

**Branch 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina**



January 2016

Scuttlebutt

Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

<http://www.fra269.org>

Branch President's Corner

Happy New year to everyone! December was a very busy month as you can see from the pictures attached to this newsletter and now we have a little breathing room. There are a few things going on with the branch that we are needing help with so I hope if you have some free time that you will come to the FRA Home to participate. First on 8-9 January, we will be hosting the SC/GA Caucus with business meetings on 9 January. We will meet at 0930 with our first business section and again at 1300 with our second meeting. Our next event that shipmates can participate in is grading the 2016 Americanism/Patriotism Essays received by area school students. This grading will be held on 16 January at 1200 in the FRA Home Banquet Room and it is very insightful into the minds of our youth.

I guess that will be all for now. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year is wonderful also.

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

LAFRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

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

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PNP Don Muecheck	JrPRPSE Jr. 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 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 - 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 - 2nd Year

PNP Don Muecheck - 3rd Year

Home Manager – PNP Don Muecheck 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

RMC Robert L. Stadler, CS2 Walter Howerton, HTCS Stephens Monroe Richards Jr.

LFFRA PRPSE Sue Cattell – Memorial Service on January 11 at 1200 at the FRA Home.

Who transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

Keep the following members and their family members in your prayers due to recent illness:

Kit Sparger, Johnny Sparger, Roger Radar, Ray Bryant, William Hall

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.

WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

New, Reinstated & Transferred Members

Thomas Drew	R. Scott Freligh	Russell Hale
Joseph Hayes, Jr.	Matthew Learid	Perry Randall
Benny Samson	David Whaley	Charles Wood
Ron Workman		

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	8
Transferred into Low County Branch 269	2
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	3
Suspended members	2
Members past due	16
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 8 APR, 2015	939

BRANCH 269's DINK LIST

Past due: Brendon Bettazza, Dwight Bostic, Lawrence Coates, Ricky Collins, Daniel Coy, Brandley Ganskow, Donald Graves, Robert Hoffman, Richard Mahlie, William Reed, Guy Travaglio
Suspended: Kimberly Knapp, Rickie Robinson, Jr.

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 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	\$ 5,328.19
Savings	\$ 4,576.74
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,057.29
Total	\$19,962.22

FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Fund	\$22,850.95
Savings	\$ 19.58
Checking	\$ 8,769.01
Credit Card Receipts	\$ 702.47

MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The Merry Widows will meet January 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

UNIT 269 LUNCHEON

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, January 19, at 11:30, at Sushi One on St James Ave.

MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

Along with the cooler weather comes a change in leadership for the Ladies Auxiliary. I've assumed the duties of the Presidency with the resignation of Theresa Mulligan and I look forward to meeting the challenges of the position.

We've had a busy month that shows no promise of slowing down. We enjoyed another successful visit to Quality Care Nursing Home this month. We shared treats, sang Christmas song and had a surprise visit from the jolly one himself, Santa (our own Benita Kinlaw) and her Elf from Sumter to give out gifts. Not sure who had more fun, the residents, or us.

The Toys for Tots drive resulted with 285 toys donated and/or purchased by the Branch/Unit.

New Year's Eve tickets are available at the bar. Band is "Cotton Blue."

The Unit will be conducting a Rocking Chair Raffle. Tickets go on sale soon. Super Bowl Sunday Party is February 7. This is a closed party. You must sign up in advance.

A memorial service will be held in the Low Country Home on January 11, 2016, for PRPSE Sue Cattell who passed on Dec 10.

The next Merry Widows' Luncheon will be held on January 12 at 11:30, at the FRA Low Country Home.

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, January 19, at 11:30, at Sushi One on St James Ave.

