



**January,
2020**

Scuttlebutt

**Branch 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina**

Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269
<http://www.fra269.org> (Local)
<http://www.fra.org> (National)
<http://facebook.com/groups/frabran269>

Branch President's Corner

Happy New Year Shipmates and Ladies. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Christmas. Branch 269 had a pretty darn good Christmas party the other night and I do believe the Children's Christmas party was also quite the success. The Toys for Tots campaign was extremely successful as can be attested by the photos taken prior to pick up by the US Marine Corps Reserves. We didn't have an actual BOD and General Assembly meeting for last month, so I don't have a lot of information to pass on to the Members, however, I do want to wish everybody the best for 2020, and let's do better at everything we do or hope to do in the coming year.

One item I will discuss in this missive, is the upcoming FRA Essay Contest. We have reached the deadline for essays to be submitted and will be reviewing the submissions to determine the winners of the appropriate Middle and High School contestants. I'll be asking the BOD to help in the review and grading as we have between 30 to 40 submissions. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please see Shipmate PNP Don Muccheck or myself. Please take time to read the bulletin for all the upcoming events and information regarding Branch 269 and the FRA in general and we'll see you on the 16th of January for the BOD meeting at 1800, followed by the General Assembly at 1900.

Nate Nathan,
FRA Low Country Branch 269, Branch President.

UNIT MADAM PRE'Z TIDBIT

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone had a great Christmas. We had great participation in the Goose Creek Christmas parade. Hope you had a good time. Now we start a brand new year! January 14th is our next Unit meeting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see everyone there. We will start a Valentines Basket for a raffle. We will need to organize the next convention in Myrtle Beach, so it's business as usual. Hope to see all of your smiling faces. Hope this finds everyone well and happy.

You can always call on us if you need help or information

Linda Cox

President Unit 269
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LAFRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

President – Linda Cox Vice President – Annie Bain
 Secretary – Marilyn Tharp Treasurer – RVPSE Gale Nathan
 Jr. Past President – PRPSE Gail Bolz

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Lopez Trish Chilton Benita Kinlaw
 Anne Barton Kathy Sorenson NFS Pat Suckow
 Theresa Milligan

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Norris Nathan Vice-President - Harry Nettles
 Treasurer - PNP Don Muccheck Secretary - John Tharp
 Jr. Past President – RPSE Laurie Bailey

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRPSE Fred Bolz Don Barton Skip Chilton
 Cindy Bryan Robert Gay Ken Hutchinson
 Ron Lamon Larry Pepper Bobbi Sutton

Chaplain - Bobbi Sutton Ways & Means - Cindy Bryan
 Master-at-Arms-Ken Hutchinson Historian - Mike Sparks
 Amer/Pat –Harry Nettles Youth Activities –Donald Barton
 Membership – Cindy Bryan Essay Contest – Harry Nettles
 By-Laws – PNP Don Muccheck Parliamentarian – PNP Don Muccheck
 PRelations – John Tharp Legislative Affairs - PRPSE Fred Bolz
 VAVS-PRPSE Fred Bolz WEB Master – RPSE Laurie Bailey

LOW COUNTRY HOME, INC.

99 Wisteria Road - (843) 569-2692

Home Chairman – Skip Chilton

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton Financial Sec- Gerald Korinek
 Director – Trish Chilton Director – Ken Hutchinson
 Director - John Lookabill Director – Ron Lamon
 Director –Trish Chilton Director – John Tharp
 Director – Marilyn Tharp Director – Corrine Janney
 Director - Harry Nettles

Home Manager – PNP Don Muccheck and Larry Pepper

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thur 1000-2200 Fri 1000-2400
 Sat 1000- 2400 Sun 1000 – 2000
 Happy Hour – 1600 – 1900 Monday - Friday

