

**Branch 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina**



November 2015

Scuttlebutt

Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269

<http://www.fra269.org>

Branch President's Corner

Burr! Did I just wake up to 42 degree weather this morning? The sun was shining and the air is definitely brisk. It lifts my spirit and makes me look forward to so many things this time of year. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days are joyous occasions and brings families together with special events at home and in the community. Speaking of special events to bring your family together, we have a Children's Christmas Party and Adult Christmas Party on the 19th of December here at our home. Bring out your children and grandchildren as we will have a very special visitor coming that day and come out and enjoy a wonderful Christmas party and ornament exchange later that night.

The FRA National Convention was held in Spokane, Washington in October and FRA Low Country Branch 269 received some National Committee Awards for the following:

- Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation - 2nd place
- Public Relations - 2nd place
- Charles E. Lofren Membersip Award - Group 1 for Membership and Retention

Congratulations to these committees for doing such a great job and to everyone who increased membership by signing up a new member and for mentoring the shipmates we currently have. It takes a whole team to keep our numbers strong. If all our 931 members signed up one new member in one year, our voice in Washington would be stronger than ever.

Well, that's all for now. If you were affected by the flooding earlier this month in South Carolina, our prayers and thoughts are with you as things recover. Have a great month and keep safe on the roads!

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
- RPSE Pat Suckow
- Annie Baynes
- Trish Chilton
- Tyler Malmgren
- Gail Bolz

APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

- 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 – Vacant
- 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 Vaheyen

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 Mucheck	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 Bryant
- 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 Mucheck - 3rd Year

Home Manager –

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

HT3 Samuel J. Cosimano Sr. -- TM2 William D. Campbell

TMCM Robert Deschaine

Micky Reeves – Hip Replacement; Rick Sparger's mother passed

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.

WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

New, Reinstated & Transferred Members

Dale Brannen	John Caddell	Jason Curtis
Donald Langdon	Joan Ramsey	Jon Sedgwick
Timothy Sparks	Robert Williams	

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	8
Transferred into Low County Branch 269	0
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	2
Suspended members	4
Members past due	11
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 8 APR, 2015	931

BRANCH 269's DINK LIST

Past due: Maurice Brodeur, Thomas Corbett, James Doman, Charlest Gains, Lynn Haynes, Prayuth Komenkul, John Lambert, Rickie Robinson, Jr., Roger Shepherd, Robert Zauner

Suspended: Ray Brown, Michael Carter, Patrick Evan, Joseph Hardin, Jr.

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

MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The Merry Widows will meet November 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

UNIT 269 LUNCHEON

Unit 269 will have their luncheon on November 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

Hope everyone is enjoying this cool weather. We had a good meeting in October, thanks to all of the members who came. We have a lot going on in October and November. October 27 we will meet at the FRA at 6:30 to do goody bags for the Quality Care Home and on Thursday, October 29 we will go to the Quality Care Home at 2:30 to play Bingo with the residents and give out the goody bags. Come join us at 107 Etiwan in Goose Creek. November 7 will be the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Charleston at 1030 am. November 11 we will be placing flags with the Branch on Veteran's graves and at 1200 pm will be the Veteran's Day indoor picnic at the Home. On December 7 we will attend the Pearl Harbor Wreath tossing on the USS Yorktown. December 19 will be the Children's Christmas Party at 1:00 pm at the FRA and then the FRA members Christmas party will be at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there at all of these events, if possible. Next Widow Luncheon will be November 10 at the Fleet at 11:30 am. Next Auxiliary Luncheon will be November 17 at the Fleet at 11:30 am. Next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is November 17 at 6:30 at the Fleet. Please note the time change for the meeting. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all members having one in November.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Theresa Milligan – President – Unit 269

WELCOME ABOARD AUXILIARY MEMBERS

James G. Siroky

UNIT 269's DINK LIST

Past Due: Alan Lansing, Linda McLeod, Patty Russell, Louise Tomkinson, Kenneth Wilson, Marlene Ray, Amanda Tulppo, Patricia Day, Richard Droze, Patricia Parks
Suspended: Gaynell Charette, Naomi Fortner, John Giannetto, Diane Herron, Barbara Muth, Brandy Rein

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

tharpj@sc.rr.com

Motion: S/M T. Bailey, seconded by S/M C. Hines to donate \$750 to the Toys for Tots Program. Voice vote and carried.
Motion: S/M PNP Muccheck, seconded by S/M Sutton to allocate \$250 to the Essay Contest for materials. Voice vote and carried.
Motion: S/M PNP Muccheck, seconded by PRPSE Bolz allocate \$300 for the Branch/Unit Christmas Party. Voice vote and carried.
Motion: S/M PNP Muccheck, seconded by S/M Lookabill to allocate \$100 for the Children's Christmas Party. Voice vote and carried.
Motion: S/M PRPSE Bolz, seconded by S/M Sutton to donate up to \$1,000 for the Thanksgiving baskets for the junior military on the Weapons Station. This will be gift cards from the commissary.

HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Hello Shipmates and Ladies,

Don't forget the Halloween Party and cake walk on Saturday the 31st. Prizes will be handed out for best female and best male costume. We are embarking on some changes to the Home operations, so please stand by. We will keep everyone up to speed and all will have some input. Till next month.

Loyalty/Protection/Service

Nate

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 ninety six members in September. 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 www.fra.org 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

October 1 began the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign. A Toys for Tots box is now in the home for new unwrapped toys. All toys given will be distributed will be given to children only in the Tri-county area. In November the Christmas tree will be placed in the home for members/guests to contribute with their names on the paper ornament. Last year with the contributions from the Branch, Unit and individual members we had over 200 toys contributed. Let's break that record this year. It's all for the children. Final day of donations will be December 11.



Branch Continuous Memberships – November, 2015

Richard Best	47 yrs	Thomas Blalock	23 yrs	Bill Ansel	10 yrs	Edward Feidt	6 yrs
William Curley	43 yrs	Clemmis Floyd	23 yrs	Francis Bohannon	10 yrs	Mario Lingat	5 yrs
Thomas Evans	43 yrs	William Johnson	23 yrs	Richard Day	10 yrs	Richard Dougherty	4 yrs
Robert Jaeger	43 yrs	Stephen Richards	23 yrs	James Hutton	10 yrs	Richard Hebert	4 yrs
Carl Farley	42 yrs	Jay Rowland	23 yrs	Carmelo Olmo	10 yrs	William Hunnell	4 yrs
Joseph Wiehl	41 yrs	Donald Sponic	23 yrs	Merlin Brignall	9 yrs	Michael Lecompte	4 yrs
Emmette Boone	40 yrs	Lewis Steed	23 yrs	Angela Chapman	9 yrs	Joseph Perillo	4 yrs
Hubert Pearce	40 yrs	Thomas Chilton	20 yrs	Timothy McNally	9 yrs	Larry Walton	4 yrs
Richard Cleeve	39 yrs	Alfred Bauer	17 yrs	John Merrell	9 yrs	Joseph Chapman	3 yrs
Dominador Jimenez	38 yrs	Robert Allen	16 yrs	Randy Reed	9 yrs	Rickey Gobert	3 yrs
Frank Eldridge	37 yrs	Charles Smith	16 yrs	Kelly Rice	9 yrs	Melissa Gordon	3 yrs
Arthur Pittman	37 yrs	William Turoski	16 yrs	John Sloane	9 yrs	Brian Cruz	2 yrs
Raymond Montminy	35 yrs	Pedro Garcia	15 yrs	Edward Stank	9 yrs	Robert Simmang	2 yrs
Norman Muller	34 yrs	Thomas Krieger	15 yrs	Fayette Thornal	9 yrs	James Walker	2 yrs
Jesse Smith	34 yrs	David Smith	15 yrs	James Lyda	8 yrs	Dave Geene	1 yr
Millard Driscoll	32 yrs	Lawrence Denapoli	12 yrs	Jimmy Sauls	8 yrs	Bradley Wadycki	1 yr
Ronald Aycock	31 yrs	James Heath	12 yrs	Miguel Emerson	6 yrs		

Unit Continuous Memberships – November, 2015

Doris Rash	15 yrs	Joan Grainger	11 yrs	Nancy Bullis	9 yrs	Jacqueline Paxton	4 yrs
Martha Pyatt	14 yrs	Patricia Pruitt	11 yrs	Phyllis Harring	8 yrs	Charlotte Johnson	4 yrs
Yvonne Aguilera	14 yrs	Elizabeth Mullins	10 yrs	Ann O'Brien	8 yrs	Karen Blum	1 yr
Angela Clark	13 yrs	Lynda Monnig	10 yrs	Patricia Martin	4 yrs		

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.

FRA BRANCH BY-LAWS REVIEW

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 401 – In accordance with Section 1215, C&BL, FRA, the officers of the Branch shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than five Directors plus one additional Director for each one hundred members of the Branch. Collectively, together with the Junior Past President, they shall constitute the Branch Board of Directors.

Section 402 – In accordance with Section 1217, C&BL, FRA nominations for Branch Officers shall be opened at the regular Branch meeting in April of each year and shall remain open until the election is held during the regular Branch meeting in May of each year. Nominees must be present or a letter of acceptance must be in the hands of the President prior to the vote or nominees will be removed from the ballot.