The next regularly scheduled General Assembly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Roz Mathis – President – Unit 269

WELCOME ABOARD AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Cheryl A. Antley	Jon E. Antley	Sandra Beilstein
David P. Butler	Eva J. DuPree	Theresa L. Gregory
John W. Johnson	Kathleen A. Strock	Brian D. Whaley

UNIT 269's DINK LIST

Past Due: Karen R. Blum, Angela S. Clark, Phyllis A. Harring, Jacqueline Paxton, Shirley Bostic, Allyson B. McDermott, Patricia C. Scoggins, Alan E. Lansing, Louise M. Tomkinson, Kenneth C. Wilson

Suspended: Marlene Ray, Amanda Tulppo

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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Motion: S/M PNP Don Muecheck, seconded by S/M VP SER Chuck Hines for the second reading for National Resolutions concerning National FRA Employee's Pension Fund. Voice vote and carried

Motion: S/M VP SER Chuck Hines, seconded by PNP Don Muecheck for Resolution to National on changing the Auxiliary name to AFRA in the red book. Voice vote and carried.

Motion: S/M PNP Don Muecheck, seconded by John Lookabill to accept the audit for the Treasurer and Secretary. Voice vote and carried.

Motion: S/M Nat Nathan, seconded by S/M John Lookabill to transfer \$1,000 from the Home Building Fund to the Home Operating Account. Voice vote and carried.

Motion: S/M John Lookabill, seconded by S/M Melody Phillips to use the installation of officer ceremony in June and the Christmas party in December as the meeting for that month. A resolution to the by-laws will be prepared. Voice vote and carried.

HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Please everyone have a Safe and Happy Holiday. Join us for the birth of a new year this coming Thursday as we celebrate the beginning of 2016. There are plenty of activities to attend to in the upcoming months, so come on out and let's party.

Want to take a minute and say thanks to our **Volunteer** Managers, Shipmates Larry Pepper and Don Muecheck for the wonderful job they are doing at the Home. We held our first Field Day in a number of years on Saturday the 12th of December. Although, we weren't able to accomplish everything on the list due to time constraints, we did get a lot done. Thank you to those that showed up and I feel sure we will get more participation in the future.

Don't forget the Superbowl party on superbowl Sunday. See ya'll next year (some sooner),

Loyalty/Protection/Service Nate



LAFRA RPSE Pat Suckow, Branch President Laurie Bailey, Ladies Gail Bolz and Marilyn Sharp shopping at Walmart

Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

October 1 began the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign. With the tree ornaments money, donations by members and Branch and Unit contributions the FRA donated 285 toys for children in the Tri-county area. The Toys for Tots program, in the Tri-county area, have donated over 40,000 toys given to numerous children. This was excellent participation from the Branch and Unit.



Branch Continuous Memberships – January 2016

Arthur Miller	47 yrs	Bruce Brown	17 yrs	Joseph Larose	11 yrs	Lee Roy Coats	6 yrs
Theodore Martin	46 yrs	Duane Henricksen	16 yrs	William Riley	10 yrs	William Galloway	6 yrs
Thomas Wunder	44 yrs	Paul Reece	16 yrs	Robert Block	9 yrs	Tommy Hellems	6 yrs
Walter Rydzy	41 yrs	Richard Sparger	16 yrs	Robert Collins	9 yrs	Carl Hollis	5 yrs
Oscar Edrada	40 yrs	Joe Travis	16 yrs	Mark Fiorey	9 yrs	Gary Williams	5 yrs
Salvatore leonti	40 yrs	Charles Pyatt	15 yrs	Robert Isaman	9 yrs	Thomas Blizard	4 yrs
William Teague	37 yrs	Larry Starland	15 yrs	Ronald Redondo	9 yrs	Rodney Gattie	4 yrs
Tereance Blankenship	35 yrs	Ronnie Vandiver	15 yrs	George Williams	9 yrs	Gerald Korinek	4 yrs
Nestor Derecho	35 yrs	Marion Clark	13 yrs	Jack Bullis	8 yrs	Tony Williams	4 yrs
Don Heywood	34 yrs	Jerome Ferneding	13 yrs	Val Daschle	8 yrs	Otto Kaske	3 yrs
Don Clark	33 yrs	Jerry Morgan	13 yrs	Ronnie Minton	8 yrs	Trever Brown	2 yrs
Robert Rose	32 yrs	Robert Reilly	13 yrs	Frederick Woodley	8 yrs	Felix Cabanting	2 yrs
Wayne Swiech	31 yrs	Olin Thomas	13 yrs	Peter Cosgrove	7 yrs	Edgel Hash	1 yr
David Cornelius	30 yrs	Jamie Johnson	12 yrs	Heather Ivey	7 yrs	Gerald Jackson	1 yr
Daniel Montgomery	30 yrs	Steven Koch	12 yrs	Richard Kaminsky	7 yrs	Bruce Seltzer Jr.	1 yr
David Button	23 yrs	Michael Markiewich	12 yrs	J.D. Porter	7 yrs	John Shaak	1 yr
Danny Mills	21 yrs	Grady Langley	11 yrs				

