

**Branch 269  
Goose Creek  
South Carolina**



**July 2016**

**Scuttlebutt**

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

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

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

**Branch President's Corner**

Here I am again for my second year as your branch President. I want to thank all my shipmates for their confidence and trust in me to lead this branch for the next year. It has been a busy year and the next year will be just as busy. Some of our highlights of the last year were:

- Contributed to Gold Star Family Monument Association for the building of the monument at Patriots Point
- Contributed to Joint Base Charleston for FUNancial Camp for active duty dependents
- Fourteen shipmates contributed sea stories for our monthly newsletters
- Contributed to Mother Emanuel AME Church for the families of the victims of the tragic shootings
- Hosted FRA South East Regional Convention here in Charleston.
- Contributed to Honor Flight that takes veterans to Washington, DC for a day of honoring for their service.
- Sponsored a float in the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Charleston.
- Attended Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day onboard the USS YORKTOWN.
- Sponsored Thanksgiving Day gift cards for junior military members in base housing.
- Sponsored Children's Christmas Party and Branch Christmas Party.
- Sponsored Toys for Tots campaign resulting in monies and toys to be donated.
- Participated in Wreaths Across America at the Carolina Memorial Gardens.
- Sponsored Americanism/Patriotism Essay contest.
- Participated in Homeless Hero's Shelter Christmas Dinner sponsored by shipmates Lisa and Perry Friend at Old Navy Charleston.
- Contributed to numerous Youth Activities events such as football, softball, and soccer.
- Contributed to Fleet and Family Center Bowling Night for military teen dependents for awareness in Teen Dating Violence.
- Contributed to Vietnam Recognition Event for the concert held in their honor.
- Contributed to the community by donating funds to Heartland Rehab and Health Services for gifts for their bingo games.
- Hosted annual USS Hobson Memorial ceremony and reception for survivors and families of survivors.
- Hosted Appreciation Dinner for residents of Veteran's Victory House, Walterboro, SC.
- Contributed to American Cancer Society Relay for Life for track sign.
- Co-Hosted with Submarine Veteran's the annual picnic.
- Contributed to local church for food bank.
- Attended Memorial Day Service at Whispering Pines Memorial Garden and hosted our Memorial Day Service held at FRA Home

This is just some of the highlights of the year but so much more went on. Wow, no wonder I am so tired! I couldn't have imagined these events without the support of all the shipmates who made these happen. That is why we need more people to help out and volunteer. There is just so much to do and we don't want to burn out the volunteers we do have.

Sooooo.....I love sunshine on my shoulders and it makes me happy. Summer months always bring lots of activities for families with July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations, vacations, cook outs on the weekends, going to the beach, boating, etc. Even though we didn't have our regular meetings in June, July's activities at the FRA Home include a comedy show on 2 July, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July indoor picnic, our home committee meeting on 18 July and the branch meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>. So please come by for these events and I hope you have a wonderful summer.

**BRANCH OFFICERS**

President – Laurie Bailey      Vice-President - JrPRPSE Larry Cox  
Treasurer - Gerald Korinek      Secretary - John Tharp  
Jr. Past President – PRPSE Fred Bolz

**BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PNP Don Muckeck	RVPSE Chuck Hines	Tim Bailey
Cindy Bryan	Skip Chilton	Trish Gallagher
Howard Hogue	John Lookabill	Joe Lunn
Larry Pepper	Melody Phillips	Ray Phillips
Bobbi Sutton	Bryan Wright	

Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton	Ways & Means - Cindy Bryan
Master-at-Arms-Tim Bailey	Historian - Mike Sparks
Amer/Pat - JrPRPSE Larry Cox	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.
Director – PNP Don Muckeck	Director JrPRPSE Larry Cox
Director – Linda Cox	Director - John Lookabill
Director – Rick Sparger	Director – John Tharp
Director – Marilyn Tharp	Director – Melody Phillips

