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Branch/Unit 269 Goose Creek, South Carolina

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WE WISH EACH OF OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

FRA Lowcountry Home Managers, Staff & Committee
Branch 269 Officers and Board of Directors
Unit 269 Officers and Board of Directors

Branch President's Corner

Our November meeting was well attended and many things were accomplished. We approved several items requesting money: Laura Bailey's request for \$350 for coats for homeless veterans, \$6000 for a prep table for the kitchen, and \$150 for the Children's Christmas Party.

December is fast approaching and we will be having the Branch Christmas Party on December 18. The meal will start at 1830 with an ugly sweater contest to follow. The Children's Christmas Program will be on December 21 at 1200. We encourage all children to attend. There will be prizes and refreshments will be served.

I want to wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a safe travel for those who are traveling.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Don Barton
Branch 269 President

Thoughts from Your Unit President:

Christmas is right around the corner and you

may already have your ugly holiday sweaters on standby and those cookie recipes ready to go.

The third delivery has been made to the VA Clinic in North Charleston. Again, I would like to thank all the members, shipmates, SUBVETS, and friends for their support. But as I have said, this is an ongoing project, so please keep the donations coming in to help our veterans in need. The holidays are upon us, so when you are shopping be sure to put up one or two extra items in your cart. A list is posted around the Home, on the donation containers and in this newsletter.

December is an extra busy month

**Dec 1- Cleaning of the home 5:00pm-please come and help out

**Dec 6- Toys for Tots Christmas Shopping-Walmart Super Center 8:00am

**Dec 13- Wreath Across America 12 noon at Carolina Memorial Gardens

Dec 16- Luncheon at Page's Okra Grill in Summerville—Bring a gift (\$15-\$20)** for exchange

Dec 18- Adult Christmas Party 6:30pm—Ugly Christmas Sweater or Shirt Contest**

**Dec 21- Children's Christmas Party 12 noon

**Dec 24- Christmas Eve

**Dec 25- Christmas Day

Remember our Christmas tree on the bar side where you can purchase an Angel ornament to place on the tree. This donation goes toward purchasing toys, to which the Auxiliary has made a generous donation.

The National Convention was wonderful and all who attended had a great time. With a team effort I am happy to say that the Unit received first place for our Unit Report and a check for membership.

Our 2025-2026 Board of Directors:

National President Kelly Pena

National Vice-President Laurie Starkey

National Executive Secretary Doris Fri

National Financial Secretary-Pat Suckow

National Treasurer-Sharon Lippitt

We wish them all a successful year

To maintain our organization, we need to retain new members. This starts at the Unit level.

This starts with YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The gift of love.
The gift of peace.
The gift of happiness
In Loyalty, Protection &
Service

NFS Pat Suckow, PNP
Unit 269 President

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

- 11/4: Robert Lopez [Branch]; not signed
- 11/11: William Baranek [Branch] not signed
- 11/18: Roger Rader [Branch]; signed not present
- 11/25: Sarah Harry [Branch], not signed

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 on the day of the drawing. The drawing is held every Tuesday night at 2000.

**Branch Treasurer's Report
September 28—October 27, 2025**

Cash in Bank – Checking	\$ 5,027.08
Cash in Bank – Convention Checking	\$ 20.03
Cash in Bank – Savings	\$ 5,194.25
Cash in Bank – Certificate of Deposit	\$12,236.11
TOTAL	\$22,477.47

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION

Membership and Retention: Ken Wallace

Total active members: 720

New Join/Reinstated [2]: Cody Amason, Marie Sehl

Past Due [10]: Johnny Aldea, Kevin Deise, Pacifico Dela Fuente, George Gilford, Richard Harbold Jr., Chris Ludwig, Anthony Mazza, Cubit Robinson, Bob Segal, Bob Temple

Ready to Renew [30]: Matthew Aguilera, David Aldrich, Gary Arquisola, Elizabeth Baker, Elijah Cales, Raymond Cotton, Michael Cousino, Oscar Diano, James Finney, James Fleming, Clemmis Floyd, Pedro Garcia, James Heath, Terrell Heath, Wendy Holman, Ronald Houde, Dominador Jimenez, Roger Little, Willie McDonald, Timothy McNally, Richard Nolan, Ray Phillips Jr., Lyndon Porter, Garry Radwick, David Smith, Edward Stank, L. David Taschner, Jason Tatge, Guy Travaglio, William Trotman

Term NPD [5]: Mark Archambeau, Dillon Brown, John Cardno, Lewis Leal Jr., Michael Quigley

Term DEC [2]: Bobby Barbee, Brian Steffen

- **Active Unit Members:** 198

UNIT MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION

- 30 days past due [2]: Tyler Adams, Rhonda McNally
- 60 days past due: [4]: Georgia Cathcart, Carmela Day, Johnathan Price, Jeannette Walker
- 90 days past due [2]: Scott Sarah, Ann Tolentino

Active Members: 198

BRANCH CHAPLAIN

Hospital/Welfare/Rehabilitation:

- ◇ Rick Wise has cancer in his hip, which will be treated with radiation.
- ◇ Charles Wood was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- ◇ Tom Lawson had a pacemaker placed and is recovering well.
- ◇ Sonny Rash left White Oak Manor and is home with home health care. Calls are welcome.
- ◇ Jerry Stout has a recurrence of skin cancer near his left kidney. New treatment plan needed.
- ◇ Bill Roberts received injection for trigger finger and is doing well.
- ◇ Ken Curtis is home with Palliative Hospice care.
- ◇ Trish Chilton, Skip's wife, is not doing well. Keep her in your prayers.

Shipmates or Unit members please contact:

Branch Chaplain S/M Bobbi Sutton @

843.541.2823 or 843.879.9473

Unit Chaplain Theresa Milligan @

843-535-2757

Home Committee Report

Cash Audit as of **15 Nov 2025** is as follows:

Checking Account balance	\$13,330.44
Savings account	\$50,467.04
Credit Card account available	\$13,023.74
Pending Check/Cash for deposit	\$ 1,652.00
Registers/Cash Funds	\$11,500.00
Total funds	\$89,973.22
Net Profits: Sept	\$6,010.22
Oct	\$1,018.98

Building and Grounds/Special Events/and

Manager's Report: Golf Tournament 22 Nov. tee time 0900; Christmas Dinner Dec 18th w/pork loin. Tickets are \$5.00 each with Branch covering balance of cost; new insurance agent contacted; Kitchen closed Jan 4-8 for retiling; entrance outside lights need to be replaced.

Membership and Security: FRA HQ reports 720 active members.

