**Branch 269 Goose Creek South Carolina** 



# December 2015

## Scuttlebutt

# Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269 http://www.fra269.org

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

Where does the time go! Another month has gone by and so much has been going on here at FRA Low Country Branch 269. The Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Charleston was so moving and the day was just beautiful. Very warm for November but it was enjoyed by all. Then placing flags on departed veteran's graves at Plantation Memorial really made me think of all the sacrifices these brave men and women made during their service and I personally thanked each of them as I placed the flag in front of their gravestone. The indoor picnic at the FRA Home was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We have a few events coming up that I encourage all shipmates to attend. Pearl Harbor Day wreath tossing will be held aboard the USS YORKTOWN at 11:00, December 7<sup>th</sup> and it is guite memorable. There are very few survivors left in the Charleston area so let's come out to honor them. We will also be participating in Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Carolina Memorial Park on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. This is where wreaths are laid in honor on all veteran's graves. Lastly, we have a Children's Christmas Party and Adult Christmas Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December here at our home. Bring out your children and grandchildren as we all have a very special visitor coming that day and come out and enjoy a wonderful Christmas party and ornament exchange later that night.

I can get a little long winded so I will close for now. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe on the roads as you travel and cherish these moments with your family and friends. See you in the New Year!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service Laurie Bailey - Branch President

#### **LAFRA UNIT 269**

#### **UNIT OFFICERS**

President – Theresa Milligan Vice President - Roz Mathis Secretary – Marilyn Tharp Treasurer - Mary Lopez Jr. Past President - Gail Bolz

## **UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Linda Cox Kathy Sorenson Maggie Morrin Trish Chilton **RPSE Pat Suckow** Annie Bavnes Tyler Malmgren Gail Bolz

#### **APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN**

Chaplain - Kathy Sorenson Membership - Roz Mathis Sergeant-at-Arms-Tyler Malmgren Welfare - Tyler Malmgren Youth Activities - Vacant

Hospital - Gail Bolz and Kathy Sorenson

Amer/Pat - Linda Cox

VAVS - Gail Bolz Parliamentarian-Gail Bolz Merry Widows-Esther Ellisor Unit Activities - Linda Cox and Mary Lopez

#### **BRANCH OFFICERS**

President – Laurie Bailey Vice-President - Randy Riley Treasurer - Gerald Korinek John Tharp Secretary -

Jr. Past President - Fred Bolz

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

PNP Don Mucheck JrPRPSE Past Larry Cox PRPSE Fred Bolz Tim Bailey Cindy Bryan Patricia Gallagher Bill Farmer Elmer Feeser **Chuck Hines** John Lookabill Bob Lopez Melody Phillips Dave Rein Mike Sparks **Bobbi Sutton** 

Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton Ways & Means - Cindy Bryant

Master-at-Arms-Bruce Seltzer Historian - Mike Sparks

Amer/Pat - Randy Riley Youth Activities - Patricia Gallagher Membership - Laurie Bailey Essay Contest - JrPRPSELarry Cox By-Laws - Chuck Hines Parliamentarian - Chuck Hines PRelations - Melody Phillips Legislative Affairs - PRPSE Fred Bolz

VAVS-PRPSE -Fred Bolz WEB Master - James Sparks

#### LOW COUNTRY HOME, INC.

99 Wisteria Road (843) 569-2692

Home Chairman - Nate Nathan

Bobbi Sutton - Admin Secretary Gerald Korinek - Financial Sec. RPSE Larry Cox – Vice Chairman Linda Cox - Special Events John Tharp – Membership/Sec Jim Williams - Director Dave Rein - Director Rick Sparger - Director

Mary Lopez and Kathy Sorenson - Cash Audit

Trustees: Darlene Hines - 1st Year Chuck Hines - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

PNP Don Mucheck - 3rd Year

Home Managers - PNP Don Mucheck and Larry Pepper

**Hours of Operation** 

Mon-Thur 1000-2200 Fri 1000-2400 Sat 1000-2000 Sun - 1000 - 2000 Happy Hour - 1600 - 1900 Monday - Friday

## **BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAINS' PEW**

Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family of PNP Daniel Spalding, FTC Peter H. Joy and QMCM Billy Grooms

Who transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander

Anyone knowing of any illness or death among our Shipmates or Unit members please contact:

> Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 879-9473 or Unit Chaplain Kathy Sorenson @ 568-7668.

