



## Scuttlebutt

### Branch/Unit 269 Goose Creek, South Carolina

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**WE WISH EACH OF OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**

**FRA Lowcountry Home Managers, Staff & Committee  
Branch 269 Officers and Board of Directors  
Unit 269 Officers and Board of Directors**

#### **Branch President's Corner**

Our November meeting was well attended and many things were accomplished. We approved several items requesting money: Laura Bailey's request for \$350 for coats for homeless veterans, \$6000 for a prep table for the kitchen, and \$150 for the Children's Christmas Party.

December is fast approaching and we will be having the Branch Christmas Party on December 18. The meal will start at 1830 with an ugly sweater contest to follow. The Children's Christmas Program will be on December 21 at 1200. We encourage all children to attend. There will be prizes and refreshments will be served.

I want to wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a safe travel for those who are traveling.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Don Barton

Branch 269 President

#### **Thoughts from Your Unit President:**

Christmas is right around the corner and you

may already have your ugly holiday sweaters on standby and those cookie recipes ready to go.

The third delivery has been made to the VA Clinic in North Charleston. Again, I would like to thank all the members, shipmates, SUBVETS, and friends for their support. But as I have said, this is an ongoing project, so please keep the donations coming in to help our veterans in need. The holidays are upon us, so when you are shopping be sure to put up one or two extra items in your cart. A list is posted around the Home, on the donation containers and in this newsletter.

December is an extra busy month

**\*\*Dec 1- Cleaning of the home 5:00pm-please come and help out**

**\*\*Dec 6- Toys for Tots Christmas Shopping-Walmart Super Center 8:00am**

**\*\*Dec 13- Wreath Across America 12 noon at Carolina Memorial Gardens**

**\*\*Dec 16- Luncheon at Page's Okra Grill in Summerville—**Bring a gift (\$15-\$20)** for exchange**

**\*\*Dec 18- Adult Christmas Party 6:30pm—**Ugly Christmas Sweater or Shirt Contest****

\*\*Dec 21- Children's Christmas Party 12 noon

\*\*Dec 24- Christmas Eve

\*\*Dec 25- Christmas Day

Remember our Christmas tree on the bar side where you can purchase an Angel ornament to place on the tree. This donation goes toward purchasing toys, to which the Auxiliary has made a generous donation.

The National Convention was wonderful and all who attended had a great time. With a team effort I am happy to say that the Unit received first place for our Unit Report and a check for membership.

Our 2025-2026 Board of Directors:

National President Kelly Pena

National Vice-President Laurie Starkey

National Executive Secretary Doris Fri

National Financial Secretary-Pat Suckow

National Treasurer-Sharon Lippitt

We wish them all a successful year

To maintain our organization, we need to retain new members. This starts at the Unit level.

**This starts with YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



The gift of love.  
The gift of peace.  
The gift of happiness  
In Loyalty, Protection &  
Service

NFS Pat Suckow, PNP  
Unit 269 President

### **WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME**

11/4: Robert Lopez [Branch]; not signed

11/11: William Baranek [Branch] not signed

11/18: Roger Rader [Branch]; signed not present

11/25: Sarah Harry [Branch], not signed

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 on the day of the drawing. The drawing is held every Tuesday night at 2000.

### **Branch Treasurer's Report**

**September 28—October 27, 2025**

Cash in Bank – Checking	\$ 5,027.08
Cash in Bank – Convention Checking	\$ 20.03
Cash in Bank – Savings	\$ 5,194.25
Cash in Bank – Certificate of Deposit	\$12,236.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,477.47</b>

### **BRANCH MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION**

**Membership and Retention:** Ken Wallace

**Total active members:** 720

**New Join/Reinstated [2]:** Cody Amason, Marie Sehl

**Past Due [10]:** Johnny Aldea, Kevin Deise, Pacifico Dela Fuente, George Gilford, Richard Harbold Jr., Chris Ludwig, Anthony Mazza, Cubit Robinson, Bob Segal, Bob Temple

**Ready to Renew [30]:** Matthew Aguilera, David Aldrich, Gary Arquisola, Elizabeth Baker, Elijah Cales, Raymond Cotton, Michael Cousino, Oscar Diano, James Finney, James Fleming, Clemmis Floyd, Pedro Garcia, James Heath, Terrell Heath, Wendy Holman, Ronald Houde, Dominador Jimenez, Roger Little, Willie McDonald, Timothy McNally, Richard Nolan, Ray Phillips Jr., Lyndon Porter, Garry Radwick, David Smith, Edward Stank, L. David Taschner, Jason Tatge, Guy Travaglio, William Trotman

**Term NPD [5]:** Mark Archambeau, Dillon Brown, John Cardno, Lewis Leal Jr., Michael Quigley

**Term DEC [2]:** Bobby Barbee, Brian Steffen

• **Active Unit Members:** 198

### **UNIT MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION**

- 30 days past due [2]: Tyler Adams, Rhonda McNally
- 60 days past due: [4]: Georgia Cathcart, Carmela Day, Johnathan Price, Jeannette Walker
- 90 days past due [2]: Scott Sarah, Ann Tolentino

Active Members: 198

### **BRANCH CHAPLAIN**

#### **Hospital/Welfare/Rehabilitation:**

- ◇ Rick Wise has cancer in his hip, which will be treated with radiation.
- ◇ Charles Wood was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- ◇ Tom Lawson had a pacemaker placed and is recovering well.
- ◇ Sonny Rash left White Oak Manor and is home with home health care. Calls are welcome.
- ◇ Jerry Stout has a recurrence of skin cancer near his left kidney. New treatment plan needed.
- ◇ Bill Roberts received injection for trigger finger and is doing well.
- ◇ Ken Curtis is home with Palliative Hospice care.
- ◇ Trish Chilton, Skip's wife, is not doing well. Keep her in your prayers.

