

## FRA, LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

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### BRANCH OFFICERS

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| President – Larry Starland<br>(day)729-0423(eve)863-8474 | Vice-President – Larry Cox<br>553-9025 |
| Treasurer – Laurie Bailey                                | Secretary – Darlene Hines<br>824-2589  |
| Jr. Past President – Chuck Hines                         |  |

### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fred Bolz     | Mark Hunter   | Dave Rein    |
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| David Guarino | Chris LaForce | Bobbi Sutton |
| Luke Hayes    | Nate Nathan   | John Tharp   |
| Chuck Hines   | Larry Pepper  |              |

### APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Chaplain – Bobbi Sutton 875-4010     | Historian – Laurie Bailey              |
| Master-at-Arms – Eric Bourgeois      | Legislative Affairs – Fred Bolz        |
| Amer/Pat – Larry Cox                 | Ways & Means – Larry Pepper            |
| Membership – Chuck Hines             | Youth Activities – John Tharp          |
| By-Laws & Budget – Chuck Hines       | Audit – John Janney & Luke Hayes       |
| Public Relations – Mr. P.R. Starland | WEB Masters – Dana & Charlotte Johnson |
| VAVS – Fred Bolz                     |  |

## LAFRA UNIT 269

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### UNIT OFFICERS

|                                      |  |
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| President – Rusty Wenzel<br>797-2337 | Vice-President – Karen Adams<br>553-9121 |
| Treasurer – Linda Cox<br>553-9025    | Secretary – Karen Adams<br>553-9121      |
| Jr. Past President – Pat Suckow      |  |

### UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Pat Bischoff   | Gail Nathan  | Pat Suckow  |
| Erin Giannetto | Joey Phillip | Nancy Vella |
| Joann Ludwig   | Mandie Stone |             |

### APPOINTEES & COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Chaplain – Pat Bischoff 764-0927 | Youth Activities – The Unit   |
| Membership – Karen Adams         | Amer/Pat – Linda Cox          |
| Sergeant-at-Arms – Karen Adams   | Unit Activities – Gail Nathan |
| Publicity – Ms. P.R.             | VAVS – Erin Giannetto         |
| Welfare – Rusty Wenzel           | Audit – Erin Giannetto        |
| Merry Widows – Betty Harris      |                               |

## BRANCH PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bravo Zulu to the Branch and Unit. We donated \$3,207.00 dollars to the Honor Flight Low Country. That should send 7 WW II Veterans to visit the National WW II Memorial in Washington DC this coming November or this spring. The first flight will leave November 7<sup>th</sup> from Charleston International Airport. The flight leaves at 7:00 A.M. I encourage as many of you that can to be at the airport to send off our WW II Hero's. The flight returns at 7:00 P.M. that same night an again I encourage as many members that can make it to be there and cheer their return. You'll be glad you did. As a result of our donation, we will be able to name a Guardian for the Spring Flight at no cost to us. We will have a raffle for this Honor. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Honor Flight. Please note that a Guardian has responsibilities. First to attend the pre-flight meeting to greet the Veterans they will be escorting, and than visiting the Veterans at there home to get to know each other.

There will be no guest speakers at the November and December General Assembly meetings. The Holidays are upon us and we tend to all get busy. I do plan to have 2 or 3 more speakers at our meetings in the spring.

We will be starting our Toys for Tots campaign soon. And as you know, with the economy as it is and the high unemployment, the need will be greater this year in the Low Country. So give as generously as you think you can and then give a little more. The children will appreciate you kindness. Our Angle Tree will be up soon.

Naval History: 11/03/1943, Battleship Oklahoma, sunk at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, is refloated. 11/7/1861, naval forces under Rear Admiral Samuel F. DuPont capture Port Royal Sound, SC. 11/11/1981, Commissioning of first Trident-class Nuclear Powered FBM Submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN-726). 11/16/1776, first salute to an American flag (Grand Union Flag) flying from Continental Navy ship Andrew Doria, by Dutch fort at St. Eustatius, West Indies. 11/21/1918, U.S. battleships witness surrender of German High Seas fleet at Rosyth, Firth of Forth, Scotland, to U.S. and British fleets. 11/25/1775, Continental Congress authorizes privateering. (Pirates?). 11/29/1890, First Army-Navy football game (Navy won 24 to 0).

That's it for now, secretary says I'm getting to winded, until next month, see you at the Fleet. DiDaDiDaDit.