Old Business: Kitchen/bar tile replacement in Jan 2026; new Christmas Tree purchase for bar and banquet room; Cleanup day will be 1 Dec.

New Business: food prep bar was replaced on Nov 7th; employees to receive Christmas bonus.

Good of the Order: chair storage gets in way of Auxiliary getting to their shelves, next Home meeting will be held Dec 15 2025 at 1800.

Americanism/Patriotism - PNC Laurie Bailey

Branch Essay Contest for the 2025 A/P contest deadline is 1 December. Rules on the website at

2026 FRA Member Scholarship.pdf

Dates in History November/December

- 27 Nov- Thanksgiving Day
- 07 Dec- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 14 Dec- Hanukkah begins at sunset
- 15 Dec- Bill of Rights Day
- 17 Dec- Wright Brothers Day

Newsbytes: The Fleet Reserve Bulletin

The Newsbytes are sent throughout the month from National to all FRA members via email. A direct link to Newsbytes is on the FRA269

Website Home Page

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Newsbytes October 31, 2025

- ◇ 2026 COLA Set at 2.8%
- ◇ Veterans Go Without Critical Services
- ◇ Senate Hearing Exposes VA Disability System
- ◇ FRA Calls on Congress to Pass Pay Our Troops Act
- ◇ Medicare-Eligible Patients Back to MTFs
- ◇ FRA National Convention

Newsbytes November 7, 2025

- ◇ New FRA Leadership Elected
- ◇ Pay Our Troops Act
- ◇ FRA Meets with DHA
- ◇ Navy Reserve Center Closures
- ◇ Mobile App to Boost Veteran Care

Newsbytes November 14, 2025

- ◇ 25'-26' FRA BoD
- ◇ Government Shutdown Ends!
- ◇ FRA Observes Veterans Day
- ◇ VA Secretary Pledges Continued Improvements
- ◇ 2026 Military Construction and VA Funding

Newsbytes November 21, 2025

- ◇ FRA Attends FUSU Event
- ◇ House Passes Annual COLA ACT
- ◇ House Hearing Examines VA Disability Exams
- ◇ Marines Defend U.S. Embassy
- ◇ VA Cancels Over \$272 Million In Medical Bills

Newsbytes November 28, 2025

Will be posted in December

MEAL HOURS FOR THE HOME

Lunch Hours Mon-Fri 1100-1330.

Dinner Hours Mon-Fri 1700-1900

Branch/Unit 269 website: fra269gc.org !!!!

Get your current and past newsletters and see upcoming events. To stop your current printed copy contact webmaster@fra268gc.org

Use the Branch and Unit Membership Boxes outside the office for new member and renewal applications. When you recruit a new member ensure all of their information is correct on the application. Place the new application/renewal in an envelope (available at the box) and place inside the "Membership Box". **Nothing concerning membership will be placed in the pass down log.**

Life Membership ages and dues

Active duty: \$400.00	Ages 40 & younger: \$450.00
Ages 41-50: \$425.00	Ages 51-60: \$390.00
Ages 61-70: \$340.00	Ages 71-80: \$260.00
Ages 81-99: \$200.00	
	Ages 100 and older: FREE

The Security Corner

Provided by: George Birmingham [ET1(SS) USS H.L. Stimson SSBN655—G/SY1/G 69-74, USSVI-Holland Club Carolina Piedmont Base]

Phishing Is Moving from Email to Mobile – Smishing, Vishing, and Quishing

Greetings Shipmates, and Happy Holidays to you all!

Email security has long dominated the security conversation — and rightfully so. It remains a key method for phishing, credential theft, and social engineering. But in 2025, the threat landscape has shifted. Quietly, yet decisively, attackers increasingly are bypassing the inbox and expanding their reach across multiple channels. Recent data from the software development company TechMagic, shows that 41% of phishing incidents now employ multi-channel tactics, including **SMS (smishing), voice calls (vishing), and QR codes (quishing)**. The trend is clear: While email still matters, adversaries are shifting to mobile-first platforms like text, iMessage, WhatsApp, and social direct messages. These attacks are harder to spot, more difficult to control, and more likely to succeed, because they target the most vulnerable point in the chain: the human behind the screen.

Smishing, also known as SMS phishing, is a type of phishing delivered via SMS or other mobile messaging applications. Instead of arriving via email, the malicious link often comes as a text — disguised as a trusted contact, delivery service, bank alert, or urgent security warning. Because SMS is native to mobile devices, the messages are not exposed to traditional email security tools — leaving desktop-based defenses blind to these attacks.

Vishing, or voice phishing, is a relatively new technique that is surging in popularity due to its effectiveness. It utilizes live or prerecorded phone calls to deceive victims into disclosing credentials or transferring money, often in conjunction with mobile phishing. Attackers spoof caller IDs to appear as trusted entities — such as executives, IT help desks, banks, or government agencies — and target recipients directly on their mobile phones.

Quishing is a phishing attack that uses QR codes as bait. Instead of clicking a malicious link in an email, text, or message, the victim is tricked into scanning a QR code with their mobile

device. That scan redirects them to a fake website designed to steal credentials, deliver malware, or capture sensitive data. It's especially risky because scanning QR codes feels routine and safe — menus, payments, tickets — and most security tools don't check them before the user's device connects.

And finally, I came across this saying, which I believe carries a lot of truth.

“Never distrust your gut instinct. You are not paranoid. Your body can pick up on bad vibrations. If something deep inside you says something is not right about a person, or situation, trust it.”

As you arm yourself with knowledge about the methods used by the bad actors out there, your instincts will be equally equipped to detect a bad situations and people and thus protect you.

DID YOU KNOW??

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Sign out of Google everywhere: If you've used someone else's computer, make sure to fully log out. Go to Google and tap your profile icon in the top right. Choose Show more accounts > Sign out of all accounts > Continue. Then go back, tap Sign in > Remove an account and delete yours from the list.

3-second tech genius: In Microsoft Word, you don't need to dig through menus to find tools. Click the search bar at the top and type what you need, like “table.” Works in Excel, too.

Mirror Android to TV: Sharing your phone screen on a smart TV is easy as long as both are on the same Wi-Fi. On your phone, go to Settings > Connected devices > Smart View, then select your TV name > Full screen > Start now.

Fix a frozen computer screen: If your PC freezes, reset the graphics driver by pressing Windows key + Ctrl + Shift + B. You'll hear a beep, the screen will go black briefly, and the driver will reload. Then press Ctrl + Alt + Delete, open Task Manager and End any unresponsive apps. If all else fails, press the Power button to Restart.

