

**Branch 269  
Goose Creek  
South Carolina**



**February 2016**

**Scuttlebutt**

**Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269**

<http://www.fra269.org> (Branch)

<http://www.fra.org> (National)

**Branch President's Corner**

Is it February already? This FRA year is going so fast and there are many events coming in the next few months that will keep us very busy. The FRA Southeast Regional Mid-Year meeting will be held on 26-27 February 2016 in Jacksonville, Fl. The purpose of this meeting is to grade the essays that were submitted to Regional from all the branches in the Southeast region plus go over any other business that has occurred in the region that needs to be taken care of. We encourage all shipmates to attend to participate and meet other shipmates of the region.

The Massing of the Colors will be held at the Citadel on 5 March 2016 This is a beautiful marching ceremony with flags being flown by many organizations that support veterans and the military.

April will find us with our first round of officers for the next FRA year with May being the month for the second round of nominations and the election. Serving as an officer of the branch, unit or home is a commitment but very fulfilling as you are serving your fellow shipmates and your voice is important for the success of the FRA and our branch. The USS HOBSON memorial will also be held in downtown Charleston on 24 April 2016. All shipmates are encouraged to attend to remember this fallen ship and its crew.

I will close for now. Please take care of yourselves and have a great month!

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

**LAFRA UNIT 269**

**UNIT OFFICERS**

President – Roz Mathis                      Vice President – Linda Cox  
Secretary – Marilyn Tharp                Treasurer – Mary Lopez  
Jr. Past President – Gail Bolz

**UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RPSE Pat Suckow                      Kathy Sorenson                      Maggie Morrin  
Annie Bain                              Gail Bolz                              Trish Chilton  
Tyler Malmgren

**APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Chaplain – Kathy Sorenson                      Amer/Pat – Linda Cox  
Membership – Linda Cox                      VAVS – Gail Bolz  
Sergeant-at-Arms–Tyler Malmgren                      Parliamentarian-Gail Bolz  
Welfare – Tyler Malmgren                      Merry Widows-Esther Ellisor  
Youth Activities – RPSE Pat Suckow                      Unit Activities – Linda Cox and Mary Lopez  
Audit – RPSE Pat Suckow and                      Hospital – Gail Bolz and  
Gale Nathan    Kathy Sorenson  
Publicity – Amanda Reid and  
Jackie Verheyen

**BRANCH OFFICERS**

President – Laurie Bailey                      Vice-President - Randy Riley  
Treasurer - Gerald Korinek                      Secretary - John Tharp  
Jr. Past President – PRPSE Fred Bolz

**BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton                      Ways & Means - Cindy Bryan  
Master-at-Arms-Bruce Seltzer                      Historian - Mike Sparks  
Amer/Pat - Randy Riley                      Youth Activities - Patricia Gallagher  
Membership - Laurie Bailey                      Essay Contest – JrPRPSE Larry Cox  
By-Laws – RVPSE Chuck Hines                      Parliamentarian – RVPSE 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.  
JRPRPSE 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

RVPSE Chuck Hines - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

PNP Don Muccheck - 3rd Year

Home Manager – PNP Don Muccheck and S/M 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  
LCDR Samuel L. Westlake, RMCM Gary Samples*

Who transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.  
Keep the following members and their family members in your prayers  
due to recent illness:

Roger Rader, David Graminski, Bobby Windrow and Bill Hayes  
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.**

### ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK

If you are on Facebook and want to be in contact with us and see what is going on with our home and branch, then LIKE us on Facebook. Go to the search bar and type in: FRA Branch 269. When the list comes up with FRA Branch 269 name, click on it and our page will come up. Press "LIKE" and your request to join will be approved by our administrator in a few days.

### WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

John McCall, Phillip Obie, Frank Strunk and Janeth Vega

### BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	4
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269	0
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	3
Suspended members	5
Members past due	12
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 8 APR, 2015	937

### BRANCH 269's DINK LIST

**Past due:** Joseph Chapman, III, Ricky Collins, Brian Cruz, David Greene, Robert Hoffman, Mario Lingat, Richard Mahlie, William Reed, Kelly Rice, Robert Simmang, Fayette Thornal, Jr., Bradley Wadycki

**Suspended:** Brendon Bettazza, Dwight Bostic, Daniel Coy, Bradley Ganskow, Donald Groves

### BRANCH 269 MENTORING PROGRAM

The FRA Low Country Branch 269 Mentoring Program desperately needs volunteers to be mentors for new shipmates and who 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 [lbailey009@sc.rr.com](mailto:lbailey009@sc.rr.com) 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	\$ 5,722.00
Savings	\$ 4,579.59
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,831.00
Total	\$20,414.16

### FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Fund	\$21,851.91
Savings	\$ 19.58
Checking	\$ 5,784.20
Credit Card Receipts	\$ 1,157.91

### MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The Merry Widows will meet February 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

### UNIT 269 LUNCHEON

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, February 16, at 11:30, at the FRA Home.

### MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

Hope everyone had a nice holiday and I know most of us appreciate the lack of necessity for snowblowers and snow shovels here these days. Along with the much colder weather is the concern that our elder neighbors are warm and fed. Please keep an eye on the ones you are aware of in your neighborhood that have no family to check on them.

We had great attendance at our January meeting, thanks to all of the members who came. Marilyn Tharp announced that we were named as one of two Units in the Southeast Region who have dramatically increased the renewal of members who were delinquent over 60 days. On 26 January, a group of us met at the Fleet for lunch and a brainstorming session on ways we can breathe life back into the Unit. It was an informative and productive gathering and we will discuss the topics further at the next Unit meeting.

We have a busy schedule again this month. On February 9 at 2:30 pm, we will return to the Quality Care Home at 107 Etiwan in Goose Creek to share a Valentine social with ice cream, treats, cards and flowers. Not sure who enjoys these visits more – the residents or us. We'd love to have you join us.

Low Country Home Field Day is February 13, starting at 9:00 am. Please come help – as the saying goes, "Many Hands Make Light Work." Elvis (Danny Sterling) will be held Saturday, February 13. Tickets are on sale at the bar for \$15 each. The next Golf Tournament will be Saturday, February 20. Please let Marilyn know if you are willing to help. Old Time Navy Breakfast will be Sunday, February 21 from 9:00-11:30 am. Cost-\$5.00. FRA/LAFRA Southeast Region Mid-Year meeting will be February 26-27 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Next Widows Luncheon will be February 9 at 11:30 am at the Fleet.

Next Auxiliary Luncheon will be February 16 at the Fleet at 11:30.

Next Auxiliary meeting is February 16 at 6:30 at the Fleet.

Hope to see you at any or all of these events. If you would like to attend, but do not have transportation, please let us know and we will ensure you get a ride.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all members having one in February.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

Roz Mathis – President – Unit 269

### FRA BRANCH BY-LAWS REVIEW – SECTION 4, ARTICLE 409(a) – (b)

#### Duties of the Branch Vice President

Section 409(a) – Duties of the Vice President: The Vice President shall carry out such Branch duties as the President may direct and in the absence of the President shall assume the duties and obligations of the office of the President.

Section 409 (b) – After each Branch meeting at which new member(s) have been initiated, it shall be the Vice President's responsibility to properly indoctrinate the new member(s) in the Low Country Branch 269 of the FRA.

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

[tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)

**Motion:** S/M RVPSE Chuck Hines, seconded by S/M Phillips for the Installation of Officers to be the same night as the monthly meeting in June. This will be in the newsletter in April and May. Voice vote and carried

**Motion:** S/M RVPSE Chuck Hines, seconded by S/M Phillips for the Christmas Party to be the same night as the monthly meeting in December. This will be in the newsletter in October and November. Voice vote and carried

**Motion:** S/M Gallagher, seconded by S/M Lopez for the branch to sponsor a baseball team with the Goose Creek Recreation for \$300. Voice vote and carried

**Motion:** S/M RVPSE Chuck Hines, seconded by PNP Don Muecheck for second reading of the Resolution to National for changing any reference to the Auxiliary name to AFRA in the red book. Voice vote and carried.

### HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Hello Shipmates and Ladies,

Hope everyone is doing well. A few things we have going on in February and beyond are things such as an *Elvis Show* on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb. That should be a big night for those that love the Danny Sterling shows. We, of course are hosting the *Branch golf tourney dinner* at the Home on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb. The following day, Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have the *Remember When –Navy Breakfast* and that's always a great thing, as them ol' boys know how to cook breakfast. In March, we will have a back to back *Vegas Show* on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Also I would be remiss if I didn't remind the members that we have field day the Saturday prior to the Monday Home Committee meeting. We know there are lots of Branch members out there that want to help out at the Home and 2 or 3 hours once a month isn't that hard. I'm quite sure I've left a couple of items out, but you can find them in the Branch Bulletin.

Another thing I want to discuss with you is the operation of the Home. I am sure that everyone wants to know how the Home is doing and the answer is, honestly, we are doing fairly well. The main reason being that we have two volunteers who are putting a lot of time and effort into this business. We also have a great staff of bartenders, cooks and waitresses who do the job asked and do it well.

### HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (Continued)

This business, FRA 269 Low Country Home, Inc. cannot survive without the participation of it's membership. Getting members of the Branch and Unit to participate entails serving good food, the right beverages and good entertainment. The food and beverages are a given, but the entertainment is an ongoing thing, and the Home Committee has decided that it would be in the best interest of the Home to have someone scheduling and hiring the entertainment full time, therefore, we are looking for someone to serve as an entertainment coordinator, possibly on a commission basis. If interested, please contact either Home Manager, Larry Pepper or Don Mucheck at the Home at 843-569-2692.

That's about all I have for now except to say, if you have some ideas or complaints or you just want to know what is going on, well, come to the meetings. Everyone is always invited. Home meetings are scheduled on the Monday before the Branch BOD and general assembly, which is the third Thursday of the month.

Yours in LPS

Nate

### Branch Continuous Memberships – February, 2016

Kenneth Adam	51 yrs	Richard Thompson	33 yrs	Ginger Bevis	13 yrs	Jennifer Beilstein	7 yrs
Richard Crank	42 yrs	Wendall Calloway	32 yrs	Brian Brooks	13 yrs	Michael Mercer	6 yrs
Douglas Wickenhoefer	41 yrs	Kenneth Drewa	32 yrs	Jack Dorman	13 yrs	Bruce Whippie	6 yrs
Thomas Davis	39 yrs	Norris Williams	30 yrs	Elmer Mullins	13 yrs	John Hills	5 yrs
Douglas Perkins	39 yrs	Warren Kratz	26 yrs	Eldon Carson	12 yrs	Marion Hall	4 yrs
David Adams	38 yrs	Alter Deal	24 yrs	Richard Jones	11 yrs	Ron Morgan	4 yrs
Paul March	38 yrs	Loye Bryant	23 yrs	Sammy Jackson	10 yrs	John Zedo	4 yrs
Norris Nathan	38 yrs	Allen Katen	19 yrs	Tom Lufkin	10 yrs	Evan Barnard	3 yrs
Thomas Britton	37 yrs	Todd Baker	18 yrs	Carla Passmore	10 yrs	George Fulmer	3 yrs
Francis Evans	37 yrs	William Allen	17 yrs	Robert Bear	9 yrs	Charles Baylor	2 yrs
Donald Larsen	37 yrs	William Hall	17 yrs	Johnny Brown	9 yrs	Lucinda Bryan	2 yrs
Charles Campbell	36 yrs	Thomas Morrison	17 yrs	Robert Hudspeth	9 yrs	Thomas Burgess	2 yrs
Lewis Miller	36 yrs	Lawrence Case	16 yrs	John Kennedy	9 yrs	Mike Ciesielko	2 yrs
David Rein	36 yrs	Robert Melton	16 yrs	Lee McClenny	9 yrs	Cris Davidson	2 yrs
Keith Suiter Sr.	36 yrs	James Moseley	16 yrs	Robert Stodola	9 yrs	Dennis Doerr	2 yrs
Robert Thomson	36 yrs	Dennis Pierce	16 yrs	Vedonna Sutton	9 yrs	Joseph Gimenez	2 yrs
Donald Peterson	35 yrs	William Hayes	15 yrs	James Willcutt	9 yrs	Michael Scott	2 yrs
Marvin Meistrell	34 yrs	Eugene Morris	15 yrs	Tim Zaratman	9 yrs	Thomas Shepard	2 yrs
George Scharf	34 yrs	William Roup	15 yrs	Leroy Peck	8 yrs	John Byrd	1 yr
Albert Stoll	34 yrs	Paul Viering	15 yrs	Arthur Robinson	8 yrs	Gordon Sarver	1 yr
Franklin Lowman	33 yrs						