Audit - RPSE Pat Suckow and Gale Nathan Publicity - Amanda Reid and Jackie Verheyen

#### **WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES**

New, Reinstated & Transferred Members

James DayRichard HerndonJeff LatourelleMichael MercerWilliam Pye, Jr.Edward Stover

Larry Turner Peter Wizes

#### **BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

New or Reinstated Members	7
Transferred into Low County Branch 269	1
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	3
Suspended members	5
Members past due	13
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 8 APR, 2015	930

#### **BRANCH 269's DINK LIST**

**Past due:** Brendon Bettazza, Dwight Bostic, Thomas Corbett, Daniel Coy, Bradley Ganslow, Donald Groves, Gordon Hope, John Lambert, David Mueller, Donald Rickert, Rickie Robinson Jr., Walter Scroggs, Michael Sosa

**Suspended:** James Doman, Charles Gains, Lynn Haynes, Prayuth Komenkul, Roger Shepherd

#### **BRANCH 269 MENTORING PROGRAM**

The FRA Low Country Branch 269 Mentoring Program desperately needs volunteers to be mentors for new shipmates and would need to be available for the new member throughout the first year to provide answers to any questions that they might have about the FRA and Branch 269. This program does not take up a lot of time so if you want to find something to start with to get involved with the Branch, this is it! To sign up for this program, please contact Laurie Bailey at <a href="mailto:lbailey009@sc.rr.com">lbailey009@sc.rr.com</a> or leave a message in the pass down log with name, e-mail and phone number if you want to provide it.

#### **BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT**

Operations	\$ 7,126.04
Savings	\$ 4,577.68
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,057.29
Total	\$21,761.01

#### FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Fund	\$20	\$20,852.32	
Savings	\$	19.58	
Checking	\$	-9.88	
Credit Card Receipts	\$	184.10	

## **MERRY WIDOWS / UNIT 269 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The Merry Widows and Unit 269 will have a combined Christmas party at the Low Country Home at 11:30 on Tuesday, December 8. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift.

#### **MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT**

Hope everyone is enjoying this cool weather. Thank you to all that came to the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in November.

We have a lot of events for December so get your Calendar so you can make sure you can attend.

December 7 will be Pearl Harbor Day on the USS Yorktown for the throwing of the wreath.

December 10 will be our visit to Quality Care Home for a Christmas event at 2:30 pm.

December 12<sup>th</sup> is for the Wreaths Across America at Carolina Memorial on Rivers Avenue at 12:00 pm. Also on the 12<sup>th</sup> is FRA field day at the home to help with cleanup at 9:00 am.

December 19 is the Christmas Party for the Kids, so bring your children and grandkids to have fun from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Adult Party will be at 6:00 pm until. There will be a dinner and an Ornament exchange (at least \$10.00 value). Hope to see you all there.

To all members who have a birthday in or Anniversary in December HAPPY BIRTHDAY and congratulations.

Merry Widows Luncheon and Ladies Auxiliary will be combined this month as a Christmas Party at the home. Bring a \$10.00 gift wrapped with no names for gift exchange.

Next Unit Meeting will be at the FRA at 6:00 pm on December 17. Please note the new meeting time for Unit meetings is 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND TURKEY DAY!!!

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

Theresa Milligan - President - Unit 269

#### **WELCOME ABOARD AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Tina Bohannon, Julia D. Farmer and Shirley D. McDonald

### **UNIT 269's DINK LIST**

**Past Due:** Shirley Bostic, Allyson McDermott, Patricia Scoggins, Alan Lansing, Linda McLeod, Denise Smith, Louise Tomkinson and Kenneth Wilson

