

**Branch 269  
Goose Creek  
South Carolina**



**November 2016**

**Scuttlebutt**

**Fleet Reserve Association, Low Country Branch 269**

<http://www.fra269.org> (Branch)

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**Branch President's Corner**

Welcome to the Holiday Season

**Modest (I could think of more accurate words) COLA Increase**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently announced a modest 0.3 percent (for the math challenged, that is 30 cents per hundred \$'s) increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for calendar year 2017 for military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients. The new COLA rate will be effective December 1, 2016 and the adjustment will appear in the December 30, 2016 payment. (Note: Social Security recipients: that 0.3% increase will go to the increase in Medicare tax.)

**FRA, Auxiliary Elect National Officers**

FRA National President Donald Larson (Branch 94, Corpus Cristi, TX)  
 FRA National Vice President William Starkey (Branch 57, South Jersey, NJ)  
 FRA National Executive Director Tom Snee (Branch 181, Arlington, VA)  
 LAFRA National President Helen Courneya (Unit 274, Reno, NV)  
 LAFRA National Executive Secretary (3-year term) Lauren Wynn, (Unit 46, Honolulu, HI)  
 Our very own Auxiliary Member, Gail Nathan was appointed as AFRA National Chaplain  
 Additional convention details will be included in the December issue of FRA Today

**Membership Fees Increase effective 1 January 2017**

Annual membership dues will increase to \$40.00 per year. Two-year discount \$75.00. Five-year discount \$180.00. A first time member can elect a two-year membership for \$64.00 Life membership fees as follows:

Active Duty	\$400	Age 61-70	\$340
Under age 40	\$450	Age 71-80	\$260
Age 41-50	\$425	Age 81-100	\$200
Age 51-60	\$390	Over 100	Free

**Renew now and save some money!**

November is a very busy month at the home. Check out the special activities and **PARTICIPATE!!**

In Loyalty, Protection and Service  
 Larry Cox  
 PRPSE Branch Vice President

**LAFRA UNIT 269**

**UNIT OFFICERS**

President – RVPSE Gail Bolz      Vice President – Linda Cox  
 Secretary – Marilyn Tharp      Treasurer – NC Gale Nathan  
 Jr. Past President – Roz Mathis

**UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kathy Sorenson      Trish Chilton      Annie Bain  
 Benita Kinlaw      JrRPSE Pat Suckow      Mary Lopez  
 Maggie Morin

**BRANCH OFFICERS**

President – Laurie Bailey      Vice-President - PRPSE Larry Cox  
 Treasurer - Gerald Korinek      Secretary - John Tharp  
 Jr. Past President – PRPSE Fred Bolz

**BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PNP Don Muechek      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 - PRPSE Larry Cox      Youth Activities - Patricia Gallagher  
 Membership - Laurie Bailey      Essay Contest – PRPSE Larry Cox  
 By-Laws – Chuck Hines      Parliamentarian – 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 Muechek      Director PRPSE 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
 RVPSE Chuck Hines - 3rd Year

Home Manager – PNP Don Muechek 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 – RVPSE Gail Bolz, Roz Mathis  
 Welfare – Benita Kinlaw      Parliamentarian- JrRPSE Pat Suckow  
 Youth Activities – Mary Lopez      Merry Widows-Esther Ellisor  
 Audit –Mary Lopez, JrRPSE Pat Suckow and Trish Chilton      Unit Activities – Linda Cox  
 Publicity – Minnie Muechek  
 Hospital – Trish Chilton

### MADAM PREZ'S TIDBIT

Hi Auxiliary Members,

October 13, 2016 was the Navy's 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

I would like to tell you about my experience on that day. Our National Convention was in Jacksonville, FL., the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we had a celebration that evening. Many of us from the convention walked along the river walk to where there was a statue of the Lone Sailor. It was a beautiful evening with a slight breeze blowing and many of us took pictures standing in front of the statue. The National President of the FRA and the President of the LAFRA gave a wonderful speech. We walked back to the hotel and had delicious cupcakes and a cake. There also was a movie showing of the USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage. While patrolling the Philippine Sea on July 30, 1945 they were torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine and took 300 crewmen to the bottom of the sea. The men that survived were stranded for five days in shark infested waters.

The convention was great and all went well. Looking forward to next year's convention in Maryland. Branch and Unit 4 will be the hosts and they have assured us we will have a great time.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

RVPSE Gail Bolz

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### BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 5,332.78
Savings	\$ 4,588.20
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,162.57
Total	\$20,083.57

### FRA HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Fund	\$40,069.37
Checking	\$11,398.19
Credit Card Receipts	\$ 271.66

### BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAINS' PEW

*Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family of*

Laurie and Tim Bailey – Loss of Laurie's Brother

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.

### MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The Merry Widows Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRA Home.