BRANCH 269

BRANCH OFFICERS

President: Don Barton
Vice President: Steve Koch
Secretary: Sarah Ihme
Treasurer: PNP Don Muccheck
Jr. Past President: Ken Hutchinson

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Larry Pepper Ron Lamom
Tom Lawson Glenn Little
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By-Laws: PRPSE Fred Bolz
Chaplain: Bobbi Sutton
Essay Contest: PNC Laurie Bailey
Legislative Affairs / VAVS:
 PRPSE Fred Bolz
Master-at-Arms: Glenn Little
Membership: Ken Wallace
Parliamentarian: PNP Don Muccheck
Public Relations: John Tharp
Ways and Means: Larry Pepper
Webmaster: Nick Nichols
Newsletter: Nick Nichols
Youth Activities: Ed Peters

Auxiliary of the FRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

President: NFS Pat Suckow, PNP
Vice-President: Debbie Breeze
Secretary/Treasurer: Gale Nathan,
PNC

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Sorenson Sue Peters
Theresa Milligan Ann Griffith
Linda Nichols Dee Wallace

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Amer/Patriotism: Linda Nichols
Chaplain: Theresa Milligan
Hospital: Theresa Milligan
Membership: Debbie Breeze
Publicity: Debbie Breeze
Sergeant-at-Arms: Kim Vandiver
Ship's Store: Sue Peters
Unit Activities: All Members
VAVS: Theresa Milligan
Welfare/Rehab: Sue Peters
Youth Activities: Anne Barton/
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Director: Dee Wallace
Director: Ken Wallace
Director: Ken Hutchinson
Home Managers: Larry Pepper
 Bob Zauner
 Don Garrand



3rd Delivery of food for the VA Curbside Veterans Delivery - Ladies Gale Nathan, Sue Peters, VA Program Rep Mark



Auxiliary Members with help from Branch Members working the registration table for the Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride.

Unit 269 President NFS Pat Suckow initiates Lady JonAnne Sattler into the Unit



Ready to Ride for Toys For Tots.



BRANCH 269 CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP—DECEMBER 2025

Cecil Rash	53	David Markyvech	25	Robert Traynor	14	Willy Hecker	8
Dustin Darnell	45	William Mullins	25	Alexander Bodo	13	Michael Delich	7
William Butler	41	Bruce Tucker	25	Joseph Patrick	13	Raymond Cotton	6
Charles Hines	37	Perry Friend Sr.	22	Robin Corkill	12	William Trotman	5
Earl Goodell	33	Denise Barnes	22	Judy Duncan	12	Craig Vanderbilt	4
Gordon Stevenson Sr.	33	Gavin Karelitz	22	Tom Skorepa	12	Elizabeth Baker	2
Mark Chapman	31	George Bradstreet	20	Harvey Belcher	11	David Taschner	2
Leonard Chilton	28	John Hoyt	20	Sarah Soldatke	11	Elijah Cales	1
Jerry Walton	27	John Stroman	18	Frank Strunk	10	Edward Gentile	1
Robert Lopez	26	Barbara Aler	16	Butch Clift	9	Phil Smith Jr.	1
Larry Nicodin	26	Randall Bolin	15				

UNIT 269 CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP—DECEMBER 2025

Nora Jean Houck	19	Linda Walton	14	Patricia Chilton	12	Lorena Clacton	2
Judith Highberger	18	Bonita Martin	13	Joy Lambert	12	Remedios Crawford	2
Karen Hightower	18	Brenda Kraus	13	Sandra Beilstein	10	Dylan Adams	1
Amanda Reid	14	Robert Reynolds	13	Bonnie Laseter	8	Tina Smith	1

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN DECEMBER 2025

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!!!**

Howard Hogue	1	Nestor Derecho Jr	10	David Karrick	15	Merrell Peterson	21
<i>Michael Dubay</i>	1	Robert Pulos	10	Grady Langley	15	Roger L. Little	22
Boyd Davis	2	George Scharf	10	<i>Pat Suckow</i>	15	Robert Yancey	22
Francis Evans	2	Frank Yeager	10	Lynette Gonzalez	16	<i>Michael Perillo</i>	23
<i>Karen Hubert</i>	3	Elizabeth Baker	11	<i>Dorothy Nephew</i>	16	Donald Hanley	24
<i>Arnold Chelcie</i>	4	Clemmis Floyd	11	<i>Brenda Woodsmall</i>	16	Ed Young	24
<i>Patricia Chilton</i>	4	Dominador Jimenez	11	John Bullock	17	<i>Janice Highberger</i>	25
Steven Geary	4	<i>Patty Russell</i>	11	<i>Deloris Cox</i>	17	Robert Hudspeth	25
Robert Melton	4	Arthur Sattler	11	Ralph Deeter	18	Donald Warren	25
Robert Temple	4	Carl Chinn	12	James McKinney	18	Wayne Stella	26
Maureen Gonzalez	5	Robert Shober	12	<i>Theresa Milligan</i>	18	<i>Brian Adams</i>	27
John Groover	5	Earl Spurlock	12	<i>Elfriede Campbell</i>	19	Rick Collins	27
Robert Harris	6	David Cornelius	13	<i>Francis Perillo</i>	19	Cody Amason	28
Frank Strunk	6	David Horton	13	Robert Sowards	19	<i>Christopher Covel</i>	29
<i>Ann Tolentino</i>	7	David Button	13	Robert Bailey	20	William Trotman	29
Donald Barvilchak	8	<i>Brenda Hiers</i>	14	Ronnie Vandiver	20	Eddie Beasley	30
Donald Wright	8	Frederick Hooker Jr.	14	Frederick Woodley	20	Charles Murray	30
Garry Radwick	9	<i>Susan Pardo</i>	14	Lucinda Bryan	21	<i>Ernest Seabolt</i>	30
Terry Trump	9	Butch Clift	15	<i>Joseph Holman</i>	21	Kim Hamilton	31

VA News by VAVS Branch Representative PRPSE Fred Bolz

Trump EO reinstates GI Bill benefits to Veterans discharged for refusing COVID vaccine

Nov 17, 2025 10:20 am

Potentially thousands of Veterans who were discharged from service by the Biden Administration for refusing the COVID vaccine may regain eligibility for GI Bill education benefits.

VA reduces backlog of Veterans waiting for VA benefits by 57%

Nov 18, 2025 11:00 am

Backlog of Veterans waiting for VA compensation and pension benefits has dropped by more than 57% since the start of the second Trump Administration.

