



# VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE



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## Post Commander's Comments

**Hello Comrades,**

I hope to see a good turnout for the meeting on Thursday 2April09. We will be electing officers for the 2009-2010 year. Nominations will be open until the time of the elections. If anyone is interested in a position, please "step up".

The Men's Auxiliary needs to hold an Election of Officers **by 10April09** or their Charter will be revoked. It has been 5 years since they were granted their Charter and the clock is ticking. **Gentlemen, you need to decide if you wish to remain an Auxiliary of VFW Post 10256.**

The District No.1 Convention will be held on 19Apr09 at Post 10624, Mt Pleasant. Lunch is @ 1300 and the meeting begins @ 1400.

I wish everyone a "Happy Easter".

Yours in Comradeship  
**John Cardno**

## Ladies Auxiliary President

**Hello Sisters,**

"Special Thanks" to all who helped make our St. Patrick's Day Dinner a big hit. The food and desserts were delicious and there were many compliments.

Welcome to our newest LAux Member, Amy Carney. If any new members have not received a LAux pin or *small* book of By-Laws, see us at our next meeting and we will see that you receive them.

We will be making another trip to the Veteran's Hospital to give our Veterans cookies and cards on 11April09. We need sugar free cookies and candy donated for this event. If you can help, please drop off donations at the Post. The Girl Scouts will be making cards for this occasion.

**Upcoming events are as follows:**

11April09- Steak Night

19April09- Dist. #1 Convention Post 10624 (Mt. Pleasant.)

25April09- Steak Night

I would like to express our thanks to Kim Sparkman for taking time out of her weekends to cut hair on Sunday afternoons. If you men or ladies need a haircut, it's only \$5.00 and she does a great job.

The yard sale is still being planned. Keep watching the newsletter for date and time. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off at the Post.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting Thursday, 2April09 @ 1900. If you have any ideas for fund raisers please bring them to the meeting or let us know.

Your Sister

*Anita Bennett-Hope*

### Post Officers (2008-2009) Commander- John Cardno

SVC	Louis Salem
JVC	Michael Sparkman
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



**Support Our Troops**

## Comrades and Friends,

As most of you know, I had the privilege of assisting the daughter of our late Comrade Quartermaster Bill Heckmann, with the arrangements for his funeral. I was with Angel Jordan when her dad was transferred from surgery to the ICU Unit at MUSC. That night took a heavy toll on Angel. I could not even begin to imagine the emotional stress that she was going through when the doctors informed her that her dad had passed. I decided that if she needed a shoulder to lean on I would offer mine. From that point on, I offered my assistance in making arrangements and making sure that her dad was sent on his final journey with the honor he deserved. As I took on this mission I looked for support from my Comrades at Post 10256.

The outpouring of support was overwhelming. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped and offered help in the many things that had to get done in a short period of time. As my shoulder was there for Angel to lean on, so were the shoulders of the comrades at our post. There are too many names to list so I will just say, "Thank You to all".

Yours in Comradeship  
Louis Salem  
Sr. Vice Commander

Post Adjutant  
*Gerald T. Pothier*

### Nominations

Nominations for 2009-2010 officers were opened during the Post meeting in March with the following comrades being nominated; Commander Louis Salem; Senior Vice Commander Michael Sparkman; Junior Vice Commander Wayne Neufeld; Quartermaster Kim Hamilton; Surgeon Gerald T. Pothier; Chaplain David M. Medert; Judge Advocate Wheeler Tillman; 3 Year Trustee John Cardno. Nominations remain open until closed for the elections at the April Post meeting.

Pro Tempore Quartermaster RC Woodberry was nominated as Quartermaster to complete the unexpired term for 2008-2009. There being no other nominees, Adj. Pothier cast one unanimous ballot for RC Woodberry as 2008-09 Quartermaster.

Let it be known if you are interested in serving in any of the above elected positions or any of the many chairmanships or committees which are available. Your help is needed in many areas to ensure the success of the Post as it carries out the programs of the VFW as well as House Committee members to lead and guide the solvency of the Post Home. It's a team effort...join the team.

**Did You Know...**Bojangles in Goose Creek offers a discount to military retirees? Simply ask for the Military Retiree Discount when you place your order.

Post Adjutant  
*Continued*

### Welcome Aboard:

We are very happy to have the following comrades join Post 10256: Douglas S. Hightower, Michael S. Tucker, Stephen W. Ditto, new Life Member Kenneth R. Pack, and reinstated member Fermin D. Brannen.

We hope to see all of you at our monthly Post meetings and frequently enjoying the camaraderie in the Post Home.

Yours in comradeship

*Gerald T. Pothier*

Post Chaplain

Comrades,

I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you for all of your help during the loss of our Quartermaster Bill Heckmann. It was truly awesome and moving to see all of us put our differences aside and come together in true comradeship to help his family out in any way we could. I know that Angel and the rest of the Heckmann family were very grateful for all that we did.