Suspended: Richard A. Droze, John W. Johnson and Carol Moore

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

## tharpj@sc.rr.com

**Motion:** S/M PRPSE Bolz, seconded by S/M Lopez to distribute the gift cards for Thanksgiving baskets for junior military families as follows: 3 with 4 or more children- \$75; 2 with 4 children- \$55 and 4 with 2 children \$50. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M JrPRPSE Cox, seconded by S/M Sparks for the Branch to donate \$2000 to the Low Country Home's Building fund. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M Sutton, seconded by S/M Gallagher to allocate funds NTE \$300 to cover one year of new shipmates access cards into FRA 269 Home. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M Sutton, seconded by S/M Gallagher for Branch raffle tickets to be used for Smart TV raffle. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M VP Riley, seconded by S/M T. Bailey to order an American ensign as backup flag for the flagpole not to exceed \$50. Voice vote and carried.

S/M PNP Mucheck purposed 2 Resolutions for changes to the National Constitution and By-laws. This was the first reading of these Resolutions

Tickets are now on sale for \$5 for the dinner at the Christmas Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. This will include an ornament exchange (Worth \$10).

On New Year's Eve the Home will close at 1700 and reopen at 1800 for personnel that have tickets for the New Year's Eve Party. Band will be Cotton Blue. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Smith's Heating & Air (Ed Young and John Pardo) has donated A 55" Vizio Smart TV/WIFI for a raffle. Drawing will be on February 7 during half-time of the Super Bowl Party.

The Unit is conducting a raffle for a Clemson football signed by the coach.

During the month of December there will be free pool except when there are leagues playing.

Come on out and enjoy the comraderie with friends and other members. <u>SUPPORT OUR CLUB.</u>

#### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### tharpj@sc.rr.com

The monthly Scuttlebutt (newsletter) is sent to all members of the Branch and Unit in October and April by snail mail. The monthly newsletter was sent snail mail to one hundred and twenty six members in November. You must request to get your newsletter by snail mail. There are currently over 400 members on the roster that do not have email, which means over 300 are not getting the newsletter unless you go to <a href="www.fra.org">www.fra.org</a> and check out the monthly newsletter on line. The newsletter keeps members informed of what is happening at the Fleet. If you want the newsletter by email please contact me at the above email address or 843-709-8520.



#### Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

The final day for Toy drop-off at the Home is

December 12. Please bring a lot of toys for the
children of the Tri-county area.

Also, there are paper ornaments at the bar. Put

Also, there are paper ornaments at the bar. Put your name on the ornament and make a generous donation for toys and hang your ornament anywhere on the Christmas Tree.

## Branch Continuous Memberships - November, 2015

Stacy Power	60 yrs	Weldon Jones	24 yrs	Denise Barnes	12 yrs	Alexander Bodo	3 yrs
William Neff	44 yrs	John Schafer	20 yrs	Perry Friend	12 yrs	Marcus Knoll	3 yrs
Cecil Rash	43 yrs	Aurelio Cui	19 yrs	Gavin Karelitz	12 yrs	Joseph Patrick	3 yrs
Joseph Schlechta	41 yrs	Leonard Chilton	18 yrs	Carol Murphy	12 yrs	James Bishop	2 yrs
Dustin Darnell	35 yrs	Jerry Walton	17 yrs	George Bradstreet	10 yrs	Leonard Chapman	2 yrs
Leslie Southworth	34 yrs	Mark Chapman	16 yrs	Benjiman L. Harman	9 yrs	Robin Corkill	2 yrs
William Robinson	31 yrs	Charles Davidson	16 yrs	Dana Kaeser	9 yrs	Judy Duncan	2 yrs
Arlington Sanford	31 yrs	James Dennis	16 yrs	Joseph Schmitt	9 yrs	Earl Gross	2 yrs
Thomas Beach	27 yrs	Kenneth Gray	16 yrs	Jon Simmons	9 yrs	Thomas Skorepa	2 yrs
Charles Hines	27 yrs	Robert Lopez	16 yrs	John Stroman	8 yrs	Harvey Belcher	1 yr
Conrado Celestial	24 yrs	Larry Nicodin	16 yrs	John Houston	7 yrs	William Haney	1 yr
Stephen Schultz	24 yrs	Lorenz Rathke	16 yrs	Barbara Aler	6 yrs	Perry Randall	1 yr
Tim Cowan	23 yrs	David Markyvech	15 yrs	Rockette Miller	6 yrs	James Rebar	1 yr
Earl Goodell	23 yrs	William McQuaid	15 yrs	Timothy Cox	4 yrs	Sarah Soldatke	1 yr
Ralph Mummey	23 yrs	William Mullins	15 yrs	Donald Garrand	4 yrs	Mullins William	1 yr
John Steele	23 yrs	Rowland Singletary	15 yrs	Jon McCain	4 yrs	Stan Yoakum	1 yr
Gordon Stevenson	23 yrs	Early Griffin	14 yrs	Robert Traynor	4 yrs		