### Unit Continuous Memberships – February, 2016

Dorothy Grooms	34 yrs	Georgia Cathcart	9 yrs	Tammy Miles	6 yrs	Penni McDaniel	5 yrs
Tina Bohannon	15 yrs	Sara Collins	9 yrs	Anthony Pyatt	6 yrs	Leslie Hunnell	4 yrs
Vicky Bilhar	11 yrs	Ester Ellisor	9 yrs	George (Skip) Wach	6 yrs	Mary Korinek	4 yrs
Mary Lopez	11 yrs	Patricia Hair	9 yrs	Lois Fernandez	5 yrs	Teri Korinek	4 yrs
Helen Bruening	9 yrs	Michael Wenzel	9 yrs	Maria Luisa Gulick	5 yrs	Joseph Von Brincken	4 yrs
Dianne Carroll	9 yrs	Eugene Robinson	7 yrs	Karen Kopczynski	5 yrs	Roz Mathis	3 yrs

## **2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ----- 10% OFF MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Again this year the branch is holding a membership special offer on any new membership, extension of a current membership, and lifetime memberships. The offer is for 10% off the membership dues the member pays the full price up front then the branch will reimburse the 10% amount back to the member. This offer runs from 1 February – 15 March, 2016. POC's are Shipmate President Laurie Bailey at 843-813-3430 for general questions and Shipmate Secretary John Tharp at 843-709-8520 for application processing. Applications can be found at the Home. If you renew your membership or sign up for a lifetime membership directly through National during this membership drive period, please call Shipmate John Tharp and let him know so he can verify and process your discount.

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

Names drawn lately: 12/22 – Rita Johnson, not signed; 12-29 – Joan Acosta, not signed; 1/5 - Gordan Gingras, not signed; 1/12 – Scott Benson, signed; 1-19 – Norman Jones, not signed; 1/26 – Don Rickert, 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.

### **NOTIFYING THE BRANCH WHEN A SHIPMATE PASSES AWAY**

Our Chaplain, Bobbi Sutton is very good about searching for the passing of shipmates on the internet and arranging for our Two Bell Ceremony with the family. We want to honor our departed shipmates but sometimes we don't get the notification from the family until there isn't enough time to arrange the ceremony and get the word out to all our members. We are requesting our branch members as they make their final arrangements to advise their wives or husbands to make a note in their wishes to notify our branch Chaplain as soon as possible of their passing so we can arrange for this honor to be performed at the church or funeral home. You can leave a note for her at the Home or call her at (843) 879-9473.

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

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.