VA eliminates Veteran family health care backlog

Nov 24, 2025 11:00 am

VA has completely eliminated the backlog of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) applications, a major VA program that provides health care coverage to over 900,000 qualifying Veteran spouses, dependents, survivors, and caregivers.

VA houses largest number of homeless Veterans in seven years

Nov 18, 2025 3:00 pm

VA permanently housed 51,936 homeless Veterans across the country in fiscal year 2025.

VA pulls the plug on Biden's \$77M EV-charger earmark

Nov 19, 2025 11:45 am

VA terminates a Biden-Administration mandate to spend \$77 million on electric vehicle charging stations at VA facilities.

VA extends caregiver support program eligibility for "legacy" Veterans, caregivers

Nov 20, 2025 10:00 am

VA extends Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers eligibility for certain Veterans and their family caregivers through Sept. 30, 2028.

VA provides Veterans relief from Biden-era backlogged medical bills

Nov 20, 2025 12:30 pm

VA relieves Veterans of more than \$272 million in potential medical bills that accrued after the Biden Administration stopped certain copayment claims processing and collections in early 2023.

Legacy ID Cards No Longer Valid in 2026! Neither the old Blue retired cards nor the old dependents card will be valid after Dec. 31. The new card has the look and feel of your drivers license.

Military retirees are required to update their Uniformed Services Identification (USID) cards to the new Next Generation USID card by December 31, 2025. The paper-based USID cards with indefinite expiration dates will no longer be accepted after this date. The new cards are more secure and durable, incorporating features like plastic cardstock and enhanced security measures. According to the DoD Common Access Card website, USID cards are issued to retired military and Reserve members, dependent family members of uniformed Service members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy. It's important for military retirees/dependents/surviving spouses to know these old forms of ID will not be valid to access a military installation, and you will need issuance of the NextGen ID card.

This will be true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it - the ID will still be invalid.

The deadline is 31 December 2025. Based on this, we strongly encourage everyone with an old-style ID card to get a NextGen ID card now! Based on this, we strongly encourage everyone with an old-style ID card to get a NextGen ID card now!

There are several ways to make an appointment to get a new ID card. (1). You can visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website to find the closest office and either call them to make an appointment or (2). schedule your own appointment using the website. <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

To make an appointment using this site select the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" block. - do it now!

Legacy ID Cards Get Your ID Card Online! No More Trips to the ID Card Office

Several Shipmates have completed this process online without a visit to the ID Card. Link to online information: [**Online Uniformed Service Identification Card Renewal Pilot**](#)

S/M Glenn Little presented with his 40 Year Continuous Membership Pin by Branch President Don Barton & Branch Secretary Sarah Ihme



2025-2026 AUXILIARY PROJECT

PLACE DONATED ITEMS ON TABLE AS YOU ENTER THE MEETING ROOM

Items needed for Curbside Delivery For Our Veterans at the VA Hospital

Proteins:

- Tuna Cans
- Chicken Can
- SPAM Can or other potted meat
- Bean Cans: pork & beans, black beans, kidney beans, navy beans, beanie weenies
- Bag Dry Beans
- Jar Peanut Butter

➤ **Soup/ or Stew:**

- Cans

➤ **Sauce**

- Jar or Can Red Marinara Sauce or Alfredo Sauce

➤ **Pasta:**

- Package or Box of Pasta noodles

➤ **Rice:**

- Package or Box of Rice

➤ **Vegetables:**

- Mixed Cans: corn, green beans, mixed, greens

➤ **Fruits:**

- Mixed Cans: peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce

➤ **Ready Meals:**

- Mac & Cheese
- Hormel Microwave Meals
- Top Ramen
- Box/Bag Instant Potatoes

➤ **Cereal:**

Box/Bag of Cereal---May substitute 4-5 small cereal boxes---May substitute 5-6 oatmeal, cream of wheat, or grits packets

➤ **GIFT CARD \$5.00 OR \$10.00 NOT MORE—PLACE IN Auxiliary box**

Three 1st place Award Ribbons were placed on the FRA flag by: American Patriotism [Laura Bailey], Youth Activities [Don Barton], and Public Relations [John Tharp].



The US Marine Corps Birthday was celebrated with a cake cutting.



**FRA 269 BRANCH & UNIT
CHRISTMAS PARTY
18 December 2025**

Starts at 1830 [6:30pm]

Menu: Pork Loin - Mashed Potatoes

Corn - Salad - Roll

\$5.00 per ticket

Tickets available at the bar



Mark your calendar, watch for details, watch for additions
 Unless noted otherwise all meetings are in the large room
 Where no time noted group has room for entire day
 Friday nights – 1930 – Scotch Doubles, 8-Ball Tournament

DECEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <u>1800</u> Cleaning Day - Bar	2	3 <u>1900</u> Low Country Coin Dinner	4 <u>1800</u> SUBVETS BOD Mtg	5 <u>1830</u> MCL Christmas Party	6 <u>0800</u> Auxiliary Toys for Tots Shopping <u>1800</u> Mulligan Men
7 Free Pool PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY <u>1000-1200</u> Wreath Laying onboard USS Yorktown	8	9	10 <u>1730-1930</u> HOA Meeting	11 <u>Time UNK</u> MCC Christmas Party	12 <u>1700-2200</u> SUBVETS Christmas Party	13 <u>Time UNK</u> Copeland Christmas Party <u>1200</u> Wreaths Across America Carolina Memorial
14 Free Pool	15 <u>1800</u> Home Committee	16 <u>1130</u> Unit Lunch @ Page's Okra Grill Summerville	17	18 <u>1830</u> Branch/Unit Christmas Party [wear your ugly sweater]	19	20 All Day FAAPS
21 Free Pool <u>1200-1400</u> Children's Christmas Party	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 All Day Birthday Party
28 Free Pool	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

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JANUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2	3
4 Free Pool KITCHEN CLOSED	5 KITCHEN CLOSED <u>1800</u> SUBVETS BOD	6 KITCHEN CLOSED	7 KITCHEN CLOSED	8 KITCHEN CLOSED <u>1900</u> SUBVETS Mtg	9	10 <u>1000</u> DAV Mtg
11 Free Pool	12 <u>1800</u> Home Committee	13 <u>1130</u> Unit Lunch <u>1800</u> Unit Mtg	14	15 <u>1800</u> Branch BOD <u>1900</u> Branch Mtg	16	17
18 Free Pool	19 MLK DAY	20	21	22 MCL	23	24
25 Free Pool	26 <u>1730-1900</u> VVA Mtg <u>1900-2030</u> Metal Detectors Club Mtg	27	28	29	30	31

**FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Shipmate President Don Barton called the regular Low Country Branch 269 meeting to order at 1800, Thursday, November 20, 2025, in accordance with FRA Rituals.