#### Unit Continous Memberships – November, 2015

Maureen Williams	16 yrs	Joan Hulsey	8 yrs	Suzanne Smith	4 yrs	Bonita Martin	3 yrs
Larry Brodie	9 yrs	Sharon Cherry	4 yrs	Robert Reynolds	3 yrs	Patricia Chilton	2 yrs
Norma Jean Houck	9 yrs	Linda Walton	4 yrs	Kyla Singletary	3 yrs	Harry Hilty	2 yrs
Ira Monnig	9 yrs	Barbara Kenney	4 yrs	Brenda Kraus	3 yrs	Novella Howerton	2 yrs
Judith Highberger	8 yrs	James Miller	4 yrs	Allan Patton	3 yrs	Elizabeth Johnson	2 yrs
Karen Hightower	8 yrs	Robert Samples	4 yrs	Francis Perillo	3 yrs	Joy Lambert	2 yrs
Linda Villa	8 yrs	Amanda Reid	4 yrs				

## FRA BRANCH BY-LAWS REVIEW

#### RITUALS, Section 2703

#### The Two Bell Ceremony

Section 2703. The Two Bell Ceremony. When executed properly, the Fleet Reserve Association's "Two-Bell Ceremony" is dramatic testimony to humility, dignity, reverence and honor. It fulfills the promise of our preamble-"our reverence for the memory of our departed shipmates." Unfortunately, there is no written documentation or knowledge that clearly identifies the origin of this beloved ritual except that it is unique and ours alone. In researching naval history back to the time of Britain's Lord Nelson we can find no record of a memorial ceremony using the ship's bell. Our current elder statesmen credit several deceased shipmates as being largely responsible for the originating and refinement of the ritual. But it is clear the sounding of two bells is the "time," or the "moment," to pause and reflect on our shipmates who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander. In days past, "two bells" marked the end of the routine day aboard ship. It was time for "Tattoo" and soon "Taps" would sound throughout the ship. Certainly, this is a most appropriate time to honor our departed shipmates. Those familiar with one of the greatest stories of the sea, "The Ancient Mariner," will remember that he/she found safe passage in narrow waters by listening to the bell on the marking buoy. That bobbing marking buoy sounds much like the tolling of a bell for a funeral dirge, solemn, reverent and mournful. Since the beginning of recorded time, men of the sea have been guided and impressed by the sounding of the ship's bell. In our "Two Bell Ceremony," the tolling of the bell and the spoken word can and should be combined to execute a ritual that contributes to and strengthens the bond that exists amongst all shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association.

#### **WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME**

Names drawn lately: 11-3 – William Roup, not signed; 11-10 – Michael Perillo, not signed; 11-17, David Morin, 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, the day of the drawing. The drawing is held every Tuesday night at 2030 hours.

#### **NATIONAL MAILING LIST**

Shipmates, if you do not want any mailings from our National Office either by regular mail or electronic mail, you can call National Headquarters and they will check the block on your profile to stop these mailings.

## **YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY IN November!**

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. It's your choice from the lunch specials of the day. If your birthday falls on a weekend, stop by Friday or Monday.