In L/P/S Larry M. Starland

## VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

**November 8<sup>th</sup> 1400hrs - Downtown Charleston**

The Branch and Unit have once again rented a float for the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Charleston. The parade is on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and starts at 1400hrs. You can park at the VA medical center and be shuttled to the parade route. Best be there by 1200hrs. Come out and show your veteran pride.

## VETERANS DAY – Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (observed)

We will participate in the Veterans Day Parade. Everyone is welcome to participate. There will be an indoor picnic following the parade at approximately 4 PM. 50-50 Raffle. Desserts are welcomed.

## VETERAN'S DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

**November 11<sup>th</sup> 0800hrs**

Muster at 0800hrs on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Plantation Memorial Gardens on Route 17A for flag placement honoring Veterans' Day. We'll return at 1700hrs to retrieve the flags.

## BRANCH CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIPS

Congratulations!!! This is your anniversary month.

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED??? PLEASE DO, IF YOU HAVE NOT!!**

|                         |                        |                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Richard Best 41yrs      | William Turoski 10yrs  | Todd Kozey 3yrs       |
| William Curley 37yrs    | Charles Smith 10yrs    | Merlin Brignall 3yrs  |
| Thomas Evans 37yrs      | Robert Allen 10yrs     | Timothy McNally 3yrs  |
| Joseph Wiehl 35yrs      | David Smith 9yrs       | Kelly Rice 3yrs       |
| O. Frank Duncan 35yrs   | Pedro Garcia 9yrs      | Kay Riebe 3yrs        |
| Richard Cleeve 33yrs    | Thomas Krieger 9yrs    | Angela Chapman 3yrs   |
| Paul Gonya 33yrs        | Michael Scott 6yrs     | Fayette Thornal 3yrs  |
| Frank Eldridge 31yrs    | Pamela Scott 6yrs      | Thomas McFarlane 3yrs |
| Arthur Pittman 31yrs    | Lawrence Denapoli 6yrs | John Sloane 3yrs      |
| Raymond Montminy 29yrs  | James Heath 6yrs       | William Akin 2yrs     |
| Norman Muller 28yrs     | Dean Clouser 6yrs      | James Lyda 2yrs       |
| John Waite 26yrs        | Gordon Fisher 5yrs     | Russell Wheeler 2yrs  |
| Ronald Aycock 25yrs     | Bill Ansel 4yrs        | Baron Thomas 2yrs     |
| Donald Sponic 17yrs     | Richard Day 4yrs       | Neil Goodrich 2yrs    |
| Jack Stiegelmeier 17yrs | Frank Bohannon 4yrs    | John Taylor 2yrs      |
| Dean Dupont 17yrs       | Carmel Olmo 4yrs       | Rick Vela 2yrs        |
| William Johnson 17yrs   | Charles Nelms 4yrs     | Larry Pickett 2yrs    |
| Thomas Blalock 17yrs    | Carl Pigott 4yrs       | James Sauls 2yrs      |
| Lewis Steed 17yrs       | James Hutton 4yrs      | Michael Sparkman 2yrs |
| Jay Rowland 17yrs       | Vicki Laberge 4yrs     | Glen Wilkerson 1yr    |
| Ronnie Jones 15yrs      | Donald Staton 3yrs     | Leon Harris 1yr       |
| Thomas Chilton 14yrs    | William Boyd 3yrs      | Angela Waller 1yr     |
| Alfred Bauer 11yrs      | Edward Stank 3yrs      | Curtis Renfro 1yr     |
| Steve Naert 11yrs       | Randy Reed 3yrs        | Robert MacDonald 1yr  |
| Stanley Sanders 10yrs   | Carter Kirk 3yrs       | Tim Baker 1yr         |

## MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

I sure hope that you have received your flu shots. It seems like there are a lot of ailing folks out there. The holidays are coming up and you don't want to miss that turkey and Santa's visit.

The Unit will be helping the homeless at the Good Neighbor Center in North Charleston. If you guys would like to clean out your closets and donate your too big or small things, just bring them to the Home and we will see that they are taken to the shelter.

You will probably notice that our secretary, Tina Bohannon has resigned. Karen Adams will finish her term of office. If you need to contact her, call 553-9121 or leave a message in the pass down log.

When you see the term Loyalty, Protection and Service in correspondence regarding the FRA & LAFRA, it is referring to the cardinal principles of our organizations. By supporting the homeless shelters, thanksgiving baskets, toys for tots, the angel tree at Christmas, the thanksgiving dinner for the troops that have no place to go and the many other causes that we support is the Service part of our creed. There are many things that we do that are not acknowledged in the newsletter. If you think that your dues are not put to good use, come to a meeting and ask questions or make suggestions.