LAFRA UNIT 269

Appointees & Committee Chairs

Chaplain – Trish Chilton Amer/Pat – Benita Kinlaw
 Sergeant-at-Arms – VAVS – PRPSE Gail Bolz
 Kathy Sorenson Theresa Milligan
 Welfare –Benita Kinlaw/Annie Bain Parliamentarian—PRPSE Gail Bolz
 Youth Activities—Mary Lopez Merry Widows-Esther Ellisor
 PRPSE Gail Bolz
 Audit—NFS Pat Suckow Unit Activities—PRPSE Gail Bolz
 and Trish Chilton and Mary Lopez
 Hospital – Trish Chilton Publicity – Anne Barton
 Ship's Store - Mary Lopez

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAINS' PEW

Anyone knowing of any illness or death among our Shipmates or Unit members please contact:

Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 843-879-9473 or

Unit Chaplain Trish Chilton @ 843-793-4896

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members – 0

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 0

Transferred from Branch 269 –

Ready to renew – 18

Members past due – 12

Suspended members - 9

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander – 0

TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 3 November, 2019 - 895

WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

Renewal List

Branch Membership & Retention:

As of 6 December 2019 membership roster – 895 in good standing; 0 new, reinstated or transfers in; 12 past due; 9 suspended and 18 ready to renew by 30 December 2019.

New, Reinstated and Transfer In Shipmates: None

Ready to Renew by 30 November 2019: Dustin Darnell, David Dukes, Michelle Dukes, Terry Ellis, John Houston, Weldon Jones, Marcus Knoll, David Markyvech, Jon McCain, William McQuaid, Derek Nicholson, Phillip Obie, Karl Parsons, Zachary Patrick, William Robinson, Stephen Schultz, John Stroman, Robert Temple

Past due: Kathryn Abelli, Helen Breen, Robert Call, Melvin Harper, William Hunter, Rocco Losito, Tyler Lund, Lowell Mills, Richard Nolan, Robert Shoecraft, Fred South Samuel Wright

Suspended: Lee Barkley, Jerry Baxter, James Breen, Zachary Browne, Mike Ciesielko, Erin Moseley, Wyatt Nelson, Rielly Nemecc, Leonard Ogle

Unit Membership & Retention

To be renewed by January 31:

Tina Bohannon, Dianne Carroll, Sara Collins, Barbara Dougherty, Ester Ellisor, Dorothy Grooms, George “Skip” Wach, Susan Westbury

December 31: Dorothy Brace, Mary Brady, Michelle Goad, Jason Highberger, Michelle Goad, Jason Highberger, Michael Perillo, Diane Riedle, Barbara Rogers, Kenneth Sorenson, Carol Traynor

Past Due: Sandra Beilstein, Norma Jean Houck, Novella Howerton, Joan Hulsey, James Miller, Robert Reynolds, Robert Samples, Kyla Singletary, Angela Clark, Edward Gallagher, Lisa McDonald, James Roellig, Kimberly Bailey, Karl Farber, Anna Moulden, Denise Smith, Nancy Whittle

Suspended: Judith Weaver, Kathleen Payne

**From the Branch Secretary tharpj@sc.rr.com
(843-709-8520)**

When a member has an anniversary date for a membership pin you will receive a post card that you will be presented the pin at the next General Assembly meeting. If you do not make arrangements to have the pin mailed to you it will not be mailed. To send the pin will be \$10.00 as most pins are now \$10.00 Your name will also appear in the newsletter for continuous membership

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 9,110.66
Savings	\$ 4,624.70
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,624.70
Total	\$24,395.96

FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account	\$ 10,788.63
Credit Card account	\$ 8257.11
Building Fund	\$70,690.52

WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 11 / 2 -Rick Sparger/ signed,not presnt; 12/3 – Tom Beach, not signed; Shawn Miller, not signed; Charles Lewis, 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.