Unit Continuous Memberships – January 2016

Neta Fewox	47 yrs	Dorothy Brace	16 yrs	Connie Singletary	3 yrs	Mary Brady	2 yrs
Beulah Wenzel	36 yrs	Carol Traynor	3 yrs	Bette Garrand	3 yrs	Kenneth Sorrenson	1 yr
Dorothy Nephew	22 yrs	Michael Perillo	3 yrs				

WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 11/24 – Michael Neff, not signed; 12/1 – Lynette Jordan, not signed; 12/8 - Roger Nelson, not signed; 12/15 Barbara J. Bohannon, 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.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK (Continued)

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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 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 and check out the monthly newsletter on line. The newsletter keeps members informed of what has happened and what events are scheduled in the future.

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.

FRA BRANCH BY-LAWS REVIEW

Section 4, Article 408(a)

Duties of the Branch President

Section 408(a) – **Duties of the President:** The Branch President may appoint the chairman of and maintain the following committees:

- (1) Committee on Audit, Budget, and Finance
- (2) Committee on Legislative Service
- (3) Committee on Membership and Retention
- (4) Committee on Americanism-Patriotism
- (5) Committee on Public Relations
- (6) Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation
- (7) Committee on Youth Activities

Section 408(b) – The Branch President may appoint additional committees as needed.

Section 408(c) - The Branch President shall be an ex-officio member of all Branch committees.

Section 408(d) - The Branch President shall appoint a Parliamentarian, Historian, and a Master-at-Arms who shall perform such duties as the President may direct, and a Chaplain who shall perform non-sectarian devotional services for the Branch.

Section 408(e) - The Branch President shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!

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.

Robert Bryant	01/01	Judith Highberger	01/07	Val Coggins	01/17	Harvey Belcher	01/25
Lori Ryan	01/01	Ginger Bevis	01/08	Herbert Franklin	01/18	Herbert Hammer	01/25
Vincent Tamburrino	01/01	Arlie Cunningham	01/08	Marty Gavin	01/18	Jamie Johnson	01/25
Donald Garrand	01/02	Gerald Farr	01/08	Harry Kirk	01/18	Jerry Lepley	01/25
Carl Hollis	01/02	David Graminski	01/08	James Lyda	01/18	Donald Lozen	01/25
John Schafer Jr.	01/02	Steven Koch	01/08	Perry Friend Sr.	01/19	Bogdana Nemeth	01/25
Rosemary Clark	01/03	James Lewis	01/08	Norman Jones	01/19	Kirk Owen	01/25
Theresa Gregory	01/03	Barbara Aler	01/09	Darrel Mckeown	01/19	Lawrence Coates	01/26
Karen Kopczynski	01/03	Paul McFall	01/09	Patricia Rein	01/19	Rodney Gattie	01/26
Robert Moore	01/03	Wade Reid	01/09	Frank Davis	01/20	Terrence Mummert	01/26
Vickie Blihar	01/04	Evan Barnard	01/10	Arthur Robinson	01/21	Kathleen Strock	01/26
Joey Carnley	01/04	Thomas Beach	01/10	Ginnan Reeves	01/21	Linda Walton	01/26
Richard Duprey	01/04	Cris Davidson	01/10	Joseph Chapman	01/22	Amanda Tulppo	01/27
Billy Fowler	01/05	George Wach	01/10	Charles Corrigan	01/22	Edward Feidt	01/28
Robert Hayes	01/05	Gary Gardner	01/11	Martha Pyatt	01/22	Susan Larson	01/28
Robert Isaman	01/05	Jacqueline Paxton	01/11	Thomas Scott	01/22	Robert Shoecraft	01/28
Chris Ludwig	01/05	Bobby Beck	01/12	Gary Theriault	01/22	Willard Burton	01/29
Roy Brosseau	01/06	Donald Groves	01/13	Bruce Whipple	01/22	David Farley	01/29
John Caddell	01/06	Robert Kline	01/13	Joseph Beneventano	01/23	Stan Yoakum	01/29
Phillip Euper	01/06	Charles Day	01/16	William Bevis	01/23	Michael Welch	01/30
Michael Welch	01/30	Robert Samples	01/16	Edward Stank	01/23	Beulah Wenzel	01/30
Corrinne Janney	01/06	Ronald Walston	01/16	Chun Stanfield	01/24		

