

**Branch 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina**



**September 2016
Scuttlebutt**

Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269
<http://www.fra269.org> (Branch)
<http://www.fra.org> (National)

Branch President's Corner

LABOR DAY

Just another reason to get a day off work? Hardly. Yes, Monday is a federal holiday in the United States, but Labor Day is much more than that. Labor Day has a rich history centered around workers. This year, it has particular meaning as hundreds of thousands of Americans try to get back to work. Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. You will notice, Unions are not mentioned here. They were not recognized as being able to increase job growth.

Now that you know some history, what to do for Labor Day?

Important events start on Friday, 2 September, with the celebration of the anniversary of VJ Day (1945). Then on Sunday, 4 September, Rosh Hashanah begins at Sunset and ends on Tuesday 6 September. Labor Day is Monday, 5 September and the big event (queue applause) is the FRA Home Indoor Picnic. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings. The big event kicks off at noon (1200) and lasts as long as you want it too! Good friends, cold beer and free food! Be there or be square!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
JrPRPSE Larry Cox Vice President

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

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 – John Tharp	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
Special Events – Linda Cox	Director - John Lookabill
Director – Rick Sparger	Membership/Sec – John Tharp
Director – Marilyn Tharp	Director – Melody Phillips

Trustees: Larry Pepper- 1st Year
Darlene Hines - 2nd 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	

LAFRA UNIT 269

APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

Hi Auxiliary members,

We held our monthly meeting on August 16, 2016. Congratulations to Benita Kinlaw who was presented a certificate by the Friends of our Troops. She wrote over 25 Christmas cards as part of their project.

Minnie Muchek and Crystal Stella were initiated. Minnie is our new publicity Chairman and Amanda Reid as Co Chair Benita Kinlaw is our new Welfare/Rehabilitation Chairman and Roz Mathis as Co Chair. Thank you all for volunteering.

Marilyn Tharp is making crocheted wheel chair lap robes and Benita Kinlaw is making cloth wheel chair pouches/carry bags. if anyone is interested in helping please let us know. We are planning on donating them to a needing organization such as VA Hospital, Victory House or local nursing home.

National Convention for the FRA and LAFRA will be held on October 9th to the 16th. in Jacksonville,FL.

The 10th anniversary dinner was held on August 20. Food was exceptional, the band was awesome and we had a great time.

The next Merry Widows' Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 11:30, at the Low Country Home.

The next unit Luncheon will held on Tuesday, September 20, at 11:30 at O'Charlie's, 2150 Northwoods Boulevard, North Charleston.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 6:30pm. All are welcome!!!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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.

WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

Patrick Crain	James Doman	Rick Gueringer, Sr.
Clyde Miller	Katherine Peterson-Crain	William Scheer
Robert Vehorn	Lauren Vinson	

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 5,077.78
Savings	\$ 4,585.32
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,162.57
Total	\$19,825.67

FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Fund	\$35,866.35
Checking	\$ 12,019.33
Credit Card Receipts	\$ 1,154.75

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	8
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269	0
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	2
Suspended members	5
Members past due	15
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF JULY 5, 2016	947

MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The Merry Widows Luncheon will be on September 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

UNIT 269 LUNCHEON

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m. at O'Charlies, 2150 Northwoods Boulevard, North Charleston, SC.

BRANCH 269's DINK LIST

Past due: Peter Barnes, Joey Carnley, Natale Colittle, Kevin Davison, William Dean, James Dewitt, Melvin Hobbs, Howard Miles, Frederick Morast, James Oxendine, Meredith Sapp, Gary Theriault, Ben Wallace.
Suspended: George Dale, Shannon Nault, Peter Pugliese, Walter Scott, Michael Sparkman

From Shipmate John Lookabill

Navy Poem, In NAFTS Towline July 2016 Magazine

When I was young many years ago,
I joined the Navy Why; I don't know,
I served my time, with honor, and pride,
For this young boy, it was quite a ride,
I went to places; I'd never dreamed,
Time went fast, so it seemed,
I met people, I'll never forget.
And some, I wish I'd never met,
But as I think back on those days gone by,
My ship, My shipmates, brings a tear to My eye.
I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought,
But My time in the Navy, could not have been bought,
I guess We all feel the same after we're out,
The pride We feel, that's what it's about,
Having served our nation, keeping it free,
Protecting Our way of life, and our liberty,
And the friends, I made along the way,
Would I do it again? Any Day,
And to all My Shipmates, Anchors Aweigh

From the Branch 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 concerning the change.

