



VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE



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Post Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades,

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Commander's Ball on February 7th. On February 8th we have a District 1 Meeting at Post 3142. Dinner is at 1300 and the meeting is at 1400. February 20th-22nd is the Spring Conference at Myrtle Beach in the Landmark Hotel.

I want to thank all the Comrades and Ladies for putting all the events together over the past month, and all who donated food for the families in need for the Holiday Season.

Anyone who has any ideas for some good fund raisers let us know of them.

See you all at the meeting on February 5th.

Yours in Comradeship
John Cardno

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

I hope that all had a good New Year. We have a Valentine Basket at the post. Come in and get your tickets, one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. The lady of your dreams will really love to win this basket when she gets to see what is in it.

We will be doing a few more fund raisers and I would like to thank all that have helped so far and hope to see a few new faces in our up-coming events. There will be a yard sale in the near future and if you have anything to donate please see Kim Sparkman who is in charge of it. Would like to thank Kim and Sandra White, who are storing the items at home, for all their help.

There will also be more dinners, keep your eyes on the Trip Wire for up-coming events.

There will be a Commanders Ball on Feb. 7th. Come out and enjoy the food plus dance the night away with Jack and Vicky. It will be an enjoyable time. Up-coming events are:

7 Feb Commanders Ball

8 Feb District Meeting Dorchester Post

11 Feb Valentine Basket Drawing

14 & 28 Feb Steak Nights

22 Feb Oyster Roast

Would like to welcome our newest member, Mary Kuehne, to the Ladies Auxiliary. Come out and support your post. If you have any ideas for events bring them to the next meeting on Feb. 5th.

Your Sister

Ladies Auxiliary President

Anita Bennett-Hope

Post Officers (2008-2009)

Commander	John Cardno
SVC	Louis Salem
JVC	Michael Sparkman
Quartermaster	William Heckmann
Chaplain	David M. Medert
Adjutant/Surgeon	Gerry Pothier
Judge Advocate	Wheeler Tillman

Ladies Auxiliary Officers (2008-2009)

President	Anita Bennett-Hope
SVP	Della Deatherage
JVP	Tracie Rabon
Treasurer	Annie Bain
Secretary	Vicky McHugh
Chaplain	Sandra White
Conductress	Janet Woodberry
Patriotic Instructor	Cathy Clifford



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Post Adjutant
Gerald T. Pothier

Welcome Aboard:

The following new members/transfers have joined Post 10256 during the months listed.

- 10 July 2008 - RANDY D. CHERRY; DAVID M. MEDERT; KENNETH E. SECOY; REDEN C. WOODBERRY; ALLEN L. TUCKER
- 7 August 2008 - DOUGLAS M. HELAMS
- 4 September 2008 - CARL E. MILLER; MARVIN W. CHANDLER
- 2 October 2008 - JAMES R. WALKER; JAMEEL ADAMS
- 6 November 2008 - ROBERTO LOPEZ
- 4 December 2008 - ROBERT L. WITHERS III

We welcome each of you to our post and urge you all to participate in our meetings, social events, and other VFW programs. Your help is needed in some of our committees so ask what is available and where we may best utilize your talents. It will make you feel good.

Did You Know:

Article III of our Post By-Laws states no tobacco products will be smoked during Post regular or special meetings. Members with respiratory health problems can safely attend smoke-free meetings once a month.

Next month, at our Post meeting on 5 March, nominations for the 2009/2010 officers will be open. Now is the time to think of which office you would like to run for or who should be nominated for an elected office.

Any nominee may decline nomination for office to which he/she has been nominated before nominations are closed. Nominations will remain open until the elections in April. A member making the nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to me, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the opening of nominations.

A member who accepts a nomination and election or who accepts an appointment agrees to fulfill all the duties required of that office. You must be willing to do the work of your office. "Hat wearers" need not apply.

Nominations open in March, nominations and elections in April, installation of elected and appointed officers in May, officers assume their duties in June when the State Commander is installed.

Post Adjutant
Gerald T. Pothier

Post Chaplain

Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well in the New Year. I'm sure the Supreme Commander has great plans for us all in 2009.

As of now, the only Comrade in distress that I am aware of is Comrade Pat Sullivan. He was in ICU for a couple of days at the beginning of the year and at the time of this writing, was moved into rehab for the next 2-6 weeks. He says he is feeling pretty well and sounds very positive. Smoking for him is now a thing of the past and says we shouldn't drape the charter just yet! He has requested no visitors while he is in rehab but cards can be sent to his home address and his wife Barbara will take them to him. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Our Senior Vice Commander Louis Salem's mother is also not feeling well. At the time of this writing, he is currently out of town taking care of her. I also ask that you keep her and the Salem family in your hearts and prayers.

As for me, Mom is doing great! Her most recent MRI revealed no tumor or cancer cells that can readily be seen. She is more alert, awake, and her memory is starting to come back now that the chemo and radiation are done. She will continue a cycle of chemo starting next month (5 days on 23 days off). She wanted me to thank everyone for all the prayers as they seem to be working great.