### UNIT 269 LUNCHEON

The next Unit lunch will be held Tuesday, November 15 at the FRA Home at 11:30 a.m.

Marine Corps 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday Cake Cutting  
At the Fleet – 1800 on November 10  
Come out and share a piece of cake with the best!!!



### United States Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots

Collection Dinner -- November 19

Lasagna Dinner – Tickets \$10.00 – with \$5.00 refunded if you

bring a new unwrapped toy



### WEEKLY DRAWING at THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 9 - 27 –Mel Wright, not signed; 10– 4 – Frank Carroll, not signed; 10 – 11 – Mike Eubinag, not signed; 10 – 18 – Charles Baylor, 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.

### BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members	6
Transferred into Low County Branch 269	0
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander	0
Suspended members	13
Members past due	15
Transferred from Branch 269	0
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2016</b>	<b>939</b>

### WELCOME ABOARD SHIPMATES

Roger Lebel                      Eric Riddle                      Tommy Willbanks  
William Narowski              Tyler Slawson

### BRANCH 269's DINK LIST

**Past due:** William Ambler, Randall Bolin, Hoke Booth, Thomas Brown, Thomas Corbett, Dennis Darling, Charles Ealey, Vernon Freshour, Delma McMakin, Jermaine Milford, Leonard Ogle, Steven Smith, Rita Stieglmeyer and William Wynn

**Suspended:** Joey Carnley, Natale Colitte, Arlie Cunningham, William Dean Jr., James Dewitt, Johnny Logan, Donald Mook, Frederick Morast, James Oxendine, Meredith Sapp, Gary Theriault, Ben Wallace, William Weaver

**From the HOME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Hello again Shipmates and Ladies.

Another month in the books. Hopefully everyone will remember Halloween this year and come on down for the Party on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

We have survived Hurricane Matthew with little damage, other than debris from the trees. So we know the Home is sound and sturdy. Those that didn't do as well are in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe if you are attempting repairs on your own!

We had a good turnout for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, and it was a great ceremony. The Home will be having an "Indoor Picnic" on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November which is a Friday, so all hands, please make plans to attend. Here's hoping everyone has the word on the "Old Timer's Breakfast" on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. We are selling tickets for a two burner cooker behind the bar (thanks Shipmate Stanfield), and the drawing will be held during the indoor picnic. We will be hosting the US Marine Corps Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 1800. November 12<sup>th</sup> is the Golf Tournament at the Weapons Station at 0800 followed with a steak dinner provided by Shipmate Pardo and his Crew for the participants. Finally, we are going to have a "Toys for Tots" lasagna dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Price on the dinner is \$10.00, unless you donate a toy, at which time, the price is reduced.

The Home is again requesting a Home Depot grant for repairs to the Home. We put in for it last year, but unfortunately, we weren't picked. Hopefully, that'll change this year.

That's about all I have for the November newsletter at this time, other than to tell you that the Home is doing great and we would like to see you at the Home meetings and especially at the Home for all functions. Thanks,

In LPS  
Nate

**From the Branch Secretary:**

**John Tharp - [tharpj@sc.rr.com](mailto:tharpj@sc.rr.com)**

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](mailto: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. **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.**

**Motion:** S/M Nate Nathan, seconded by S/M Chris LaForce to donate \$250 to the Yorktown Division of the Sea Cadets. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M Melody Phillips, seconded by S/M John Lookabill to purchase 10 wreaths for \$150 for the Wreaths Across America. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M PNP Don Muccheck, seconded by S/M John Lookabill to authorize \$300 for essay contest expenses. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M John Lookabill, seconded by S/M PNP Don Muccheck to donate \$100 to the VA for the lunch after the Veteran's Day Parade. Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M PNP Don Muccheck, seconded by S/M Nate Nathan for up to \$400 for both upcoming Christmas parties (\$100 for Children's Christmas and \$300 for Branch Christmas party). Voice vote and carried.

**Motion:** S/M PNP Don Muccheck, seconded by S/M Bobbi Sutton for NTE \$1,000 for gift cards for junior enlisted active duty members for Thanksgiving meals. Voice vote and carried.