Larry Cox	02/01	James Spence	02/08	Peter Hyers	02/16	Franklin Shoenberger	02/23
Margie Rothrouff	02/01	Helen Breuning	02/09	Bonitia Martin	02/16	David Johnston	02/24
Michael Wenzel	02/01	Allyson McDermott	02/09	Pete Martellini	02/17	Don Clark	02/25
Kelly Rice	02/02	Thomas Cyrek	02/10	Robert McNeish	02/17	Carl Miller	02/25
George Thiebaud	02/02	Steven Gearhart	02/10	Franklin Osburn	02/17	James Baker	02/26
Jaqueline Brooks	02/03	Charles Campbell	02/11	Melvin Harper	02/18	Larry Burkhart	02/26
James Kennedy Sr.	02/03	Roy Massey Sr.	02/11	Stephen Nogle	02/18	William Guptill	02/26
Douglas Jordan	02/03	Roz Mathis	02/11	Kenneth White	02/18	Ron Connier	02/27
Michael Welch	02/03	William Riley	02/11	Mary Korinek	02/19	David Cox	02/27
Betty Harris	02/04	George Roberts Jr.	02/11	Lori Murphy	02/19	Timothy Cox	02/27
Richard Nolan	02/04	Roy Kimzey	02/12	Gale Nathan	02/19	Carol Eustace	02/27
Walter Scroggs	02/04	Francis Jones	02/13	William Neff	02/19	Heather Ivey	02/27
Richard Day	02/05	Joseph Patrick	02/13	Carroll Watson	02/19	Cecil Rash	02/27
Barry Gordon	02/05	Daniel Ryan	02/13	Francis Blaszak	02/20	Randy Wagg	02/27
Melissa Gordon	02/05	James Sherrow	02/13	Ralph Brown, Jr.	02/21	Edith Weaver	02/27
Mitchell McCain Jr.	02/05	Fred Aldridge	02/14	Terrell Heath	02/21	Mary Harrinton	02/28
James Sirosky	02/06	Julian Lemley	02/14	George Fulmer	02/21	Harry Hilty, Jr.	02/28
Timothy Bailey	02/07	Darryl Watson	02/14	Gary Dobson	02/22	Donald Hunt	02/28
Alexander Bodo	02/07	Carson Burgess	02/15	John Dux	02/22	Charles Kuck	02/28
Charlie Calas	02/07	William Korbisch	02/15	Richard Koehler	02/22	Robert Reilly, Sr.	02/28
William Patton	02/07	Jerome White Jr.	02/15	Edward Potts	02/22	Douglas Wickenhoefer	02/28
Kathy Sorenson	02/07	Dwight Bain	02/16	Brian Sims	02/22	Grover Fewox	02/29
Karen Blum	02/08	Peter Cosgrove	02/16	Norman Muller	02/23	Mervin Wiands	02/29
Santos Riduca	02/08	Stephen Everett	02/16	Roger Lebel	02/23	Olin Thomas	02/29

### **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 is being sent snail mail to one hundred and forty six. You must request to get your newsletter by snail mail. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email and would like to receive it, please contact me at the above email address or 843-709-8520. You may also go to [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) and check out the monthly newsletter on line. This newsletter is a means of communications with the members on all events happening within the Branch, Unit and Home.



S/M Charles Pyatt receives his 15 year continuous membership pin from President Laurie Bailey



S/M President Laurie Bailey and S/M Tim Bailey replacing the front area at the Home.  
**Next Field Day is Saturday, February 13**



Branch and Unit members judging Essay Contest applications for "What Does the United States Flag Stand For"



Eric Bourgeois is having a great time at his retirement party at the Fleet. Dancing and singing Karaoke with Becky.



S/M John Tharp, S/M Laurie Bailey and S/M Tim Bailey at the job fair in Mt. Pleasant on January 21<sup>st</sup>.



Our bartenders and waitresses (left to right) Lisa Wheeler, Karen Nelson, Nancy Robbins and Annie Potter received a Letter of Appreciation for the outstanding service at the Home January 16, 2016.



**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 [lbailey009@sc.rr.com](mailto:lbailey009@sc.rr.com) 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.

**SEA STORY BY SHIPMATE JAMES B. LAWRENCE**  
**"BE CAREFUL OF WHO IS ON THE HELM"**

In April of 1961, I was a young YN2 aboard the USS Whitehurst (DE634), homeported at Pier 91, Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, WA. The ship was a Group II Reserve training ship and there were about 40 of us regular Navy sailors assigned. On the third weekend of each month, the Reserves came aboard with their own CO and XO and we took them out for a two day cruise which constituted their monthly weekend drill. Note: We usually stopped for Liberty somewhere Saturday night and we "ensured" that the Reserves stood the inport watches, thereby giving us "regulars", some "well-deserved" time off!

One particular Saturday, as we were steaming thru the "Straits of Juan Defuca", the Reserve OD on the bridge noticed that the ship was zig-zagging and not staying on the given course. He hollered down thru the voice tube "Helmsman, what the hell are you steering?" The Reserve Third Class Quartermaster answered smartly and in a loud voice, "THE USS WHITEHURST, DE-634"!

