donald Detwiler (8) Brenda Kraus (8) Gina Horne (9) Glenn Kaelgh (9) Charles Schuster (9) Terresa Hagan (11) Robert Clark (12) Marion Hall (12) Theodore Martin (12) Judy Dziedzicki (13) Lisa Berezny (14) Carol Traynor (14)	William Reed (15) Hazel Hacker (16) Daniel Montgomery (16) Gordon Stevenson Sr. (17) Paul Misuraca (18) Ronald Redoondo (18) David Southall (19) Phillip Nunnally (20) Tammy Robinson (20) Ken Ealy (21) Glenn Little (21) Randy Reed (21) Margaret Benjamin (22) Mary Anna Chinner (22)	William Hayes (23) Michael Roth (23) George Bradstreet (24) Charles Ethridge (24) Karen Hightower (24) Majorie Gottsch (26) Duane Henricksen (26) Joseph Chandler (27) Richard Jones (27) James Mastin (27) Raymond Montminy (27) Marilyn Tharp (28) Scott Cook (29) William Martin II (29)
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From: Branch Secretary (843-709-8520) [tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)

May will be the last printed copy to members that have emails .This will reduce the printed copies by 85  
Currently we are sending 200+ printed newsletters via bulk mail.. If you do not have a computer and wish to  
keep receiving the newsletter, please contact me at the above phone or email.

We now have a website ([fra269gc.org](http://fra269gc.org)). If you have access to a computer This will get you all the current  
information usually within one day and keep you up with the current events happening..



Southeast Region President (L) Carl Kirtley made a visit to Branch 269.

He awarded PNP Don Muccheck (right) with his 50 year continuous membership certificate

He also awarded Larry Pepper (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Bruce Brown(2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with their 25 year continuous membership pins.

Home Committee: Cash Audit as of 15 March 2024 as follows: Checkbook balance \$13,814.58; Credit Card account \$22,313.57; Savings account \$11,433.17; there is \$2,941.75 in pending deposits. Total cash on-hand \$62,003.61.

Financial Audit as of 29 February 2024 reflected the following balances: cash on-hand \$981.79; Checking Account \$9,865.25; Credit Card account \$23,717.59; Savings account \$11,431.29. Net profit for the month of February was \$304.30. (Net Profit for January 2024 was \$699.76)

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report:

S/M Pepper reported Golf tournament this Saturday, March 23, 0800 – Noon, followed by meal and awards at the Branch Home.

S/M Pepper will be ordering bricks on 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

S/M Pepper reports it will cost \$352.00 per panel to replace the outside Lattice panels for Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 269 on the building façade (\$1,800.00 Materials and labor).

S/M Pepper has received an estimate of \$6,200.00 to paint the banquet room, bathrooms, and entrance foyer in preparation for FRA Convention this September. (Materials and Labor NTE \$6,500.00 ). He also reported an estimate of \$421.00 to steam clean the carpet (NTE \$500.00 approved at Membership Mtg, 21 March 2024).

We will also install a chair-rail around the banquet room after the painting is completed, by in-house membership.

**While we discussed and approved motions to proceed with the aforementioned preparations for the Convention, it was decided to seek approval from the general membership at our 21 March 2024 meeting to authorize the proposed expenditures.**

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported four new members, three losses, and corrected four emails addresses. Two key cards were issued; four pills for new Branch members were added to the barrel.

Looking ahead: The Auxiliary will have a Yard Sale on April 20; anyone having any donations, please contact the ladies.

SubVets are hosting a Low Country Boil at the Home 1130-1400, 18 May 2024; \$12.00 per plate.

Next Golf tournament will be 29 June 2024.

Our next Home Committee meeting will be at 1300 on 15 April 2024.

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.

These two resolutions were made up by PRPSE Fred Bolz. Must be published this month.

