



# VFW POST 10256 TRIP WIRE

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## Commander's Corner

Comrades,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the newly elected officers and also all of the reelected officers.

My term as commander is just about over and the truth be known, I have mixed feelings. On one hand, I won't have to worry about any of the problems that seem to come up on a weekly basis or the trials and tribulations of keeping the canteen running. On the other hand, I will miss the challenge and also working with all of you who help overcome all of the bumps in the road that we face while meeting the goals of the V.F.W. and making the post home a safe and comfortable place to be.

What I have learned is that with anything in life you only get out as much as you are willing to put in. It's the satisfaction of a job well done that makes it all worth it.

Yours in Comradeship

*Louis A. Salem*

Commander, V.F.W. Post 10256

## Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

Congratulations to our new incoming officers, they are: President- Barbara Cardno, Sr. Vice-Kim Sparkman. Jr. Vice-Stacy Weaver, Secretary- Claudia Hucks and Treasurer-Annie Bain

I will be there to help all that need help. Good luck ladies and I hope you have a great year.

I would like to thank all the ladies who brought food for Loyalty day and also who have been bringing desserts for Steak Nights. Once again THANK YOU ALL.

Ladies we are trying to put shirts in the show case so please come out and let us know what color and style you think will be a big seller.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the auxiliary, they are Michelle Stevens and Susan Brown.

Will see you at our next meeting on May 5th at 7:00 P.M.

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 7 April 2011:

**Paul R. Berry** **Larry E. Christy, Jr.**  
**Brian P. Dailey** **Marc Fischer**  
**Daniel W. Hardin**

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).

### **Memorial Day**

The traditional practice on Memorial Day is to place flowers and/or wreaths on the graves of veterans. Until 1882, this was known as Decoration Day. At no time, however, was Memorial Day a day to decorate graves of anyone other than veterans. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be aware of and recall on special occasions the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. This is why we commemorate Memorial Day. Many people do not realize that Memorial Day was always observed on May 30 until the *National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90-363)* changed it to the fourth Monday of May to, once again, appease those seeking three-day weekends. The change itself undermines the sacrifices Americans have made. This day of remembrance is all-inclusive, spanning generations and some 60 military actions that claimed 1.4 million lives. It is a day to remember the loss of defenders, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible — giving one's own life selflessly. Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is an option for everyone.

**Post Adjutant**  
**(Continued)**

### **Armed Forces Day**

In 1950, Armed Forces Day was created to replace separate Army, Navy, and Air Force days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the armed forces under the Department of Defense. Annually, this day is celebrated the third Saturday of May. It honors the dedicated individuals who wear America's uniform. This now lesser-known holiday once was celebrated with much jubilation. There were parades, open houses, and receptions. Today, it is primarily celebrated on military installations where open houses take place. In recent years, with the renewed public pride in the armed forces, it has taken on more meaning.

Yours in comradeship

*Gerald T. Pothier*

**Quartermaster**  
**Kim Hamilton**

Hello Comrades

Congratulations are in order for the membership chairman, Michael Sparkman and all the active members who assisted him in bringing our post to over 100% prior to June. We are continuing to improve on the post. The last 3 Oyster Roasts were a great success due to Trent Needler and his Crew, Kevin, Bill, & Paul, Jim, Thomas. Max's Oyster Stew is outstanding, imagine that, Yankee that cooks too. They jumped in and took charge. Steak nights have been improving lately, I would like to thank those folks also and Thank You for your continued support helping keep the Greatest Post on the Coast strong. This coming year looks to be challenging. The nominated officers for next year are more than capable to also have a banner year. For those moving on, thanks. To those coming in, welcome.

Yours in Comradeship

*Kim E. Hamilton*

Two Dimes & A Nickel

### **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)

**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

Ok men it's been a couple of months since you have heard from me. I am still recovering from two back surgeries. I am feeling better but still not doing great.

I would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls prayers and visits to the hospital. Since my first surgery in February I feel like I have lost touch with the Men's Auxiliary. As my recovery progresses I will be getting more involved with what we are doing

Ok enough about me, It's time to get down to business. We haven't had a meeting in two months. Gentlemen, this is not acceptable. To make matters worse, we were supposed to have nominations at the March meeting for officers for the next year. This has to have your participation or the Auxiliary will fold. We have worked too hard to let that happen. This month I expect we will have enough people to have the nominations and the election on the same night. I need your help men; this has to be a joint effort.

That's all I have for now so have a good month and keep up the good work on memberships.

Your Brother

*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.**

**Trip Wire Editor**

*Vicky McHugh*

Friends,

The Post is asking for your help.

It is necessary to trim the cost of the printing and postage that is involved in mailing the Trip Wire every month.

I believe that everyone is aware that Post 10256 has a web site: [vfw10256.org](http://vfw10256.org) but, not everyone owns a computer, has access to or even wants one.

If you wish to continue receiving the printed Trip Wire newsletter at your home, the Post is asking that you complete the coupon below and mail to :

**VFW Post 10256  
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.... or deliver it to the Post. Upon receipt of this newsletter coupon, the Post will continue mailing the Trip Wire to you if that is your preference. If no coupon is received from you the Post will stop mailing the newsletter to you.

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Respectfully Requested,

*Vicky*



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## May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>WWII Veterans Appreciation Day</i>  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	2	3 Free Pool  <u>Men's Auxiliary Meeting @ 1900</u>	4 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	5 Free Pool  <u>Joint Meeting @ 1900</u>	6  Luck of the Draw	7
8 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 	9 ***** <i>June Trip Wire Inputs Due</i> *****	10  Free Pool	11  Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	12  Free Pool	13  Luck of the Draw	14  Steak Night
15 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>  <i>Peace Officer's Memorial Day</i>  	16	17  Free Pool	18 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900  <u>House Committee Meeting @1830</u>	19  Free Pool	20  Luck of the Draw	21 Armed Forces Day 
22 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	23	24  Free Pool	25 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	26	27  Luck of the Draw	28  Steak Night
29  <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>  	31  Free Pool	<p><b>Events of Note:</b></p> <p>15 May - Peace Officers' Memorial Day - <b>flag to half-staff all day</b> sunrise to sunset.</p> <p>21 May - Armed Forces Day</p> <p>30 May - Memorial Day - <b>flag to half-staff sunrise until noon.</b></p>			



*Support Our Troops*