**Shipmates or Unit members please contact:**

**Branch Chaplain S/M Bobbi Sutton @**

**843.541.2823 or 843.879.9473**

**Unit Chaplain Theresa Milligan @**

**843-535-2757**

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### **Home Committee Report**

Cash Audit as of **15 Nov 2025** is as follows:

Checking Account balance      \$13,330.44

Savings account                      \$50,467.04

Credit Card account available    \$13,023.74

Pending Check/Cash for deposit \$ 1,652.00

Registers/Cash Funds              \$11,500.00

Total funds      \$89,973.22

Net Profits: Sept \$6,010.22    Oct \$1,018.98

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### **Building and Grounds/Special Events/and**

**Manager's Report:** Golf Tournament 22 Nov. tee time 0900; Christmas Dinner Dec 18th w/pork loin. Tickets are \$5.00 each with Branch covering balance of cost; new insurance agent contacted; Kitchen closed Jan 4-8 for retiling; entrance outside lights need to be replaced.

**Membership and Security:** FRA HQ reports 720 active members.

**Old Business:** Kitchen/bar tile replacement in Jan 2026; new Christmas Tree purchase for bar and banquet room; Cleanup day will be 1 Dec.

**New Business:** food prep bar was replaced on Nov 7th; employees to receive Christmas bonus.

**Good of the Order:** chair storage gets in way of Auxiliary getting to their shelves, next Home meeting will be held Dec 15 2025 at 1800.

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### **Americanism/Patriotism - PNC Laurie Bailey**

Branch Essay Contest for the 2025 A/P contest deadline is 1 December. Rules on the website at

**2026 FRA Member Scholarship.pdf**

Dates in History November/December

27 Nov- Thanksgiving Day

07 Dec- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

14 Dec- Hanukkah begins at sunset

15 Dec- Bill of Rights Day

17 Dec- Wright Brothers Day

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### **Newsbytes: The Fleet Reserve Bulletin**

The Newsbytes are sent throughout the month from National to all FRA members via email. A direct link to Newsbytes is on the FRA269

Website Home Page

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### **Newsbytes October 31, 2025**

- ◇ 2026 COLA Set at 2.8%
- ◇ Veterans Go Without Critical Services
- ◇ Senate Hearing Exposes VA Disability System
- ◇ FRA Calls on Congress to Pass Pay Our Troops Act
- ◇ Medicare-Eligible Patients Back to MTFs
- ◇ FRA National Convention

### **Newsbytes November 7, 2025**

- ◇ New FRA Leadership Elected
- ◇ Pay Our Troops Act
- ◇ FRA Meets with DHA
- ◇ Navy Reserve Center Closures
- ◇ Mobile App to Boost Veteran Care

### **Newsbytes November 14, 2025**

- ◇ 25'-26' FRA BoD
- ◇ Government Shutdown Ends!
- ◇ FRA Observes Veterans Day
- ◇ VA Secretary Pledges Continued Improvements
- ◇ 2026 Military Construction and VA Funding

### **Newsbytes November 21, 2025**

- ◇ FRA Attends FUSU Event
- ◇ House Passes Annual COLA ACT
- ◇ House Hearing Examines VA Disability Exams
- ◇ Marines Defend U.S. Embassy
- ◇ VA Cancels Over \$272 Million In Medical Bills

### **Newsbytes November 28, 2025**

***Will be posted in December***

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### **MEAL HOURS FOR THE HOME**

**Lunch Hours Mon-Fri 1100-1330.**

**Dinner Hours Mon-Fri 1700-1900**

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### **Branch/Unit 269 website: [fra269gc.org](http://fra269gc.org) !!!!**

Get your current and past newsletters and see upcoming events. To stop your current printed copy contact **[webmaster@fra268gc.org](mailto:webmaster@fra268gc.org)**

Use the Branch and Unit Membership Boxes outside the office for new member and renewal applications. When you recruit a new member ensure all of their information is correct on the application. Place the new application/renewal in an envelope (available at the box) 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 40 & younger: \$450.00

Ages 41-50: \$425.00    Ages 51-60: \$390.00

Ages 61-70: \$340.00    Ages 71-80: \$260.00

Ages 81-99: \$200.00

Ages 100 and older: **FREE**

## The Security Corner

*Provided by: George Birmingham [ET1(SS) USS H.L. Stimson SSBN655—G/SY1/G 69-74, USSVI-Holland Club Carolina Piedmont Base]*

### Phishing Is Moving from Email to Mobile – Smishing, Vishing, and Quishing

Greetings Shipmates, and Happy Holidays to you all!

Email security has long dominated the security conversation — and rightfully so. It remains a key method for phishing, credential theft, and social engineering. But in 2025, the threat landscape has shifted. Quietly, yet decisively, attackers increasingly are bypassing the inbox and expanding their reach across multiple channels. Recent data from the software development company TechMagic, shows that 41% of phishing incidents now employ multi-channel tactics, including **SMS (smishing)**, **voice calls (vishing)**, and **QR codes (quishing)**. The trend is clear: While email still matters, adversaries are shifting to mobile-first platforms like text, iMessage, WhatsApp, and social direct messages. These attacks are harder to spot, more difficult to control, and more likely to succeed, because they target the most vulnerable point in the chain: the human behind the screen.

**Smishing**, also known as SMS phishing, is a type of phishing delivered via SMS or other mobile messaging applications. Instead of arriving via email, the malicious link often comes as a text — disguised as a trusted contact, delivery service, bank alert, or urgent security warning. Because SMS is native to mobile devices, the messages are not exposed to traditional email security tools — leaving desktop-based defenses blind to these attacks.

**Vishing**, or voice phishing, is a relatively new technique that is surging in popularity due to its effectiveness. It utilizes live or prerecorded phone calls to deceive victims into disclosing credentials or transferring money, often in conjunction with mobile phishing. Attackers spoof caller IDs to appear as trusted entities — such as executives, IT help desks, banks, or government agencies — and target recipients directly on their mobile phones.

