



# VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE

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## Commander's Corner

### Comrades,

Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer and the temps are rising. It's time to start thinking about the spring field day to beautify our Post Home. The House Committee will be asking for volunteers to help with the spring fix/clean up. Please give of your time.

Welcome aboard to our newest members William R. Brown, David A. Dahlberk, Wayne W. Mc Bride, and Thomas J. Van Patten. We haven't achieved 100% in membership as of this writing, it is very important to keep our membership strong. If you know anyone who hasn't renewed their membership for 2011 please urge them to do so. The post is currently accepting nominations for post officers for the 2011 / 2012 command year. Some of the positions have nominees but there are several positions still vacant. This is your chance to make a difference. The April membership meeting will be open to nominations and elections in May.

Yours in Comradeship

*Louis A. Salem*

Commander, V.F.W. Post 10256

## Ladies Auxiliary President

### Hello Sisters,

I just want to take time to let you know I will not be running for President of the Ladies Auxiliary. I will back who ever you elect and help her next year.

The Valentine Dance/Commanders Ball was really nice. All that came for the food and dancing really enjoyed themselves. Thanks go out to Kim Hamilton for a great pot roast, Janet Woodberry for all the desserts she brought, Kim Sparkman for her Mac & Cheese, Barbara Cardno for the meat balls and Toni for her bread. Thanks to all who helped decorate the post. It was beautiful. We had a great time. If you missed it, you sure missed out on a great time.

We are planning another golf tournament in May, so if you are free and can help please see one of your officers.

A special thanks to Broken Arrow who played for the Ball and Dance. Music was enjoyed by all. Hope to have them back real soon. Our next meeting is on March 3rd at 7:00

Your Sister

*Anita Hope*

Ladies Auxiliary President

### Post Officers (2010-2011)

#### Commander-Louis Salem

SVC	Michael Sparkman
JVC	Vacant
Quartermaster	Kim Hamilton
Chaplain	Sidney Byrd
Adjutant/Surgeon	Gerald T. Pothier
Judge Advocate	Wheeler Tillman

3 Year Trustee RC Woodberry

2 Year Trustee John Cardno

1 Year Trustee Don Bennett

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers (2010-2011)

#### President-Anita Hope

SVP	Kim Sparkman
JVP	Toni Pineault
Treasurer	Annie Bain
Secretary	Barbara Cardno
Chaplain	Susan Hilton
Conductress	Terri Speiseger
Guard	Claudia Hucks
Patriotic Instructor	Beth Cosimano
	3 Year Trustee Janet Woodberry
	2 Year Trustee Claudia Hucks
	1 Year Trustee Kim Sparkman

**Post Adjutant**  
**Gerald T. Pothier**

## Welcome Aboard

The following new comrades were voted in as VFW members during our monthly meeting on 3 March 2011:

**William R. Brown**

**David A. Dahlberg**

**Wayne W. McBride**

**Thomas J. VanPatten**

We are happy to have you as members and comrades in VFW Post 10256. We look forward to your attendance at our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month (7:00 PM) as well as your participation in the many events in the Post Home throughout the month.

We ask for your active participation as members of various ongoing committees supporting VFW Community Service Programs and Americanism Programs. There are also vacancies on the House Committee which manages Canteen/Post Home functions and operations. Notify any Post officer of your interest in one, or more, of these committees. Be involved in YOUR VFW Post.

Visit our Post web site at [vfw10256.org](http://vfw10256.org).

**Burial Flags Burial & Memorials**  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/bbene/bflags.asp>

### Burial Flags

#### *Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?*

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for each other than dishonorable discharged.

Veteran who served during wartime

Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941

Veteran who served after January 31, 1955

Peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950

Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951

**Post Adjutant**  
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## Armed Forces Day

Certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of Veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

#### *How Can You Apply?*

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 21-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

#### *Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?*

The law allows us to issue one flag for a Veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen. However, some Veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

#### *How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?*

The proper way to display the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed. VA Form 21-2008 provides the correct method for displaying and folding the flag. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can easily be damaged by weather. For More Information Call Toll-Free 1-800-827-1000

Yours in comradeship

*Gerald T. Pothier*

**Service Officer**  
**Wheeler Tillman**

### Veterans Burial Benefits

The VA maintains 131 national cemeteries, soldier's lots and monuments sites throughout the United States. All veterans who have been honorably discharged from active military duty, subject to some active duty time restrictions, are eligible to be buried in the VA cemeteries. The grave site is free. It is maintained in perpetual care.

