



VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE



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Dedicated to the Memory of William (Bill) Heckmann

Post Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades,

It is with a heavy heart that I sit down to write this. I had planned to write a much different article.

On the evening of February 13, 2009, I lost a man I considered to be a very good personal friend both to me and to my family. Bill Heckmann will be sadly missed by Post 10256 and by those who knew him. Bill was involved in every aspect of the Post. All you had to do was look around and you would see Bill.

During the last 3 years as Commander, it has been a real honor to have had him by my side as Quartermaster. So, Rest in Peace, Bill. You deserve it.

On the pleasant side of things, the Post has earned 100% Membership for the 3rd consecutive year. Also, we had a very successful Commander's Ball on February 7th. The Ladies Auxiliary did a fine job with food and on decorating the Post. All the food was great including Comrade Wheeler Tillman's famous meat balls. Thank you to everyone. Our visitors included the State Commander, Frank Fogner and his wife, Dana, District #1 Commander, Willie Campbell, various Post Commanders, and 3 Past Post 10256 Commanders. The entertainment of Jack Bullis and Vicky McHugh was outstanding.

This month at our March 5th meeting, we will have nominations for Post Officers. If you are interested in a position, please come to the meeting.

At this time, I want to thank Sr. Vice CDR Lou Salem in assisting Comrade Bill Heckmann's family. Lou was with Bill's daughter, Angel, through it all.

Yours in Comradeship
John Cardno

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

I wish to send our heartfelt condolences to the Heckmann family. Our prayers are with you. Bill will be sadly missed.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Commander's Ball. It was a big success and Jack and Vicky were outstanding once again.

The Steak Nights are getting bigger and bigger. I would like to thank all the ladies who helped in February. Your help is greatly appreciated and the desserts were great as usual. There is a Saint Patrick's Day Basket on display at the Post. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Come in and check it out. See your bartender for tickets.

It is horseshoe time again. The tournament will be at 1300 28March09 at the Ladson Post. We will try to get our trophy back. Come on out and root your Post to victory.

There will be a yard sale in the near future so anything you need to get rid of, bring to the Post. Keep an eye on the news letter for the date and time. Once again, thank you Ladies for all your help. Hope to see you all at our next meeting on 5 March at 7:00 P.M.

Your Sister
Ladies Auxiliary President
Anita Bennett-Hope

Post Officers (2008-2009) Commander- John Cardno

SVC	Louis Salem
JVC	Michael Sparkman
Pro Tempore Quartermaster	R. C. Woodberry
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

Post Adjutant
Gerald T. Pothier

Due to the untimely passing of Quartermaster Bill Heckmann, Commander Cardno has appointed comrade Reden C. Woodberry as the Pro Tempore Quartermaster for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, until a new quartermaster is elected.

Nomination and election of the new quartermaster will take place at our next Post meeting on 5 March 2009.

Nominations and Election

At our Post meeting on 5 March, nominations will open for all 2009-2010 elected officers. Nominations will remain open until closed at the 2 April meeting at which time officers will be elected.

Additionally, we must elect a quartermaster to finish out the unexpired 2008-2009 term of QM Heckmann. Comrade R. C. Woodberry has accepted Commander Cardno's appointment as Pro Tempore Quartermaster, however, in accordance with the National Manual of Procedure he cannot hold a pro tem position for longer than sixty (60) days.

Yours in comradeship

Post Adjutant

Gerald T. Pothier

Post Chaplain

Comrades,

I write this input with a difficult and heavy heart. I think most of you know why.

It is with great distress that I announce the passing of a Comrade that most of us knew, our very own Quartermaster, Bill Heckman. I am not going to go into the details of his passing as most of you already know them.

Bill was a good friend to all of us. Someone who would listen to what we had to say and give his own inputs no matter how much we didn't like them. He was always honest and truthful in everything he did. He served his country well and with pride, just like all of us do. My words alone can give no justice to that man's soul and heart, so here is where I stop.

I also wish to send out our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Comrade Dave O'Donnell and Comrade Pat Sullivan. Both have had their share of health issues.

Post Chaplain
Continued

I wish all of you well in everything you do. May we always be remembered by our own legacy.

Yours in the Lord and Comradeship,

David Matthew Medert

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House Committee

Chairman-Michael (Sparky) Sparkman

John Cardno

Mike Hope

RC Woodberry

Charles Eng

Rocky McIntire

Patrick Henshall

E-1 Vacant

E-2 Vacant

My Fellow Comrades,

At this time, I would be telling you about all of the up and coming events we would be having and how the past ones went but, as you will know by the time this issue of the Trip Wire goes out, we have lost one of our hard working House Committee members Bill Heckmann. I will miss you my good friend, and the Post will miss you as well. I know that it won't be the same for me to be working a Post function and you will not there. When I would hear the sound of your motorcycle pulling up, I knew that help was here. Bill loved his Post and he loved its Members and worked very hard to make sure that everyone had a great time whatever the function. Bill Heckmann would go out of his way to make the guests of other Posts as well as the guests of our own members, feel welcome. Yes, Bill loved to see people having a good time.

There's one thing I do know for sure, when there's a Steak Night or an Oyster Roast in heaven, you will find Bill cooking on the grill or making a Bloody Mary.

So, as we go on with every day events at the Post, I know my good friend, you will be there with us. You will always be in our hearts.

I will miss you, my Brother, Comrade, Teammate, and Friend.