You may also contact one of the Home Managers (Larry Pepper or Don Muccheck) or leave a note in the pass down log to change any information. 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 on events happening at the fleet, events occurring in the community concerning the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and Two Bell Ceremonies for our departed shipmates.

BRANCH 269 MENTORING PROGRAM

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.

Branch Continuous Memberships – September, 2016

Benjamin Kluth, Jr.	51 yrs	Michael Clemens	17 yrs	Ronald Litzenberger	11 yrs	Phillip Brigman	5 yrs
Donald Hanley	45 yrs	George Durity	17 yrs	Sam Pennington	11 yrs	Robert Barnard	4 yrs
James Aelick	42 yrs	William Sullivan	17 yrs	Melvin Baker	10 yrs	Michael Sosa	4 yrs
David Mueller	42 yrs	Stephen Zack Jr.	17 yrs	Connie Janney	10 yrs	William Cox	3 yrs
Walter Zeigler	36 yrs	Charles Clore	16 yrs	Parke Manuel	10 yrs	Charles Walker	3 yrs
Richard Brownell	35 yrs	Michael Hadbavny	16 yrs	Wade Reid	10 yrs	Brittany Lee	2 yrs
Jerome Tenney	35 yrs	Gordon Hope	16 yrs	Lisa Friend	9 yrs	Marvin Smith Jr.	2 yrs
Donald Rickeert	32 yrs	Peter Hyers	16 yrs	Donald Heinle	9 yrs	Ralph Stobart	2 yrs
Willard Burton Jr.	30 yrs	Merrell Peterson	16 yrs	Herbert Franklin	8 yrs	F. Brannen	1 yr
John Morrison Jr.	30 yrs	Kenneth Seal	16 yrs	Michael Fusari	8 yrs	John Caddell	1 yr
Dennis Fuqua	28 yrs	Franklin Shoenberger	16 yrs	Rodney McKanna	7 yrs	Jason Curtis	1 yr
Joseph Shea	28 yrs	Ron Workman	16 yrs	Walter Scroggs	7 yrs	Donald Langdon	1 yr
William Ribbeck	25 yrs	James Sherrow	15 yrs	John Tully	7 yrs	Joan Ramsey	1 yr
Christopher Schramm	25 yrs	Jack Collier	14 yrs	Kenneth Turner	7 yrs	Jon Sedgwick	1 yr
Robert Crenshaw	20 yrs	William Schamitzky	14 yrs	Robert Kline	6 yrs	Timothy Sparks	1 yr
William Martin	20 yrs	Samuel Jenkins Jr.	11 yrs	Robert Hayes	6 yrs	Robert Williams	1 yr
Tim Herold	19 yrs						

Unit Continuous Memberships – September, 2016

Gloria Allen	39 yrs	Anna Moulden	12 yrs	Linda Zauner	8 yrs	Kathy Sorenson	5 yrs
Jo Ann Ludwig	36 yrs	Linda Jones	11 yrs	Susan Lee	6 yrs	Robin McKeown	2 yrs
Barbara Moyer	29 yrs	Nancy Bullis	10 yrs	Mary Black	5 yrs	Linda McLeod	2 yrs
Wanda Seay	24 yrs	Carmela Day	9 yrs	Sandra Medley	5 yrs	Kelley Hines	1 yr
Patty Russell	17 yrs	Denise Smith	8 yrs	Charles Schuster	5 yrs	Janet Lepley	1 yr
Patricia Scott	17 yrs						

WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 7-26 – Eldon Carson, not signed; 8-2 – David Johnston, not signed; 8-8 – Betty Harris, not signed; 8-16 – Mike Sroka, not signed; 8-24 – Fayette Thomal, 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

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 SEPTEMBER!!

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.

