



# VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE



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### Commander's Corner



**Hello Comrades,**

I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Past Ladies Auxiliary President Shirley Hall on her passing into Heaven. Shirley will be missed by all.

I want to thank everyone that brought in food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. There is a box in the foyer for "Toys for Tots" and there will be one for food items for the Christmas Food Baskets.

Don't forget, if you haven't paid your Membership Dues by December 31<sup>st</sup>, your membership will lapse and the Bartenders will be checking "all" cards. All Officers need to renew or you will not be able to hold a position.

I hope everyone has a very "Merry Christmas and a "Happy New Year"

Yours in Comradeship

*John Cardno*

Commander, V.F.W. Post 10256

### Ladies Auxiliary President



**Hi Everyone,**

Welcome new members, Elonna Bryan, Dawn Parlor and Eva Marie Collins.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Tess Pothier, Janet Woodbury and I paid a visit to the VA Hospital in Downtown Charleston. Goodie Bags were handed out and we all had a pleasant experience visiting the Staff and patients. December 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Christmas Party for the patients. If anyone can come for the visit, please do. There is nothing like a big smile on the faces of Veteran's and their families when you visit them.

A big thank you goes out to all who contributed food items and helped pack the Thanksgiving Food Boxes. I really appreciated everyone's help!

I want to wish everyone a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Wonderful New Year"!

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	Tess Pothier
Guard	Toni Pineault
Patriotic Instructor	Beth Cosimano
3 Year Trustee-	Michelle Stevens
2 Year Trustee	Janet Woodberry
1 Year Trustee	Beth Cosimano

## Post Surgeon



### Southern Conference

In November I flew to Mobile, Alabama to attend the annual meeting of the VFW Southern Conference. The major order of business conducted during the business session was the election and installation of officers to serve during 2011-2013.

Elected and installed to serve for the next two years as chairman of the Southern Conference was Richard Bell, a past state commander in the Department of South Carolina. I was installed as Southern Conference Parliamentarian and will serve during Chairman Bell's two-year term of office.

The four Conferences in the VFW are Western Conference, Big Ten, Eastern Conference, and Southern Conference. Making up the Southern Conference are the Departments of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

National Quartermaster-General Larry Maher spoke during the business session and at the banquet. During both speeches, he made it quite clear that due to the financial straits of the VFW we could expect to see motions on the floor of the National Convention next July to raise the continuous dues and the Life Member dues. It has been several years since VFW dues have increased and we are among the least expensive Veterans' Service Organizations in terms of the cost of dues. It would be wise to pay your annual dues now and it would be much wiser to become a Life Member to avoid the ever-increasing cost of dues...not to mention the several Dues Notices you get in the mail every year!

*Gerald T. Pothier*

## Service Officer / Judge Advocate



### 'Tis the season for charitable giving

But do you know what your charity is doing with the money you donate? Check out your Charity. There are a lot of scams and scammers this time of year trying to get you to give up your cash. There are also legitimate but wasteful or inefficient ones. Some can use up to 95 cents out of every dollar on 'administrative and advertising' costs.

Check out the percentage spent on fund-raising and administrative costs. That comes from the "990" report to the IRS. If your charity doesn't provide it be wary.

The watchdog outfit, The American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP), recommends supporting a charity in which at least 60% goes the charitable services, but the higher the percentage the more efficient the charity.

You can go to <http://www.charitywatch.org/> or <http://www.charitynavigator.org/> a lot of detail, but they might want some money too. The Better Business Bureau has the Give Wise Alliance and sets some minimum standards to make their list. <http://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/national>. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) also has a set of minimum standards and a wide selection of charities. Also, you can always call your charity of choice and just ask a few questions to insure they are doing what you think they are doing.

Yours in Comradeship,  
**Paul McHugh**

**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

**Canteen Manager**



Hello Comrades and Sisters,

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Years. Just be careful and have a good time. There is only one steak night in December then back to the normal schedule in January.

Canteen Manager  
*Gordon (Mike) Hope*

**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-	Derek Johnson
2 Year Trustee-	David Russell
3 Year Trustee-	Vacant

**Ladies Auxiliary Secretary**

*Claudia Hucks*



**Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen**

Winners of the VFW Post 10256 patriotic competitions have been selected. Patriot's Pen was won by Andrea Heyward from Hanahan Middle School. Voice of Democracy was won by Elizabeth Scannell of Berkeley Middle College (Berkeley High School). We received word today from District Voice of Democracy chairman Janet Chisolm-Richards that Elizabeth Scannell has won the District competition and will be sent on to Department.

**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer**



Hi Sisters,

Our auxiliary still has not made 100% in membership. We need a few more Sisters to pay their dues of \$20.00. I need them by December 24th. Bring your dues to the Post, or send it to me. If you have any questions please call me.

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**Local Information (Goose Creek)**

Starting December 6th until the second week in January SE bound side of Red bank Rd will be shut down due to repairs. They advised these repairs would be from Hwy 52 all the way down to Snake Rd. They also said that the whole section would not be shut down at the same time but it will be approximately 500ft at a time.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WWII Veterans Appreciation Day <u>Joint Meeting</u> <u>@ 1900</u> Free Pool Darts	2  Luck of the Draw	3
4 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	5	6  Free Pool Darts	7  <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8  Free Pool Darts	9  Luck of the Draw	10  Steak Night
11  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	12	13  Free Pool Darts	14 ***** <i>January Trip Wire Inputs Due</i> *****	15  Free Pool Darts	16  Luck of the Draw	17  Children's Christmas Party 2-4pm Post Adult Christmas Party 6pm-??
18  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	19	20  Free Pool Darts	21  <u>House Committee Meeting</u> <u>@1830</u>	22	23  Luck of the Draw	24
 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27  Free Pool Darts	28	29  Free Pool Darts	30  Luck of the Draw	31 <b>New Years Eve</b> 



### Upcoming Events

- 7 December- Pearl Harbor-Yorktown 11:00am
- 17December- Children's Christmas Party 2-4pm
- 17December- Post Adult Christmas Party 6pm-??