**Quishing** is a phishing attack that uses QR codes as bait. Instead of clicking a malicious link in an email, text, or message, the victim is tricked into scanning a QR code with their mobile

device. That scan redirects them to a fake website designed to steal credentials, deliver malware, or capture sensitive data. It's especially risky because scanning QR codes feels routine and safe — menus, payments, tickets — and most security tools don't check them before the user's device connects.

And finally, I came across this saying, which I believe carries a lot of truth.

“Never distrust your gut instinct. You are not paranoid. Your body can pick up on bad vibrations. If something deep inside you says something is not right about a person, or situation, trust it.”

As you arm yourself with knowledge about the methods used by the bad actors out there, your instincts will be equally equipped to detect a bad situations and people and thus protect you.

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### DID YOU KNOW??

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**Sign out of Google everywhere:** If you've used someone else's computer, make sure to fully log out. Go to Google and tap your profile icon in the top right. Choose Show more accounts > Sign out of all accounts > Continue. Then go back, tap Sign in > Remove an account and delete yours from the list.

**3-second tech genius:** In Microsoft Word, you don't need to dig through menus to find tools. Click the search bar at the top and type what you need, like “table.” Works in Excel, too.

**Mirror Android to TV:** Sharing your phone screen on a smart TV is easy as long as both are on the same Wi-Fi. On your phone, go to Settings > Connected devices > Smart View, then select your TV name > Full screen > Start now.

**Fix a frozen computer screen:** If your PC freezes, reset the graphics driver by pressing Windows key + Ctrl + Shift + B. You'll hear a beep, the screen will go black briefly, and the driver will reload. Then press Ctrl + Alt + Delete, open Task Manager and End any unresponsive apps. If all else fails, press the Power button to Restart.



### **BRANCH 269**

#### **BRANCH OFFICERS**

President: Don Barton  
Vice President: Steve Koch  
Secretary: Sarah Ihme  
Treasurer: PNP Don Muccheck  
Jr. Past President: Ken Hutchinson

#### **BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PNC Laurie Bailey	Tim Bailey
PRPSE Fred Bolz	John Tharp
Larry Pepper	Ron Lamon
Tom Lawson	Glenn Little
David Mattingly	Johnny Brown
Bobbie Sutton	Ken Wallace

#### **APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

By-Laws: PRPSE Fred Bolz  
Chaplain: Bobbi Sutton  
Essay Contest: PNC Laurie Bailey  
Legislative Affairs / VAVS:  
PRPSE Fred Bolz  
Master-at-Arms: Glenn Little  
Membership: Ken Wallace  
Parliamentarian: PNP Don Muccheck  
Public Relations: John Tharp  
Ways and Means: Larry Pepper  
Webmaster: Nick Nichols  
Newsletter: Nick Nichols  
Youth Activities: Ed Peters

### **Auxiliary of the FRA UNIT 269**

#### **UNIT OFFICERS**

President: NFS Pat Suckow, PNP  
Vice-President: Debbie Breeze  
Secretary/Treasurer: Gale Nathan,  
PNP

#### **UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kathy Sorenson	Sue Peters
Theresa Milligan	Ann Griffith
Linda Nichols	Dee Wallace

#### **APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Amer/Patriotism: Linda Nichols  
Chaplain: Theresa Milligan  
Hospital: Theresa Milligan  
Membership: Debbie Breeze  
Publicity: Debbie Breeze  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Kim Vandiver  
Ship's Store: Sue Peters  
Unit Activities: All Members  
VAVS: Theresa Milligan  
Welfare/Rehab: Sue Peters  
Youth Activities: Anne Barton/  
Gale Nathan PNC

### **LOW COUNTRY HOME, LLC**

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Home Chairman: PNC Laurie Bailey  
Admin Secretary: Sarah Ihme  
Financial Sec: PNP Don Muccheck  
Director: Tim Bailey  
Director: Kim Vandiver  
Director: Sue Peters  
Director: John Tharp  
Director: Dee Wallace  
Director: Ken Wallace  
Director: Ken Hutchinson  
Home Managers: Larry Pepper  
Bob Zauner  
Don Garrand



3rd Delivery of food for  
the VA Curbside Veterans  
Delivery - Ladies Gale  
Nathan, Sue Peters, VA  
Program Rep Mark



Auxiliary Members with help from  
Branch Members working the  
registration table for the Toys for  
Tots Motorcycle Ride.

Unit 269 President NFS Pat  
Suckow initiates Lady JonAnne  
Sattler into the Unit



Ready to Ride for Toys For Tots.



### BRANCH 269 CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP—DECEMBER 2025

Cecil Rash	53	David Markyvech	25	Robert Traynor	14	Willy Hecker	8
Dustin Darnell	45	William Mullins	25	Alexander Bodo	13	Michael Delich	7
William Butler	41	Bruce Tucker	25	Joseph Patrick	13	Raymond Cotton	6
Charles Hines	37	Perry Friend Sr.	22	Robin Corkill	12	William Trotman	5
Earl Goodell	33	Denise Barnes	22	Judy Duncan	12	Craig Vanderbilt	4
Gordon Stevenson Sr.	33	Gavin Karelitz	22	Tom Skorepa	12	Elizabeth Baker	2
Mark Chapman	31	George Bradstreet	20	Harvey Belcher	11	David Taschner	2
Leonard Chilton	28	John Hoyt	20	Sarah Soldatke	11	Elijah Cales	1
Jerry Walton	27	John Stroman	18	Frank Strunk	10	Edward Gentile	1
Robert Lopez	26	Barbara Aler	16	Butch Clift	9	Phil Smith Jr.	1
Larry Nicodin	26	Randall Bolin	15				

### UNIT 269 CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP—DECEMBER 2025

Nora Jean Houck	19	Linda Walton	14	Patricia Chilton	12	Lorena Clacton	2
Judith Highberger	18	Bonita Martin	13	Joy Lambert	12	Remedios Crawford	2
Karen Hightower	18	Brenda Kraus	13	Sandra Beilstein	10	Dylan Adams	1
Amanda Reid	14	Robert Reynolds	13	Bonnie Laseter	8	Tina Smith	1

### YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN DECEMBER 2025

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	Merrell Peterson	21
<i>Michael Dubay</i>	1	Robert Pulos	10	Grady Langley	15	Roger L. Little	22
Boyd Davis	2	George Scharf	10	<i>Pat Suckow</i>	15	Robert Yancey	22
Francis Evans	2	Frank Yeager	10	Lynette Gonzalez	16	<i>Michael Perillo</i>	23
<i>Karen Hubert</i>	3	Elizabeth Baker	11	<i>Dorothy Nephew</i>	16	Donald Hanley	24
<i>Arnold Chelcie</i>	4	Clemmis Floyd	11	<i>Brenda Woodsmall</i>	16	Ed Young	24
<i>Patricia Chilton</i>	4	Dominador Jimenez	11	John Bullock	17	<i>Janice Highberger</i>	25
Steven Geary	4	<i>Patty Russell</i>	11	<i>Deloris Cox</i>	17	Robert Hudspeth	25
Robert Melton	4	Arthur Sattler	11	Ralph Deeter	18	Donald Warren	25
Robert Temple	4	Carl Chinn	12	James McKinney	18	Wayne Stella	26
Maureen Gonzalez	5	Robert Shober	12	<i>Theresa Milligan</i>	18	<i>Brian Adams</i>	27
John Groover	5	Earl Spurlock	12	<i>Elfriede Campbell</i>	19	Rick Collins	27
Robert Harris	6	David Cornelius	13	<i>Francis Perillo</i>	19	Cody Amason	28
Frank Strunk	6	David Horton	13	Robert Sowards	19	<i>Christopher Covel</i>	29
<i>Ann Tolentino</i>	7	David Button	13	Robert Bailey	20	William Trotman	29
Donald Barvilchak	8	<i>Brenda Hiers</i>	14	Ronnie Vandiver	20	Eddie Beasley	30
Donald Wright	8	Frederick Hooker Jr.	14	Frederick Woodley	20	Charles Murray	30
Garry Radwick	9	<i>Susan Pardo</i>	14	Lucinda Bryan	21	<i>Ernest Seabolt</i>	30
Terry Trump	9	Butch Clift	15	<i>Joseph Holman</i>	21	Kim Hamilton	31



## **VA News by VAVS Branch Representative PRPSE Fred Bolz**

### **Trump EO reinstates GI Bill benefits to Veterans discharged for refusing COVID vaccine**

Nov 17, 2025 10:20 am

Potentially thousands of Veterans who were discharged from service by the Biden Administration for refusing the COVID vaccine may regain eligibility for GI Bill education benefits.

### **VA reduces backlog of Veterans waiting for VA benefits by 57%**

Nov 18, 2025 11:00 am

Backlog of Veterans waiting for VA compensation and pension benefits has dropped by more than 57% since the start of the second Trump Administration.

### **VA eliminates Veteran family health care backlog**

Nov 24, 2025 11:00 am

VA has completely eliminated the backlog of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) applications, a major VA program that provides health care coverage to over 900,000 qualifying Veteran spouses, dependents, survivors, and caregivers.

### **VA houses largest number of homeless Veterans in seven years**

Nov 18, 2025 3:00 pm

VA permanently housed 51,936 homeless Veterans across the country in fiscal year 2025.

### **VA pulls the plug on Biden's \$77M EV-charger earmark**

Nov 19, 2025 11:45 am

VA terminates a Biden-Administration mandate to spend \$77 million on electric vehicle charging stations at VA facilities.

### **VA extends caregiver support program eligibility for "legacy" Veterans, caregivers**

Nov 20, 2025 10:00 am

VA extends Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers eligibility for certain Veterans and their family caregivers through Sept. 30, 2028.

### **VA provides Veterans relief from Biden-era backlogged medical bills**

Nov 20, 2025 12:30 pm

VA relieves Veterans of more than \$272 million in potential medical bills that accrued after the Biden Administration stopped certain copayment claims processing and collections in early 2023.

## **Legacy ID Cards No Longer Valid in 2026! Neither the old Blue retired cards nor the old dependents card will be valid after Dec. 31. The new card has the look and feel of your drivers license.**

Military retirees are required to update their Uniformed Services Identification (USID) cards to the new Next Generation USID card by December 31, 2025. The paper-based USID cards with indefinite expiration dates will no longer be accepted after this date. The new cards are more secure and durable, incorporating features like plastic cardstock and enhanced security measures. According to the DoD Common Access Card website, USID cards are issued to retired military and Reserve members, dependent family members of uniformed Service members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy. It's important for military retirees/dependents/surviving spouses to know these old forms of ID will not be valid to access a military installation, and you will need issuance of the NextGen ID card.

This will be true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it - the ID will still be invalid.

The deadline is 31 December 2025. Based on this, we strongly encourage everyone with an old-style ID card to get a NextGen ID card now! Based on this, we strongly encourage everyone with an old-style ID card to get a NextGen ID card now!

There are several ways to make an appointment to get a new ID card. (1). You can visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website to find the closest office and either call them to make an appointment or (2). schedule your own appointment using the website. <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

To make an appointment using this site select the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" block. - do it now!

