



# VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE

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## Commander's Corner

**Hello Comrades,**

I want to offer condolences to the families of Comrades Louis Harris and Carl Hartman. Both passed away recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

I would like to thank Madam President and her Ladies for putting together a very nice POW/MIA Ceremony, though I think Madam President should have been a Drill Sergeant the way she had everyone practicing. The food was great and everyone worked together.

One matter has been brought to my attention. When there is a family atmosphere, such as Steak Nights and children are present, the language gets to be rather foul around the Canteen. Please, refrain from loud cussing in these types of situations. We want people in the Canteen. An empty Canteen is a sad one to see.

February 23rd, 2012, Post 10256 turns 40 years old. I am planning to have a celebration of this upcoming event...more to come

Yours in Comradeship

*John Cardno*

Commander, V.F.W. Post 10256

## Ladies Auxiliary President

**Hello Comrades and Sisters,**

Don't forget the Halloween Party Oct. 29th. Buffet @ 6pm and entertainment at 8pm. Costumes are optional. The evening will be fun with special events. Stacy Weaver has worked very hard on putting this event together and I can tell you she has some fun ideas.

October 1st is the Hawaiian Luau. Dinner starts at 6pm. An Oil Painting by my daughter, Tara Diaz (Cardno, formerly), will be auctioned off after dinner. Her work is entitled "Heaven" and represents Love, Faith, Hope, Courage and Strength for all those going through cancer. All proceeds from the painting will go to Cancer Aid and Research. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Dinner proceeds will go towards the Ladies Auxiliary General Fund to help out Veterans and their families.

Our next meeting is October 6th. We need a new Conductress. There have been no volunteers as of yet. Please let me know if you are interested.

The joint Yard Sale is October 15th. We need donations. Thank you to all my Sisters and Chairmen for doing such a great job for me and the Post. It is greatly appreciated. Claudia Hucks, your performance as Secretary goes over and beyond the "call of duty". You are professional, knowledgeable and precise and a great person to know. Thank you for keeping me on top of everything. Also, to Kim Sparkman, Stacy Weaver, Annie Bain and all my other Sisters, you all are a nice bunch of awesome women.

Your Sister

*Barbara Cardno*

Ladies Auxiliary President

### Post Officers (2011-2012)

#### Commander-John Cardno

SVC	Trent Needler
JVC	Marc Fischer
Quartermaster	Kim Hamilton
Chaplain	Sidney Byrd
Adjutant	Gordon Hope
Surgeon	Gerald T Pothier
Judge Advocate/ Svc Officer	Paul McHugh

3 Year Trustee- Louis Salem

2 Year Trustee- RC Woodberry

1 Year Trustee- Juan Perez

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers (2011-2012)

#### President-Barbara Cardno

SVP	Kim Sparkman
JVP	Stacy Weaver
Treasurer	Annie Bain
Secretary	Claudia Hucks
Chaplain	Susan Hilton
Conductress	Vacant
Guard	Toni Pineault
Patriotic Instructor	Beth Cosimano
3 Year Trustee-	Michelle Stevens
2 Year Trustee	Janet Woodberry
1 Year Trustee	Beth Cosimano



## TAPS

*LtCol Carl W. Hartman USA (Ret) 18 Sept, 2011*  
*Louis D Harris, Sr. 4 Sept, 2011*

Thanks and praise, For our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky,  
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

### Quartermaster

Hello Comrades and Sisters,

There are numerous projects going on at the moment. The patio has been poured and the car port installed. We are offering a weekly 50/50 and a cooler of cheer, with proceeds going to A/C upgrade. The upgrade is slated to be completed in the winter/spring 2012. Due to the lack of Trip Wire inputs in the past, some of the functions / parties were not getting out to the membership. This should be resolved. We are printing our own newsletters now and sending them to those members that have requested a hard copy. Thank you for letting us know you desire one. For all others the Trip Wire is on the Post website and some extra newsletters will be left out at the Post. The first Oyster Roast of the year is slated for 15 Oct 2011 at 1pm. These oysters will be local. Our membership is at 80%. We have 105 members needing to renew. If you know of anyone, please remind them. Thank you for your support I do appreciate all assistance in keeping Goose Creek VFW at the forefront of other posts.