Board Members present were:

PRPSE Fred Bolz	Ron Lamon	Ken Wallace	Don Barton
PNC Laurie Bailey	John Tharp	Bobbi Sutton	Steve Koch
Tim Bailey	Johnny Brown	PNP Don Muccheck	Ken Hutchinson
Larry Pepper	Glenn Little	Sarah Ihme	

Minutes: Posted on the entrance table. Motion to accept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism/Patriotism: PNC Laurie Bailey
Report at general assembly.

By-Laws: PRPSE Fred Bolz
Report at general assembly.

Legislative Service and VAVS: PRPSE Fred Bolz
Report at general assembly.

Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation: Bobbi Sutton
Report at general assembly.

Membership and Retention: Ken Wallace
Report at general assembly.

Youth Activities: Ed Peters
Report at general assembly.

Public Relations: John Tharp
Report at general assembly.

Ways and Means: Larry Pepper
Report at general assembly.

Golf: Larry Pepper
Report at general assembly.

Budget and Finance: Glenn Little
Report at general assembly.

Home Committee Report: PNC Laurie Bailey
Report at general assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Wreaths Across America will take place at 1200 on December 13th at Carolina Memorial Gardens in North Charleston and Beaufort National Cemetery in Beaufort.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Ken Hutchinson seconded that \$340 is spent for 10 wreaths for each location. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoice to pay the Home \$130.99 for the Marine Corps birthday cake and four steak dinners.

- **MOTION:** PNP Don Mucheck moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that the FRA Home be reimbursed \$130.99. Motion carried unanimously.

The Christmas party will be held on December 18 at 1830. The dinner will be pork loin, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and rolls at \$12 per person. Tickets will be sold at \$5 per person, with the Branch paying the difference. The Auxiliary requested \$150 for prizes for the sweater contest.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson moved, and S/M Sarah Ihme seconded that we allocate \$150 for the sweater contest. Motion carried unanimously.

Coats will be donated to the VA Clinic in North Charleston for homeless veterans.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Larry Pepper seconded that we allocate \$300 for coats. Motion carried unanimously.

The kitchen replaced the prep table and is accepting donations. The cost is approximately \$6000. This was approved at the Home Committee meeting, but still requires approval from the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

- **MOTION:** PRPSE Fred Bolz moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that up to \$6000 be spent for the new prep table pending general assembly approval. Motion carried unanimously.

S/M Bobbi Sutton requested \$150 for Children's Christmas Party.

- **MOTION:** S/M Bobbi Sutton moved, and PRPSE Fred Bolz seconded to allocate \$150. Motion carried unanimously.

S/M Ronald Houde's membership is up for renewal. He notified National that he is unable to pay his dues. The Branch has paid for his membership in previous years.

- **MOTION:** S/M John Tharp moved, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that we pay \$40 to renew the membership.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charleston Port and Seafarers Society will host Night at the Harbor in February. PNC Laurie Bailey will research the event and report at the next meeting.

At the National Convention, a resolution was passed to separate the VSO from the VAVS. VAVS will fall under Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation when it is promulgated.

Military retirees and dependents who still have the old-style ID cards need to update their ID by December 31st.

The Immaculate Conception Church is offering a free lunch from 1100 - 1300 on the second Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Midyear meeting flyer is complete and under review. The Quality Inn has blocked nine rooms at \$79.10 per night. The meeting will begin 0900, February 7th.

Motion to adjourn made by S/M Tim Bailey, seconded by S/M Glenn Little. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1829.

**FRA LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Shipmate President Don Barton called the regular meeting of Low Country Branch 269 to order on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 1900, in accordance with Article FRA Rituals.

Visitors: Three Active Duty Navy Sailors and members of the Auxiliary

Shipmates Initiated: None

Minutes: Published in the newsletter. The minutes stand as approved.

Communications:

A letter of appreciation was received from the VA for the Auxiliary's food and gift card donation project.

The National Vice President challenged each Branch to recruit at least three new shipmates during the current campaign.

Treasurer's Report:

The report for the period of September 28 – October 27, 2025 is as follows:

General Checking: \$5,027.08	Savings Account: \$5,194.25
Convention Checking: \$20.03	Certificate of Deposit: \$12,236.11
Total: \$22,477.47	

All bills received to date have been paid.

Continuous Membership:

November 2025

Emmette Boone, Jr. – 50 Years
Hubert Pearce, Sr. – 50 Years
Raymond Montminy – 45 Years
Glenn Little – 40 Years
Thomas Chilton – 30 Years
Pedro Garcia – 25 Years
Thomas Krieger – 25 Years
David Smith – 25 Years

Bill Ansel – 20 Years
Francis Bohannan – 20 Years
Richard Day – 20 Years
James Hutton – 20 Years
Carmelo Olmo, Jr. – 20 Years
Russell Hale – 10 Years
Charles Wood – 10 Years
Christopher Kelley – 5 Years

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism/Patriotism – PNC Laurie Bailey
Dates in History November/December

27 November – Thanksgiving Day

07 December – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
14 December – Hanukkah begins at sunset
15 December – Bill of Rights Day
17 December – Wright Brothers Day

The deadline for submissions for the essay contest is 01 December.

The midyear meeting will be held on February 7th.

By-Laws: PRPSE Fred Bolz

The Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions and the Delegate Chairman Report from the National Convention were read.

Legislative Service & VAVS: PRPSE Fred Bolz

Newsbytes are posted on the bulletin board. Veterans' information will be in the newsletter.

Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation: Bobbi Sutton

Rick Wise has cancer in his hip, which will be treated with radiation.

Charles Wood was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Tom Lawson had a pacemaker placed and is recovering well.

Sonny Rash left White Oak Manor and is home with home health care. Calls are welcome.

Jerry Stout has a recurrence of skin cancer near his left kidney. New treatment plan needed.

Bill Roberts received injection for trigger finger and is doing well.

Ken Curtis is home with Palliative Hospice care.

Skip Chilton's wife, Trish Chilton, is not doing well. Keep her in your prayers.