**Service Officer  
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Family members of eligible veterans are also allowed to be buried in the VA cemetery, even if the family member dies before the veteran.

There are three VA cemeteries in South Carolina: (1) Beaufort National Cemetery (2) Florence National Cemetery and (3) Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Of course, the veteran's family may choose any VA National Cemeteries in the other 49 states.

The cost of the casket and vault are not paid by the VA. That's a family expense. But the VA will, upon request, furnish a headstone or grave marker without charge for any veteran regardless of the veteran's date of death. This is true for any veteran, regardless of whether they are buried in a VA National Cemetery or a private cemetery. Family members are not eligible for a headstone or grave marker unless they are buried in a VA National Cemetery.

The VA will also furnish, upon request, a Presidential Memorial Certificate to the veteran's next of kin and loved ones. This engraved paper certificate is signed by the current President to honor the memory of honorable discharge deceased veterans.

More information about the VA National Cemeteries can be found at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).

**Wheeler Tillman**  
VFW Post 10256  
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**House Committee-  
Chairman- Michael Sparkman (A)**

**Vice Chairman- Alex Colon-Robles (S)**

Cmdr. Louis Salem	QM Kim Hamilton
Tim Reed (A)	Philip McIntire (A)
Herb DeWell (E-1)	Sydney Byrd (E-2)
Richard A. White (E-3)	

Hello Comrades,

By the time that you read this the cameras and keyless door lock will be in full operation. The cameras will be in placed in these areas. Cam #1 will be on the front door , Cam #2 will be at the back door , Cam #3 will be on the front parking lot, Cam #4 will be looking at the office door. We plan to have them set up on 19 March 2011. If that goes as planned, you will have two weeks to get your key. After that time, the door will be activated and you will need your key to open the door or you will have to ring the door bell to get in.

**House Committee Chairman  
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The Lady's Auxiliary is having a golf tournament sometime in June and there should be some flyers being put up soon on all the details

We are planning on having an "all hands Field Day" and Pot Luck Dinner on 23 April 2011 at 10:00am and I hope to see a good crowd there to help clean up around the post.

We still need a lot of volunteers to help with Steak Nights and Oyster Roasts. For a small group it's a lot of work but when there is a large group, it's not bad at all.

Also, we are looking to have a pot luck dinner once a month and we would like to get some of your input.

Thank you

*Sparky*

**Men's Auxiliary-President-Sam Cosimano**

SVP- Leonard Panessa	JVP- Steve Tolley
Treasurer- Victor Gonzalez	Secretary- Craig Shaffer
Chaplain-David Russell	

1 Year Trustee- Vacant  
2 Year Trustee- Dereck Johnson  
3 Year Trustee- David Wilson

***"Get well Sam Cosimano"!***

**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.**



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## April 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>WWII Veterans Appreciation Day</i>  Luck of the Draw	2
3 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	4	5 Free Pool  <u>Men's Auxiliary Meeting @ 1900</u>	6 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	7 Free Pool  <u>Joint Meeting @ 1900</u>	8  Luck of the Draw	9  Steak Night
10 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	11 ***** <i>April Trip Wire Inputs Due</i> *****	12  Free Pool	13  Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	14  Free Pool	15  Luck of the Draw	16
17 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	18	19  Free Pool	20 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900  <u>House Committee Meeting @1830</u>	21  Free Pool	22  Luck of the Draw	23 Steak Night  <i>"ALL HANDS" Field Day"</i> <i>begins @ 1000 and Pot Luck Dinner</i>
24 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>  <i>Happy Easter</i> 	25	26  Free Pool	27 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	28	29  Luck of the Draw	30



### Events of Note:

April 10 - 13 NVS Proficiency Training Conference Annapolis, MD

April 15 - 17 Eastern States Conference Burlington, VT