Trustees: Larry Pepper- 1st Year

Darlene Hines - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

RVPSE Chuck Hines - 3rd Year

Home Manager – PNP Don Muckeck 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*

**Cwo4 Fred Aldridge, HMC Lewis E. Steed and PNP J.C. Eblen**

Who transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

Several Shipmates have on going health issues, we need to keep them in our prayers – Shipmate Joe Hayes and Jerry Farr

Two Shipmates have had surgeries

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.**

**LAFRA UNIT 269**

**UNIT OFFICERS**

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

**UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kathy Sorenson              Trish Chilton              Annie Bain  
Benita Kinlaw              Pat Suckow              Mary Lopez  
Maggie Morin

**APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Chaplain – Kathy Sorenson              Amer/Pat – Linda Cox  
Sergeant-at-Arms– Vacant              VAVS – Gail Bolz, Roz Mathis  
Welfare – Vacant              Parliamentarian- Vacant  
Youth Activities – Mary Lopez              Merry Widows-Esther Ellisor  
Audit – Vacant              Unit Activities – Vacant  
Publicity – Vacant              Hospital – Trish Chilton

**MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT**

Hi Auxiliary Members,

Well another year has past and we had our elections at the last meeting in May. Here's your new officers:

President - Gail Bolz  
Vice President - Linda Cox  
Secretary - Marilyn Tharp  
Treasurer - Gale Nathan

We will serve you all the best way we can. There will not be a meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Come to the meeting and help us to make this an awesome year!!  
Next month's newsletter I will let everyone know who was elected to the Board of Directors.

Merry Widows lunch is on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Low Country Home  
Auxiliary Lunch will be on Tuesday, July 19. Please don't hesitate to call me if we can be of any service

In Loyalty, Protection and Service  
Gail Bolz – President – Unit 269

**BRANCH 269 MENTORING PROGRAM(Changed)**

Beginning on 1 July, the FRA Low Country Branch 269 Mentoring Program will be changing from a few volunteer mentors for new shipmates to having the individual that recruited the shipmate being that persons mentor. If a shipmate is recruited by a unit member, then the mentor for that shipmate will be the Branch Secretary. Each new member will get from the Branch President a welcome aboard letter, brochure and blank application to encourage them to sign up new members. Mentor should then call new shipmate to invite them to our meetings and events at the home.

**HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

HELLO AGAIN Shipmates & Ladies. Want to take this time to thank everyone that came out and voted. Would also like to say CONGRATULATIONS to all those who were elected (and reelected) to office or committee. This year should be one of the best on record...I'm thinking.

As everyone should know, we are fast approaching the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the Home, and we plan on a little something to celebrate this event on August 20. We are also having our very first Comedy Show & Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, so let's get maximum participation on that if we can. We just had an Old Timers Breakfast at the Home on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June and it was quite successful. I even got to make pancakes with big Ed Stank, and let me tell you, I had a blast. I'm all in the next time we do this, although, I don't think the previous pancake chef is gonna give up his position. Again, I would like to thank everyone who voted and congrats to all the incoming folks

Nat Nathan  
Home Committee Chairman

**From the Secretary's Desk**

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

**No Meeting in June - No Motions  
The Installation of Officers was the June meeting**

**MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON**

The Merry Widows Luncheon will be on July 12,  
at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

**UNIT 269 LUNCHEON**

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, July 19,  
at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Place (216 St. James Blvd, Goose Creek

**BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT**

Operations	\$ 5,615.55
Savings	\$ 4,584.35
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,140.90
Total	\$20,340.80

**FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT**

Building Fund	\$21,865.25
Savings	\$ 19.58
Checking	\$17,059.81
Credit Card Receipts	\$ 599.88

**WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES**

Isaac Blake              Arnold Borowsky              Ian Gay  
Ruth Jones              Alan LaBerge              Vicki LaBerge  
John McVabney              Matthew Perry              Chad Parsons  
Kevin Scott              William Schlenker              Stephen Tribault  
Marc West              Edwin White, Jr.

**BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

New or Reinstated Members	12
Transferred into Low County Branch 269	2
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	3
Suspended members	8
Members past due	14
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF JUNE 1, 2016	948

**BRANCH 269's DINK LIST**

**Past due:** George Dale, Donald Donofrio, Doug Huffine, Debra King, Roy Kingdom, Robert Laird, Howard Iuper, Shannon Nault, Frank Potts, Peter Pugliese, Randall Riley, Walter Scott, Patrick Scott, Michael Sparkmano

**Suspended:** Evan Barnard, Cris Davidson, Dennis Doerr, Michael Mercer, Steven Morawiec, Dennis Pierce, Douglas Wickenhoefer, John ZedoLee Roy Coats, Val Daschie, Carl Hollis, Richard Kaminsky, Tony Williams

**Branch Continuous Memberships – July, 2016**

Willie Thompson	54 yrs	Harry Kirk	32 yrs	William Weaver	16 yrs	Richard Carlson	7 yrs
John Groover	50 yrs	Maurice Teague	29 yrs	William Ambler	15 yrs	Leslie Rayburn	7 yrs
Robert Kokinda	50 yrs	Michael Andrews	28 yrs	Robin Buell	15 yrs	Jay Duncan	6 yrs
James McKinney	49 yrs	Thomas Jennings	23 yrs	Kenneth Farrell	14 yrs	Stephen Everett	5 yrs
Maurice Brodeur	46 yrs	Robert Inglebretson	22 yrs	Michael Struve	14 yrs	Gordon Gingras	5 yrs
John Lookabill	42 yrs	Richard Miley	22 yrs	Dennis Darling	13 yrs	Norman Jones	5 yrs
Michael Quigley	39 yrs	Vernon Freshour	21 yrs	David Dux	13 yrs	Robert Leuci Sr.	4 yrs
Delma McMakin	39 yrs	Steven Geary	21 yrs	Jerry Young	13 yrs	James Griffin	3 yrs
Earl Kurtz	38 yrs	James Spence	19 yrs	Charles Wright	12 yrs	Harold Starn	3 yrs
David Johnston	37 yrs	John Dux	18 yrs	Ralph Brown Jr.	11 yrs	Jemaine Milford	2 yrs
William Owens	37 yrs	Billy Fowler	18 yrs	James Holmes	10 yrs	Craig Wold	2 yrs
Bobby Barbee	36 yrs	Roger Rader	18 yrs	Edmund Collins	9 yrs	Jerry Lepley	1 yr
James Williams	36 yrs	Albert Reagin	18 yrs	Ronald Snyder	9 yrs	Winfield Meadows Jr.	1 yr
Charles Frederick	33 yrs	Raymond Clark	17 yrs	Mike Eubinag	8 yrs	Ralph Rohrsen	1 yr
Barry Gordon	32 yrs	Joseph Gleason	17 yrs	Michael Black	7 yrs		

***Note: Last Month's newsletter indicated Randolph Turner had 18 years. He actually has 38 years with the FRA. Sorry!!***

**Unit Continuous Memberships – July, 2016**

Betty Harris	43 yrs	Margaret Henshall	12 yrs	Barbara Evans	9 yrs	Lori Murphy	3 yrs
Marie Luttrell	34 yrs	Anita Wright	10 yrs	Joseph Schaffer	6 yrs	John Johnson	2 yrs
Ruth Petersen	18 yrs	Patricia Day	9 yrs	Charles Bell	5 yrs	Michael Heitzier	1 yr
Annie Bain	16 yrs	Richard Donahue	9 yrs	Brian Marrale	5 yrs	Theresa White	1 yr

**Drive a DAV Van**



Pictured is one of our Ford 9 Passenger vans that was featured in the Charleston Veteran's Day Parade (2015)

Our nation's heroes travel around the globe to protect our freedoms-it's only right that we return their dedication. Volunteering to drive a vet ensures that even those living remotely from VA hospitals can make their appointments and never go without the treatment they need.

