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Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!



Commander's Corner

Comrades,

I am about to embark on a new mission as your Commander. In the year to come, I am sure there will be many challenges. There are V.F.W. programs to be completed, goals to be set and achieved, and lots of fun to be enjoyed by all.

No one person can claim success for a mission. Success requires everyone making a commitment, working together and communicating. I ask that all of our members make this commitment and join with me to make our Post successful. Attend the Post meetings and read your news letter to stay informed. One of the most important things you can do is to volunteer your time. There are committees that need staffing and maintenance on the Post Home that is required on a monthly basis. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

In closing I would like to thank the membership for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Commander. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Louis A. Salem
Commander
V.F.W. Post 10256

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

Congratulations to Kim Sparkman and all the sisters for a great yard sale. Also thank you to Sandra White for letting us use her back porch for storage. The sale was a big success and we are planning another one in the fall. Keep your eyes on the Trip Wire for the date.

As your returning President, I look forward to another great year. With all your help in the coming year, I know it will be a successful one.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to two ladies who have been a big help to me this past year and have elected to do it again this year. They are Vicky McHugh and Annie Bain. Thank you both for all you have done.

Thank you to the ladies who make the HOME MADE desserts for steak nights. The positive comments just keep coming in. If any lady wants to make a dessert, call me and we will schedule a date.

Check out the showcase in the lobby. There are all kinds of "goodies" in there. If you see something you want, just ask the bartender and they will get it for you.

Our next meeting is 2 July 2009 @ 1900. Please come and bring any ideas you have to share with us

Your Sister
Ladies Auxiliary President
Anita Bennett-Hope

Congratulations: Post Officers (2009-2010)

Commander- Louis Salem

SVC	Michael Sparkman
JVC	Wayne Neufeld
Quartermaster	Kim Hamilton
Chaplain	David M. Medert
Adjutant/Surgeon	Gerry Pothier
Judge Advocate	Wheeler Tillman

3 Year Trustee John Cardno
2 Year Trustee Don Bennett
1 Year Trustee A. Allan White

Congratulations-Ladies Auxiliary Officers (2009-2010)

President- Anita Bennett-Hope

SVP	Kim Sparkman
JVP	Toni Pineault
Treasurer	Annie Bain
Secretary	Vicky McHugh
Chaplain	Sandra White
Conductress	Janet Woodberry
Guard	Patty Artistain
Patriotic Instructor	Amy Carney

3 Year Trustee Claudia Hucks
2 Year Trustee Kim Sparkman
1 Year Trustee Toni Pineault

Post Adjutant
Gerald T. Pothier

New Year

On Sunday 28 June 2009, a new VFW administrative year began with the installation of the incoming state commander at the Department Convention in Columbia. At the same time, all elected and appointed officers in the Department, District, and Post automatically assumed their duties as officers for 2009-2010.

With the beginning of the new administrative year also began the new membership year. All continuous (annual) members are urged to pay their dues as soon as possible prior to 31 December 2009. The membership year, for recruiting and credit purposes, is from 1 July to 30 June. The continuous membership card is good from 1 January to 31 December. The Post can attain 100% in membership by 31 December if all continuous members pay their dues before the end of this calendar year. We need your help and cooperation to reach the 100% goal. Let's do our best to reach 100% three years in a row.

All members are asked to recruit new members this year. Get as many as possible. If every member recruited at least one member this year we would double our membership strength. It can be done but it takes all hands involved to make it happen.

Here is a great incentive to get a new member. We guarantee a newly joined member will get the rest of 2009 and all of 2010 for the same \$30.00. That's nearly a full year and a half for one year's dues. The sooner they join, the greater the incentive and the value. All comrades are members of the Membership Team.

4th OF JULY PARADE AND DEDICATION

The formal dedication of the **Berkeley County Veterans Memorial** will be held at appropriate ceremonies on Saturday 4 July 2009 immediately following the Moncks Corner 4th of July Parade. The parade begins at 1000 and the dedication ceremony is expected to begin at about 1115. The Veterans Memorial is located in front of the Berkeley County Health Center (old hospital) located at 109 West Main Street in Moncks Corner.