Section 403 – Elected Officers and Directors shall be installed no later than the last day of June of each year.

Section 403(a) – The manager of the Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Home, Incorporated shall not serve as an officer of Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269.

Section 404 – Branch Officers and Directors who find that due to illness or for other reasons they cannot properly fulfill the duties of their office, shall resign, in writing to the Board of Directors, for the best interest of the Branch.

Section 405 – the Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office, and in the event of a vacancy in the office he/she shall complete the unexpired term.

Section 406 – In cases of a vacancy in other Branch offices, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor who shall complete the unexpired term of office.

Section 407 – Any Officer or Director of the Branch who is absent from two (2) consecutive scheduled meetings, or three (3) scheduled meetings in one (1) year without legitimate excuse, shall have his/her post declared vacant.

WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 9/22 – Lisa Berezny, not signed; 9/29 – Boyd Patterson, not signed; 10/6 – Ruth Peterson, not signed; 10/13 – Thomas Davis, not signed; 10/10 – Dwight Bostic, signed and 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 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.

Thomas Blizard Jr.	11/01	Larry M. Starland	11/06	Larry Larkins	11/15	Richard O. Best	11/22
William N. Dean Jr.	11/01	Rodney W. McKanna	11/07	Gerald J. Ott	11/15	Kathryn L. Abelli	11/23
Ronald A. Henderson	11/01	Carmelo Olmo Jr.	11/07	Kyla Singletary	11/15	Phillip L. Brigman	11/23
Danny L. Leonhardt	11/01	Robert Beilstein	11/08	Gary J. Crozier	11/16	Joseph Ondo Jr.	11/23
Donald F. Wolfe	11/01	Terry R. Gomez	11/08	Lee G. McClenny	11/16	Thomas W. Lawson	11/24
Linda Brinson	11/02	Raymond K. Pease	11/08	Willonette Steed	11/16	Ronald G. Litzenberger	11/24
James E. Finney	11/02	Carroll Sandefer	11/08	Barry Bailey	11/17	Elizabeth Norris	11/24
Christian LaForce	11/02	Linda Harris	11/09	Patricia Martin	11/17	Joseph C. Schmitt	11/24
Paul W. Langan	11/02	Robert N. Hughes	11/09	David A. Mueller	11/17	Jeanette Gombash	11/25
Richard A. Miley	11/02	Prayuth J. Komenkul	11/09	Emmette B. Boone Jr.	11/18	Doris Stuhr	11/25
Dwight J. Weatherly	11/03	Kenneth Gray	11/10	Linda Cox	11/18	Jeffrey L. Elliott	11/26
Harold G. Herrington	11/04	Brian Cecil	11/11	Kenneth A. Pilcher	11/18	Leonard W. Monnig	11/26
Stacy B. Power	11/04	Sandra Medley	11/11	Theresa White	11/18	Charles R. Moss	11/26
William J. Robinson Jr.	11/04	John Shaak	11/11	David A. Johnson	11/19	Leonard Ogle	11/26
Yachiyo Bauer	11/05	Sarah Soldatke	11/11	Linwood Murrow	11/19	Kenneth W. Seal	11/26
Richard F. Lawwell	11/05	Harry S. Gray Jr.	11/12	Peter F. Pugliese	11/19	Donald E. Kalkreuth	11/27
Howard B. Miles	11/05	William T. Johnson	11/12	Lawrence Case	11/20	James A. Kenney	11/27
John E. Newby	11/05	Carol Bailey	11/14	David C. Clemmons	11/20	John M. Stroman	11/27
Thomas G. Seay	11/05	Nancy Bullis	11/14	Thomas E. Hall	11/20	Charles E. Watkins	11/29
Charles E. Baylor	11/06	Gerald D. Landis	11/14	James A. Heath	11/20	Larry Brodie	11/30
Brandley Ganskow	11/06	Anthony Pyatt	11/14	Theresa Masterson	11/20	James S. Houchin	11/30
Pedro Garcia	11/06	Thomas Blalock	11/15	Paul A. Vierung	11/20	Ronnie Kerstetter	11/30
Herbert H. Hiatt	11/06	Cheryl Cecil	11/15	Barbara Hayes	11/21	Bruce D. Seltzer Jr.	11/30
Lewis M. Miller	11/06	Jones Kersey	11/15	Roger A. Rader	11/21	William H. Watts	11/30
Douglas R. Perkins	11/06						



After 35 years S/M Robert Beilstein is initiated into the Branch as a new member



S/M Robert Beilstein receives his 35 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Gerald Fraser receiving his 35 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Charles Rein receiving his 15 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Stephen Jackson receiving his 10 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Tim Bailey receiving his 10 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Chris LaForce receiving his 10 year pin from President Bailey