The Ladies will have their Christmas Luncheon at the Fleet Reserve on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. Bring a gift not to exceed \$10.00 for exchange. That is the third Tuesday.

If you are going to be traveling this holiday please travel safely and get there and have a great time. If you are celebrating a milestone of some sort, then my congratulations, if you are ill or in the hospital, please get well soon; if you have suffered a loss then you have my sincere condolences. Have a good Thanksgiving and don't eat too much.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,  
Rusty

## UNIT CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIPS

|                        |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Karen Adams 14yrs      | Joan Grainger 5yrs     | Doug Cattell, Jr 3yrs  |
| Yoshie Kelly 10yrs     | Patricia Pruitt 5yrs   | Joyce Wilson 3yrs      |
| Barbara Addington 9yrs | Lynda Monnig 4yrs      | Phyllis Harring 2yrs   |
| Doris Rash 9yrs        | Maxine Schaffer 4yrs   | Linda Villa 2yrs       |
| Maria Lewis 9yrs       | Elizabeth Mullins 4yrs | Joan Hulsey 2yrs       |
| Faye Pyatt 8yrs        | Norma Gussler 4yrs     | Judith Highberger 2yrs |
| Yvonne Aguilera 8yrs   | Elfriede Campbell 4yrs | Elizabeth Cosimano 1yr |
| Angela Clark 7yrs      | Erin Griesemer 3yrs    | Timothy White, Jr 1yr  |
| Michelle Owens 5yrs    | Nancy Bullis 3yrs      | Joeylyne Phillips 1yr  |

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**FOR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

S/M Luke Hayes has authorized funds and is gathering names of active duty personnel who will be invited for a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Home on November 26<sup>th</sup>. S/M Hayes needs your help, volunteers to cook, serve, and clean-up, give him a call at 367-3547. Let's make this happen.

**Let's give Thanks to those who are now serving and unable to be home with love ones.**

**YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!**

If you are a Branch 269 or Unit 269 member, stop by the FRA, 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.

|                         |                          |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Murrell Wilson 11/01    | Stephen Black 11/12      | Roger Rader 11/21        |
| Danny Leonhardt 11/01   | Alice Cronin 11/13       | Georgia Cathcart 11/21   |
| Donald Wolfe 11/01      | Barbara Moore 11/13      | Robert Olsen 11/21       |
| James Finney 11/02      | Kathleen Langan 11/13    | Dan Gay 11/21            |
| Paul Langan 11/02       | John Houck 11/13         | Richard Best 11/22       |
| Linda Brinson 11/02     | Gareld Landis 11/14      | Joseph Ondo 11/23        |
| Chris Laforce 11/02     | Samuel Hewitt 11/14      | Scott Chafin 11/23       |
| Stacy Power 11/04       | Carol Bailey 11/14       | Thomas Lawson 11/24      |
| Tracy Haselden 11/04    | Nancy Bullis 11/14       | Joseph Schmitt 11/24     |
| David Bell 11/05        | Ed Roche 11/15           | Ron Litzenberger 11/24   |
| Thomas Seay 11/05       | Thomas Blalock 11/15     | Lora Pilcher 11/24       |
| Yachiyo Bauer 11/05     | Paul Gonya 11/15         | Elizabeth Crisanto 11/24 |
| John Newby 11/05        | Jones Kersey 11/15       | Tim Stevenson 11/24      |
| Kurt Stauff 11/05       | Gerald Ott 11/15         | Doris Stuhr 11/25        |
| Larry Starland 11/06    | Larry Larkins 11/15      | Talmage Hughston 11/25   |
| Pedro Garcia 11/06      | William Adams 11/15      | Charles Moss 11/26       |
| Charles Baylor 11/06    | Cheryl Christopher 11/15 | Leonard Monnig 11/26     |
| Robert Dudley 11/06     | Kevin Kerns 11/15        | Kenneth Seal 11/26       |
| Rodney McKanna 11/07    | Lee McClenny 11/16       | Bruce Rensing 11/26      |
| Carmelo Olmo 11/07      | Frank Duncan 11/16       | Leonard Ogle 11/26       |
| Robert Beilstein 11/08  | Gary Crozier 11/16       | Donald Kalkreuth 11/27   |
| Floyd Stukes 11/08      | David Mueller 11/17      | Loyce Lovett 11/27       |
| Terry Gomez 11/08       | Linda Cox 11/18          | Jack Stroman 11/27       |
| Carroll Sandefer 11/08  | Kenneth Pilcher 11/18    | Philip Versprill 11/27   |
| Elizabeth Brigham 11/08 | David Johnson 11/19      | Kevin Holcomb 11/28      |
| Frederick Bourne 11/09  | Linwood Murrow 11/19     | Gary Green 11/29         |
| Linda Harris 11/09      | Carter Kirk 11/19        | George Well 11/30        |
| Robert Hughes 11/09     | Peter Pugliese 11/19     | Maxine Schaffer 11/30    |
| Larry Turner 11/09      | Thomas Hall 11/20        | James Houchin 11/30      |
| Kenneth Gray 11/10      | Kiyoko Muessig 11/20     | Larry Brodie 11/30       |
| Francis Shenton 11/11   | Paul Viering 11/20       | Melladi O'Rourke 11/30   |
| Brian Cecil 11/11       | Stan Rhorer 11/20        | Andrew Bergamo 11/30     |
| John Shaak 11/11        | James Heath 11/20        | Jacquelyn Bouie 11/30    |
| Sarah Lucas 11/11       | Lawrence Case 11/20      |                          |
| William Johnson 11/12   | William Cottle 11/21     |                          |