The Keynote Speaker for the dedication, and the Parade Grand Marshall, is Col. Wood Struthers USAFR (Retired).

We'd like to see a good turn-out of Post 10256 members at the dedication. The Memorial is for all veterans, retirees, and active service members. Bricks are still on sale for placement at the Memorial. Single bricks are \$35.00 and double bricks are \$65.00 which includes the price of the brick and the engraving.

Come out and participate in the dedication of your Veterans Memorial.

Yours in comradeship
Gerald T. Pothier

Service Officer / Judge Advocate
Wheeler Tillman

Cheating Your Spouse After Death

Can I cut my spouse out of my will? I want some pay-back for the bad things my spouse did to me in my waning days. "I'll fix her? I'll hit her in the pocketbook and cut her out of my will. I'll get a last post-mortem laugh". Stingy Cheapo then went to his lawyer and had the lawyer draw up his will leaving everything he owned to the benevolent fund for the support of retired prostitutes.

When Stingy died a smile on his face went with him. Alas, Mrs. Cheapo found out about Stingy's will before the burial so, she chose a very rainy day for Stingy's return to the earth. When his coffin was lowered into the grave it floated in the collected rain water, symbolism for the cheapskate husband who tried to drown his wife in debt and send her into bankruptcy, thanks to the will which Crapo Lawyer drew up for Stingy.

Following the funeral and soggy burial, Mrs. Cheapo went to her own lawyer to find out what she could do, if anything, about Stingy's will. "No sweat. I'll show you how to silence Stingy's post-mortem laughter.", her lawyer informed her while pulling the Probate Code of Laws from the credenza behind his high backed, winged, leatherette chair. "South Carolina might grow a lot of cotton but, South Carolina doesn't cotton to no stingy husband trying to visit economic revenge from the grave on his surviving wife.", her lawyer continued while flipping the pages in his code book.

Using tones with a country twang he continued. "Here 'tis. This law right 'chere says the wife gets the right to overturn her husband's will. You can't overturn it 100%, but like us lawyers" - her lawyer paused for effect, then proceeded - "you most likely will get a third. Now, I can guide you through the paperwork, right after we dispose of the retainer to me, which after all will be reimbursed to you from the 33 1/3% which you will get from your husband's estate." Just make your check payable to me, Loophole Lawyer.

Mrs. Cheapo paid the retainer after which Loophole Lawyer presented a document to her entitled, "Spousal Election for Share in Decedent's Estate". "Sign here and I'll take care of the rest." She signed. Loophole filed the document with the Probate Court. A hearing was held. The Judge agreed. Mrs. Cheapo got paid.

She was so delighted she went back to her lawyer the next day. "The bum tried to cheat me. I don't want his name anymore. Can you have the Court change my name.", Mrs. Cheapo angrily complained. Ultimately she used some of the inheritance to pay for the name change. Using her newly awarded name, Loophole said, "Goodbye, Mrs. Payback. I enjoyed working for you."

That's right. In South Carolina, by will you can cut your spouse out of inheriting from your Estate. But it may not work, depending on the determination of your spouse. Even if you draw a will leaving everything you have to your dog, your surviving spouse (be that either the wife or the husband) can file for a "Spousal Election" and collect. If you encounter this problem after your spouse dies, consult your lawyer.

Your claim for an elective share must be filed within eight months after your spouse dies or within six months after the probate of the will. See Section 62-2-205, SC Code of Laws. A hearing is held. The Judge decides the value of the spouse's elective share.

"Adding humor to otherwise serious matters" ... Wheeler

Wheeler Tillman

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Quartermaster
Kim Hamilton

Hello Comrades,

I would like to take this time to thank you for your support and trust. It will be a challenging year for all of us.

Here we are starting another year and VFW Post 10256 is looking well. Membership is over 100%, Steak Nights are always great and the Men's Auxiliary is up and running with good Leadership.

Congratulations to our Horseshoe Team. They went to Ladson and brought the Traveling Cup home.

