

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**.

ESSAY CONTEST

The 2008 essay contest forms are at the Home and on line at www.fra.org. The theme this year is: "What the United States flag stands for". Remember this contest is open to all students (including home schooled), Grades 7 thru 12. The contest is not restricted to children of the FRA or its Unit. The grand national prize is \$15,000 with prizes of \$5,000 \$3,000 and \$2,000 to each first, second, and third place winner in grades seven through twelve. Additional awards are given by Regional and local branches.

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	\$10,878.81
Savings	\$4,470.88
Total	\$15,349.69

HOME FINANCIAL REPORT

31 JULY 2008

NET PROFIT	\$597.57
BUILDING FUND	\$19,795.99

FRA, SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION 2008

Even in these days of high gas prices Shipmates and Auxiliary members throughout the southeast region came together. The members of Branch and Unit 269 once again did a fantastic job hosting.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped and donated. You're the ones who made it happen.

CONVENTION UNFINISHED BUSINESS

For those not aware of what happen, the bus company that was contracted and paid in full to shuttle our visiting Shipmate and Auxiliary members to a BBQ dinner at our Home was a no show.

Paperwork has been filed at Charleston County Small Claims court. We are waiting for a court date and time. There will be a notice posted at the Fleet when we get on the court docket. Everyone is invited to be there and show support.

We're asking for a refund of our \$500.00 plus court cost.

MADAM PREZ'S CORNER

I do believe that Fall is in the air at last! It should get our blood jumping and lots of energy to spend. We had a good September meeting and at this writing we are looking forward to our Italian night. I hope that a lot of you were there.

Our October meeting will be held on the 14th next month. Please remind your friends of this change.

The Veteran's Day parade will be on the 9th of November, mark it on your calendar and plan to ride or march with us in the parade. We will have a float and need Branch and Unit members to participate.

While making plans to provide the support that we have given the two homeless shelters in the past, we found out that the women and children's shelter had been closed. Lack of funding shut the doors. The men's shelter is still open. There are a large number of homeless veterans in need at their shelter. We will continue to do what we can to help this worthy cause.

Ladies, the auxiliary has a lovely funeral ceremony that we are pleased to do when a member dies. The problem is, that we have to be asked by the family to conduct this ritual. Please make your wishes known to your next of kin so that we may be able to conduct this service for your family.

If it is your birthday, have a merry one. If you are ill or hospitalized, please get well and let our Chaplain know so that we might contact you. If you have suffered a loss, please accept our sincere condolences.

Next meeting is October 14th. 'Til then,

I'm yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Rusty

UNIT CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIPS

Gail Nathan 28yrs	Marva Powledge 8yrs	Vicky McHugh 2yrs
Elizabeth Worthy 21yrs	Yvonne Wallace 5yrs	Katherine Monnig 2yrs
Pearl Korbisch 12 yrs	Cynthia Young 4yrs	Morgan Monnig 2yrs
Edith Weaver 9yrs	Carolyn Rose 4yrs	James Morris 1yr
Sandra Albers 9yrs	Elizabeth Peterson 4yrs	John Morris 1yr
Ethel Forgar 8yrs	Betty Wirick 4yrs	Melissa Terrio 1yr
Bunny Bohannan 8yrs	Ester Smith 3yrs	Ann O'Brien 1yr
Rosalie Lawrence 8yrs	Amanda Reid 2yrs	Mary Horton 1yr
Claire Booth 8yrs	Andrea Davis 2yrs	Phyllis Harring 1yr

ELVIS WILL BE BACK IN THE BUILDING

October 25th: Ladies and mates have asked for Elvis, and he's back! Plus he has Johnny and June Carter Cash. Tickets to go on sale soon. Tickets purchased on or before October 19th will be \$15.00 each. After Oct. 19th, tickets are \$20.00 each.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY & CAKEWALK

There will be a Halloween Costume Party at the FLEET on Friday, October 31st. There will be prizes awarded for best costume man and best costume woman.

Members are asked to bake a cake for a cakewalk.

VETERANS TO RIDE WANTED WWII, KOREAN, or VIETNAM VETS

FRA Low Country Branch 269 will be providing three vehicles to carry WWII Veterans, Korean Veterans and Vietnam Veterans in the parade. If you would like to ride, please contact Larry Cox at 843-553-9025 or LCOX486@COMCAST.NET

Space is limited.