Membership and Retention: Ken Wallace

Total active members: 720

New Join/Reinstated: Cody Amason, Marie Sehl

Past Due: Johnny Aldea, Kevin Deise, Pacifico Dela Fuente, George Gilford, Richard Harbold, Jr., Chris Ludwig, Anthony Mazza, Cubit Robinson, Bob Segal, Robert Temple

Ready to Renew: Matthew Aguilera, David Alrich, Gary Arquisola, Elizabeth Baker, Elijah Cales, Raymond Cotton, Michael Cousino, Oscar Diano, James Finney, James Fleming, Clemmis Floyd, Pedro Garcia, James Heath, Terrell Heath, Wendy Holman, Ronald Houde, Dominador Jimenez, Roger Little, Willie McDonald, Timothy McNally, Richard Nolan, Ray Phillips, Jr., Lyndon Porter, Garry Radwick, David Smtih, Edward Stank, David Taschner, Jason Tatge, Guy Travaglio, William Trotman

Term NPD: Mark Archambeau, Dillon Brown, John Cardno, Lewis Leal, Jr., Michael Quigley

Term Dec: Bobby Barbee, Brian Steffen

Active Unit Members: 195

Youth Activities: Ed Peters
Nothing to report.

Public Relations: John Tharp
A letter will be sent to the Summerville Journal for member recruitment.

Ways and Means: Larry Pepper
Get your 50/50 and steak dinner tickets.

Golf: Larry Pepper
Next golf tournament will be 22 November, 0900 tee time.

Budget and Finance: Glenn Little
Next audit will be in January.

Home Committee Report: PNC Laurie Bailey

Financial Reports

Balances as of 15 NOV 25: Checking \$13,330.44; Savings \$50,467.04; Credit Card \$13,023.74;
Pending Deposits \$1,652.00; Registers/Change Funds \$11,500.00; Total Funds \$89,973.22
Net Profits: September \$6,010.22; October \$1,018.98

Building and Grounds / Special Events Manager's Report:

Golf Tournament: November 22nd, tee time 0900.

Christmas Dinner will be on December 18th. Pork loin will be served; tickets are \$5 each. There will be a Christmas sweater contest.

The kitchen will be closed January 4th - 8th for floor replacement. The main bar will be closed for one day, with the alternate bar being open. Working on getting an estimate to get the kitchen painted during this project. The prep table has also been replaced, and donations are accepted. Allocated not to exceed \$6000 toward the prep table.

Old Business

Purchase of new Christmas Trees for the banquet room and bar area. One new Christmas tree has been placed in the bar; another will be placed in the banquet room after Thanksgiving.

Clean-up day will be Monday, 01 December 2025 at 1800.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Parties – Decorate the Home after Thanksgiving. The Adult Christmas Party will be on December 18th. The Children's Christmas party will be on December 21st.

Next meeting will be held: December 15, 2025, at 1800

We have one vacancy for the Home Committee. Anybody interested, contact PNC Laurie Bailey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report.

- **MOTION:** S/M Tim Bailey moved, and S/M Wayne Suckow seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions and the Delegate Chairman Report on the FRA National Convention.

- **MOTION:** PRPSE Fred Bolz moved, and S/M Glenn Little seconded that the reports be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors approved \$300 for coats for homeless veterans at the VA Hospital, \$340 for Wreaths Across America, \$150 toward the Christmas sweater contest, and \$6000 for the prep table.

- **MOTION:** PNC Laurie Bailey moved, and S/M Glenn Little seconded that these funds be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A CPR/AED class will take place at the Home on January 31, 2026 at 0900 at the cost of \$10 per person. This class will take about three hours and can have up to 25 people. More information will be put out with a link to sign up.

Military retirees who still have the old-style ID cards need to update their ID by December 31st.

The Immaculate Conception Church is offering a free lunch from 1100 - 1300 on the second Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Unit Report: NFS Pat Suckow, PNP

We completed our third delivery to the VA Clinic. Let's keep it going.

Our Christmas angel tree is on the bar side. Purchase an Angel ornament with a donation.

Donations go toward toys for tots.

Saturday is the Law Rider MC Toys for Tots Annual Motorcycle Ride, where the Auxiliary and shipmates will be managing the registration and collection of toys. Registration is from 1100 to 1300.

Toys for Tots shopping on December 6th at Super Walmart. Meeting at 0800, Shipmates are welcome.

Adult Christmas Party – Having an ugly Christmas sweater or shirt contest.

Auxiliary will be making lap robes and collecting men's socks for the veterans at the Victory House in Walterboro. We are looking at Spring. Shipmates, please help by making donations.

The Auxiliary won first place for everything at the Southeast Convention. The Unit report was submitted at the National Convention, and we came in first place except for membership.

Awards from the National Convention were presented. The Branch finished 1st place in American Patriotism (Laurie Bailey), Youth Activities (Don Barton), and Public Relations (John Tharp).

The American Legion is sponsoring a food giveaway at Goose Creek High School on this Saturday morning, 1000 – 1200 for any needy families. There will also be a Thanksgiving dinner 1400 – 1700 at the American Legion for \$10 per person.

There being no further business, the President called for adjournment. All shipmates stood and observed a moment of silence in tribute to departed shipmates.

Motion to adjourn made by PNC Laurie Bailey, seconded by S/M John Tharp. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1956.

Constitution AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION #BRANCH 269

Whereas, Article 3. Section 306 relates strictly to Honorary Membership;

Whereas, Article 3, Sections 306(a) through (c) describes the process of becoming an Honorary Member and restrictions of same;

Whereas, No place in Article 3, Section 306 is there a way to report the status of the honorary member as being still active in assisting the branch, no longer active, or deceased; and

Whereas, there is no way of tracking the honorary members status by the National Office Staff; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a new Section 306(d) be added to read as follows:

"Section 306(d). On an annual basis each Branch of the Fleet Reserve Association shall report the status of their Honorary Members to FRA National Headquarters."

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Branch 269 held on the day of 2025, read, _____, debated, and adopted by a two-thirds majority (or unanimous) vote at a _____ subsequent regular meeting held on _____, aquorum being present.

Branch President

Branch Secretary

**DELEGATE CHAIRMAN REPORT ON THE FRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
HELD FROM NOVEMBER 04 – 07, 2025 AT THE OASIS HOTEL AND
CONVENTION CENTER SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

Branch Delegates in attendance for all business sessions:

PSPSE Fred Bolz, Chairman, PRPSE Laurie Bailey, Branch 269 V. P Steve Koch, S/M Tim Bailey.

Opening ceremonies were held on 04 Nov. I. A. with C&BL There were two guest speakers.

Noted was the place for the 2026 National Convention. It will be held Sep 27 – Oct 03, 2026 at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Room rates \$101.00 Mon – Fri. and \$127.00 Sat and Sun.

The National Board of Directors Resolutions were ratified. It included the three resolutions voted on and submitted at or regional convention.