There is no cap on the Weekly Drawing

Branch Continuous Memberships – January, 2020

Theodore Martin	50 yrs	Duane Henriksen	20 yrs	George Williams	13 yrs	GERALD JACKSON	5 yrs
Thomas Wunder	48 yrs	Paul Reece	20 yrs	Jack Bullis	12 yrs	Bruce Seltzer Jr.	5 yrs
Walter Rydzy	45 yrs	Richard Sparger	20 yrs	Ronnie Minton	12 yrs	John Shaak	5 yrs
Oscar Edrada	44 yrs	Olin Thomas	20 yrs	Frederick Woodley	12 yrs	Kieth Deliteris	3 yrs
William Teague	41 yrs	Joe Travis	20 yrs	Peter Cosgrove	11 yrs	Charles Harris	3 yrs
Nestor Dercho Jr.	39 yrs	Charles Pyatt	19 yrs	J. D. Porter	11 yrs	Charles Hughes Jr	3 yrs
Don Heywood	38 yrs	Larry Starland	19 yrs	William Galloway	10 yrs	Ricky Collins	2 yrs
James Phillips	38 yrs	Ronnie Vandiver	19 yrs	Tommy Hellems	10 yrs	Dennis Green	2 yrs
Don Clark	37 yrs	Marion Clark	17 yrs	Gary Williams	9 yrs	Kevin Patton	2 yrs
Robert Rose	36 yrs	Jerome Ferneding	17 yrs	Thomas Blizard	8 yrs	Allen Ferguson	1 yr
Wayne Wiech	35 yrs	Robert Reilly Sr.	17 yrs	Ronnie Gattie	8 yrs	Kyle Fitzpatrick	1 yr
David Cornelius	34 yrs	Michal Markiewich	16 yrs	GERALD KORINEK	7 yrs	Stephen Jefferey	1 yr
Daniel Montgomery	34 yrs	Grady Langley	15 yrs	Otto Kaske	7 yrs	Lorenzo Mailum	1 yr
James Fricks	30 yrs	William Riley	14 yrs	Felix Cabanting	6 yrs	Adam Padget	1 yr
David Button	27 yrs	Robert Block	13 yrs	Jamie Johnson	6 yrs	Walter Scroggs	1 yr
Danny Mills	25 yrs	MARK FIOREY	13 yrs	Steven Koch	6 yrs	Rita Stiegelmeier	1 yr
John Flynn	22 yrs	Robert Isaman	13 yrs	Jamie Johnson	6 yrs	Todd Walker	1 yr
Bruce Brown	21 yrs	Ronald Redondo	13 yrs				

Unit Continuous Memberships –January, 2020

Nita Fewox	52	Dorothy Brace	21	Carol Traynor	8	Diane Riedle	2
Beulah Wenzel	41	Michel Perillo	8	Kenneth Sorenson	6	Michelle Goad	1
Dorothy Nephew	27	Connie Singletary	8	Barbara Rogers	4	Jason Highberger	1

From the Branch Secretary

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL AND ADDRESS CHANGE

There has been a few continuous membership or other correspondence that has been mailed to a member but the card was returned. Some members do not have email or phone number on the roster. The Branch Secretary will be trying to contact all members to update your information. All members can contact the Branch Secretary at tharpj@sc.rr.com or phone 843-709-8520 to update information or, if you have a computer you can get on your profile page using your membership number and make a password to update your own profile.

Communications is the key to being able to contact members

Mid- Year Meeting for 2020

Branch 290, Mayport, Florida
0900 8 February

Hotel will be Best Western Mayport Inn and Suites

Rate is \$97.00 + tax per night

Agenda will be mainly reading and grading of the Regional essays



'WE NEED MORE SEA STORIES - DO YOU HAVE A SEA STORY OR FIELD STORY TO TELL?'

Are you enjoying our shipmate's sea stories we are putting in our newsletter each month? We have had a great response in our request for sea stories but have come to only having a few left to use. Please send in your sea stories (your own experience, a military tale, poem or song) so we can have plenty to use in our future newsletters.

Please send us a story or two of your best memories and we will print them in our newsletter. 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 Rd, 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.