## **Legacy ID Cards Get Your ID Card Online! No More Trips to the ID Card Office**

Several Shipmates have completed this process online without a visit to the ID Card. Link to online information: [\*\*Online Uniformed Service Identification Card Renewal Pilot\*\*](#)

S/M Glenn Little presented with his 40 Year Continuous Membership Pin by Branch President Don Barton & Branch Secretary Sarah Ihme



2025-2026 AUXILIARY PROJECT

PLACE DONATED ITEMS ON TABLE AS YOU ENTER THE MEETING ROOM

### Items needed for Curbside Delivery For Our Veterans at the VA Hospital

#### Proteins:

- ☐ Tuna Cans
- ☐ Chicken Can
- ☐ SPAM Can or other potted meat
- ☐ Bean Cans: pork & beans, black beans, kidney beans, navy beans, beanie weenies
- ☐ Bag Dry Beans
- ☐ Jar Peanut Butter

#### ➤ Soup/ or Stew:

- ☐ Cans

#### ➤ Sauce

- ☐ Jar or Can Red Marinara Sauce or Alfredo Sauce

#### ➤ Pasta:

- ☐ Package or Box of Pasta noodles

#### ➤ Rice:

- ☐ Package or Box of Rice

#### ➤ Vegetables:

- ☐ Mixed Cans: corn, green beans, mixed, greens

#### ➤ Fruits:

Mixed Cans: peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce

#### ➤ Ready Meals:

- ☐ Mac & Cheese
- ☐ Hormel Microwave Meals
- ☐ Top Ramen
- ☐ Box/Bag Instant Potatoes

#### ➤ Cereal:

Box/Bag of Cereal----May substitute 4-5 small cereal boxes----May substitute 5-6 oatmeal, cream of wheat, or grits packets

➤ GIFT CARD \$5.00 OR \$10.00 NOT MORE—PLACE IN Auxiliary box

Three 1st place Award Ribbons were placed on the FRA flag by: American Patriotism [Laura Bailey], Youth Activities [Don Barton], and Public Relations [John Tharp].



The US Marine Corps Birthday was celebrated with a cake cutting.



FRA 269 BRANCH & UNIT  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
18 December 2025

Starts at 1830 [6:30pm]

Menu: Pork Loin - Mashed Potatoes

Corn - Salad - Roll

\$5.00 per ticket

Tickets available at the bar





Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions  
 Unless noted otherwise all meetings are in the large room  
 Where no time noted group has room for entire day  
 Friday nights – 1930 – Scotch Doubles, 8-Ball Tournament

<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>						
<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
	<b>1</b> <u>1800</u> Cleaning Day - Bar	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>1900</u> Low Country Coin Dinner	<b>4</b> <u>1800</u> SUBVETS BOD Mtg	<b>5</b> <u>1830</u> MCL Christmas Party	<b>6</b> <u>0800</u> Auxiliary Toys for Tots Shopping  <u>1800</u> Mulligan Men
<b>7 Free Pool</b> PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY  <u>1000-1200</u> Wreath Laying onboard USS Yorktown	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>1730-1930</u> HOA Meeting	<b>11</b> <u>Time UNK</u> MCC Christmas Party	<b>12</b> <u>1700-2200</u> SUBVETS Christmas Party	<b>13</b> <u>Time UNK</u> Copeland Christmas Party  <u>1200</u> Wreaths Across America Carolina Memorial
<b>14 Free Pool</b>	<b>15</b> <u>1800</u> Home Committee	<b>16</b> <u>1130</u> Unit Lunch @ Page's Okra Grill Summerville	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>1830</u> Branch/Unit Christmas Party [wear your ugly sweater]	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>All Day</u> FAAPS
<b>21 Free Pool</b> <u>1200-1400</u> Children's Christmas Party	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <u>All Day</u> Birthday Party
<b>28 Free Pool</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE			

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<b>JANUARY 2026</b>						
<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
				<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Free Pool</b>  <b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>  <u><b>1800</b></u> <b>SUBVETS BOD</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>  <u><b>1900</b></u> <b>SUBVETS Mtg</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b><u>1000</u></b> <b>DAV Mtg</b>
<b>11 Free Pool</b>	<b>12</b>  <u><b>1800</b></u> <b>Home Committee</b>	<b>13</b>  <u><b>1130</b></u> <b>Unit Lunch</b>  <u><b>1800</b></u> <b>Unit Mtg</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <u><b>1800</b></u> <b>Branch BOD</b>  <u><b>1900</b></u> <b>Branch Mtg</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Free Pool</b>	<b>19</b> <b>MLK DAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>MCL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Free Pool</b>	<b>26</b>  <u><b>1730-1900</b></u> <b>VVA Mtg</b>  <u><b>1900-2030</b></u> <b>Metal Detectors Club Mtg</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Shipmate President Don Barton called the regular Low Country Branch 269 meeting to order at 1800, Thursday, November 20, 2025, in accordance with FRA Rituals.

**Board Members present were:**

PRPSE Fred Bolz	Ron Lamon	Ken Wallace	Don Barton
PNC Laurie Bailey	John Tharp	Bobbi Sutton	Steve Koch
Tim Bailey	Johnny Brown	PNP Don Mucheck	Ken Hutchinson
Larry Pepper	Glenn Little	Sarah Ihme	

**Minutes:** Posted on the entrance table. Motion to accept.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Americanism/Patriotism:** PNC Laurie Bailey  
Report at general assembly.

**By-Laws:** PRPSE Fred Bolz  
Report at general assembly.

**Legislative Service and VAVS:** PRPSE Fred Bolz  
Report at general assembly.

**Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation:** Bobbi Sutton  
Report at general assembly.

**Membership and Retention:** Ken Wallace  
Report at general assembly.

**Youth Activities:** Ed Peters  
Report at general assembly.

**Public Relations:** John Tharp  
Report at general assembly.

**Ways and Means:** Larry Pepper  
Report at general assembly.

**Golf:** Larry Pepper  
Report at general assembly.

**Budget and Finance:** Glenn Little  
Report at general assembly.



**Home Committee Report:** PNC Laurie Bailey  
Report at general assembly.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Wreaths Across America will take place at 1200 on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Carolina Memorial Gardens in North Charleston and Beaufort National Cemetery in Beaufort.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Ken Hutchinson seconded that \$340 is spent for 10 wreaths for each location. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoice to pay the Home \$130.99 for the Marine Corps birthday cake and four steak dinners.

- **MOTION:** PNP Don Mueheck moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that the FRA Home be reimbursed \$130.99. Motion carried unanimously.

The Christmas party will be held on December 18 at 1830. The dinner will be pork loin, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and rolls at \$12 per person. Tickets will be sold at \$5 per person, with the Branch paying the difference. The Auxiliary requested \$150 for prizes for the sweater contest.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson moved, and S/M Sarah Ihme seconded that we allocate \$150 for the sweater contest. Motion carried unanimously.