Got to love those weekend warriors!

## 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

February 7	Super Bowl Party – ticketed event
February 13	Field Day at the Home (0900)
February 13	Valentine’s Day Celebration with “Visions of Elvis” with Danny Sterling, Flower’s for the Ladies, and door prizes. Tickets on sale at the bar for \$15.00 per person. A seating chart for your convenience
February 18	Presentations of the Essay Contest winners for their essays on “What the United States Flag Stands For” at the General Assembly Meeting at 1900. Guest speaker Amy Spears (Victory House Nursing Home – Walterboro)
February 20	Golf Tournament. Sign up at the bar
February 21	Old Time Navy Breakfast – 9am – 11:30 am - \$5.00 per person
February 27	“Salty Dogs” music from 8-12 pm. Kitchen Open
February 26-27	FRA, LAFRA Mid-Year Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
March 18 & 19	“Vegas Show”

### **ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

#### **FRA, LA FRA Southeast 2016 Mid-Year Meeting**

February 26-27, 2016

Ramada, 3130 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Reservations MUST be made directly with the hotel

by Website: [www.jaxramada.com](http://www.jaxramada.com), then click on:

“Groups” (Middle-right of Home page)

2 queens for \$73 plus 13% tax

1 king for \$63 plus 13% tax

Reservations must be made by February 16, 2016

#### **71<sup>st</sup> FRA Southeast Region Convention**

#### **68<sup>th</sup> LAFRA Southeast Region Convention**

Gatlinburg, Tennessee & The Great Smokey Mountains

August 25 – 27, 2016

The ParkVista

705 Cherokee Orchard Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

1-800-421-7275 or 1-865-436-9211

Room Rate is \$99 per night plus 12.75% tax

“Fleet Reserve Association” when making reservations

Or log into [www.parkvista.com](http://www.parkvista.com)

#### **2016 FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION**

October 9 – 16, 2016

Lexington Hotel & Conference Center,

Jacksonville/Riverwalk

1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207

\$89.00 Plus Tax (13%)

Includes daily hot breakfast for two

Parking fee \$5 per day

#### **SHIPS STORE ITEMS FOR SALE**

Did you know the branch has a ships store at the home? We have many wonderful items for sale and this is where you can get your branch vest for meetings and ceremonies, FRA ball caps, T-shirts, hard copies of by-laws, etc. The ships store is located in the bar area of the home in the glass case and if you see anything you want in it, just ask the bartender to help you. If you need to order an FRA branch cover, please contact John Tharp at 843-709-8520 and he will order it for you. We also hold a sale on items at the quarterly Navy Breakfast. The next one is February 21 at 0900. Come to the breakfast and check out the items for sale.



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - LOOKING FOR MARINES, U.S. NAVY CORPSMEN AND CHAPLAINS**

Persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "on active duty", for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit points; U.S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Devise (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen; and U. S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines, shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League.

The Marine Corps League meets at the Fleet Reserve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.  
For information contact the Branch Secretary at 843-709-8520 or email [tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com).

February 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900 WING Night	3 Pizza Night	4 1900 Sub-Vets Board Meeting	5 2000 Karaoke with Becky	6
7	8 Vietnam Veterans Chapter 780 Meeting 1800	9 Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home	10 Pizza Night	11 1900 Sub Vets Meeting	12 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	13 Field Day 0900 <b>ELVIS SHOW</b>
14	15 Home Committee 1830	16 Unit Lunch 11:30 at the Home 1800 UNIT BOD 1830 UNIT Gen. Assembly Mtg Wing Night	17 Pizza Night	18 BRANCH BOD 1800 BRANCH Gen. Assembly Mtg. 1900	19 2000 Karaoke with Becky	20
21 Old Time Navy Breakfast 0900 – 11:30	22	23 Sojourners 1830	24 Pizza Night	25 Marine Corps League Meeting 1900	26 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	27 <b>Salty Dogs 8-12 pm</b>
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