Mel Wright	12/01	Clemmis Floyd	12/11	Delores Cox	12/17	Wendal Calloway	12/23
Melvin Baker	12/02	Dominador Jimenez	12/11	Joseph Schlchta	12/17	Michael Perillo	12/23
Francis Evans	12/02	Patty Russell	12/11	Ralph Deeter	12/18	Pete Catalano	12/24
Richard Schommer	12/02	Thomas Burgess	12/12	Karen Keohane	12/18	Donald Hanley	12/24
Samuel Wright	12/02	Jean-Claude Davidson	12/12	Rosamond Milligan	12/18	Dana Kaeser	12/24
Earl Gross	12/03	Carl Chinn	12/12	Syuzie V Andiver-Brill	12/18	Ed Young	12/24
Patricia Chilton	12/04	Robert Shober	12/12	James McKinney	12/18	Lawrence Becker	12/25
Steven Geary	12/04	William Bailey	12/13	Elfriede Campbell	12/19	John Blanchard	12/25
Robert melton	12/04	Robert Call	12/13	Richard Donahue	12/19	William Hayes	12/25
Maureen Gonzalez	12/05	David Cornelius	12/13	Willie Jackson	12/19	Ralph Large	12/26
John Groover	12/05	David Horton	12/13	Walter Scott	12/19	Carol Murphy	12/26
Roy Stiegeimeyer	12/05	David Button	12/14	Robert Sowards	12/19	Wayne Stella	12/26
James Bolyn	12/06	Brenda Hiers	12/14	Robert Bailey	12/20	William Haney	12/27
Robert Harris	12/06	Frederick Hooker	12/14	Gerald Jackson Jr.	12/20	Walter Zeigler	12/27
Leroy Werley	12/06	Susan Pardo	12/14	Terry Sprague	12/20	Joseph Gleason	12/28
Gary Samples	12/07	Bradley Wadycki	12/14	Ronnie Vandiver	12/20	Patricia Scoggins	12/28
Lois Fernandez	12/08	Grady Langley	12/15	Frederick Woodley	12/20	Dale Shepperd	12/29
Natale Colitte	12/08	Patricia Suckow	12/15	Lucinida Bryan	12/21	Anita Wright	12/29
Early Griffin	12/08	Phyllis Thomas-Kramer	12/15	Sara Collins	12/21	Theresa Gavin	12/30
Terry Trump	12/09	Tina Bohannan	12/16	Emmett Rackley	12/21	Keith Schnebel	12/30
Nestor Derecho Jr.	12/10	Danny Hunt	12/16	Arlington Sanford	12/21	James Dennis	12/31
George Scharf	12/10	Shannon Nault	12/16	Christopher-Schramm	12/21	Kim Hamilton	12/31
Frank Yeager	12/10	Dorothy Nephew	12/16	Marvin Meistrell	12/22	Robert Williams	12/31



New FRA Flag raised at the Home on Veteran's Day by JrPRPSE Larry Cox and President Laurie Bailey



PNP Don Mucheck is sworn in as National Parmentarian by JrPRPSE Larry Cox



Richard Day is initiated into Branch 269 by President Laurie Bailey

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions.

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

Saturday nights — 2000 hrs — In House 8-ball Tournament

December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day -- Aboard the USS Yorktown -- The Branch and the Unit will be tossing

wreaths over the side during this ceremony

December 12 The Branch/Unit will be laying wreaths at Carolina Memorial Cemetery – 7113 Rivers Ave at 1200

December 19 Children's Christmas Party – 1300 – Come see a special visitor

Bring the children, grandchildren and even the great grands

December 19 Adult Christmas Party – 1800 until!!!

January 1 New Year's Eve Party

August 25-27 FRA/Auxiliary Southeast Convention, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
October 9-16 FRA/Auxiliary National Convention – Jacksonville, Florida

## **ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**







The Children's Christmas party will be on December 19 – beginning at 1300. There will be games and goodies for all the Children. Also Santa may stop by to meet the children and let them make their wishes known to Santa what they want for Christmas. Make sure you sign up your children, grand children or even great grand children on the bulletin board so no child will be left out.

#### **HOME ACCESS CARDS**

Home access cards are the cards that allow shipmates and unit members to come into our FRA Home without having to buzz the intercom for access. These cards are available behind the bar and must be issued by the Home Manager or a bartender. The Branch will cover the cost of the card for new branch members and their name must appear on the roster before the card can be issued. If the card is damaged, the cost of the replacement is the member's responsibility and the cost is \$5.00. If your card isn't working, please leave it with the bartender and the Membership and Security Coordinator, John Tharp, will get it corrected. New members for the Unit cost is \$5.00.

