

# Fleet Reserve Association

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R. J. "Dick" Gillette Memorial Branch 234

Anderson, SC

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## Meetings

Second Monday of each  
Month at 7 P.M.  
American Legion Hall  
Richard M. Campbell  
Veterans Nursing Home  
4605 Belton Highway  
Anderson, SC

Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association is Open to:

US Navy, US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard active duty, retired or honorably discharged Enlisted Personnel. Commissioned Officers with prior Enlisted service and Reservist with at least one year of creditable service toward retirement.

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## Meeting Highlights

**October Meeting called to order:** by Past President Kenneth Cowles at 1900 with a quorum present and the introduction of non-member guest and visiting shipmates, the presentation of colors, opening prayer, the posting of colors, the pledge of allegiance to our flag and the recitation of the preamble to the constitution of the Fleet Reserve Association. **Roll call of Branch:** 25 members present and 2 visitors in attendance. (Sign in sheet). Visitors recognized were SM Tom Smith Secretary Branch 15, SM Charles Morgan who Joined Branch 234. Also, SM Richard Lewis who recently transferred from Orlando was recognized. **Reading of the minutes:** Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting held 9-13-2010 no errors noted. Minutes stand as read. **Standing committee reports:** Americanism and Patriotism: Chairman Ken Cowles requested assistance in distributing ESSAY information to area High and Middle Schools. Audit, Budget & Finance: Chairman Harold Parker reported that Treasurers records were in order. Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chairman Woody Collins reported that SM Russell and friend are deceased due to a recent motorcycle accident in Louisiana. Legislative Service: Chairman Fred Malone reported on several items of Legislative interest. Report attached. Membership & Retention: As of 9-30-2010 Members in good standing 224, Members past due 4, Total active member count 228. Public Relations: Chairman Charles Sanders reported on recent Branch pictures in Home Town section. Announced that SM Raymond Phillips will be collecting for the X-Mass Social and SM Norm Bundy will be collecting for the Bicycle raffle. Updated members on progress for the plaque to be installed in the meeting room. Youth Activities: SM Doug Bolt announced that the Branch placed 1<sup>st</sup>. at SER Convention. **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer reported as of 9-30-2010 the Branch has \$5341.06 in checking @ First Citizens and \$2514.14 in savings and \$26,543.87 in Building Fund CD @ NFCU. **Unfinished & Deferred Business:** SM Coy Adams commented on the display of the Charter. SM Ken Cowles who is in the process of making a Plaque for display in the meeting hall stated that the Charter will be attached to the Plaque. **Closing Ceremony:** There being no further business to come before this assembly, a motion was made by SM Doug Bolt and duly seconded by SM Coy Adams, and passed by a show of hands to adjourn to meet again 11-8-2010 at 1900 on Monday. The meeting closed in due form at 2001 with the salutation to the dead (or 2 bell ceremony), closing prayer, retiring of colors and hand salute.

**November Meeting called to order:** by President Leon Boyd at 1900 with a quorum present and the introduction of non-member guest and visiting shipmates, the presentation of colors, opening prayer, the posting of colors, the pledge of allegiance to our flag and the recitation of the preamble to the constitution of the Fleet Reserve Association. **Roll call of Branch:** 21 members present and 2 visitors in attendance. (Sign in sheet). Visitors recognized were SM Brian Bentley and Tim Machen. Both submitted FRA234 membership applications. Welcome aboard Shipmates. **Reading of the minutes:** Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting held 10-11-2010. No errors noted. Minutes stand as read.

**Standing committee reports:**Americanism and Patriotism: Americanism and Patriotism: Chairman Ken Cowles asked that members having activity reports to submit to please give them to the appropriate Chairman. Audit, Budget & Finance: Chairman reported that financial records are in order. Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chairman Woody Collins reported that SM Ken Cowles is scheduled for a shoulder replacement on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Legislative Service: Chairman Fred Malone had no report. Free Veterans Day meal at golden Corral 15 November and Appleby 11 November. Membership & Retention: Chairman George Parker reported as 10-31-2010: Members in good standing 225, Members past due 4, Total active member count 229. SER/National Convention: Chairman Ken Cowles reported that all monies and receipts have been submitted to the Branch Treasurer to be included in the monthly Treasurer Report. **Communications:** Scheduled Pearl Harbor Cruise. Anderson Veterans Day Parade: Westside High School annual Veterans Day Ceremony: Anderson University Veterans breakfast: Thank You card from Ronald McDonald House.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer reported as of 10-31-2010 the Branch has \$5,315.30 in checking @ First Citizens and \$2,516.58 in savings and \$26,681.30 in Building Fund CD @ NFCU. **Unfinished & Deferred Business:** SM Ken Cowles presented the Branch Plaque to the membership who agreed to leave the Plaque unpainted but highlight the FRA insignia in gold. Christmas Social Chairman Charlie Sanders reported on the progress made on our Christmas Social scheduled for 12-13-2010. He stated that the plan is to have a Blue Grass band to entertain during the meal.