**NOVEMBER 2009**

| SUN  | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THUR  | FRI  | SAT  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b><br>1000hrs to 2000hrs<br>FREE<br>POOL   | <b>2</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100   | <b>3</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>WINGS NIGHT<br>1700-2100hrs  | <b>4</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Pizza Night<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100<br><br>1800 - Vietnam Vets | <b>5</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100   | <b>6</b><br>Lunch 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke     | <b>7</b><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - The Oasis Band                          |
| <b>8</b><br>1000hrs to 2000hrs<br>FREE<br>POOL   | <b>9</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100   | <b>10</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>1130 - Merry Widows luncheon<br><br>WINGS NIGHT<br>1700-2100hrs                   | <b>11</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Pizza Night<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100                           | <b>12</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100<br><br>1900- Sub Vets Meeting                            | <b>13</b><br>Lunch 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke    | <b>14</b><br>0900 - Golf Tournament<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke |
| <b>15</b><br>0900 - Field Day<br><br>1200 - Home Committee<br><br>1000hrs to 2000hrs<br>FREE<br>POOL | <b>16</b><br>BAR SIDE ONLY CLOSED FOR CLEANING<br><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100 | <b>17</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>6:30 - UNIT BOD<br>7:00 - UNIT General Assembly<br><br>WINGS NIGHT<br>1700-2100hr | <b>18</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Pizza Night<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100                           | <b>19</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100<br><br>1800- BRANCH BOD<br>1900- BRANCH General Assembly | <b>20</b><br>Lunch 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke    | <b>21</b><br>1800 - Turkey Dinner<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke   |
| <b>22</b><br>1000hrs to 2000hrs<br>FREE<br>POOL  | <b>23</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100  | <b>24</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>WINGS NIGHT<br>1700-2100hr  | <b>25</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Pizza Night<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100                           | <b>26</b><br>THANKSGIVING DAY<br><br>Home Is Closed   | <b>27</b><br>Lunch 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke    | <b>28</b><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Barbara Harrell Group                  |
| <b>29</b><br>1000hrs to 2000hrs<br>FREE<br>POOL  | <b>30</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100  | <b>Dec 1</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>WINGS NIGHT<br>1700-2100hrs  | <b>Dec 2</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Pizza Night<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100                        | <b>Dec 3</b><br>Lunch is served 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2100<br><br>1930 - Marine Corp League Meeting              | <b>Dec 4</b><br>Lunch 1100-1300<br><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke | <b>Dec 5</b><br>Galley is open 1700-2200<br><br>2000 - Poweroke                            |

## **Americanism & Patriotism** **ESSAY CONTEST**

The 2009-2010 FRA essay contest is underway. All students in grades 7 – 12 are eligible to enter. Forms are available at the home and on-line at: [www.fra.org/Content/fra/AboutFRA/EssayContest/default.cfm](http://www.fra.org/Content/fra/AboutFRA/EssayContest/default.cfm)

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Drop off an unwrapped toy at the Fleet. Deadline to drop off is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUY AN ORNAMENT, HELP A CHILD**

The Christmas tree in the bar area will only have lights on it until ornaments are purchased by donation. That's right you can make a donation, any amount will do, and help fill our Christmas tree. Please make your donation by December 17<sup>th</sup>. OK, the ornaments are only paper but you get to write your name on it.