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH PANCAKES

November 8th 0930-1300hrs

Branch 269 will host a breakfast buffet with pancakes on the 8th of November starting at 0930 until 1300 hours.

The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Can't beat that!

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

November 9th 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 9th and starts at 1400hrs. You can park at the VA medical center and be shuttled to the parade route. Best be there by 1200hrs.

Show your veteran pride.

VETERAN'S DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

November 11th 0800hrs

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

OCTOBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	2 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	3 Lunch 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke	4 0800 Golf Tournament Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke
5 FREE POOL ALL DAY	6 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	7 Lunch is served 1100-1300 WINGS NIGHT 1700-2100hrs	8 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	9 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100 1900- Sub Vets Meeting	10 Lunch 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Croon -A-Tune	11 0900 - Field Day 1200 –Home Committee Meeting Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 - Croon -A-Tune
12 FREE POOL ALL DAY	13 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	14 Lunch is served 1100-1300 WINGS NIGHT 1700-2100hrs Departing 9:45 Merry Widows' luncheon see article within 6:30 – UNIT BOD 7:00 – UNIT General Assembly	15 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	16 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100 1800– BRANCH BOD 1900- BRANCH General Assembly	17 Lunch 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke	18 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke
19 FREE POOL ALL DAY	20 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	21 Lunch is served 1100-1300 WINGS NIGHT 1700-2100hrs 1130- Unit Luncheon O'Charlie's Northwoods	22 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	23 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	24 Lunch 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Croon -A-Tune	25 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Croon -A-Tune Danny Sterling Elvis Show
26 FREE POOL ALL DAY	27 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	28 Lunch is served 1100-1300 WINGS NIGHT 1700-2100hrs	29 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	30 Lunch is served 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2100	31 Lunch 1100-1300 Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke Halloween Costume contest & cake walk	Nov 1 0900 - Golf Tournament Galley is open 1700-2300 2000 – Poweroke

BRANCH CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIPS

Congratulations!!! This is your anniversary month.

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

James McDonough 41yrs	Verne Merrill 5yrs	William Pilson 2yrs
John Lemieux 41yrs	Carey Baxley 5yrs	Frank Cordero 2yrs
Norman Walker 40yrs	Robert Brown 4yrs	John Meiers 2yrs
John Potter 38yrs	Jack Wirick 4yrs	Don Kalkreuth 2yrs
Frederick Koenig 38yrs	William Patton 4yrs	William Clark 2yrs
Irvin Easterlin 35yrs	Stuart Roane 4yrs	Donald Neville 2yrs
Kenneth Wallace 34yrs	William Campbell 3yrs	Michael Hough 2yrs
Rocco Losito 34yrs	Terri Gray 3yrs	James Finney 2yrs
Philip Gardner 32 yrs	Bobbi Sutton 3yrs	David Guarino 2yrs
Ronald Chapin 31yrs	Barry Stitely 3yrs	Leroy Werley 2yrs
James Bolyn 31yrs	Michael Roth 3yrs	Ernest Stewart 2yrs
Girard Coutu 29yrs	Tim Bailey 3yrs	Nathaniel Mizzell 2yrs
Robert Beilstein 28yrs	Chris Laforce 3yrs	Jeuel Seal 2yrs
Julian Villegas 28yrs	John Owens 3yrs	Kevin McCoy 1yr
Marvin Brigman 23yrs	Robert Shoecraft 3yrs	Michael Felton 1yr
Wilmer Shirey 20yrs	Steve Sigmon 3yrs	Sherri Budde 1yr
Samuel Wright 19yrs	Robert Call 3yrs	Carl Baybo 1yr
Robert Steele 18yrs	Terri Heath 3yrs	George Barton 1yr
John Muessig 16yrs	Lawrence Coates 3yrs	Brian Allston 1yr
John Paul 15yrs	Leonard Monnig 3yrs	Richard Nolan 1yr
David Morrin 15yrs	Stanley Singer 2yrs	Melvin Harper 1yr
Daniel Poling 13yrs	George Thiebaud 2yrs	Jack Nyhart 1yr
Oscar Diano 11yrs	John Mueller 2yrs	William Westcoat 1yr
Gary Samples 11yrs	Michael Kay 2yrs	Guy Travaglio 1yr
Robert Hendry 11yrs	Paul Egonut 2yrs	Joseph Polk 1yr
Frank Blaszak 10yrs	Robert Mastrion 2yrs	John Newby 1yr
Kenneth Molitor 8yrs	Phillip Nunnally 2yrs	Boyce Williams 1yr
William Jenkins 8yrs	James Gregory 2yrs	Brandon Pruett 1yr
Betty Hilliard 8yrs	Michael Sosa 2yrs	Gary Becker 1yr
Charles Rein 8yrs	William Hunter 2yrs	Kurt Stauff 1yr
Wayne Ott 8yrs	Richard Barnhart 2yrs	Donald Lozen 1yr
Jeffrey Muniz 7yrs	Raymond Kiley 2yrs	Patrick Haley 1yr
Thomas Hall 7yrs	Brian Masterson 2yrs	Ryan King 1yr
Kenneth Pilcher 6yrs	William Reed 2yrs	
Jeffrey Miller 6yrs	Alan Johnson 2yrs	