# DO YOU HAVE A SEA STORY OR FIELD STORY TO TELL?

Every Sailor, Marine or Coastie has a memorable event or two that they love to tell to another shipmate at the bar or dinner table and we would love to hear those stories if you wish to tell them. Please send us a story or two of your best memories and we will print them in our newsletter and read one at a monthly meeting. Write a short paragraph or two and e-mail them to <a href="mailto:lbailey009@sc.rr.com">lbailey009@sc.rr.com</a> with the subject line SEA/FIELD STORY FROM (NAME). You can also mail the stories to our home address (FRA Low Country Branch 269, Attn: Laurie Bailey, 99 Wisteria Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445) or leave in the pass down log at the FRA Home in an envelope marked Attn: Laurie Bailey. These stories are history and we want to honor your memories by preserving them.

#### **OLD SAILORS**

#### POEM SUBMITTED BY SHIPMATE BILL LOOKABILL

## Old Sailors – Let There Be No Moaning at the Bar

1

Old sailors sit and chew the fat about things that used to be Of the things they've seen, the places they've been When they ventured out to sea.

2

They remembered friends from long ago,
The times they had back then
The money they spent, the beer they drank
In their days as sailing men

3

Their lives are lived in the days gone by With the thoughts that forever last Of the bell bottom blues, winged white hates, And good times in their past.

4

They recall long nights with the moon so bright Far out into the lonely sea.
The thoughts they had as youthful lads,
When their lives were wild and free.

5

They know so well how their hearts would swell When old glory fluttered proud and free. The underway pennant such a beautiful sight As they plowed through an angry sea.

6

They talked of the chow Ol' cookie would make And the shrill of the bos'n pipe. How salt spray would fall like sparks from hell When a storm struck in the night. -

They remember old shipmates already gone Who forever hold a spot in their heart When sailors were bold, and friendships would hold Until death ripped them apart.

8

They speak of nights spent in bawdy houses On many foreign shore Of the beer they'd down as gathering around Telling jokes with a busty whore

9

Their sailing days are gone away, Ever again will they cross the brow, They have no regrets, they know they are blessed, For honoring the sacred vow.

10

Their numbers grow less with each passing day As the final muster begins. There's nothing to lose, all have paid their dues, And they'll sail with shipmates again.

11

I've heard them say before getting underway That there's still some sailing to do, They'll say with a grin that their ship has come in And the Lord is commanding the crew.

December 2015							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900	<b>2</b> Pizza Night	3	2000 Karaoke Night w/Becky	5 Sub-Vets Christmas party	
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day USS Yorktown 11:00 am	Merry Widows/Unit Combined Christmas Party Luncheon 11:30 at the FRA Home WING Night	9 Pizza Night	10	2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	12	
13	Meeting 1800 Home Committee 1900	1800 UNIT BOD 1830 UNIT Gen. Assembly Mtg.	Pizza Night	BRANCH BOD 1800 BRANCH Gen. Assembly Mtg. 1900	2000 Karaoke Night w/Becky	19 Children Christmas Party - 1300 Adult Christmas Party - 1800	
20	21 *WINTER* BEGINS	22 Sojourners 1830 Wing Night	<b>23</b> Pizza Night	24	25 Home  6 Meny  Christmas  Closed	26	
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!

## **NEWSLETTERS ARE ONLY MAILED IN APRIL & OCTOBER UNLESS YOU REQUEST YEAR ROUND MAILING**

Shipmates AND auxiliary members, If you <u>WISH</u> or <u>MUST</u> have the monthly newsletter by "pony express" you <u>MUST</u> request it.

The Branch has voted to cut printing and mailing expenses. Our monthly newsletter is available online at <a href="www.fra269.org">www.fra269.org</a>. If you don't own a computer, you obviously cannot see the newsletter online. To receive it via "pony express", you <a href="MUST">MUST</a> submit <a href="IN WRITING">IN WRITING</a> your request to have it mailed.

What is **IN WRITING?** Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at The Home or mail your request to the Branch Secretary.