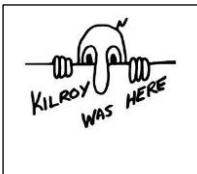
It's all part of the DAV Transportation Network, administered by DAV Hospital Service Coordinators at the VA's 197 medical facilities.

Are you retired or have a free day during the week. That is all that is needed to become a "Volunteer DAV Driver". DAV Driver's pickup veterans for their appointments at the VA clinics or VA hospital and return them to their homes. For more information on how to become a Volunteer DAV Driver, contact:

Bob Hudspeth – Volunteer Driver (843-553-4731) Email: [R\\_hudspeth@bellsouth.net](mailto:R_hudspeth@bellsouth.net) OR  
 Bob Block - Volunteer Driver (843-688-4577) Email: [blockparty5@homesc.com](mailto:blockparty5@homesc.com)

**SEA STORY BY SHIPMATE JOHN LOOKABILL**

**SO, WHO WAS KILROY?"**



SUBMITTED BY SHIPMATE JOHN LOCKABILL

Unfortunately, nobody really knows where this odd little fellow appeared for the first time. Some say he derived from a British or Australian cartoon under a different name, possibly dating back to World War I.

But during World War II, whenever American Soldiers arrived on the scene, it was not uncommon to find Kilroy's face – his nose and fingers, anyway! – hanging over an imaginary brick wall, along with the famous caption.

As the war progressed, Kilroy began appearing in little villages in Europe, carved into palm trees in the South Pacific, painted on the noses of airplanes and on the backs of Jeeps.

"Kilroy Was Here" may have been lighthearted graffiti. But there was a serious side to it, too. His face and message became a way for American GIs to tell the world that the U.S. Army had arrived and was about to get down to business.

After the war, returning troops brought Kilroy home with them – and a generation of schoolchildren picked up on the fun, scribbling the curious doodle in the backs of books, on walls and in slightly out of the way public places. Though the craze died down, Kilroy continues to appear occasionally wherever wisecracking American Soldiers are posted.

### WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 5 – 24 – Larry Tazwell, not signed; 5-31 - Erin Gianetto, not signed; 6-7 – William Hayes, not signed; 6-14 – Richard Bellemare, signed, not present. You must be a member of the Branch or Unit in good standing and you must be signed in the log. You can sign up until 1800 hours, 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 JULY!!**

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.