Unit 269 participated in the Wreaths Across America at the Carolina Memorial Cemetery



A great turnout for the Branch and Unit Christmas Party. There was a lot of stealing gifts . The food was great, thanks to Justin and Debbie



Far left: RPSE Laurie Bailey prepares to toss a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day aboard the USS Yorktown. Near Left: LAFRA RPSE Gale Nathan and Benita Kinlaw toss a wreath at the Pearl Harbor remembrance Day

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY JANUARY, 2020

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	James Lewis	01/08	Frederick Granger Sr.	01/18	Harvey Belcher	01/25
Lori Ryan	01/01	Karl Parsons	01/08	Harry Kirk	01/18	Jamie Johnson	01/25
Rosemary Clark	01/03	Donald Rickert	01/08	Kimberly Sparkman	01/18	Jerry Lepley	01/25
Diane Cowden	01/03	Barbara Aler	01/09	Perry Friend Sr.	01/19	David Mayeres	01/25
Karen Kopczynski	01/03	Paul McFall	01/09	Norman Jones	01/19	Kirk Owen	01/25
Robert Moore	01/03	Wade Reid	01/09	Darrel Mckeown	01/19	Rodney Gattie	01/26
Shawn Angelo	01/04	Thomas Beach	01/10	Patricia Rein	01/19	Lawrence Coates	01/26
Vicky Blihar	01/04	Francis Bohannan	01/10	Alan Chambers	01/20	Kenneth Farrell	01/26
Richard Duprey	01/04	Stephen Reid	01/10	Frank Davis	01/20	Daniel Lehman	01/26
James Phillips Jr.	01/04	Nathaniel Shetters	01/10	Thomas Woodall	01/20	Terrence Mummert	01/26
Billy Fowler	01/05	George Wach	01/10	Mark Howell	01/21	George White	01/26
Robert Isaman	01/05	Gary Gardner	01/11	Arthur Robinson	01/21	Tommy Wilbanks	01/27
Corinne Janey	01/05	Jaqueline Paxon	01/11	Joseph Chapman III	01/22	Robert Shoecraft	01/28
Chris Ludwig	01/05	Bobby Beck	01/12	Derek Nicholson	01/22	Willard Burton	01/29
Roy Brosseau	01/06	Leon Steele	01/14	Thomas Scott	01/22	David Farley	01/29
Lawrence Fletes	01/06	Michael Struve	01/14	William Bevis	01/23	Leo Kelley Sr.	01/29
Ginger Bevis	01/08	Gordon Williams	01/14	Kelley Hall	01/23	Stan Yoakum	01/29
Gerald Farr	01/08	Robert Samples	01/16	Kenneth Lux	01/23	Lee Young	01/29
David Graminski	01/08	Ronald Walston	01/16	Edward Stank	01/23	Michael Welch	01/30
Judith Highberger	01/08	Herbert Franklin	01/18	Gordon Hobgood	01/24	Rebecca Bower	01/31
Steven Koch	01/08						



The Branch and Unit went Toys for Tots shopping



After the shopping trip Branch and Unit posed with a picture of the 372 toys. Thanks to all members that donated to buy these toys. Will have to work to beat this year's donations



They really loved shopping for Toys for Tots



The Unit had a great time being in the Goose Creek Christmas parade



Above: RVPSE Laurie Bailey and Tim Bailey attended the dedication of the Veterans parking spot at the Culvers Restarant in Summerville



Regional President Southeast (left) and LAFRA Southeast President Gale Nathan ride in the Birmigham Veterans Day Parade


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

January, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Subvets Eboard mtg	3 Karaoke With 2000-Red Fraley	4
5 Free Pool	6	7 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	8 LCCC meeting 1900	9 SubVets Mtg 1900 	10 Karaoke with Glenn Klette	11 Disabled American Veterans
12 Free Pool	13 Vietnam Veterans Meeting 1800 Home Committee Meeting 1900	14 Unit Meeting 1830 Merry Widows 1130	15 Purple Hearts	16 Branch Meeting 1900 	17 Karaoke with 2000-Red Fraley	18
19 Free Pool	20	21 Unit Lunch 1130	22	23 MCL mtg 1900 	24 Karaoke with Glenn Klette	25
26 Free Pool	27	28 Sojourners Meeting 1900	29	30	31 LCCC Mtg 1200 Noon New Years Party 	

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 our 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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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. 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. Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at The Home or mail your request to the Branch Secretary.

NEWSLETTERS ARE SENT EVERY MONTH

WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!