Edward Fisher	9/1	Donna Gaither	9/9	Mike Ciesielko	9/18	Raymond Clark	9/23
Thomas Veneziano	9/1	William Hunter	9/9	Marvin Chandler	9/18	Michael Mercer	9/23
Larry Wallace	9/1	Paul McHugh	9/9	Thomas Chilton	9/18	John Tharp	9/23
Paul King	9/2	Stephen Tribault	9/9	Arthur Miller	9/18	Douglas Willard	9/23
Carla Passmore	9/2	Gary Hinks	9/10	Rockette Miller	9/18	Annie Bain	9/24
Deborah Rullmann	9/2	Robert Lopez	9/10	Anna Brown	9/19	Erin Giannetto	9/24
Joseph Shea	9/2	Nancy Sandefer	9/10	Willard Clark	9/19	Benita Kinlaw	9/24
Robert Windrow	9/2	David Greeno	9/11	Patrick Dermondy	9/19	Raymond McKinley III	9/24
Dennis Lanier	9/3	Robert Stodola	9/11	Matthew Leaird	9/19	Ronnie Minton	9/24
Alan Lincoln	9/3	Tim Cowan	9/12	Don Pace	9/19	Eva DuPree	9/25
Cecil Skipworth	9/3	Cheryl Antley	9/13	Wayne Suckow Jr.	9/19	Martha Fulmer	9/26
Charles Szad	9/3	Randall Bolin	9/13	Michael Markiewich	9/20	William McQuaid	9/26
Kenneth Drewa	9/4	Don Kopczynski	9/13	Donald Snead	9/20	Oscar Diano	9/27
Jack Wrbanich	9/4	Mike Sroka	9/13	Robert Bear	9/21	Jerome Femeding	9/27
Salvatore Leonti	9/5	Kevin Scott	9/13	Michael Clemens	9/21	Walter Rydzy	9/27
Wanda Seay	9/5	Jack Doman	9/14	James Deaton	9/21	Thomas Evans	9/28
Allen Katen	9/6	Thomas Jennings	9/14	James Holmes	9/21	Mary Johnson	9/28
Larry Knutson	9/6	David Sincebaugh	9/14	Robert Ingebretson	9/21	Brittany Lee	9/28
Ralph Stobart	9/6	Crystal Stella	9/14	Robert Rose	9/21	Joseph Perillo	9/28
Kenneth Adam	9/7	James Willcutt, Jr	9/14	Donovan Bennett	9/22	Louis Goehring	9/28
Robin Buell	9/7	Edward Bowles	9/16	Holly Gordon	9/22	Clifton Carr III	9/29
Charles Gravley	9/7	Richard Cox	9/16	Clarence Hall	9/22	Raymond Fischer	9/29
Kenneth Hutchison	9/7	Marcus Knoll	9/17	Steve Obermann	9/22	Ronald Swackhamer	9/29
Alan Roberts	9/7	Daniel Poling	9/17	John Paul	9/22	Earl Goodall	9/30
Roland Kring	9/8	Linda Vinson	9/17	Cynthia Young	9/22	Danny Mills	9/30
Robert Stancik	9/8	Mary Black	9/18	Gail Bolz	9/23	Michael Neff	9/30
Darlene Beck	9/9						

From the Secretary's Desk
John Tharp - tharpj@sc.rr.com

- Motion:** S/M PRPSE Fred Bolz, seconded by PNP Don Muccheck for \$1,000 seed money to the Southeast Convention. Voice vote and carried.
- Motion:** S/M PNP Don Muccheck, seconded by S/M Nate Nathan to approve the second reading of the Home By-law change. Voice vote and carried.
- Motion:** S/M PNP Don Muccheck, seconded by S/M Nate Nathan to approve the special occasion float for \$355 for the Veteran's Day Parade. Voice vote and carried.
- Motion:** S/M Nate Nathan, seconded by S/M Gerald Korinek to take \$3,000 out of the building fund within the next few months to replace the ice maker in the kitchen. Voice vote and carried.

2017 Fleet Reserve Association, Southeast Convention Meeting

Branch /Unit 269 will be hosting the Southeast Convention at DoubleTree Hotel in North Charleston on August 24-27, 2017. PRPSE Fred Bolz is the Chairman for the Convention and will be getting Committees started with a meeting at the Fleet on Monday, October 3. There are many opportunities to assist with this convention. Anyone is invited to attend this meeting to become part of this great convention. If you would like to assist contact PRPSE Fred Bolz at 843-270-0345.