The following resolutions were voted on and the results of each

Res # 1 Art 7 Sec 702(i) To allow the Regional President the ability to appoint his replacement if he or RVP cannot attend NBOD Mid-Year. Must be past RP from region. Yes

Res #2 Branch meetings. Allows branches to hold a Minium of nine meetings per year. Missed meetings must be documented. Yes

Res #3 Not voted on because Res # 4 was adopted first.

Res # 4 Res to separate VAVS(CDCE) from VSO making Sec 820 VSO only and moving VAVS (CDCE) to Sec816 under H. W. R. Yes

Res # 5 Res to authorize the NBOD to advertise for the office of N. E. D. Yes

Res # 6 Res to outline qualifications for the office of N. E. D. Shipmates may apply. If equally qualified Shipmate will be selected. Yes

Res # 7 Res to merge Br 382 into West Coast Region. Ruled O. O. O.

Res # 8 Res to allow Branches with less than ten members to operate with permission of R. P. Yes

Res # 9 Appeal of Charter suspension or Revocation. Members in good standing prior to revocation may appeal to N. B. O. D. through R. P. Will request a vote of N. B. O. D. to reinstate. Yes

Res # 10 Deactivated Charter. Deals with all property and funds go to national HQ. Amended by changing the word "Controlled" to "Sponsored". Yes, as amended

Res #11 Has to do with Sec 1207 Funds held in escrow and 1208 Funds returned to treasury. Voted NO.

Res # 12 Sec 1211 Surrender of branch charter. Procedure for voluntarily surrendering the branch charter. Yes

Res # 13 Sec 1212 Branch Merger. Procedure to follow for branch merger. Yes

Res # 14 Sec 1215(g) and 1216(a) Ruled O. O. O.

Res # 15 res to add into the C&BL Sec 813(a) which was omitted from the C&BL after the 95th National Convention. Yes

Res # 16 Res to merge the Southcentral Region and the North Central Region into one region Heartland Region. Yes

Res # 17 Pertains to honorary membership proposed change for honorary members to have five years then branch would have to pay annual membership dues. Voted down. No

Res # 18 pertained to changing the number of branch B. O. D. needed for the branch to operate. Main changes were for Groups III, IV, and V. Yes

Standing Rule Res # 1 Changes the wording of Standing Rule 6, S6(f) and (g) on reporting of use of the continued use of the official emblem for any business enterprise. And ensuring its use does not bring discredit to or damage the FRA. Yes

Nat Board Res from pre board ratified.

Results of committee reports

AM/PAT Branch 269 1st place.

Public Relations Branch 269 1st place

Youth Activities Branch 269 1st place

Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation and VAVS(CDCE) were not judged because the chairmen of these committees did not submit the reports to the National Chairmen.

Election results of FRA National Officers.

National President Richard J. "Rick" Fetro Branch 101

National Vice President Sha'ron D. Martin Branch 166

National Executive Director PNP Donna Jansky Branch 031

Election results of the Auxiliary of the FRA National Officers.

Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA, Unit 269
FRA Home, Goose Creek, SC
Minutes, November 18, 2025

President, Pat Suckow NFS/PNP, called the regularly scheduled General Assembly meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Visitors: (None)

Drape the Charter: (None)

Roll Call of Officers. President Pat Suckow NFS/PNP, Vice President Debbie Breeze, Treasurer Gale Nathan PNC were present. Secretary Amy Osborn and Jr Past President Trish Chilton were absent.

Roll Call of Board of Directors. Kathy Sorenson, Sue Peters, Ann Griffith, Linda Nichols, Dee Wallace, and Theresa Milligan were present.

Other members attending: Marilyn Tharp, Jonanne Sattler, Brenda Frye, Linda Walton.

New Member Initiation. Jonanne Sattler.

Minutes for October were presented and approved as published.

Membership Report. Debbie Breeze.

Members as of April 1 -- 182; Reinstated - 7; New - 18; Transferred In - 0; Transferred Out -- 0; Resigned -- 0; Non-Payment -- 6; Deceased -- 2; Ineligible -- 1; Other -- 0; Active Members -- 198.

Treasurer's Report. Gale Nathan.

Balance brought forward: \$14,913.50. Disbursements: \$421.75. PCT Auto Deposits: \$362.75. Other Deposits: \$1,847.00. Checking account balance \$16,701.50. Savings: \$3,162.74. Balance on hand: \$19,864.24.

Bills to be paid: Shredding \$80; Shirt Order (dollar amount not available during meeting).

Chaplain Report: Theresa Milligan.

14 Birthday cards
3 Get Well

Hospital Report: Theresa Milligan
(No hospital visits required.)

VAVS Report: Theresa Milligan

The downtown VA is doing an Angel Tree. List is not yet available.

Correspondence: Marilyn Tharp.

No correspondence received

Activities: (All Members).

Gale Nathan: 50/50 -- \$71.00

Kathy Sorenson: Friday 50/50s -- \$498 (Sept); \$90 (Oct)

Gale Nathan: Golf Tournament -- \$282.25

Kathy Sorenson: BUNKO -- Next Bunko will be January 18, 2026

Americanism/Patriotism: (Linda Nichols)

Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 7	Pearl Harbor (1994)
Dec 14	Hanukkah Begins @ sunset
Dec 15	Bill of Rights (1941)
Dec 17	Wright Brothers Day (1963)
Dec 21	First Day of Winter
Dec 22	Hanukkah Ends @ sunset
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 25	Kwanza Begins (1966)
Dec 31	New Years Eve
Jan 1	New Years Day

Audit: (Sue Peters, Kim Vandiver)

Next audit will be on Jan 3 @ 10:30.

Publicity: (Debbie Breeze)

No report.

Welfare / Rehabilitation: (Sue Peters)

Food donations will be delivered to VA Clinic tomorrow. This is our 3rd delivery.

Youth Activities: (Anne Barton, Gale Nathan)

No report.

Ship's Store: (Sue Peters)

19 shirts were ordered & picked up.
Will clean out cabinet after Jan 1.
Will order more shirts after Jan 1.

Unfinished Business:

Recap of the FRA/LA FRA National Convention (Pat Suckow NFS/PNP).