NOTIFYING THE BRANCH WHEN A SHIPMATE PASSES AWAY

Our Chaplin, 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 shipmate 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 Chaplin 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.



Branch 269 had the pleasure of a visit from the Southeast Region President, Dave Davis at the December 17 meeting.



S/M Stacey Powers receives his 60 year continuous membership pin from president, Southeast Region Dave Davis



S/M President initiating new Shipmate Ellen Bassett



S/M President Laurie Bailey receives the bell for 1st place (National) for the Charles E. Lofgren Membership and Retention award for Group I.



S/M Chaplain Bobbi Sutton places streamer on Branch 269 flag for 2nd place in Group I (National) for Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation



S/M John Tharp places streamer on Branch 269 flag for 2nd place (National) in Group I Public Relations



Chuck Hines and President Laurie Bailey with wreath for the December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day aboard USS Yorktown.



President Theresa Milligan and Marilyn Tharp with wreath for the December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day aboard USS Yorktown.



Mike Sparks and President Laurie Bailey receive wreaths to lay at the Wreaths Across America



Unit Secretary Marilyn Tharp lays a wreath at the Wreaths Across America



Mr. & Mrs Santa with Elf Bobbi Sutton on left at Children's Christmas Party



Some children did not like Santa so Mrs. Santa had to entertain them.



Branch and Unit 269 members at a Christmas party at Quality Care in Goose Creek.



Christmas Party
Members of the Branch and Unit had a great time and some great ornaments were exchanged.



UP COMING EVENTS

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

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

The Home will be open for normal business hours on January 1

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

December 31 New Year's Eve Party - \$25.00 Tickets available behind the bar.
January 1 Home will be open normal business hours on New Year's Day
January 7 Super Bowl Party
January 8 – 9 South Carolina / Georgia Caucus -- Hotel will be Quality Inn in Goose Creek, behind the Home, with all business conducted at the FRA Home on 9 January beginning at 0930.
January 16 Essay Contest Judging at the Home at 1200 noon. Come out and help judge
February 26-27 Mid-winter meeting in Jacksonville, Florida

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, 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

71st FRA Southeast Region Convention

68th 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

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

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 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 DAVID W. MCCANN, US NAVY (RET)

Standing on the fantail of my first ship with a shipmate just hanging out. Chief Petty Officer commenced to chewing me out for not working but says nothing to my shipmate. Wonder why?
Found out later he was on a coffee break. Been drinking coffee ever since.

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Home will be open for normal business 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	2
3	4	5 Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900 WING Night	6 Pizza Night	7 1900 Sub-Vets Board Meeting	8 2000 Karaoke with Becky	9
10	11 Vietnam Veterans Chapter 780 Meeting 1800	12 Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home	13 Pizza Night	14 1900 Sub Vets Meeting	15 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	16 Essay Judging 1200
17	18 Home Committee 1830	19 1830 UNIT BOD 1900 UNIT Gen. Assembly Mtg Wing Night	20 Pizza Night	21 BRANCH BOD 1800 BRANCH Gen. Assembly Mtg. 1900	22 2000 Karaoke with Becky	23
24	25	26 Sojourners 1830	27	28 Marine Corps League Meeting 1900	29 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	30
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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!

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

Shipmates AND auxiliary members, If you **WISH** or **MUST** have the monthly newsletter by "pony express" you **MUST** request it. The Branch has voted to cut printing and mailing expenses. Our monthly newsletter is available online at www.fra269.org. If you don't own a computer, you obviously cannot see the newsletter online. To receive it via "pony express", you **MUST** submit **IN WRITING** 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.