Margaret Jones	7/1	Joan Acosta	7/10	David Rose	7/20	David Aldrich	7/26
Melvin Kozlowski	7/1	Kevin Davidson	7/10	Joe Simmons	7/20	Randy Bogнар	7/26
Barbara Evans	7/2	Bill Dempsey	7/10	Michael Sosa	7/20	Gavin Karelitz	7/26
Keith Laster	7/2	George Dunity	7/10	Donald Donofrio	7/21	Mona Lozen	7/26
Donald Petersen	7/2	Mark Florey	7/10	Joan Grainger	7/21	James Stover	7/26
Robert Steele	7/2	William D. Campbell	7/11	Christine Guarino	7/21	Thomas boyd III	7/27
Robert Benjamin	7/3	Michael Heitzler	7/11	William Luttrell Sr.	7/21	Merlin Brignall	7/27
Michael Fusari	7/3	Albert Stoll	7/12	Kimberly Malmgren	7/21	Harold Crawford Jr.	7/27
Jeffrey Muniz	7/3	Ludwig Burkle	7/13	Paul March	7/11	George Labree	7/27
Linda Newey	7/3	Mark Hunter	7/13	Larry Nicodin	7/21	Bruce Brown	7/28
Thomas Shepard	7/4	Pearl Korbisch	7/13	Matthew Perry	7/21	Charles Frederick	7/28
Gordon Smith	7/4	Samuel Caughey	7/14	Paul Reece	7/21	Franklin Lowman	7/28
Gerald Starr	7/4	Patricia Pruitt	7/14	A. B. Campbell	7/22	Vicki LaBerge	7/29
Jacqueline Verheyen	7/4	Kathleen Seader	7/14	Sandra Holt	7/22	John Johnson	7/29
Mary Hoton	7/5	Vernon Freshour	7/15	Rick Jones	7/22	John Kennedy	7/29
Brandon Bailey	7/6	William Owens	7/15	Madeline Morrin	7/22	Joy Lambert	7/29
Ruth Jones	7/6	Martin Tinsley II	7/15	Mitchell Nappier	7/22	Stephen Lloyd	7/29
David Kiger	7/6	Mark Erwin	7/16	William Pye Jr.	7/22	Kathleen Mactier	7/29
Charles Lewis	7/6	Joan Hulsey	7/16	Gregg Schneider	7/22	John Morrison Jr.	7/29
Edward Oconnor	7/6	Ann Sabo	7/16	Kathy Watts	7/22	Ruth Petersen	7/29
Carey Baxley Jr.	7/7	Charles Woodward	7/16	Francis Courtney II	7/23	Ronald Snyder	7/29
Ray Marshall	7/8	Stephen Zack Jr.	7/16	Weldon Jones	7/23	William Campbell	7/30
William Campbell	7/3	Teri Korinek	7/17	Robert Kokinda	7/23	Lester Callahan	7/30
Aurelio Cui	7/9	Russell Nichols	7/17	Carmela Day	7/24	Walter Deal	7/30
Lewis Flader	7/9	William Schamitzky	7/17	Frank Kappier	7/24	Robert Mastrión	7/30
Kathryn French	7/9	Leslie Southworth	7/17	Ray Phillips Jr.	7/24	Michael Sparkman	7/30
Tommy Garrett	7/9	Gloria Allen	7/18	Ray Stanfield	7/24	George Zinser	7/30
David Menefee	7/9	Hoke Booth	7/19	Patricia Wlazlinski	7/24	Denise Barnes	7/31
James Schaefer	7/9	David Morrin	7/19	Julia Farmer	7/25	Thomas Brown	7/31
Michael Scott	7/9	Joe Lookabill	7/20	Marie Luttrell	7/25	Robert Edmonds	7/31
Gene Simpo	7/9	J. D. Porter	7/20	Rowland Singletary	7/25	John Lemieux	7/31
David Smith	7/9	Timothy Reed	7/20	Fayette Thomal Jr.	7/25	Jerome Tenney	7/31
Ester Smith	7/9						

### **FRA BRANCH BY-LAWS REVIEW ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES**

Section 701(a) - **Duties of Audit, Budget and Finance Committee:** This committee is charged with the auditing of the Secretary and Treasurer and all other accounts and books as specified within Article IX of these By-Laws.

Section 701(b) - The committee shall be a minimum of three (3).

Section 701(c) - This committee shall audit the accounts of the Branch at the request of the President, in addition to the requirements of these By-Laws.

Section 702(a) - **Duties of Legislative Service Committee:** The primary duty of this committee is to study and inform Branch members of legislation pending in the Congress of the United States, and the State of South Carolina, which may affect personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and/or Coast Guard, active, retired, or reserve and their dependents.

Section 702(b) - He/She shall, when requested by the President, give guidance on any subject of interest to the members or their dependents. A guest speaker may be used for this purpose, if previously arranged.





PNP Don Muecheck installed Unit 269 Officers on June 4.



JrPRPSE Larry Cox installed the Branch 269 Officers on June 4.



Historic Chapter of the Order of the Purple Hearts provided the color guard for the Memorial Service.



