



VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE



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Post Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades,

Congratulations to Commander-elect Louie Salem and his 2009-2010 team. I wish you all a successful year.

I am glad to see the Men's Auxiliary held a meeting and now have elected officers. Hopefully, they will become an active auxiliary. We welcome their input and assistance in Post functions.

On 23May09 @ 1500, we will be having our Memorial Day Program at Whispering Pines Memorial Gardens. This is a beautiful ceremony and I encourage all to attend.

I hope to see a good turnout at our next meeting scheduled for 7May09 @ 1900.

Have a safe Memorial Day!



Yours in Comradeship
John Cardno

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

I would like to thank Wheeler Tillman for making popcorn for the Veteran's Hospital. I would also like to thank Janet and Patty for filling the handout bags. The visit to the VA Hospital was April 11th. Those making the trip were; Anita Hope, Kim Sparkman and Gordon Hope. It was another good trip as the Veterans sure are happy to get the cards, candy and drinks. The cards were made by Dawn Gerkin's Brownie Troop 835. Very good job girls. *Thank you!*

Also, THANK YOU to the ladies bringing desserts for Steak Nights. We have been hearing a lot of "Boy the dessert was great" comments.

Upcoming events:

May 3-Loyalty Day @ 1600 at Post Home

May 9 & 23 Steak nights from 1800-2000

May 23-Memorial Day Service Whispering Pines @ 1500

We are still looking for items for the yard sale. Please bring your items to the Post. The next issue of the Trip Wire will have the date in June that the Yard Sale is scheduled. Also, whatever you donate to the Yard Sale is tax deductible and we can furnish a sales receipt.

The results of the 2009-2010 LAux elections are as follows:

President- Anita Bennett-Hope

SVP- Kim Sparkman

JVP- Toni Pineault

Treasurer- Annie Bain

Secretary- Vicky McHugh

Chaplain- Sandra White

Conductress- Janet Woodberry

Congratulations and I look forward to another banner year.

See you at the next meeting 7May09 @ 1900.

Your Sister
Ladies Auxiliary President
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

Post Adjutant
Gerald T. Pothier

WELCOME ABOARD

The following comrades joined as members of Post 10256 at the April Meeting:

SYDNEY W. BYRD
HOMER W. BRYANT
REUBEN V. MILLER, JR.
JAMES WILLIS, JR.

We hope to see you at our meetings on the first Thursday of each month as well as joining us and participating in the many events held in the Post Home for the fun and camaraderie.

THANK YOU

Many thanks go out to Life Member **James Wright** for his recent donation of catfish fillets to the Post. The House Committee will have a Fish Fry planned soon

ELECTED OFFICERS

During the April Post Meeting the following comrades were elected to serve for the 2009-2010 administrative year:

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.

Commander-elect Salem will need your support to move the Post forward for a successful year in VFW programs and membership. We all need to pitch in, especially in recruiting new members and retaining continuous members. Chairpersons need to be appointed and committees need to be filled. Step up and let Commander-elect Salem know you want to be part of the process.

HALF-STAFF

The flag of the United States is to be displayed at half-staff from **sunrise until sunset** on 15 May, Peace Officers Memorial Day.
The flag of the United States is to be displayed at half-staff from **sunrise until noon** on 25 May, Memorial Day, and then returned to full-staff.

LOYALTY DAY

Loyalty Day is on 1 May. Post 10256 will celebrate Loyalty Day on Sunday 3 May 2009 at 4:00PM in the Post Home. Law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, patriotic citizens and/or businesses, and a young life saver will be honored.

ARMED FORCES DAY

16 May 2009 is Armed Forces Day. It is a day when America pays special tribute to all the brave members of our Armed Forces who dedicate their lives to our freedom. When you see a soldier, Marine, sailor, or airman, as well as members of the Guard and Reserve components, say thank you and tell them how much you appreciate what they do for our country.

MEMORIAL DAY

Post 10256 will celebrate Memorial Day at Whispering Pines Memorial Gardens at 3:00PM on Saturday 23 May. All veterans who have passed on will be honored.