YOU RECRUIT, THE BRANCH WILL PAY

Branch Bylaw, Article X, Section 1004 - Any member of the Branch will have one year of dues paid by the Branch for each group of ten paid new or reinstated members recruited for the Branch.

NEED A COPY OF YOUR DD-214???

Go to <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.
or call 1-866-272-6272

ANNUAL PICNIC SHORT STAY - 2009

The weekend is set, May 15th & 16th. The units are blocked in the name of SINGLETARY. The numbers to call are 761-8353 or 1-800-447-2178.

There will be a planning meeting in the near future. Watch for it so you can help decide and plan next year's picnic.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

darlene.hines@comcast.net

BOD Motion - S/M Bolz seconded by S/M C. Hines made motion that the Branch pays for one year's dues into the FRA for the four member color guard used during the Southeast Regional convention. Voice vote, carried.

Motion - S/M Farmer seconded by S/M Bolz made motion that the Branch host pancake breakfast on November 8th. Voice vote, carried. S/M D. Hines seconded by S/M B. Sutton made motion to allocate \$300.00 for working capital the pancake breakfast. Voice vote, carried.

Motion - S/M C. Hines seconded by S/M Friend made motion to allocate \$800.00 for Thanksgiving food baskets for active duty personnel. Voice vote, 1 nay, carried.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	13
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269	1
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	0
Suspended members	14
Members past due	28
Transferred from Branch 269	0
TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF 31AUG08	984

WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

New, Reinstated, & Transferred Members

Paul Bayusik	Kevin Holcomb	Anita Putman
David Boggs	Crystal Koch	John Werstler
James Doman	Steve Koch	Edward Westlake
Thomas Hall	John Priest	Robert Zauner
William Hardy	Stanford Pringle	

FRA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 1st, 0900

The course will be the Redbank Golf Course. Entry Fees are Non-Club Member - \$40; Club Members - \$30; Club Member with cart - \$20.00. The first paid 27 teams get in. Payments are due 10 days prior to tournament. Don't wait!!!! The entry includes green fee, cart, prizes & a prime rib dinner. Additional dinners are available at \$11.00.

Entry forms are at the Fleet. Rain date, November 8th.

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.