S/M Bobbi Sutton receiving her 10 year pin from President 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

October 31 Halloween Party – Prizes for best costume – Male and Female -- Other surprises
Cake walk – Bring your favorite cake. Kitchen will be open with Special-Goulash

November 7 Veteran’s Day Parade – Downtown Charleston – Begins at 1030 – Carpool from the Fleet at 0800
There is a Branch/Unit Float so no one will have to walk

November 10 United States Marine Corps 240th Birthday

November 11 Veteran’s Day Indoor Picnic -- Begins at 1200

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/great or even great-great grands

December 19 Adult Christmas Party – 1800 until!!!

January 1 New Year’s Eve 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

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Happy Birthday



United States Marine Corps

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

JrPRPSE Jr. Past Larry Cox

Elections were held with the following results:

National President	- Virgil P. Courneya
National Vice President	- Donald E. Larson
National Auxiliary President	- Helen Courynea
National Auxiliary Vice President	- Karen Snee
National Treasurer	- Bea Parco
National Parliamentarian	- PNP Don Mucheck (Branch 269)

C&BL Resolution #6:

Passed

Section 405 (e) – Life membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer using the following installment payments:

- (1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life member application
- (2) Quarterly (4 equal payments over a 12 month period)
- (3) Monthly (twelve equal payments over a 12 month period)

Awards for Branch 269

- (1) Branch 269 President Shipmate Laurie Bailey was nominated for the Frank J. McPherson Memorial Membership Award, but was not selected. To be nominated is a top achievement. Congratulations on being nominated.
- (2) Branch 269 received 1st place in Group I for the Membership and Retention, Charles E. Lofgren Membership Award for Branches
- (3) Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation: Branch 269 placed 2nd in Group I
- (4) Public Relations: Branch 269 placed 2nd in Group I

The Harris book that shipmates ordered will be shipped on October 30

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

FROM THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER


2016 WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR SINCE 2011 that Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients do not receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA). In 2010 and 2011 there was also no COLA.

The reason why federal retirees will not receive a COLA in 2016 is that consumer prices have declined over the past year. The annual retiree COLA is calculated as the change in the average Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from the third quarter of the previous year to the third quarter of the current year. BLS reported that the (CPI-W) actually decreased from the third quarter of 2014 to the same quarter of 2015.

SEA STORY BY SHIPMATE MELODY PHILLIPS
"SCARED TO DEATH THAT I MISSED MOVEMENT"

The only sea story I can think of that would remotely be funny, although at the time it wasn't, would be the time I was on the USS Holland. This happened early 1990's. We were underway with a port stop scheduled in Nova Scotia. This was my first underway experience. When we got to Nova Scotia, I took the liberty boat to shore and proceeded to enjoy my weekend (I had paid someone to stand my watches). When I got off the liberty boat and looked back at the ship, the bow of the ship was facing to the right. I had quite the weekend and you may or may not say that alcohol was involved. When it was time to board the liberty boat and go back to the ship, I was a tad concerned because the bow was not facing left. I was a newly frocked 2nd class and when I tell you I was scared to death I missed ships movement, I was. It seems the tide was pretty strong and the ship slowly drifted over the course of the weekend and caused the ship to do a 180 turn.

OK, that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1000 – 2000 Free pool	2	3 Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900	4 Trivia Plus Karaoke Night w/Becky 1900 – 2200 Pizza Night	5 1900-Sub Vets Board Mtg	6 2000 Karaoke with Red Farley	7 Veteran's Day Parade 1030 Charleston
8 1000 – 2000 Free pool	9 Vietnam Veterans Chapter 780 Meeting 1800	10 Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home WING Night Happy B-Day US Marine Corps	11 <u>INDOOR PICNIC-1200</u> Trivia Plus Karaoke Night w/Becky 1900 – 2200 Pizza Night	12 1900 Sub Vets Meeting	13 2000 Karaoke with Red Farley	14
15 1000 – 2000 Free pool	16 Home Committee 1830	17 Unit 269 Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home 1830 UNIT BOD 1900 UNIT Gen. Assembly Mtg.	18 Trivia Plus Karaoke Night w/Becky 1900 – 2200 Pizza Night	19 BRANCH BOD 1800 BRANCH Gen. Assembly Mtg. 1900	20 2000 Karaoke with Red Farley	21
22 1000 – 2000 Free pool	23	24 Sojourners 1830 Wing Night	25 Trivia Plus Karaoke Night w/Becky 1900 – 2200 Pizza Night	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27 2000 Karaoke with Red Farley	28
29 1000 – 2000 free pool	30					

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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 **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.