**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 person's 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 – November 2016**

Richard Best	48 yrs	William Johnson	24 yrs	Merlin Brignall	10 yrs	Michael LeCompte	5 yrs
William Curley	44 yrs	Jay Rowland II	24 yrs	Angela Chapman	10 yrs	Joseph Perillo	5 yrs
Thomas Evans	44 yrs	Donald Sponic	24 yrs	Timothy McNally	10 yrs	Larry Walton	5 yrs
Robert Jaeger	44 yrs	Thomas Chilton	21 yrs	John Merrell Jr.	10 yrs	Joseph Chapman III	4 yrs
Carl Farley	43 yrs	Alfred Bauer	18 yrs	Randy Reed	10 yrs	Rickey Gobert	4 yrs
Joseph Wiehl	42 yrs	Robert Allen	17 yrs	Kelly Rusboldt	10 yrs	Melissa Gordon	4 yrs
Hubert Pearce Sr.	41 yrs	Charles Smith II	17 yrs	John Sloane	10 yrs	James Walker	3 yrs
Richard Cleeve Jr.	40 yrs	Pedro Garcia	16 yrs	Edward Stark	10 yrs	Thomas Drew	1 yr
Dominador Jimenez	39 yrs	Thomas Krieger	16 yrs	Fayette Thomal	10 yrs	Scott Freligh	1 yr
Frank Eldridge	38 yrs	David Smith	16 yrs	James Lyda Jr.	9 yrs	Russell Hale	1 yr
Arthur Pittman	38 yrs	Lawrence Denapoli	13 yrs	Jimmy Sauls	9 yrs	Joseph Hayes Jr.	1 yr
Raymond Montminy	36 yrs	James Heath	13 yrs	Miguel Emerson	7 yrs	Kimberly Knapp	1 yr
Norman Muller	35 yrs	Bill Ansel	11 yrs	Edward Feidt	7 yrs	Matthew Leaird	1 yr
Jesse Smith	35 yrs	Richard Day	11 yrs	Richard Dougherty	5 yrs	Benny Samson	1 yr
Ronald Aycock	32 yrs	James Hutton	11 yrs	Richard Hebert	5 yrs	David Whaley	1 yr
Thomas Blalock	24 yrs	Carmelo Olmo Jr.	11 yrs	William Hunnell	5 yrs	Charles Wood	1 yr
Clemmis Floyd	24 yrs	Francis Bohannan	11 yrs				

**Unit Continuous Memberships - November, 2016**

Doris Rash	16 yrs	Joan Grainger	12 yrs	Nancy Bullis	10 yrs	Patricia Martin	5 yrs
Yvonne Aguilera	15 yrs	Patricia Pruitt	12 yrs	Ann O'Brier	9 yrs	Jacqueline Paxton	5 yrs
Martha Pyatt	15 yrs	Lynda Monnig	11 yrs	Charlotte Johnson	5 yrs	Shirley McDonald	1 yr
Angela Clark	14 yrs	Elizabeth Mullins	11 yrs				

**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	11/01	Rodney McKanna	11/07	Kyla Singletary	11/15	Thomas Lawson	11/24
Ronald Henderson	11/01	Carmelo Olmo Jr.	11/07	Gary Crozier	11/16	Ronald Litzenberger	11/24
Danny Leonhardt	11/01	Robert Beilstein	11/08	Lee McClenny	11/16	Elizabeth Norris	11/24
Donald Wolfe Jr.	11/01	Terry Gomez	11/08	Patricia Martin	11/17	Doris Stuhr	11/25
Linda Brinson	11/02	William Narowski	11/08	David Mueller	11/17	Diane Bahr	11/26
James Finney	11/02	Raymond Pease	11/08	Emmette Boone Jr.	11/18	Jeffrey Elliott	11/26
Christian LaForce	11/02	Carroll Sandefer	11/08	Linda Cox	11/18	Leonard Monnig	11/26
Paul Langan	11/02	Linda Harris	11/09	Kenneth Pilcher	11/18	Charles Moss	11/26
Richard Miley	11/02	Robert Hughes	11/09	Theresa White	11/18	Leonard Ogle	11/26
Charles Wood	11/02	Kenneth Gray	11/10	David Johnson	11/19	Kenneth Seal	11/26
Dwight Weatherly	11/03	Brian Cecil	11/11	Linwood Murrow	11/19	Donald Kalkreuth	11/27
Harold Herrinton	11/04	Sandra Medley	11/11	Lawrence Case	11/20	James Kenney	11/27
William Robinson Jr.	11/04	John Shaak	11/11	David Clemmons	11/20	Paul Landry	11/27
Stacy Power	11/04	Sarah Soldatke	11/11	Thomas Hall	11/20	Linda Slawson	11/27
Yachiyo Bauer	11/05	Harry Gray Jr.	11/12	James Heath	11/20	John Stroman	11/27
Riach Lawwell	11/05	William Johnson	11/12	Therese Masterson	11/20	Danielle Everwein	11/28
Howard Miles	11/05	Carol Bailey	11/14	Paul Viering	11/20	Charles Watkins	11/29
John Newby	11/05	Nancy Bullis	11/14	Georgia Cartcart	11/21	Peter Wizes	11/29
Thomas Seay	11/05	Gareld Landis	11/14	Barbara Hayes	11/21	Brian Whaley	11/29
Charles Baylor	11/06	Anthony Pyatt	11/14	Roger Rader	11/21	James Houchin	11/30
Hazel Cole	11/06	Thomas Blalock	11/15	Richard Best	11/22	Ronnie Kerstetter	11/30
Pedro Garcia	11/06	Cheryl Cecil	11/15	Kathryn Abelli	11/23	Bruce Seltzer Jr.	11/30
Herbert Hiatt	11/06	Jones Kersey	11/15	Owen Bower	11/23	Margaret Henshall	11/30
Lewis Miller	11/06	Larry Larkins	11/15	Phillip Brigman	11/23	William Watts Jr.	11/30
Douglas Perkins	11/06	Gerald Ott	11/15	Joseph Ondo	11/23	Thomas Yingling	11/30
Larry Starland	11/06						