Michael (Sparky) Sparkman

Service Officer / Judge Advocate

Wheeler Tillman

As we age, our health condition changes. For veterans, sometimes their changing health condition entitles them to apply for disability through the Veterans Benefits Administration. For example, veterans who have been diagnosed with Type II diabetes or those who have contracted certain types of cancer, and who served in Vietnam, may be eligible for service connected benefits.

The benefit amount will vary depending upon the percent of disability allotted by the VA. Your Post service officer can now get you started. The Department of South Carolina VFW wants individual Post service officers to assist their members in getting their benefits started or with increasing their benefits which have already started. You will be asked to sign a Power of Attorney at the Post level appointing the Veterans of Foreign Wars as the agency that will assist you with your claim. The Power of Attorney form will be sent to Ms. Taylor-Jordan, the State Service Officer for the Department in Columbia. Ms. Taylor-Jordan will be glad to help the veteran directly; however your Post service office is available to address your immediate requests.

So, let your Post 10256 service officer help you get started. Contact your present Post Service Officer at (843) 442-9435 if you wish to apply for a disability rating or for an increase in your benefits for an existing service connected disability. If you, (or someone you know), are the widow or widower of a deceased veteran, you may be eligible for DIC benefits. Check with your Post Service Officer for assistance with a claim for these type benefits, as well.

Save \$\$ on your annual motor vehicle taxes.

If your car/truck has "high mileage" during the year you can pay less personal property taxes on the vehicle. In order to pocket this savings you must file an "appeal" for a discount on your bill. Now, be sure to file the appeal timely. You must file the appeal before the "decals renewal month". The appeal form can be obtained from your local Auditor's Office, or on-line at www.charlestoncounty.org. The Auditor's office determines whether your claim for "high mileage" triggers the reduction. Probably it does, if your mileage is over 12,000 miles per year (Your Judge Advocate's guess).

Wheeler Tillman
VFW Post 10256
Cell: (843) 442-94

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer

If you haven't paid your \$20.00 dues, it's not too late. You can drop them by the Post or send them to me. Make the check payable to: Ladies Aux.VFW Post 10256.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Take care,

Annie Bain
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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 hope a number of you have had the opportunity to visit the website @ vfw10256.org. If you wish to view the Trip Wire at the site as opposed to having it mailed to you, please let us know. You can send me a quick note to: tripwire@bellsouth.net. asking that you be removed from the mailing list.

Yours in Friendship,
Vicky McHugh



To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

JUST A BIKER

(Author Unknown)

I saw you hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.

But you didn't see me put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.

But you didn't see me playing Santa at the local Mall.

I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant when you saw my bike parked out front.

But you didn't see me attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by.

But you didn't see me riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children.

But you didn't see me, when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you stare at my long hair.

But you didn't see me and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you roll your eyes at our leather jackets and gloves.

But you didn't see me and my brothers donate our old ones to those that had none.

I saw you look in fright at my tattoos.

But you didn't see me cry as my children were born or have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.

But you didn't see me going home to be with my family.

I saw you complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.

But you didn't see me when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you yelling at your kids in the car.

But you didn't see me pat my child's hands knowing she was safe behind me.

I saw you reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.

But you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you race down the road in the rain.

But you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.

But you didn't see me trying to turn right.

I saw you cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.

But you didn't see me leave the road.

I saw you waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.

But you didn't see me. I wasn't there.

I saw you go home to your family.

But you didn't see me because I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker, a person with friends and a family. But you didn't see me.

Repost this around in hopes that people will understand the biker community.

If you don't repost this, it [is unfortunate] to be you. I hope you never lose someone that rides.

EVEN IF YOU DON 'T LIKE US, RESPECT OUR RIGHTS TO RIDE WHAT WE CHOOSE AND TAKE A FEW EXTRA SECONDS TO BE SURE WE ARE NOT IN "YOUR" WAY

Dear Friends,

Bill submitted this article to me for publication in the October 2008 Trip Wire. He was not the Author but, because he and so many of our comrades and friends ride bikes, Bill felt it was a good way to ask that we all be extra mindful and diligent of those choosing to ride. Bill, you will forever be a part of us.

*Trip Wire
Vicky McHugh*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Need A Shot vs Pappy's Aces</i>	2 <i>Vietnam War began (1965)</i>	3 Free Pool	4	5 Joint Meeting @ 1900 Free Pool	6 Luck of the Draw	7 Dart Banquet 1430
8 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Need A Shot @ Bizzie Bee Pappy's Aces vs Bizzie Bee</i> <i>Haircuts by Kim 1300-1600 (Adults only please) \$5.00 Donation</i>	9	10 Free Pool	11	12 Free Pool	13 Luck of the Draw	14 Steak Night St. Patrick's Day Basket Raffle
15 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Need A Shot vs Thirsty Turtle II Pappy's Aces @ Thirsty Turtle</i>	16 ***** April Trip Wire Inputs Due *****	17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 1700 Free Pool	18 House Committee Meeting @1900	19 Free Pool	20 Luck of the Draw <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 Field Day 0900
22 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> **Oyster Roast @ 1300** <i>Need A Shot @ Weekends Pappy's Aces vs Nowhere</i>	23	24 Free Pool	25	26 Free Pool	27 Luck of the Draw	28 Steak Night Horse Shoe Tournament 1300 @ Ladson
29 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Need A Shot vs Nowhere Pappy's Aces @ Weekends</i>	30	31 Free Pool				

Events of Note:
 22 March 2009 - C of A Meeting at Headquarters at 1000
 31 March 2009 - All Posts to be 102% in Membership
 Don't forget to visit the Website @ vfw10256.org.