Coats will be donated to the VA Clinic in North Charleston for homeless veterans.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Larry Pepper seconded that we allocate \$300 for coats. Motion carried unanimously.

The kitchen replaced the prep table and is accepting donations. The cost is approximately \$6000. This was approved at the Home Committee meeting, but still requires approval from the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

- **MOTION:** PRPSE Fred Bolz moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that up to \$6000 be spent for the new prep table pending general assembly approval. Motion carried unanimously.

S/M Bobbi Sutton requested \$150 for Children's Christmas Party.

- **MOTION:** S/M Bobbi Sutton moved, and PRPSE Fred Bolz seconded to allocate \$150. Motion carried unanimously.

S/M Ronald Houde's membership is up for renewal. He notified National that he is unable to pay his dues. The Branch has paid for his membership in previous years.

- **MOTION:** S/M John Tharp moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that we pay \$40 to renew the membership.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Charleston Port and Seafarers Society will host Night at the Harbor in February. PNC Laurie Bailey will research the event and report at the next meeting.

At the National Convention, a resolution was passed to separate the VSO from the VAVS. VAVS will fall under Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation when it is promulgated.

Military retirees and dependents who still have the old-style ID cards need to update their ID by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Immaculate Conception Church is offering a free lunch from 1100 - 1300 on the second Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Midyear meeting flyer is complete and under review. The Quality Inn has blocked nine rooms at \$79.10 per night. The meeting will begin 0900, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn made by S/M Tim Bailey, seconded by S/M Glenn Little. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1829.

**FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Shipmate President Don Barton called the regular meeting of Low Country Branch 269 to order on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 1900, in accordance with Article FRA Rituals.

**Visitors:** Three Active Duty Navy Sailors and members of the Auxiliary

**Shipmates Initiated:** None

**Minutes:** Published in the newsletter. The minutes stand as approved.

**Communications:**

A letter of appreciation was received from the VA for the Auxiliary's food and gift card donation project.

The National Vice President challenged each Branch to recruit at least three new shipmates during the current campaign.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The report for the period of September 28 – October 27, 2025 is as follows:

General Checking: \$5,027.08  
Convention Checking: \$20.03  
Total: \$22,477.47

Savings Account: \$5,194.25  
Certificate of Deposit: \$12,236.11

All bills received to date have been paid.

**Continuous Membership:**

**November 2025**

Emmette Boone, Jr. – 50 Years  
Hubert Pearce, Sr. – 50 Years  
Raymond Montminy – 45 Years  
Glenn Little – 40 Years  
Thomas Chilton – 30 Years  
Pedro Garcia – 25 Years  
Thomas Krieger – 25 Years  
David Smith – 25 Years

Bill Ansel – 20 Years  
Francis Bohannon – 20 Years  
Richard Day – 20 Years  
James Hutton – 20 Years  
Carmelo Olmo, Jr. – 20 Years  
Russell Hale – 10 Years  
Charles Wood – 10 Years  
Christopher Kelley – 5 Years

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Americanism/Patriotism** – PNC Laurie Bailey  
Dates in History November/December

27 November – Thanksgiving Day



07 December – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
14 December – Hanukkah begins at sunset  
15 December – Bill of Rights Day  
17 December – Wright Brothers Day

The deadline for submissions for the essay contest is 01 December.

The midyear meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**By-Laws:** PRPSE Fred Bolz

The Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions and the Delegate Chairman Report from the National Convention were read.

**Legislative Service & VAVS:** PRPSE Fred Bolz

Newsbytes are posted on the bulletin board. Veterans' information will be in the newsletter.

**Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation:** Bobbi Sutton

Rick Wise has cancer in his hip, which will be treated with radiation.

Charles Wood was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Tom Lawson had a pacemaker placed and is recovering well.

Sonny Rash left White Oak Manor and is home with home health care. Calls are welcome.

Jerry Stout has a recurrence of skin cancer near his left kidney. New treatment plan needed.

Bill Roberts received injection for trigger finger and is doing well.

Ken Curtis is home with Palliative Hospice care.

Skip Chilton's wife, Trish Chilton, is not doing well. Keep her in your prayers.

**Membership and Retention:** Ken Wallace

**Total active members:** 720

**New Join/Reinstated:** Cody Amason, Marie Sehl

**Past Due:** Johnny Aldea, Kevin Deise, Pacifico Dela Fuente, George Gilford, Richard Harbold, Jr., Chris Ludwig, Anthony Mazza, Cubit Robinson, Bob Segal, Robert Temple

**Ready to Renew:** Matthew Aguilera, David Alrich, Gary Arquisola, Elizabeth Baker, Elijah Cales, Raymond Cotton, Michael Cousino, Oscar Diano, James Finney, James Fleming, Clemmis Floyd, Pedro Garcia, James Heath, Terrell Heath, Wendy Holman, Ronald Houde, Dominador Jimenez, Roger Little, Willie McDonald, Timothy McNally, Richard Nolan, Ray Phillips, Jr., Lyndon Porter, Garry Radwick, David Smtih, Edward Stank, David Taschner, Jason Tatge, Guy Travaglio, William Trotman

**Term NPD:** Mark Archambeau, Dillon Brown, John Cardno, Lewis Leal, Jr., Michael Quigley

**Term Dec:** Bobby Barbee, Brian Steffen

**Active Unit Members:** 195

**Youth Activities:** Ed Peters

Nothing to report.

**Public Relations:** John Tharp

A letter will be sent to the Summerville Journal for member recruitment.

**Ways and Means:** Larry Pepper

Get your 50/50 and steak dinner tickets.

**Golf:** Larry Pepper

Next golf tournament will be 22 November, 0900 tee time.

**Budget and Finance:** Glenn Little

Next audit will be in January.