Yours in Comradeship  
**Kim E Hamilton**

*Allstate Two Dimes & Nickel Master*  
*2010/2011*

**Service Officer / Judge Advocate**  
*Paul McHugh*

### County Veterans Affairs Offices

In 1989, the South Carolina Association of County Veterans Officers was chartered. Today each county in South Carolina has similar offices. Their collective

**Service Officer / Judge Advocate**  
*(Continued)*

goal is to assist with filing claims for benefits, entitlements, obtaining military/medical records and personnel file, veterans' survivor's benefits, insurance and Veterans Hospitals and nursing home issues.

#### Interesting Facts

Prior to the creation of the VA Office for Charleston County, many of its services were performed by American Legion Local Post 10. On March 22, 1945, the S.C. General Assembly adopted a bill creating a VA Office in each of the state's 46 counties.

Charleston Co. office has records of service men and women dating back to the Spanish-American War. The first files, from the 1920s, were given to the VA office by American Legion Local Post 10 which had previously provided veterans services.

#### Contact info.

##### Berkeley County

Moncks Corner (843) 719-4023 - Charleston (843) 377-8506 [Web\\_VeteransAffairs@berkeleycountysc.gov](mailto:Web_VeteransAffairs@berkeleycountysc.gov)

##### Dorchester County

Summerville Phone: 843-832-0050  
St. George Phone: 843-563-0116

##### Charleston County

North Charleston (843) 974-6360

Yours in comradeship  
*Paul McHugh*

**Canteen Manager**  
*Gordon (Mike) Hope*

Hello Comrades and Sisters,

On 2 October 2011 starting @ 1300, we will hold the next Horseshoe Tournament at Post 10256. We will continue the match that was rained out at the Ladson Post and have another match following. If you play Horseshoes, please come out. We could sure use you. If you don't, come and support us!!

**Canteen Manager**  
*Gordon (Mike) Hope*

## VFW's 112th National Convention

As the elected Post 10256 delegate to the National Convention in San Antonio, I offer the following synopsis of significant business.

Delegates at VFW's 112th National Convention cast three historic votes fundamentally changing the organization's structure in terms of political activity, timing of dues payment, and composition of VFW's board of directors - the National Council of Administration.

After extended debate, delegates voted overwhelmingly to abolish VFW's Political Action Committee (PAC). Among other reasons, it was felt the PAC failed to consider the wishes of the VFW Departments with regard to the State's national politicians.

Delegates also approved subscription dues. National By-Laws Section 105 was amended by the addition of the following paragraph: "Effective no later than January 2014, a member's dues will be for a full twelve (12) months based on the actual month that the member paid." This means that, when effective, dues will no longer expire for all continuous members on 31 December of each year.

Delegates voted to restructure the National Council of Administration by increasing the number of Council members from 28 to 54. The intent is to give equal representation to each and every Department.

A proposed resolution to form a joint committee to study the logistics of creating a single Auxiliary formed from the Ladies and Men's auxiliaries was soundly defeated after lengthy debate.

Among the speakers at the Convention were Texas Governor (and Presidential candidate) Rick Perry, Presidential candidate Mitt Romney, U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), and former Commandant of the Marine Corps General Jim Conway,

All American State Commander  
1999-2000

*Gerald T. Pothier*

2011-2012

### House Committee- Chairman- Marc Fischer (S)

(E-1) Sydney Byrd	(E-2) Vacant
(E-3) Vacant	(A) Patrick Henshall
(A) Arlington Sanford	(A) Herb DeWell
Cmdr. John Cardno	QM Kim Hamilton
(A) Appointed	(E) Elected (S) Selected

### Men's Auxiliary

#### President-Craig Schaffer

SVP	Leonard Panessa
JVP	Steve Tolley
Treasurer	Tommy Manning
Secretary	Sam Cosimano (Acting)
Chaplain	Sam Cosimano
1 Year Trustee- Fred Moody	
2 Year Trustee- David Russell	
3 Year Trustee- Victor Gonzalez	

I need **all** the members of the Men's Auxiliary to see either Victor or myself to get some tickets for the shotgun / gift card raffle. Without you, this fund raiser can't work.