**Good of the Order:** SM Fred Malone won the half/half drawing and received \$25.00.

**Closing Ceremony:** There being no further business to come before this assembly, a motion was made by SM Coy Adams and duly seconded by SM Charles Sanders, and passed by a show of hands to adjourn to meet again at 1900 on Monday 13 December 2010 for Christmas Social. The meeting closed in due form at 1945 with the salutation to the dead (or 2 bell ceremony), closing prayer, retiring of colors and hand salute.

## Up Coming Events



## From the President

- 8 & 9 January GA/SC Coordinating Committee
- 9 January Spartanburg Luncheon at Junction Restaurant
- 11 January 1900 Regular Branch Meeting at RMCVNF
- 8 February 1900 Regular Branch Meeting at RMCVNF
- 19-22 February Southeast Regional Midyear
- 8 March 1900 Regular Branch Meeting at RMCVNF
- 14 March Advance Ships Clocks 1 hr. to conform to DST

## Christmas Social

As Chairman of the Christmas Social Committee, I want to THANK all that participated. Everyone appeared to enjoy there self's.



I especially want to THANK Dee Parker for arranging for the Bluegrass Band. A special THANKS to Norm Bundy for the bicycle raffle and Harold Parker and Raymond Phillips on the sale of dinner tickets. THANKS to George Parker who filled in for the Master of Ceremony on short notice due to President Leon Boyd being on the binnacle list. Also, Ken Cowles for manufacturing the door prize.

This was a team effort. Members are encouraged to consider serving on this Committee next year. It is a good experience. Secretary Bill McGregor won the bicycle raffle and will be donating it to a needy child.

THANKS: Charles "Lucky" Sanders Chairman.

Wishing our Members and their love ones a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year and many more to come. First of all I would like to thank all those effected by my absence during my recent illness. Thank you for your support. I would also like to thank each and every member for their effort in a very successful year for our Branch. Our meetings are going well, the food is good, we participate in community activities i.e.. 5 NJROTC programs, the National Essay Contest, sponsor & attend Region and National FRA Conventions, contribute to charitable organizations just to mention a few. I would like to remind everyone that our Membership ratings are down over 4 %, which is average for a Branch our size throughout the Fleet Reserve. I am asking all of you to join me in turning this around and bring it back to the plus side.

Join us in making 2011 another successful year.  
Loyalty Protection & Service— Leon Boyd President

## Annual Picnic



As most of you know Branch15 has been the Host for several years. Membership has agreed to alternate the Branch and location each year with Branch234 hosting the event this year. Plans are to hold the picnic at Williamston City Park in downtown Williamston.

## Taps



*We, who remain to carry on, should not think of our Shipmates as departed from us, but having been transferred to a celestial ship or station, where we hope all of us will be Shipmates again."*

Ronald W Russell

Easley, SC

## S.M Clarence J. Teseniar



San Diego, CA 1967

Rate/Rank  
RMCS (SS)  
Service Branch  
USN  
Service Dates  
7/1946 to 4/1967  
Born  
7/9/1928  
Caroleen, NC



## Membership Box

As of 11/30/2010 ☹️

Members in good standing 225

Members past due 4

Total Active Member Count 229

## Welcome Aboard S.M'S 😊

Brian Bentley, Belton NM Recruited By George Robinson

Jimmie Machen, Anderson, NM Recruited By George Robinson

Bobby Mardis, Gaffney, NM Recruited By Cliff Jones

Charles Morgan, Anderson, NM Recruited by James Williamson

## SIGNIFICANT DUTY STATIONS

USS CAIMAN SS 323

USS GREENFISH SS 351

USS IREX SS 482

USS BARBEL SS 580

USS RAZORBACK SS 394

## SIGNIFICANT AWARDS

NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (5)