The donations will be forwarded to Toys for Tots.

## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

[darlene.hines@comcast.net](mailto:darlene.hines@comcast.net)

**BOD Motion** - S/M Bolz seconded by S/M Friend made motion that Branch 269 allocates \$25.00 for Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony wreath. Voice vote, 1 nay, carried.

**BOD Motion** - S/M Bolz seconded by S/M C. Hines made motion to give challenge coins to the visiting British veterans and any other invited guest of Branch 269. Voice vote, 2 nays, carried.

**BOD Motion** - S/M Sparks seconded by S/M Bolz made motion to donate a flag kit to the Warhorses for their Homeless Veteran fundraiser. Voice vote, carried.

**BOD Motion** - S/M Bailey, seconded by S/M Nathan made motion that the Branch purchase new POW/MIA and Blue Star flag for the Home. Voice vote, carried.

**BOD Motion** - S/M Hayes seconded by S/M C. Hines made motion to extend the Two for One recruitment for new members only until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Voice vote, carried.

**Motion** - S/M Nathan, seconded by S/M Bolz made motion that the Branch allocates \$250.00 for a wall plaque for Branch 269's WWII veterans. Voice vote, carried.

**Motion** - S/M C. Hines, seconded by S/M B. Sutton made motion that the Branch allocates \$800.00 for Thanksgiving food baskets for junior enlisted personnel. Voice vote, carried.

**Motion** - S/M Cox, seconded by S/M B. Sutton made motion that the Branch donate \$500.00 to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. Voice vote, 1 nay, carried.

*Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of*  
**William Nelson, USN-Ret**  
*who transferred to the*  
*Staff of the Supreme Commander*

## **BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAINS' PEW**

Our prayers and best wishes to those who may be in poor health. Anyone knowing of any illness or death among our Shipmates or Auxiliary members please contact **Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 875-4010** or **Unit Chaplain Pat Bischoff 764-0927**.

## **TURKEY DINNER at THE FLEET**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1800 – until it's gone, enjoy a turkey dinner with all the fixings with family and friends. It's a great time to share your favorite pumpkin or sweet potato pie or other favorite dessert. Meals are \$7.00 per person. As always, desserts are welcomed.

## **NEW YEAR EVE PARTY**

This year you will be entertained by The Spastics. For 47+ years The Spastics have been entertaining.

Tickets \$25.00 per person, \$30.00 after Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. Cash bar, Party Favors, Hors d'oeuvres, Champagne at Midnight, Breakfast at 0100hrs. Doors open at 1900hrs (7:00pm).

Seating chart will be used, so buy early and get a good seat. Tickets will go on sell November 7<sup>th</sup>. See your Bartender for tickets.

## **WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME**

Names drawn lately: 9/29 – Carolyn Rose, not signed; 10/6 – Rosemary Clark, not signed; 10/13 – Ralph Brown, not signed; 10/20 – Jay Duncan, 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.

## **HOME FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AUGUST '09**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| NET PROFIT       | \$2,859.48   |
| BUILDING FUND    | \$20,690.13  |
| MORTGAGE BALANCE | \$191,527.65 |

**TWO FOR ONE RECRUITMENT DRIVE**  
**NEW MEMBERS ONLY**

Yes, we're doing it for another month. From now until November 30, 2009 Branch 269 is paying the second year's worth of dues from new members only. When you recruit someone they only have to pay \$30.00 and they'll become a member for two years. All application must be in by midnight November 30, 2009

**BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| New or Reinstated Members                         | 14  |
| Transferred into Low Country Branch 269           | 0   |
| Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander | 1   |
| Suspended members                                 | 15  |
| Members past due                                  | 26  |
| Transferred from Branch 269                       | 0   |
| TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 30SEP09      | 993 |

**WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES**

New, Reinstated, & Transferred Members

|                  |                 |                |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Charles Baylor   | Rodney McKanna  | Tim Stevenson  |
| Claud Bunn       | David O'Donnell | John Tully     |
| Thomas Chase     | Ed O'Donnoghue  | Steven Turko   |
| Patrick Hirsch   | Robert Savage   | Kenneth Turner |
| Patricia Lambert | Walter Scroggs  |                |

**BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Checking | \$12,115.72 |
| Savings  | \$4,497.5   |
| Total    | \$16,613.22 |

**Merry Widows Support Group**

The Merry Widows will meet on Tues, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the FRA, Home. Buffet lunch, book exchange and door prize.