Naval Clinic Command Master Chief Robert Miley says a few words at the U.S. Navy cake cutting on October 13



Diane Bahr is initiated as a new member in Unit 269 by President Gail Bolz



Ann Sabo receives her 5 year continuous membership pin from President Gail Bolz



Mike Hadbavny speaking at the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration at the Fleet on October 22



Ten Navy Veteran's receiving their Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin at the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



A picture of the "Lone Sailor" on the Waterfront in Jacksonville, FL. during the National Convention.



LAFRA JrPRPSE Pat Suckow placing the gray cover on National Chaplain Gale Nathan after being appointed to that position.

NAVAL HISTORY SEA STORY -- Submitted by Shipmate Vice President Larry Cox  
A Salute to those Sailors --- Little Known Tidbit of Naval History

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. Fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English Shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of water.

**"GO NAVY"**

**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

<b>November 1</b>	Sons of the Confederate Veterans	1900
<b>November 3</b>	Submarine Veteran’s E-board meeting	1800
<b>November 8</b>	Purple Heart meeting	1900
<b>November 10</b>	Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting (241 years)	1800
<b>November 10</b>	Submarine Veteran’s General Assembly meeting	1900
<b>November 11</b>	Veteran’s Day Indoor Picnic	1200
<b>November 14</b>	Vietnam Veteran’s Association meeting	1800
<b>November 14</b>	Home Committee meeting	1900
<b>November 15</b>	Unit 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting	1800/1830
<b>November 17</b>	Branch 269 BOD and General Assembly meeting	1800/1900
<b>November 19</b>	Toys for Tots Collection Dinner/Salty Dogs	1800/2000
<b>November 24</b>	Happy Thanksgiving (Home will be closed)	
<b>November 29</b>	Sojourners	1900

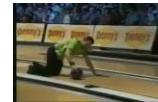
**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



**START OF FRA BOWLING LEAGUE DELAYED**

***Must be a Sailor* →→→→→**

**Too much Bar time before the game!!!**



Due to the closure of Marrington Lanes due to remodeling, the FRA Bowling League will not start until after January 1<sup>st</sup>. We’ve been told it will take 180 days to remodel but “IF” they finish sooner, that is before December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will try to start sooner.

For now, we’re scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE OFFICERS OF  
BRANCH AND UNIT 269  
AND THE FLEET HOME MANAGERS**



**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.



Old Time Navy Breakfast at the Fleet  
Sunday, October 30 (9:00 – 11:30 am)  
Let the old Shipmates of the Branch make your breakfast for only \$5.00 for the Best Breakfast in Goose Creek!!!!



## November, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Old Time Navy Breakfast 	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Sons of the Confederate Veterans 1900 Wing Night	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> SubVet Eboard mtg 1800	<b>4</b> 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Free Pool	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Purple Heart Meeting <u>1900</u> Merry Widows Luncheon 11:30 FRA Home	<b>9</b> Band Practice Banquet Room Pizza Night	<b>10</b> SubVet Meeting <u>1900</u> <b>USMC Birthday Cake Cutting - 1800</b>	<b>11</b> 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	<b>12</b> Golf Tournament
<b>13</b> Free Pool	<b>14</b> Vietnam Vet-Chapter 780 meeting <u>1800</u> Home Committee 1900	<b>15</b> Unit 269 BOD 1800 <u>269 GA 1830</u> Unit Luncheon 11:30 Craker Barrell (Summerville)	<b>16</b> Band Practice Banquet Room Painting Party 1900 Pizza Night	<b>17</b> Branch BOD – 1800 Branch GA 1900	<b>18</b> 2000 Karaoke With Nancy Gentry	<b>19</b> Toys for Tots Toy Contribution Salty Dogs Lasagna Dinner 
<b>20</b> Free Pool	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Band Practice Pizza Night	<b>24</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOME CLOSED 	<b>26</b> 2000 Karaoke with Red Fraley	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Free Pool	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sojourners 1830	<b>30</b> Band Practice Banquet Room			

### **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.

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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](http://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.