Reba Crooks 10/01	Thomas Britton 10/10	Theodore Nesbitt 10/21
William Roup 10/01	Mark Chapman 10/11	Kenneth Boggs 10/21
Carl Moulden 10/01	Chuck Hines 10/11	Lee Barkely 10/21
Brendan Goff 10/01	Danny Houglan 10/11	Paul Pearson 10/22
Sandra Rader 10/01	Peter Hunter 10/11	Barry Wilson 10/22
Katherine Peterson-Crain 10/1	Elwin Wolfe 10/12	Joseph Wiehl 10/22
Mark Heck 10/01	John Lookabill 10/12	Jeffrey Peterel 10/22
William Ammeter 10/01	Lonnie Kenney 10/12	John Jones 10/23
David Adams 10/02	Bryan Kopczynski 10/12	William Boyd 10/23
Louis Mondello 10/02	Barbara Muth 10/13	Robert Savage 10/23
John Aragay 10/03	Louise Wells 10/13	Glennye Deroeck 10/24
Verne Merrill 10/03	James Morris 10/13	Luther Ussery 10/24
Brian Masterson 10/03	Robert Clements 10/14	Anderson Cox 10/24
Gregory Lambert 10/03	Billy Coffey 10/14	Arthur Warren 10/24
Bonnie McElroy 10/04	Richard Davis 10/14	Conrad Shaw 10/26
Margaret Campbell 10/04	Dwynne Ashline 10/15	John Robinson 10/26
Eric Bourgeois 10/04	Daniel Sease 10/15	Gary Gander 10/26
David Markyvech 10/05	Richard Alfano 10/15	William Pruitt 10/27
Rodney Carter 10/05	Larry Sharp 10/15	Dewitt Morgan 10/27
Bill Gussler 10/06	Edmund Collins 10/15	Bruce York 10/27
William Farmer 10/06	Sydney Nunez 10/15	Minnie Sharp 10/27
Amanda Reid 10/06	Arthur White 10/16	Genevieve Sumner 10/27
Brenda Robinson 10/06	Craig Wold 10/16	Cory Leblanc 10/27
Dennis Pierce 10/06	Steven Cooper 10/16	Howard Chambers 10/27
Darcy Miller 10/06	Joseph Edens 10/18	Robert Koscianski 10/28
Todd Baker 10/07	Doris Rash 10/18	William Hall 10/28
Albert Campbell 10/08	John Watkins 10/18	Harold Moon 10/29
Arthur Pittman 10/08	Philip Balem 10/18	Richard Bellemare 10/29
Cynthia Knudsen 10/08	Conrado Celestial 10/19	Susan Cattell 10/29
Ira Monnig 10/08	John Aguilera 10/19	Dennis Hazel 10/29
Katherine Monnig 10/08	William Ahner 10/19	Richard Mackall 10/29
Richard Dougherty 10/09	Nate Nathan 10/19	Margaret Henshall 10/30
Kay Riebe 10/09	Leonard Chilton 10/20	Tony Riley 10/30
Thomas Lindberg 10/10	Samuel Jenkins 10/21	Jack Harden 10/31

FRA, LOW COUNTRY HOME, Inc.

99 Wisteria Road

(843) 569-2692

Home Chairman – John Janney

Laurie Bailey – Vice Chairman

Darlene Hines – Financial Sec.

Bobbi Sutton – Admin Sec.

Larry Starland – Bldg. & Grounds

Linda Cox – Special Events

Rusty Wenzel – Security & Mbr.

Al Addington – Director

Kirk Owen – Director

John Tharp - Director

Trustees: Ed Keohane – Jon Sutton – Larry Pepper

Home Manager – Nancy Bullis

Hours of Operations

Mon-Sat 1000-2400 * Sun 1000-2000

Happy Hour – 1600-1900 Mon-Fri

FROM THE HOME COMMITTEE

As of 14 September, Nancy Bullis is our Home Manager. She and I, as Home Manager and Home Committee Chairman are open to any and all reasonable suggestions. As stated in last month's Low Country Schttlebutt, please write your suggestion, sign it, and put it in the suggestion box. As of 20 September, we are trying the idea of having hotdogs, chilidogs, and/ or a bowl of chilli from 1100 to 1400-1500 hours on Saturday for \$1.00. We are doing this on a trial basis.

Yours in L/P/S,

John Janney

Home Committee Chairman

WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 8/26 – Billy Coffey, not signed; 9/02 – William Jennings, not signed; 9/09 – Jeffrey Smith, not signed; and 9/16 – Elbert Worthy, not signed, "special" drawing Al White, present; 9/23 – Evelyn MacDonald, 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.

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

October 31st: Halloween. Wear your best costume. We'll have a cakewalk.

November 8th: Breakfast buffet

November 9th: Veterans Day Parade

November 22nd: Thanksgiving Dinner. Desserts welcome.

December 20th: Branch and Unit Christmas party, dinner and ornament exchange.

December 31st: New Years Eve Party!

Subject to change and additions.

Merry Widows Support Group

The Merry Widows support group will be going to Walterboro, SC to tour the South Carolina Artisans Center on Tuesday, October 14th. We will car pool from the FRA, Home. Please be there and ready to leave by 9:45am.

We will have lunch at a nearby restaurant on the same street. Please let me know how many are planning to go. I will need a reservation count for lunch. There are several antique stores on the same street.

Bring a friend too.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, & Service,
Betty Harris - 552-1416 or C# 412-6753

LET'S GO GREEN

NEWSLETTER IS NOW ON OUR WEBSITE

www.fra269.org

Help save on printing and postage, you can retrieve the newsletter from the website. Previous months' copies are there as well.

Anyone and everyone who would like to just go to www.fra269.org and read the newsletter **PLEASE** contact S/M Darlene Hines at 824-2589, darlene.hines@comcast.net, or leave a note in the Pass Down Log (PDL) at The Home to be removed from the snail mail list.

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 2008:

October 11

December 6