**FRA SOUTHEAST REGION BYLAWS RESOLUTION 1**

**LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269**

Whereas, Article IX, Section 903(a)(1) states:

Section 903(a)(1). The fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500,00) allotted to the Southeast Region Convention sponsor SHALL be used exclusively for the Southeast Region business expenses; and

Whereas, Article IX, Section 903(a)(4) states “If the sponsoring branch does not request the \$1,500.00 to host the Regional Convention, the branch may submit receipts/vouchers for expenditures authorized in Article 903(a)(2) to the Regional President for reimbursement”; and Whereas, the cost of living and inflation costs associated with hosting a regional convention makes it difficult to find suitable accommodations and absorb all other expenses associated thereto; and

Whereas, due to the economy as it is this day and age, dollars do not go far anymore; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that Article IX, Sections 903(a)(1) and 903(a)(4) be amended to reflect \$2,500.00 vice \$1,500,00, respectively.

**FRA SOUTHEAST REGION BYLAWS RESOLUTION**

**LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269**

Whereas, Article IX, Section 903(b)(1) states:

Section 903(b)(1). The five hundred dollars (\$500,00) allotted to the Host Branch of a Southeast Region Midyear Meeting SHALL be used exclusively for the Southeast Region business expenses; and

Whereas, Article IX, Section 903(b)(4) states “If the sponsoring branch does not request the \$500.00 to host the Regional Convention, the branch may submit receipts/vouchers for expenditures authorized in Article 903(b)(2) to the Regional President for reimbursement”; and Whereas, the cost of living and inflation costs associated with hosting a regional convention makes it difficult to find suitable accommodations and absorb all other expenses associated thereto; and

Whereas, due to the economy as it is this day and age, dollars do not go far anymore; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that Article X, Sections 903(b)(1) and 903(b)(4) be amended to reflect \$1,250.00 vice \$500.00, respectively.

From PRPSE Fred Bolz: Due to my inability to transit the parking lot and stairs at the NNPTC Graduation for presentation of the Hard Charger Award I am asking for someone to volunteer to present the award. I will make up the package for the award and get it to the Precentor.

Please contact PRPSE Fred Bolz 843-270-0345 [htcmret@aol.com](mailto:htcmret@aol.com)



Ladies Auxiliary will have an indoor yard sale 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.



Mark your calendar, watch for  
 details, watch for additions

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

**April, 2024**  
**Month of the Military Child**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 SubVet Eboard meeting	5	6
7 Free Pool	8	9	10 Sojourners Meeting 1900	11 Subvet mtg 	12	13 DAV Meeting 1000
14 Free Pool	15 Home Committee 1300  Miliary Kids Day	16 Unit lunch 11:30 Unit Meeting 1800	17 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	18 Branch Mtg 	19	20  <b>Unit 269 Indoor Yard sale</b>
21 Free pOOL	29P	30		25 MCL mtg 	26 MOAA 1100	27
28 USS Hobson Memorial More info later On time and event.	29 VVA Mtg 1730 	30				

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With this website you can get the newsletter by the end of the month  
instead of waiting for the printed copy which is sent after the first of  
the month.

[fra269gc.org](http://fra269gc.org)

The Branch now has a website:::

WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!





**USS *Hobson* (DD-464/DMS-26)**, a [Gleaves-class destroyer](#), was the only ship of the [United States Navy](#) to be named for [Richmond Pearson Hobson](#), who was awarded the [Medal of Honor](#) for actions during the [Spanish–American War](#). He would later in his career attain the rank of [rear admiral](#) and go on to serve as a [congressman](#) from the state of [Alabama](#).

*Hobson*, constructed at a cost of \$5 million, was [launched](#) at the [Charleston Navy Yard](#) on 8 September 1941; sponsored by Mrs. Grizelda Hobson, widow of Rear Admiral Hobson. As the new destroyer slid down the [ways](#), she was cheered on by spectators and whistle blasts from other vessels on the [Cooper River](#).<sup>[1]</sup> *Hobson* was [commissioned](#) on 22 January 1942.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1952, *Hobson* collided with the aircraft carrier [USS \*Wasp\* \(CV-18\)](#) and sank with the loss of 176 crew. The ships had been undertaking amphibious exercises in the Atlantic, with *Wasp* practicing night flying, when *Hobson* attempted to turn in front of the carrier and collided with *Wasp*. *Hobson* was broken in two and quickly sunk, causing the greatest loss of life on a US Navy ship since World War II.