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

BZ SHIPMATE TESENIAR

## Financial Report

( as of 11/30/10)

Checking Account: \$5,297.36

Savings Account: \$2,516.58

Building Fund CD: \$ 26,681.30 @  
NFCU

Branch Total \$ 34,495.24



*Thank You FRA Dues Payments Received Thank You*

Larry Blackwell  
Roger Thomas  
James Edwards  
Joe Newell  
Marion Hudson  
William Pagels

John Hauser  
Carl Waters  
John Ferguson  
Harold Parker  
Thomas Kirk  
Robert Theberge

James Love  
Coy Adams  
James Harris  
Clarence Teseniar  
Jimmie Machen  
Mark Poole

Alvin Mason  
Frank Beer  
Kenneth Locke  
Embree Bass  
Fred Malone  
David Todd

Mason McClure  
Lewis Clayton  
B. T Mardis  
Brian Bentley  
Charles Messinger  
Herbert Vaughn

Norman Pate  
Gerald Cronin  
Charles Morgan  
Russell Garner  
Guy Mobley  
George Willems

Tina Tate  
Weldon Diseker  
Charles Kuykendall  
James Harris  
Charles Nelson  
Samuel Williams

**Thank you for your continued support of our organization**



## *Meetings*

### **GA/SC Coordinating Committee**

Hosted by Branch 50 Charleston, SC  
January 8 & 9 2011  
Contact Secretary David Coates at  
[frabranh50@aol.com](mailto:frabranh50@aol.com)

### **Southeast Regional Midyear**

Hosted by Grand Strand Branch 254  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
February 24-27 2011  
Contact Secretary/Treasurer George Kay  
910 200 3330 or [gkaye@sccost.net](mailto:gkaye@sccost.net)

### **Southeast Regional Convention**

Hosted by Branch 187 Chattanooga, TN  
Date TBA  
Contact Secretary Kent Walker  
423 886 4516 or [jmwalker@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmwalker@bellsouth.net)

### **84th FRA National Convention**

Kansas City MO.

## *Spartanburg Crew*

Thanks to SM Tom Boiter Area Shipmates have the opportunity to meet and socialize each quarter. Shipmates meet at 11:00 AM the **second** Saturday of January, April, July and October at the Junction Restaurant located at 150 Samuel Rd. , Spartanburg. The food is plentiful and delicious. A representative from the Branch will be available to brief members on Branch business and answer questions. Mark your calendar and join Tom and the Crew at the next luncheon scheduled for Saturday **9 January at 11:00 AM.**

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## *Ladies Auxiliary News*

Gail Malone LAFRA Secretary  
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### **Greeting Unit Members**

Hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed holiday season! Our new year holds promise of great things to come!

Happy January birthday to: Jane B. Boiter (29th), and Annie D. Haynie (31st)

Happy February birthday to: Jeanette B. Lawing (6th), Janie Sprouse, (13th) and Peggy I. Brown (22)

Happy March birthday to: Marie Lewis (7th) and Jeanette McGregor (23rd)

Try to attend our LAFRA meetings each month at the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home at 7:00PM the 2nd Monday of each month. Our meetings coincide with the FRA meetings at the same place and time. Join your husband or wife and join us!

Marie Lewis, President, LAFRA Unit 234

## **Congress passes one-year Doc Fix.**

The Senate and House passed "The Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act" (H.R.4994) that provides a one year extension of current reimbursement rate for doctors seeing Medicare and Tricare patients. The bill delays proposed rate cuts from taking effect until January 1, 2012. This is the fifth extension this year of the so-called "doc fix" that forestalls drastic cuts in reimbursement rates for these providers and should give legislators time to reform the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula to provide adequate reimbursement for doctors. FRA continues to advocate for a permanent resolution that ensures Tricare and Medicare patients have access to quality healthcare providers..

**WARNING TO VETERANS** - Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.  
<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

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## **Congratulations**

To Shipmate George Robinson on receiving the Fleet reserve association's **FRA Membership Drive 10-11 lapel pin** for recruiting three (3) new or reinstated members.

## *NAVY LOG*

<http://www.navylog.org/> Google this link to go to the National Registry of Sea Service. The place where you can search for Shipmates or enter information about your Service Record as Shipmate Teseniar has done. If you have already entered some information, you can make changes, add information such as pictures etc. There is no charge.