I want to take this time to thank the new Trustees. As always, members are needed to be at the next meeting!

As you know the Post Christmas Party is slated for 17 Dec 2011. Thank you Sam for chairing this event. If any members have ideas for the party, **please see Sam Cosimano**. We will be posting the flyers in the Post soon. Be sure to check them out!!!

Our wristband fund raiser has run into a snag. We need volunteers to help with the steak nights.

**Men's Auxiliary President  
Craig Schaffer**

### Ladies' Auxiliary Chaplain

Susan Hilton

Comrades and Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone for their continued contributions to "Pennies From Heaven".

God Bless You One And All!

*Susan*

Ladies Auxiliary Secretary  
Claudia Hucks

The Ladies Auxiliary is participating in the Pocket Flag Project. We are folding 300 pocket size flags to be sent to deployed units overseas.



### Christmas Fundraiser.



Purchase an empty ornament for \$5.00 from Claudia at the Post on Fridays and Steak Night Saturdays. Fill it with anything **non-offensive** that makes a patriotic ornament. All will be judged in December for prizes. More details at the Post. See flyers. Bartender has sample shown at left.

*Claudia*

### FREE WILL

#### For Any Veteran

VFW Post 10256 sponsors a **FREE WILL** program for any veteran and/or members of their family. For details and to qualify, make a donation to the VFW Post 10256, by contacting Gerry Pothier:

cell: (843) 343-5478,  
home: (843) 761-1301;  
email: [gtpothier@homesc.com](mailto:gtpothier@homesc.com)

Simple Wills in the marketplace go for \$150.00 each. Make a donation for each Will in an amount determined by the Veteran. All VFW Post 10256 Free Wills are prepared by a licensed South Carolina attorney, who also supervises its signing, and are confidential.

This is a fund raising project for VFW Post 10256. Help our Post as you save money and help yourself and your family.

Trip Wire Editor  
Vicky McHugh

On 18Sept2011, Post 10256 held the POW/MIA Recognition Ritual. Among those participating were, State and District 1 Chaplain, Davey Hare and the State Honor Guard.



### POW/MIA Script

You may notice this small table here in a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly call P.O.W.'s or M.I.A.'s, we call them brothers. They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

This table set for one is small... it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white... it symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms who keep faith awaiting their return.

The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn on the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting for our missing.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate... to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate... symbolic of the family's tears as they wait.

The glass is inverted... they cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty... they are not here.

Remember... all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely... they, have not forsaken you.

Thank you to all that attended.



Yours In Friendship

*Vicky McHugh*



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## October 2011



### "HAPPY HALLOWEEN"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WWII Veterans Appreciation Day  LAux Luau @1800
2 Life Member Appreciation	3	4 Men's Auxiliary Meeting @ 1900  Free Pool  Darts	5	6 Joint Meeting @ 1900  Free Pool.  Darts	7 Luck of the Draw  War on Terror Began (2001)	8  Steak Night
9 Life Member Appreciation	10 Columbus Day "Observed"  	11 Free Pool  Darts	12 Columbus Day  	13 Free Pool  Darts  US Navy est. (1775)	14 Luck of the Draw	15 LAux Yard Sale 0700-1200   Oyster Roast 1300  Dart Tournament 1200-1800
16 Life Member Appreciation	17	18 Free Pool  Darts	19 House Committee Meeting @1830	20 Free Pool  Darts	21 Luck of the Draw ***** November Trip Wire Inputs Due *****	22 Steak Night   Horseshoe Tournament 1300
23 Life Member Appreciation	24	25 Free Pool  Darts	26	27 Free Pool  Darts	28 Luck of the Draw	29 LAux Halloween Party 1900
30 Life Member Appreciation	31 Halloween  	 <i>Support Our Troops</i>		<b>Upcoming Events</b> 24November- Thanksgiving Dinner 17December- Children's Christmas Party 2-4pm 17December- Post Adult Christmas Party 6pm-??		