A Tribute To Veterans

In Vietnam, Korea and World Wars Past, Our Men Fought Bravely so Freedom Would Last. Conditions Where Not Always The Best They Could Be, Fighting a Foe You Could Not Always See:

From Mountain Highs to Valley Lows,
From Jungle Drops to Desert Patrols

Our Sinewy Sons Were Sent Over Seas, Far From Their Families And Far From Their Dreams. They Never Wrote Letters Of Hardship's

Despair Only Of Love, Yearning That One Day Soon:

They Would Come Home, They Would Resume,
And Carry On With The Rest of Their Lives

A Tribute To Veterans (continued).

The P.O.W.'s Stood Steadfast, Against the Indignities And Cruelties Of War. They Could Not Have Lasted as Long as They Did, If They Had Relinquished Their Hope That Some Day:

They Would Come Home, They Would Resume,
And Carry On the Rest Of Their Lives

Medics, Nurses, and Chaplains Alike, Did What They Needed To Bring Back Life. They Served Our Forces From Day Into Night, Not Questioning If They Would Survive:

They Mended Bones And Bodies Too,
They Soothed the Spirits of Dying Souls

And for Those M.I.A's, Who Were Left Behind, We Echo This Message Across the Seas. We Will search For as Long As It Takes, You're Not Forgotten And Will Always Be:

In Our Hearts,
In Our Prayers, In Our Minds For All Time

A Moment of Silence, a Moment of Summons, Is Their Deliverance of Body And Soul. To a Sacred Place That We All Know, Deep In the Shrines of Our Soul:

In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers,
In Our Minds For All Time

GOLD STAR MOTHERS GRIEVE: ENDLESSLY, ENDLESSLY, ENDLESSLY.....

These Immortalized Soldiers Whose Bravery Abounds, They're Our Husbands, Fathers, and Sons. They Enlisted For the Duty at Hand, To Serve the Cause of Country and Land:

They Had Honor, They Had Valor,
They Found Glory That Change Them Forever

Men Standing Tall and Proud They be, A Country Behind Them in a Solemn Sea. So Let the Flags of Freedom Fly, Unfurled in Their Majesty High:

In the Sun, In the Rain,
In the Winds Across This Land

Years of Tears Has Brought Us Here, Gathering Around to Hear This Sound., So Let the Flags of Freedom Fly, Unfurled in Their Majesty High:

In the Sun, In the Rain,
In the Winds Across This Land

(Author Unknown)

Yours in comradeship

Gerald T. Pothier

Post Chaplain
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Comrades,

I'm actually very pleased to report that at this time I know of no Comrades that have gone on to the Supreme Commander or that are in distress. I hope and pray that everyone is doing well during this lovely spring that we are having. May the Lord continue to bless all of you in everything you do!

Yours in the Lord and Comradeship,

D. Matthew Medert

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• **Quartermaster, RC Woodberry-(No Input)**

Service Officer / Judge Advocate
Wheeler Tillman

Comrades,

Free Credit Report

Federal Law entitles every person a FREE credit report EACH YEAR from EACH of the nationwide consumer credit companies. There are three such companies: (1) Equifax; (2) Experian and (3) TransUnion.

AnnualCreditReport.com is the official site to help customers obtain their credit report. Your FREE credit report can be obtained either (1) on line; (2) by phone or (3) by mail, as you choose.

When going on-line to obtain your credit report DO NOT ask for a BECON score. The consumer credit companies charge for giving the BECON score. Your credit report is FREE if you do not ask for the BECON score.

If you don't plan to borrow money or ask for credit then your credit report status does not matter. However, it's still a good idea to get your credit report from time to time. Someone may be stealing your identity and applying for credit in your name.

Durable Power of Attorney

If you lose your mind, go into a long term coma, or vegetate in a hospital or nursing home, it's a good idea to have done a DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY. This is simply a business document which authorizes someone to handle your business affairs while you are not able. The document does not take affect if you are in your right mind.

