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Commander's Corner

Comrades,

As the new command year starts, I look back and reflect on the year past and the goals we set. I think you will agree that it has been a good year. There have been many improvements to the Post Home and we met most of our obligations to the V.F.W. programs. As Commander, I have tried to keep the best interest of the V.F.W. first. I will admit that there have been some stumbles along the way. I think that we all have learned from these experiences. This year we can take these lessons and move forward to make this a banner year for Post 10256. I am looking forward to working with Sister Anita Hope and Brother Sam Cosimano and the Ladies and Men of the Auxiliary. We truly appreciate all of your effort. The House Committee is in need of members. This committee is one of the most important committees that we have at the Post. The canteen cannot run without a strong committee seated. I urge anyone who can help, to get involved. The Post Home is your home and everyone should have a say in what we do.

In closing, my sincere thanks to all that have chaired and worked on the various committees and all of the volunteers who donated their time throughout last year.

Yours in Comradeship
Louis A. Salem
Commander
V.F.W. Post 10256

Ladies Auxiliary President

Hello Sisters,

It is with much sorrow that I must inform all that we have lost our dear friend, Sandra White, wife of Past Post Commander, Al White, LAux Chaplain and Post 10256 Canteen Manager. Our condolences and prayers go out to the White and Whitehouse families. Sandra, you will forever be in our hearts and we will cherish our many memories.

I want to thank the Comrade's for the dinner they put on. I am sorry that I couldn't be there as I was in Texas where my daughter had surgery. I understand it was out of this world and a special thank you to all who helped make it a big success.

Ladies, a special thank you to you for keeping our steak nights going. The desserts as usual are great and everyone keeps raving about them.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on July 1st at 7:00P.M. Please come out and bring some ideas for fund raisers. All ideas are welcomed.

Your Sister
Anita Hope
Ladies Auxiliary President

Post Officers (2010-2011) Commander-Louis Salem

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

3 Year Trustee Tom Tellefsen
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	Vicky McHugh
Chaplain	TBA
Conductress	Terri Speisseger
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**

Auxiliary Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday evening 6 June 2010 the Post put on an Auxiliary Appreciation Dinner to recognize the work done by the Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary, and non-members who have supported Post 10256 financially and/or by important volunteer work.

For those of you who were not there for this great event, you missed a fantastic class act.

The evening began at 1700 with a Social Hour. At or about 1800 Cmdr. Salem presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary, the Men's Auxiliary, and to several Auxiliary members and non-members who have been instrumental in supporting the Post and VFW programs.

Post officers, committee members, and members were responsible for planning, preparing, providing, and presenting with perfection, a most delicious five course meal.

The chefs and servers were garbed in white shirts and aprons. The tables were set with white table cloths, china plates and glass tumblers. Salt and pepper shakers were on the tables along with candle light. Wonderful soft, easy listening music was heard in the background.

The delicious meal, which was free for the honorees, was only \$10.00 for anyone else. It was a steal for those who had to pay!

The servers were courteous, friendly, and very professional. They began by offering and serving iced tea and ice water to all the diners, and they kept the glasses full all evening. The first course was a delicious French Onion soup. As soon as the diners finished their soup the servers picked up the empty bowls and whisked them away to the galley. They then delivered the second course of shrimp cocktail to the tables. This was followed by the third course of salad with a choice of dressings. Then came the main course. Chef Kim Hamilton brought a large Steam Ship Round out to the main floor where he proceeded to carve it according to the wishes of each diner. Rare, medium, well done, thin, thick, one or two pieces? However one wanted the meat, Chef Kim would oblige. Also, he looked rather dapper in his Chef's cap. Of course, after each course was eaten, the servers very efficiently picked up the empty dishes and returned them to the galley.

**Post Adjutant
Continued**

The fifth course was a choice of pineapple sherbet or Key Lime sherbet with a cookie placed in the sherbet. Home-made cookies were also available.

A wonderful menu of delicious food professionally prepared and served made for a fantastic dining experience and a milestone event for Post 10256. It was a memorable evening and one which will be very hard to beat. Everything was first class.