Once again, if any Comrade or family of Comrade needs to contact me, feel free to at anytime. May God bless you and keep in the New Year.

Yours in the Lord and Comradeship,
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House Committee

Chairman-Michael (Sparky) Sparkman

John Cardno	William Heckmann
Mike Hope	Patrick Henshall
Rocky McIntire	E-1 Vacant
Charles Engh	E-2 Vacant

House Committee Chairman- No input

Quartermaster
William Heckmann

Quartermaster- No input

**Judge Advocate
Wheeler Tillman**

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Save \$500 to \$600 per year on your real property taxes. It's easy to obtain in South Carolina if either you or your spouse/partner are 65 years or older. To qualify, you and your spouse/partner must live in the home. And, the name of the household member who is 65 or older must be on the deed. If one member of the household is over 65 and the other one is not, the savings can still be had providing that the household member who is 65 or older is on the deed. (This same benefit is available to the household member with a disability regardless of the age of the disabled member.) In order to take advantage of this tax savings you must file an application for the Homestead Exemption with the County Auditor's Office. If you were eligible for this benefit in past years and did not get the tax benefit because you did not apply for the Homestead Exemption you can apply now for a refund of the past taxes which you paid. The refund amount is limited to two years, which is about \$1,200. The County Treasurer will actually mail you a refund check. Contact your Post Judge Advocate (843-442-9435) for a free discussion of this State Tax benefit if you need further details. Or contact your County Auditor's office.

FREE WILLS

Obtaining a free will is now easy. All you have to do is make a contribution to VFW Post 10256. You must be a Post member, or a member of its auxiliary, or be a relative of their immediate family living in the same household.

If you or any family member wants a free will you should contact the Post 10256 Adjutant Gerald Pothier to make your donation to the Post. He will take it from there and you will be contacted by a licensed South Carolina Attorney who will draw the will and supervise its execution in his office. You pay the Attorney zero. There is no attorney fee.

You must be a resident of South Carolina in order to take advantage of this Post benefit. The amount of your donation is up to you. The market price for this simple will is \$150.00 per will. How about a donation of \$25.00? \$50.00? This is a fund raising program for the Post. Help yourself, your loved ones and your Post. Donate and have your own simple will (no trust wills) personalized to fit your wishes.

Wheeler Tillman
Judge Advocate
VFW Post 10256
Cell: (843) 442-9435

**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer
Annie Bain**

Unfortunately, we did not meet our 100% in membership. If you have not paid your dues, please do so.

Annie

**Patriot's Corner
Kim Sparkman**

We will always remember. We will always be proud.
We will always be prepared, so we may always be free.

President Ronald Reagan

(Brainy quotes)

Editor/LAux Secretary Remarks

Hello Friends,

I just wanted to pass along a few things. CC and Dave O'Donnell extends their gratitude to their VFW family for the many thoughts and prayers during Dave's recent hospitalization.

Also, I received an e-mail from Past Post Chaplain, Evan Barnard. Evan and Audry wanted me to let everyone know that they have decided on the name Hunter Scott when he arrives and that they miss everyone. Below is their current address.

Evan and Audry Barnard
9326 64th Avenue NE
Marysville, WA 98270

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Yours in Friendship,

Vicky McHugh

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February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Super Bowl Party (Begins at Kick-Off)	2	3 Free Pool	4	5 Joint Meeting 1900 *Donny Brook Pirates vs Just Having Fun *Long Riders @ The Dive Free Pool	6 Luck of the Draw	7 Commander's Ball 1800-1900 Social Hour 1900-2000 Dinner 2000-2400 Entertainment (J & V Harmony)
8 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>District 1 Meeting (Post 3142) @ 1300</i>	9	10 Free Pool	11 Valentine's Day Basket Raffle Drawing	12 *Long Riders @ Mojo's Club & Cigar Bar * Just Having Fun vs Muff Divers *Donny Brook Pirates @ Dorchester Lanes Free Pool	13 Luck of the Draw	14 Steak Night St. Valentine's Day
15 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	16 ***March Trip Wire Inputs Due*** President's Day	17 Free Pool	18 House Committee Meeting @1900	19 Free Pool	20 Luck of the Draw	21
22 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> Oyster Roast @ 1300 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Free Pool	25	26 Free Pool	27 Luck of the Draw	28 Steak Night

Events of Note:

District 1 Meeting (Post 3142) @ 1300 8Feb09
18-23 Feb- Nat'l VFW Mid- Winter Conference (Louisville, KY)
5-8 Feb09-Nat'l Ladies Aux. Mid-Winter Conference (Savannah, GA)
20-22 Feb09- Dept. of SC Spring Conference (Landmark Hotel-M. Beach)

Don't forget to visit the Website @ vfw10256.org.



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