Coasties at the Coast Guard Cake Cutting for the Coast Guard 240th Birthday. Active duty members also attended.



JrPRPSE Larry Cox presenting the Hard Charger Award at the Nuclear School Graduation



Past Board of Directors (2015-2016) and Officer pins were presented at the August Unit meeting.



Many members were in attendance at the 10th Anniversary of the Branch Home Celebration.



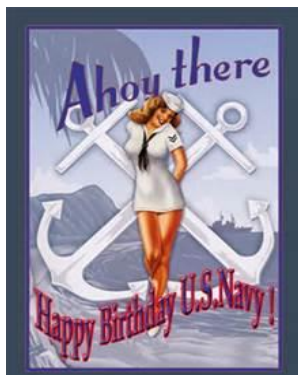
Home Committee Chairman Nate Nathan cutting the 10th anniversary cake at the celebration



Crystal Steina and Winnie Ivucneck inducted as new members to Unit 269.



Be appreciation from Friends of Our Troops



U. S. Navy Birthday
October 13, 2016

Come on out and celebrate the U. S. Navy Birthday at the Fleet 1800 on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

Birthday cake will be cut celebrating 240 years



U. S. Marine Corps Birthday
November 10, 2016

Come on out and celebrate the U. S. Marine Corps Birthday at the Fleet 1800 on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

Birthday cake will be cut celebrating 241 years

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

September 1	Submarine Veteran's E-board Meeting	1800
September 5	Labor Day Indoor Picnic	1200
September 6	Sons of the Confederate Veterans	1900
September 8	Submarine Veteran's General Assembly meeting	1900
September 10	Home Field Day	0900
September 12	Vietnam Veteran's Association meeting	1800
September 12	Home Committee meeting	1900
September 13	Unit 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting	1800/1830
September 15	Branch 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting	1800/1900
September 17	Vietnam 50 th Anniversary at Victory House	1000
September 20	Purple Heart meeting	1900
September 22	Marine Corps League	1900
September 24	Cotton Blue Band will be performing	2000 - 2400
September 27	Sojourners	1900
October 9-16	2016 FRA/Auxiliary National Convention, Jacksonville, FL	
October 13	U.S. Navy Birthday Cake Cutting	1800
October 22	Vietnam Veteran 50 th Anniversary	1300
November 10	U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting	1800

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 1st. We've been told it will take 180 days to remodel but "IF" they finish sooner, that is before December 31st, we will try to start sooner.

For now, we're scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on December 14th 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.



Back to School Supply Drive

Unit 269 will be conducting a school supplies drive. Please deposit any donations in the designated bin located in the Home bar area. A list of suggested items will be attached to the bin.



Painting Party at the Fleet

Painting Party at the Fleet on Wednesday, September 21st beginning at 1900 in the bar area. Cost is \$25.00 and you take your own painting to add to your private collection. There will also be a band practicing in the banquet area for your enjoyment while painting

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1800 Sub Vets Eboard Meeting	2 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	3
4 Free Pool	5	6 Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900 Wing Night	7 Band Practice Banquet Room Pizza Night	8 SubVet Meeting 1900 	9 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	10 Home Field Day 0900 
11 Free Pool	12 Vietnam Vet-Chapter 780 meeting 1800 Home Committee 1900	13 Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home 269 BOD 1800 269 GA 1830	14 Band Practice Banquet Room Pizza Night	15 Branch Meeting 1900 	16 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	17 Victory House (Walterboro) Vietnam Veteran 50 th Anniversary
18 Free Pool	19	20 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	21 Painting Party 1900 Band Practice Pizza Night	22 Marine Corps League Meeting 1900 	23 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	24 Cotton Blue Band will be performing
25 Free Pool	26	27 Sojourners 1830	28 Band Practice Banquet Room	29	30	

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 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 Chaplin as soon as possible about their passing so we can arrange for this honor to be performed at the church or funeral.



The USCGC Eagle will be making a port call in Charleston on September 9-11. Tours will be available on this cutter during its visit to Charleston



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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.