**Home Committee Report:** PNC Laurie Bailey

**Financial Reports**

Balances as of 15 NOV 25: Checking \$13,330.44; Savings \$50,467.04; Credit Card \$13,023.74;

Pending Deposits \$1,652.00; Registers/Change Funds \$11,500.00; Total Funds \$89,973.22

Net Profits: September \$6,010.22; October \$1,018.98

**Building and Grounds / Special Events Manager's Report:**

Golf Tournament: November 22nd, tee time 0900.

Christmas Dinner will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Pork loin will be served; tickets are \$5 each. There will be a Christmas sweater contest.

The kitchen will be closed January 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> for floor replacement. The main bar will be closed for one day, with the alternate bar being open. Working on getting an estimate to get the kitchen painted during this project. The prep table has also been replaced, and donations are accepted. Allocated not to exceed \$6000 toward the prep table.

**Old Business**

Purchase of new Christmas Trees for the banquet room and bar area. One new Christmas tree has been placed in the bar; another will be placed in the banquet room after Thanksgiving.

Clean-up day will be Monday, 01 December 2025 at 1800.

**Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Parties – Decorate the Home after Thanksgiving. The Adult Christmas Party will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Children's Christmas party will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next meeting will be held: December 15, 2025, at 1800

We have one vacancy for the Home Committee. Anybody interested, contact PNC Laurie Bailey.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report.

- **MOTION:** S/M Tim Bailey moved, and S/M Wayne Suckow seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions and the Delegate Chairman Report on the FRA National Convention.

- **MOTION:** PRPSE Fred Bolz moved, and S/M Glenn Little seconded that the reports be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors approved \$300 for coats for homeless veterans at the VA Hospital, \$340 for Wreaths Across America, \$150 toward the Christmas sweater contest, and \$6000 for the prep table.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Glenn Little seconded that these funds be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

A CPR/AED class will take place at the Home on January 31, 2026 at 0900 at the cost of \$10 per person. This class will take about three hours and can have up to 25 people. More information will be put out with a link to sign up.

Military retirees who still have the old-style ID cards need to update their ID by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Immaculate Conception Church is offering a free lunch from 1100 - 1300 on the second Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

### **Unit Report:** NFS Pat Suckow, PNP

We completed our third delivery to the VA Clinic. Let's keep it going.

Our Christmas angel tree is on the bar side. Purchase an Angel ornament with a donation.

Donations go toward toys for tots.

Saturday is the Law Rider MC Toys for Tots Annual Motorcycle Ride, where the Auxiliary and shipmates will be managing the registration and collection of toys. Registration is from 1100 to 1300.

Toys for Tots shopping on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Super Walmart. Meeting at 0800, Shipmates are welcome.

Adult Christmas Party – Having an ugly Christmas sweater or shirt contest.

Auxiliary will be making lap robes and collecting men's socks for the veterans at the Victory House in Walterboro. We are looking at Spring. Shipmates, please help by making donations.

The Auxiliary won first place for everything at the Southeast Convention. The Unit report was submitted at the National Convention, and we came in first place except for membership.

Awards from the National Convention were presented. The Branch finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in American Patriotism (Laurie Bailey), Youth Activities (Don Barton), and Public Relations (John Tharp).



The American Legion is sponsoring a food giveaway at Goose Creek High School on this Saturday morning, 1000 – 1200 for any needy families. There will also be a Thanksgiving dinner 1400 – 1700 at the American Legion for \$10 per person.

There being no further business, the President called for adjournment. All shipmates stood and observed a moment of silence in tribute to departed shipmates.

Motion to adjourn made by PNC Laurie Bailey, seconded by S/M John Tharp. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1956.

Constitution AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION #BRANCH 269

Whereas, Article 3. Section 306 relates strictly to Honorary Membership;

Whereas, Article 3, Sections 306(a) through (c) describes the process of becoming an Honorary Member and restrictions of same;

Whereas, No place in Article 3, Section 306 is there a way to report the status of the honorary member as being still active in assisting the branch, no longer active, or deceased; and

Whereas, there is no way of tracking the honorary members status by the National Office Staff; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a new Section 306(d) be added to read as follows:

"Section 306(d). On an annual basis each Branch of the Fleet Reserve Association shall report the status of their Honorary Members to FRA National Headquarters."

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Branch 269 held on the day of 2025, read, \_\_\_\_\_, debated, and adopted by a two-thirds majority (or unanimous) vote at a \_\_\_\_\_ subsequent regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, aquorum being present.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch President

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Branch Secretary

**DELEGATE CHAIRMAN REPORT ON THE FRA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
HELD FROM NOVEMBER 04 – 07, 2025 AT THE OASIS HOTEL AND  
CONVENTION CENTER SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

**Branch Delegates in attendance for all business sessions:**

**PSPSE Fred Bolz, Chairman, PRPSE Laurie Bailey, Branch 269 V. P Steve Koch, S/M Tim Bailey.**

**Opening ceremonies were held on 04 Nov. I. A. with C&BL There were two guest speakers.**

**Noted was the place for the 2026 National Convention. It will be held Sep 27 – Oct 03, 2026 at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Room rates \$101.00 Mon – Fri. and \$127.00 Sat and Sun.**

**The National Board of Directors Resolutions were ratified. It included the three resolutions voted on and submitted at or regional convention.**

**The following resolutions were voted on and the results of each**

**Res # 1 Art 7 Sec 702(i) To allow the Regional President the ability to appoint his replacement if he or RVP cannot attend NBOD Mid-Year. Must be past RP from region. Yes**

**Res #2 Branch meetings. Allows branches to hold a Minium of nine meetings per year. Missed meetings must be documented. Yes**

**Res #3 Not voted on because Res # 4 was adopted first.**

**Res # 4 Res to separate VAVS(CDCE) from VSO making Sec 820 VSO only and moving VAVS (CDCE) to Sec816 under H. W. R. Yes**

**Res # 5 Res to authorize the NBOD to advertise for the office of N. E. D. Yes**

**Res # 6 Res to outline qualifications for the office of N. E. D. Shipmates may apply. If equally qualified Shipmate will be selected. Yes**