As you know, there were a few projects around the Post that had been set aside. One of them was updating the Ladies bathroom and making the our post wheelchair accessible. Any ideas to help fund the project are welcome. No to overlook the roof of the Post Home. It will also need some work.

I would like to personally thank Past Commander, John Cardno for all of the hard work he has put into the Post over the last several years.

In closing, with the 4th of July upon us, be mindful of what you and others are up to. Watch out for the other guy. And have a safe holiday.

In comradeship
Kim Hamilton

House Committee	
Chairman- Michael (Sparky) Sparkman	
John Cardno	Mike Hope
Patrick Henshall	Rocky McIntire
Charles Engh	RC Woodberry
E -1 Vacant	E -2 Vacant

Happy Hour is (and has been) extended one hour on Joint Meeting nights.

Sparky

Men's Auxiliary-President-Sam Cosimano

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

Hello Brothers,

It's been a very busy month. We have accomplished a lot. We switched a couple of officers positions around to better utilize their ability and skills, Chris Samples is now our JVP and David Russell is now the Treasurer. We now have an EIN number for Tax purposes. I am working on getting David bonded.

The Men's Auxiliary also participated in the Officer's Installation on 13 May 2009. Sam Cosimano and Leonard Panessa were installed to their respective positions.

Men's Auxiliary-President-Sam Cosimano
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Gentlemen, we have a large feat in front of us. We had our monthly meeting for June and only 3 people showed up. I personally called every member that I had a phone number for the day before the meeting and had 6 positive responses that they would be attending. Only 3 people showed up. Not to keep harping on this but, if we do not show the Post and the Department that we are serious, WE WILL LOSE OUR CHARTER. Please guys, when you are called to be reminded of our meeting, if you can make it please come. If you can't we understand but, don't tell the person calling you that you will be there and not show up. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and it only lasts about an hour. Besides that, we still have 4 officer positions needing filled.

If you are not a current member and are eligible, come to the meeting, pay \$29.00 and you will be current.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st, 2009 @1900. Hope to see you there.

Your Brother,
Sam Cosimano

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer
Annie Bain

Hi Sisters,

It's a new year. Our Auxiliary last year had 80 Life, 11 New and 36 Continuous members for a total of 127. That's 102.4%. This is great Sisters!

If you wish to pay your dues early, I have the new Continuous Member Cards. The dues are still \$20.00 and please make checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary, Post 10256. Remember our Ladies Auxiliary is the only auxiliary that has 2 Cancer Grants in a lifetime. You must pay your dues by the cut-off date. If you do not, you have to wait another year for the Cancer Grant to apply. Please call me if you have any questions.

If you would like to become a Life Member and never pay again, call me and I will let you know the amount.

Annie Bain

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Men's Auxiliary Meeting @ 1900</u>	2 <u>Joint Meeting @ 1900</u> <i>US Army Air Corps Est. (1926)</i>	3 Luck of the Draw	4  Independence Day
5 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	6	7 Free Pool	8	9 Dart League Free Pool	10 Luck of the Draw	11 Steak Night
12 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <u>NINE BALL</u> Need A Shot <u>vs</u> Pappy's Aces	13 ***** August Trip Wire Inputs Due *****	14 Free Pool	15 <u>House Committee Meeting @1900</u>	16 Dart League Free Pool	17 Luck of the Draw	18
19 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <u>NINE BALL</u> Pappy's Aces <u>vs</u> 38 Specials Need A Shot @ Bizzie Bee	20	21 Free Pool	22	23 Dart League Free Pool	24 Luck of the Draw	25 Steak Night
26 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <u>NINE BALL</u> Pappy's Aces @ Crazy D's Need A Shot <u>vs</u> North Park 9	27 <i>Korean War Ended (1953)</i>	28 Free Pool <i>World War I Began (1914)</i>	29	30	31	



Support Our Troops

Events of Note:

- 4July09-Moncks Corner 4th of July Parade @ 1000
- 4July09-Berkeley County Veterans Memorial Dedication @1115