Elvis, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers performing at the Fleet



Ground Breaking at Patriot's Point for the Gold Star Family Monument



PRPSE Fred Bolz and Shipmate Mike Sparks laying a wreath at the Fleet Memorial Service



Some of the ladies enjoying the evening with Kenny Rogers and Garth Brooks



Medal of Honor Recipient speaking at the ground breaking of the Gold Star Family Monument



Trish Chilton and Gail Bolz laying wreath at the Fleet Memorial Service



Four Marine Branch members with Medal of Honor Recipient Hershall "Woody" Williams at the groundbreaking



JrPRPSE Larry Cox and President Laurie Bailey laying wreath at Whispering Pines Memorial Service hosted by VFW 10256



Gold Star Family Monument (Patriot's Point)  
These are pictures of monuments that have been constructed.  
Lettering on the monument will reflect South Carolina.



Ground breaking for the Gold Star Family Monument was conducted on June 14 at Patriot's Point. This monument will be dedicated to the family members of service members killed while serving their country. Neal Dillon (in white shirt with Marine picture above) lost his son by an improvised explosive device (IED) in Iraq. The goal of Hershall "Woody" Williams is to have one of these monuments in every state. So far, eight monuments are completed and dozens of others are in the works. The Branch has contributed to this monument. If anyone would like more information on the monument or would like to contribute to this monument go to the web site at: [www.hwwmohfoundation.org](http://www.hwwmohfoundation.org).

**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

<b>July 2</b>	Comedy Night at the Fleet -- Food -- 1800 Show - 2000
<b>July 4</b>	Indoor Picnic at the Fleet 1200
<b>July 5</b>	Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900
<b>July 11</b>	Vietnam Veteran’s Association meeting 1800
<b>July 12</b>	Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting 1900
<b>July 14</b>	Submarine Veteran’s General Assembly meeting 1900
<b>July 19</b>	Unit 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting 1800/1830
<b>July 21</b>	Branch 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting 1800/1900
<b>July 26</b>	Sojourners 1900
<b>August 25-27</b>	Southeast Region Convention, Gatlinburg, TN
<b>October 9-16</b>	2016 FRA/Auxiliary National Convention, Jacksonville, FL

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



**START OF FRA BOWLING LEAGUE DELAYED**



Due to the closure of Marrington Lanes due to remodeling, the FRA Bowling League will not start until after January 1<sup>st</sup>. We’ve been told it will take 180 days to remodel but “IF” they finish sooner, that is before December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will try to start sooner.

For now, we’re scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours (7:00 pm) at the FRA, Low Country Home.

If you have questions or wish to add yourself or team to our league call either Linda Cox at 843-553-9025 or Darlene Hines at 843-824-2589.



**Comedy Night at the Fleet**

Stan Shelby as the Feature act and Brian Shirley as the headliner



Tickets are only \$20 each or \$35 for a couple.  
Your choice of Beef or Chicken



**Ship’s Store Reduction**

All items in the Ships Store (excluding vests and baseball hats) are 40% off marked price. See a manager or bartender if you wish to purchase items.


Reducing our inventory the Branch will be able to get a new variety of items for the ship’s store.



**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.

## July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	2 <b>Comedy Night at the Fleet</b> 
3 Free Pool	4 <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Indoor Picnic 1200</b> 	5 Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900	6 Pizza Night	7 1800 Sub Vets Eboard Meeting	8 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	9
10 Free Pool	11 Vietnam Vet-Chapter 780 meeting 1800	12 Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home Purple Heart Meeting- 1900 Wing Night	13 Pizza Night	14 SubVet Meeting 1900 	15 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	16 <b>Field Day 0900</b> 
17 Free Pool	18 Home Committee 1830	19 Unit 269 Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home 269 BOD 1800 269 GA 1830	20 Pizza Night	21 Branch Meeting 1900 	22 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	23 <b>Salty Dogs Band</b>
24 Free Pool	25	26 Sojourners 1830	27	28 Marine Corps League Meeting 1900 	29 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	30
31 Free Pool						

### ***From the Secretary:***

If you change your address, phone number or email address please contact the Branch Secretary, John Tharp at 843-709-8520 or email [tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com) concerning the change. Many members change information but the Branch is not notified, therefore, you will not receive important information on upcoming events. **Communications is vital to ensure all members receive information.**

### **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 just 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 about 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.

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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](http://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.