Usually this type document includes the power to sell, mortgage or rent your residence. The document contains authority to sell your motor vehicle, boat, wine collection, pets and all other personal property. This document should be recorded in the land office (RMC Office) of your county of residence. It can be canceled at anytime with a TERMINATION NOTICE, which would also be recorded.

The document, with recording fees, cost about \$275.00. A cheap price if you consider the alternative. Absent such a document, and you are out of your mind, the Probate Court steps in. Someone has to file a Petition in the Probate Court to appoint a CONSERVATOR. This fancy word, CONSERVATOR, is also a business agent to handle your affairs. But, in most such Probate Court actions, your assets pay for the process. Court action to appoint a business agent for the mindless person without a DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY can run from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 dollars.

Who should you name as your agent in a DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY? It is frequently the spouse. But, sometimes that decision can blow up in your face. If your spouse goes south while you are out of your mind your money goes with him/her. Name someone you can trust. And, name them before you lose your mind because after you lose your mind the Court names your business agent, not you.

Wheeler Tillman
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House Committee

Chairman- Michael (Sparky) Sparkman

John Cardno	Mike Hope
Patrick Henshall	Rocky McIntire
Charles Engh	RC Woodberry
E -1 Vacant	E -2 Vacant

Dear Comrades,

I hope everyone had a nice Easter with their Family & Friends and now that spring is here and the summer months are around the corner, we have a number of outdoor things to do around the Post. The main thing that I need to bring to your attention is the roof on the Post. It won't be long before it will start leaking like a Dutch dam. I will bring this up at our next Post meeting. If you know of a Roofing Company that will give us a real good bid, please send them my way.

I would like to say thanks to all that helped in cleaning up the side of the Post building. It sure looks a lot better. *Great job!* Also, the water leak has been fixed. Now the water and sewer bill will be getting back to normal.

We have a lot planned to do to the back area next to the fences and I will be addressing that at our House Committee Meeting.

Michael (*Sparky*) Sparkman

Men's Auxiliary

President-Sam Cosimano

SVP- Leonard Panessa	JVP- David Russell
Treasurer- Chris Samples	Secretary- JR White

Hello Brothers,

Yes, you are reading this right. The Men's Auxiliary had their first meeting Thursday, April 09, 2009. We had five members participate in the meeting. We held an election and voted in officers to show Department that we are serious about our auxiliary. Gentlemen, if you are reading this, please make plans to attend the next meeting which will be May 6, 2009 @1900. If you know of anyone eligible and wishes to become a Men's Auxiliary Member, please pass on this information to them as it is critical that our membership flourishes.

We are getting a lot of support from the Comrades as well as Ladies Auxiliary President, Anita Bennett-Hope. Thank you for your input.

If anyone has any suggestions, please see any of the officers.

Your Brother,
Sam Cosimano

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Luck of the Draw	2
3 Life Member Appreciation Loyalty Day Service @ 1600	4	5 Free Pool	6	7 Joint Meeting @ 1900 Dart League Free Pool	8 Luck of the Draw	9 Steak Night
10 Life Member Appreciation Mother's Day 	11 ***** June Trip Wire Inputs Due *****	12 Free Pool	13	14 Dart League Free Pool	15 Luck of the Draw Peace Officers Memorial Day  <u>Half-Staff sunrise until sunset</u>	16  Armed Forces Day
17 Life Member Appreciation	18	19 Free Pool	20 House Committee Meeting @1900	21 Dart League Free Pool	22 Luck of the Draw	23 Steak Night Whispering Pines Memorial Ceremony 1500
24 Life Member Appreciation	25 Memorial Day (Observed)  <u>Half-Staff sunrise until noon then full-staff</u>	26 Free Pool	27	28 Dart League Free Pool	29 Luck of the Draw	30 Memorial Day 

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Life Member Appreciation

Events of Note:
 3May-Loyalty Day Service@1600
 23May-Whispering Pines Memorial Ceremony @1500
 16May-Armed Forces Day

Flags to be flown Half-Staff:
 15May- Peace Officers Memorial Day sunrise until sunset
 25May- Memorial Day sunrise until noon then full-staff