Two widows have died since June, several are very sick, three have had mild strokes, two living in assisted living homes and several have lots of health problems and unable to attend our luncheon and activities. Please say a prayer for all the members.

The widows donated \$45 to the veterans trip to Washington, DC and \$45 to the pillows for patriots in Beaufort. The Harris pillow supply are making and shipping the pillows to service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, & Service,  
 Betty Harris - 552-1416 or C# 412-6753  
 e-mail: jewelbettyh09@hotmail.com

**FRA, LOW COUNTRY HOME, Inc.**  
**99 Wisteria Road**  
**(843) 569-2692**

Home Chairman – Nate Nathan  
 Laurie Bailey – Vice Chairman      Darlene Hines – Financial Sec.  
 Bobbi Sutton – Admin Sec.      Larry Starland – Bldg. & Grounds  
 Linda Cox – Special Events      Chuck Hines – Security & Mbr.  
 Karen Adams – Director      John Tharp – Director  
 Erin Giannetto – Director      Rusty Wenzel - Director  
 Trustees: Jon Sutton – Larry Pepper – Fred Bolz  
 Home Manager – Keith Suiter, Jr.

**Hours of Operations**

Mon-Sat 1000-2400 \* Sun 1000-2000  
 Happy Hour – 1600-1900 Mon-Fri

**FROM THE HOME COMMITTEE**

Hello again ABMs and AUMs (All Branch Members and All Unit Members) Hope everyone had a good month of October. I did. Always do cause of Birthday/Anniversary and of course Halloween. We had our Oktoberfest on the 10<sup>th</sup> and had an excellent time of it, what with the great food and keg beer (Larry Pepper's still got the headache to prove it).

A few items to look forward to in the month of November include an indoor picnic immediately following the Veterans Day parade on the 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1600, our Golf Tournament on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This is on a Saturday which is normally a Home Committee meeting day...so...Segue into...Home Committee meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> with the ever popular field day preceding. There will a Thanksgiving Dinner on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

One final note here Shipmates and Ladies, we'll be having the ceiling tiles in the **bar room** area cleaned on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. This is an all day affair for the company doing the cleaning, so we will be moving our operations over to the **ball room** side for the hours that the cleaning is in progress. Once cleaning is finished, the operations will shift back to the other side. So, the kitchen will not be affected and members will still be able to purchase and consume a little libation as usual, however, the pool tables and juke box and other functions will not be utilized until cleaning is complete and operations are returned to the **bar room** side. We're looking at about 1800 give or take an hour or two for completion.

Well, that about covers everything happening for the month. Hopefully, by the time you read this you'll have read the rest of the bulletin and know all there is to know about November. So come on down and enjoy yourselves to a good ol' home style meal and a drink (Just a touch for medicinal purposes mind you!), listen to some music and swap lies with old shipmates.

See ya' at the Home and have a wonderful November

Yours in LPS,  
 Nate

## **BAR SIDE CLOSE FOR CLEANING**

### **November 16th**

The ceiling tiles on the bar side of the Home are being cleaned on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Daily operations will be moved to the banquet side until the cleaning process is done, sometime late afternoon. Food and drinks will be available, just no games and NO SMOKING.

## **UP COMING EVENTS at FRA, LOW COUNTRY HOME**

Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions

Friday nights, 1900hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament

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

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Indoor picnic (parade day)

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Golf tournament

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Field Day & Home Committee meeting

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Turkey Dinner

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day – Home is Close

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Field Day & Home Committee meeting

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Branch & Unit Christmas Party

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year Eve party

**Subject to change and additions.**

## **ANNUAL PICNIC SHORT STAY - 2010**

### **There's only 2, two bedrooms units left**

The way to make reservations has changed. MWR Short Stay is now requiring a deposit for the units we block. We have reserved the clubhouse and blocked twenty-one units for **May 21-22, 2010. DO NOT CALL SHORT STAY.** You **MUST** make your reservation with S/M Darlene Hines. You **MUST** do this by April 20<sup>th</sup> or unreserved units will be released back to Short Stay. Call 824-2589 or e-mail [darlene.hines@comcast.net](mailto:darlene.hines@comcast.net). Your reservation will not be confirmed until payment is received. Deposit is \$62.00 for two bedroom villa.

## **Adopt-A-Highway Schedule**

Muster at the Home by 0900 hours and let's do what we said we would. Pick-up trash along NAD Road.

Adopt-A-Highway pick-up schedule for 2009:

December 5<sup>th</sup>