2025/2026 Board of Directors:

National President – Kelly Pena
National Vice President – Laurie Starkey
National Executive Secretary – Doris Fri
National Financial Secretary – Pat Suckow
National Treasurer – Sharon Lippitt

Unit 269 received first place for Unit President's Report. Unit received a \$25 check.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run will be Nov 22 at the Harley Davidson Dealership. We are doing the registration desk. Those planning to work: Pat Suckow, Gale Nathan, Trish Chilton, Theresa Milligan, Brenda Frye, Marilyn Tharp.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony will be December 7 on the USS Yorktown. Ceremony starts at 11:00. Marilyn Tharp made motion to buy one wreath (\$40) for the ceremony. Motion seconded by Linda Nichols. Motion passed.

Toy shopping for Toys for Tots will be on Dec 6 at Walmart. This is always very fun. We will have a photo shoot at the Fleet at 11:00.

The Adult Christmas Party will be on Dec 18 @ Fleet Home. Sue Peters said there is possibility of an Ugly Sweater contest. Tickets will be on sale (\$5 per person) soon. Gale Nathan made motion to allot \$300 for Unit's share of meal cost. Motion seconded by Theresa Milligan. Motion carried.

Wreaths Across America will be on Dec 17 at Carolina Memorial Gardens on Rivers Ave. We will place wreaths on Veteran's graves. Ann Griffith made a motion to allot \$200 for purchase of 10 wreaths. Debbie Breeze seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Children's Christmas party will be on December 21 at the Fleet. Brenda Frye suggested more healthy snacks be served such as pizza or sandwiches.

Debbie Breeze reported the Rada Knife sales project was a success. We sold \$638.80 knives; with our cost of \$402.80. Unit profit, thus, was \$236.00. There are still two small orders not included in these figures.

New Business:

Unit Christmas lunch will be on Dec 16 at 11:30. It was suggested & agreed to go to Page's Okra Grill. Debbie Breeze will make arrangements.

Marilyn Tharp received a contribution of ten hand-made lap robes to the Unit with the hope they will be given to residents of Victory House in Walterboro. These were made by the wife of a Branch member. Discussion resulted that if you can crochet/knit, we welcome your efforts; if you don't, you can still participate by buying some small throws from your favorite store. Goal is to have 20-25 to take to Victory House in the spring. It was also suggested that socks would be welcomed by the residents. More discussion and planning will be done in the new year.

Good of the Order:

Theresa Milligan thanked everyone for all the cards. They really helped her heal.

Upcoming events are:

- Nov 22 -- Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run
- Dec 1 -- Cleaning of the Home @ 5:00 – please come help
- Dec 6 -- Toy Shopping for Toys for Tots
- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony
- Dec 13 – Wreaths Across America
- Dec 18 – Adult Christmas Party
- Dec 21 -- Children's Christmas Party
- Jan 18 -- BUNKO

Pat Suckow announced that Amy Osborn has resigned as Unit Secretary. We thank her for serving. We are now in need of a new Secretary. If you think you may be interested, Pat has copies of the job description. Please email her, letting her know why you think you qualify.

The next Unit Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Dec 16, at 11:30, at Page's Okra Grill.

The January Unit Luncheon will be held Tuesday, January 13, at 11:30 at the Fleet.

The January Unit meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 at the Fleet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

National President Kelly Pena

National Vice President Laurie Starkey

National Financial Secretary PNP Pat Sukow

National Treasurer Sharon Lippitt

That is my report and I move it be entered into the record.

PRPSE Fred Bolz

Delegate Chair

FRA LOW COUNTRY HOME COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

PNC Laurie Bailey called the FRA Low Country Home Committee meeting to order at 1800 on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Board Members Present: Shipmates PNC Laurie Bailey, Sarah Ihme, PNP Don Muccheck, Tim Bailey, Ken Hutchinson, Ken Wallace, and John Tharp; Ladies Sue Peters and Dee Wallace.

Other Members Present: Shipmates Vice President Steve Koch and PRPSE Fred Bolz, Home Managers Larry Pepper and Bob Zauner, Ladies NFS Pat Suckow, Gale Nathan, and Marilyn Tharp

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted, with no corrections or objections.

- **MOTION:** S/M Tim Bailey motioned, and S/M Ken Wallace seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

S/M Steve Koch and S/M Ken Hutchinson assisted PNP Don Muccheck with the cash audit.

Balances as of 15 NOV 25: Checking \$13,330.44; Savings \$50,467.04; Credit Card \$13,023.74; Pending Deposits \$1,652.00; Registers/Change Funds \$11,500.00; Total Funds \$89,973.22

Net Profits: September \$6,010.22; October \$1,018.98

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and Lady Dee Wallace seconded to accept the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds / Special Events Manager's Report:

Golf Tournament: November 22nd, tee time 0900.

Christmas Dinner will be December 18th. Pork loin will be served; tickets are \$5 each. Total cost will be \$12 - \$15 per person, with the Branch covering the balance.

Christina Sutton with Brown & Brown Insurance has been contacted regarding new insurance. The current policy is in effect until January 16th.

The kitchen will be closed January 4th - 8th while the floors are replaced. We are working on getting an estimate to get the kitchen painted during this project. Donations totaling \$811 have been received toward replacing the prep table, which costs approximately \$6,000.

A request will be made under New Business to provide each employee a \$100 Christmas bonus.

The outside lights over the entrance door are not working and will be repaired.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and S/M John Tharp seconded to accept the Building and Grounds / Manager's Report. Motion carried.

Membership and Security:

FRA HQ reports 720 active members. There are 195 Unit Members.

Old Business

Replacement of kitchen and bar tile is scheduled for January 2026.

Purchase of new Christmas Trees for the banquet room and bar area. One new Christmas tree has been placed in the bar; another will be placed in the banquet room after Thanksgiving.

Clean-up day will be 1 December 2025.

New Business

Christmas bonus: Each employee will receive \$100 for Christmas.

- **MOTION:** S/M Ken Hutchinson motioned, and S/M Tim Bailey seconded that we give each employee \$100 for their work. Motion carried.

Food prep bar was replaced on November 7th, 2025. Approximate cost was \$6,000.00

- **MOTION:** PNP Don Muccheck motioned, and Shipmate Tim Bailey seconded to fund \$6,000 for the prep table. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Parties – Decorate the Home after Thanksgiving. The Adult Christmas Party will be December 18th. The children's Christmas party will be on December 21st.

Good of the Order

Lady Sue Peters presented a receipt for a Christmas tree totaling \$256.68 for reimbursement, previously authorized.

The Auxiliary reported difficulty accessing their storage shelves due to chairs being stored in their room. The chairs will be removed and stored in the back corner of the banquet room.

Next clean-up day: December 1st

Next meeting will be held: December 15, 2025, at 1800

- **MOTION:** Lady Dee Wallace motioned, and S/M Ken Hutchinson seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1833.