**Res # 7 Res to merge Br 382 into West Coast Region. Ruled O. O. O.**

**Res # 8 Res to allow Branches with less than ten members to operate with permission of R. P. Yes**

**Res # 9 Appeal of Charter suspension or Revocation. Members in good standing prior to revocation may appeal to N. B. O. D. through R. P. Will request a vote of N. B. O D. to reinstate. Yes**

**Res # 10 Deactivated Charter. Deals with all property and funds go to national HQ. Amended by changing the word “Controlled” to “Sponsored”. Yes, as amended**

**Res #11 Has to do with Sec 1207 Funds held in escrow and 1208 Funds returned to treasury. Voted NO.**

**Res # 12 Sec 1211 Surrender of branch charter. Procedure for voluntarily surrendering the branch charter. Yes**

**Res # 13 Sec 1212 Branch Merger. Procedure to follow for branch merger. Yes**

**Res # 14 Sec 1215(g) and 1216(a) Ruled O. O. O.**

**Res # 15 res to add into the C&BL Sec 813(a) which was omitted from the C&BL after the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention. Yes**

**Res # 16 Res to merge the Southcentral Region and the North Central Region into one region Heartland Region. Yes**

**Res # 17 Pertains to honorary membership proposed change for honorary members to have five years then branch would have to pay annual membership dues. Voted down. No**

**Res # 18 pertained to changing the number of branch B. O. D. needed for the branch to operate. Main changes were for Groups III, IV, and V. Yes**

**Standing Rule Res # 1 Changes the wording of Standing Rule 6, S6(f) and (g) on reporting of use of the continued use of the official emblem for any business enterprise. And ensuring its use does not bring discredit to or damage the FRA. Yes**

**Nat Board Res from pre board ratified.**

**Results of committee reports**

**AM/PAT Branch 269 1<sup>st</sup> place.**

**Public Relations Branch 269 1<sup>st</sup> place**

**Youth Activities Branch 269 1<sup>st</sup> place**

**Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation and VAVS(CDCE) were not judged because the chairmen of these committees did not submit the reports to the National Chairmen.**

**Election results of FRA National Officers.**

**National President Richard J. "Rick" Fetro Branch 101**

**National Vice President Sha'ron D. Martin Branch 166**

**National Executive Director PNP Donna Jansky Branch 031**

**Election results of the Auxiliary of the FRA National Officers.**



**National President Kelly Pena**

**National Vice President Laurie Starkey**

**National Financial Secretary PNP Pat Sukow**

**National Treasurer Sharon Lippitt**

**That is my report and I move it be entered into the record.**

**PRPSE Fred Bolz**

**Delegate Chair**

## **FRA LOW COUNTRY HOME COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

PNC Laurie Bailey called the FRA Low Country Home Committee meeting to order at 1800 on Monday, November 17, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** Shipmates PNC Laurie Bailey, Sarah Ihme, PNP Don Muckeck, Tim Bailey, Ken Hutchinson, Ken Wallace, and John Tharp; Ladies Sue Peters and Dee Wallace.

**Other Members Present:** Shipmates Vice President Steve Koch and PRPSE Fred Bolz, Home Managers Larry Pepper and Bob Zauner, Ladies NFS Pat Suckow, Gale Nathan, and Marilyn Tharp

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted, with no corrections or objections.

- **MOTION:** S/M Tim Bailey motioned, and S/M Ken Wallace seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

### **Financial Reports**

S/M Steve Koch and S/M Ken Hutchinson assisted PNP Don Muckeck with the cash audit.

Balances as of 15 NOV 25: Checking \$13,330.44; Savings \$50,467.04; Credit Card \$13,023.74; Pending Deposits \$1,652.00; Registers/Change Funds \$11,500.00; Total Funds \$89,973.22

Net Profits: September \$6,010.22; October \$1,018.98

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and Lady Dee Wallace seconded to accept the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

### **Building and Grounds / Special Events Manager's Report:**

Golf Tournament: November 22nd, tee time 0900.

Christmas Dinner will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. Pork loin will be served; tickets are \$5 each. Total cost will be \$12 - \$15 per person, with the Branch covering the balance.

Christina Sutton with Brown & Brown Insurance has been contacted regarding new insurance. The current policy is in effect until January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The kitchen will be closed January 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> while the floors are replaced. We are working on getting an estimate to get the kitchen painted during this project. Donations totaling \$811 have been received toward replacing the prep table, which costs approximately \$6,000.

A request will be made under New Business to provide each employee a \$100 Christmas bonus.

The outside lights over the entrance door are not working and will be repaired.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and S/M John Tharp seconded to accept the Building and Grounds / Manager's Report. Motion carried.

**Membership and Security:**

FRA HQ reports 720 active members. There are 195 Unit Members.

**Old Business**

Replacement of kitchen and bar tile is scheduled for January 2026.

Purchase of new Christmas Trees for the banquet room and bar area. One new Christmas tree has been placed in the bar; another will be placed in the banquet room after Thanksgiving.

Clean-up day will be 1 December 2025.

**New Business**

Christmas bonus: Each employee will receive \$100 for Christmas.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that we give each employee \$100 for their work. Motion carried.

Food prep bar was replaced on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Approximate cost was \$6,000.00

- **MOTION:** PNP Don Mucheck motioned, and Shipmate Tim Bailey seconded to fund \$6,000 for the prep table. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Parties – Decorate the Home after Thanksgiving. The Adult Christmas Party will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. The children's Christmas party will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Good of the Order**

Lady Sue Peters presented a receipt for a Christmas tree totaling \$256.68 for reimbursement, previously authorized.

The Auxiliary reported difficulty accessing their storage shelves due to chairs being stored in their room. The chairs will be removed and stored in the back corner of the banquet room.

Next clean-up day: December 1<sup>st</sup>

Next meeting will be held: December 15, 2025, at 1800

- **MOTION:** Lady Dee Wallace motioned, and S/M Ken Hutchinson seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1833.