Yours in comradeship
Gerald T. Pothier

House Committee- Chairman- Vacant

Cmdr. Louis Salem	QM Kim Hamilton
Trent Needler	Sidney Byrd
Thomas C. Tellefsen	Mike Hope
Vacant (E-3)	Vacancy: (E-1)

The Post is currently accepting letters of application for the position of Canteen Manager. Applicants will qualify according to canteen managers' duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Post by-laws. Letters will be reviewed by the house committee and qualified applicants will be interviewed. You may submit a letter to the bartender or any Post Officer and it will be forwarded to the House Committee. Letters will be accepted until 30 July 2010.

**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

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email: 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.

Men's Auxiliary-President-Sam Cosimano
SVP- Leonard Panessa JVP- Chris Samples
Treasurer- David Russell Secretary- JR White
Chaplain-Vacant

1 Year Trustee- Steve Tolley
2 Year Trustee- Jason Paxton

Men's Auxiliary President
Sam Cosimano

Brothers,

Hello again gentlemen. Well, we are into summer and we are still making progress. We have about two thirds of our incoming officers installed. Much better than last year. This time last year we only had 5 officers elected and only 2 installed. Nowhere to go but up.

The Comrades had an appreciation dinner for the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries as well as some non-members that helped the Comrades and the VFW accomplish their goals. If you missed the dinner, you missed a really nice meal. The Comrades did all of the cooking, decorating and serving. The dinner was one of the best meals that I have eaten in a very long time.

We, as an auxiliary, were also given a letter of appreciation which I will have framed and hang in the Post for all to see.

Your Brother,

Sam Cosimano

Patriot's Corner
Ladies Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor- Beth Cosimano

JULY 1, 1862- President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000.00. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress..

Ladies Auxiliary Secretary/Trip Wire Editor
Vicky McHugh tripwire@bellsouth.net

Hello Friends,

As you all are aware, we have lost a very dear friend, Sister Sandra White. Sandra devoted an enormous amount of time and energy (although, I don't know where she got the energy) to Post 10256, her family and her friends.

Whenever there was a function Sandra was there. Whenever there was a need for a Bartender to step in, Sandra was there. Whenever there was a friend in need, Sandra was there.

Sandra, you are very, very much loved and will be sadly missed. The Post will not be the same but, I know that you are watching over us all. Comrade Al White, our sympathies are with you and your family.

God Saw You... Author Unknown

God saw you getting tired, when a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me".
You didn't deserve what you went through, so He gave you rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best
And when I saw you sleeping, so peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back to suffer that again.



Gone but Not Forgotten

by Kelsey Y. Sheppard

You were so full of life,
Always smiling and carefree,
Life loved you being a part of it,
And I loved you being a part of me.
You could make anyone laugh,
If they were having a bad day,
No matter how sad I was,
You could take the hurt away.
Nothing could ever stop you,
Or even make you fall,
You were ready to take on the world,
Ready to do it all.
But God decided he needed you,
So from this world you left,
But you took a piece of all of us,
Our hearts are what you kept.
Your seat is now empty,
And it's hard not to see your face,
But please always know this,
No one will ever take your place.
The halls are empty without your laughter,
But I know you're in Heaven,
Watching over us and looking after.
Your smile could brighten anyone's day,
No matter what they were going through,
And I know every day for the rest of my life,
I'll be missing you.



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Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>WWII Veterans Appreciation Day</i> Joint Meeting @ 1900 Free Pool	2 Luck of the Draw <i>US Army Air Corps Est. (1926)</i>	3
4 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 Free Pool Men's Auxiliary Meeting @ 1900	7 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	8 Free Pool House Committee Meeting @ 1800	9 Luck of the Draw	10 Steak Night 
11 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	12 ***** August Trip Wire Inputs Due *****	13 Free Pool	14 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	15 Free Pool	16 Luck of the Draw	17 Horseshoe Tournament 1300 
18 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i> <i>Hair Cuts by Kim 12:30-4:00PM (Adults only please)</i>	19	20 Free Pool	21 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900	22 Free Pool	23 Luck of the Draw	24 Steak Night 
25 <i>Life Member Appreciation</i>	26	27 Free Pool <i>Korean War Ended (1953)</i>	28 Corn Hole Wednesday 1900 <i>World War I Began (1914)</i>	29 Free Pool	30 Luck of the Draw	31



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