Please keep our Comrade Fred Bolz and his family in your prayers as I was just informed the other day that his wife, AnnMarie has passed.

As of right now, that is the only news I have to report. I continue to pray that everyone is doing well and that the Lord keeps us all safe as we venture out due to the very nice change in the weather.

Yours in the Lord and Comradeship,

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### House Committee

#### Chairman-Michael (Sparky) Sparkman

John Cardno  
RC Woodberry  
Rocky McIntire

Mike Hope  
Charles Engh  
Patrick Henshall

**E-1 Vacant**

**E-2 Vacant**

**Service Officer / Judge Advocate**

*Wheeler Tillman*

**Vehicle Taxes**

If you pay property taxes on your vehicle and sell the vehicle before its license tag expires, you can transfer the license plate to your new vehicle and pay no additional taxes. If you sell your vehicle and do not replace it with a new vehicle you can get a refund of any unused vehicle taxes. You must return the license plate to the SCDMV and get a "license return receipt". Then, contact the Auditor's Office and fax them a copy of the "license return receipt". The Auditor's Office will send you a check for the unused property taxes which you paid. Phone numbers for the local Auditor's Offices:

**North Charleston is (843) 202-6691**

**Berkeley County is (843) 719-4309**

If you leave South Carolina before your license tag expires, you can also get a refund of the property taxes. You must mail your South Carolina license tag and **a copy of your registration in the new state** to the Auditor's Office.

**Remembering William (Bill) Heckmann**

When our fellow VFW comrade Bill Heckmann died on Friday, 2/13/2009, veterans from the Lowcountry of South Carolina came out in large numbers to honor him, his family and his legacy. Many of those veterans were from our Post 10256 in Goose Creek, SC.

A comprehensive article has been written explaining these events honoring Bill's life. The article will soon be posted to the Post website, [vfw10256.org](http://vfw10256.org). Hopefully, the webmaster will include some photos to accompany the article. The article is too long for publication in this newsletter.

Visit the article on the website and see how you and your fellow veterans in the Lowcountry honored Bill and his family.

Wheeler Tillman  
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**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer**

It's not too late to pay your dues. 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.

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**Editor/LAux Secretary Remarks**

Hello Friends,

Below is a letter received by Commander Cardno from Bill Heckmann's daughter, Angel Jordan.

*To VFW Post 10256,*

*My family and I wanted to thank you for all of your time and efforts spent in honoring my father William Heckmann. My family came from Ohio and Louisiana to pay their respects. You welcomed them in and gave us all a safe haven to escape from the terrible week we had experienced. We were able to love and remember Dad's life the way he would have wanted us to with his friends and family at VFW Post 10256.*

*After reading the recent Trip Wire, I know Daddy will not be forgotten. We will never forget all of you for your kindness and prayers. We will push forward as he would have wanted but, none of us will forget him.*

*Sincerely,  
Angel Jordan & Family*

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Also, correspondence from Past Post Chaplain, Evan Barnard.

*Comrades,*

*I wanted to take a minute to announce that Audry gave birth to a 6 lb., 13 oz. baby boy on March 5, 2009 at Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington, WA. His name is Hunter Scott Barnard and is doing perfectly thus far. I know many folks at the post were awaiting news and hope you can help get the word out. Thank you so much, we miss you all tremendously. Tell everyone to feel free to drop us a line or call.*

*Forever your Comrade,*

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The Jumble Puzzle will be back next month. Have a safe and blessed Easter.

Yours in Friendship,  
**Vicky McHugh**



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## April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <u>Joint Meeting @ 1900</u>  Dart League Free Pool	3  Luck of the Draw	4
5  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>  <i>Need A Shot @ Bizzie Bee</i> <i>Pappy's Aces vs Bizzie Bee</i>   <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6    <i>WW1 Declared (1917)</i>	7    Free Pool	8	9    Dart League Free Pool  <i>Passover</i>	10    Luck of the Draw   <i>Good Friday</i>	11    Steak Night
12  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>      <i>Easter</i>	13 *****  <i>May Trip Wire Inputs Due</i>  *****	14    Free Pool	15  <u>House Committee Meeting @1900</u>	16    Dart League Free Pool	17    Luck of the Draw	18    Berkeley County Bass Anglers Rib Night 1800-2000
19  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	20	21    Free Pool	22    <i>Earth Day</i>	23    Dart League Free Pool	24    Luck of the Draw	25    Steak Night
26  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	27	28    Free Pool	29	30		

**Events of Note:**  
 19 April 2009 - District #1 Convention Post 10624  
 30 April 2009- Cut off for all awards  
 Don't forget to visit the Website @ [vfw10256.org](http://vfw10256.org)

