



Love Field Gazette

A publication for the members of American Legion Love Field Post 453

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From the Commander

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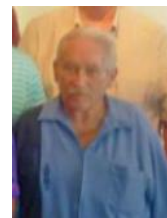


Our first VA Patients Day of 2018 will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Love Field volunteers will host a billiard tournament and call bingo for our visiting veterans followed by a home-cooked meal. Volunteers are always welcome to greet the veterans. If interested, plan to be at the post by 10 AM Wednesday.

When Legionnaires wear their pins and hats to political rallies, the media often try to reach the wrong conclusions. This can be very embarrassing to the Legionnaire. Hence, we normally recommend that Legionnaires do not wear their caps to partisan political rallies. The provisions of Article II, Section 2 of the American Legion National Constitution states:

"The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment."

Love Field Post 453 mourns the passing of Del Martin, a 30 year member of the American Legion and a veteran of the Korean War. Services pending.



"You meet people who forget you. You forget people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can't forget. Those are your friends." — Unknown

Problems with our sewer line were traced to a blockage where the line connects to the main. Fortunately, the blockage was the City of Dallas' responsibility to repair. Hopefully this corrects the problems we've had with the restrooms.

Members with a concern may call me directly, email me, or put a note in my mailbox. I promise to bring your concern before the Executive Board. You also have the right to personally address the board should you desire.

Your Commander,
Bobby Vandembush

Pocket Prayer recipient stops by to say 'thanks'

Post 453 had a special visitor in January. John, a young Navy veteran stopped by to say "Hi and Thank You" to us for sending him a Pocket Prayer while he was deployed on active duty 9 years ago. He was very touched to be able to meet the lady who wrote the prayer on it - Cindy Freauff.

It was a moment nobody will ever forget. For years, under Cindy's direction, the Auxiliary has sent out handmade and hand-written pocket prayers to our troops. If you haven't seen one (John is holding his in his hand in the photo), it's a square cloth, hand stitched, that has a little prayer written on it. Service members can fold it up and keep it in their pocket to remind them that those of us back home care about his/her safe return. We have also handed them out at DFW Airport with the Welcome a Hero project.

Through the years our Post has handed out more than 18,000 of these pocket prayers. Now we make them for Run for The Wall and Honor Flight. It's a simple



John holds his Pocket Prayer and meets the lady who hand wrote the prayer on it.

thing that has touched so many and being able to shake a hand and give a hug to a recipient was an honor for both John and Cindy.

Taps

Del Martin (heart attack Jan. 30)

Sick Call/Get Well

Otis Robbins Ed Kownslar
 Mike Johnson Frank Popek
 Bobbie Humphrey

From the Cookie Monster

I wish to thank ALL the wonderful volunteers we had at the Girl Scout Cookie distribution in January. We had 17 JROTC from Pinkston High School and they ROCKED! Three of their leaders were there, too. We could not do this without their help. It's hard work, we have fun and life moves on 'til next January and we do it all over again. We threw just over 6,000 cases! Again, thank you to all who came and helped.

*Cindy F.
 (aka the cookie monster per Bro To)*

Drink chips: Use 'em or lose 'em



Effective 10 AM on Friday, Feb. 9, our old-style drink chips will no longer be accepted at the canteen. If you have any old chips, you must use them before Feb. 9. Brand new drink chips will be circulated starting on Feb. 9. So search your dresser drawers and car console and use the old ones NOW!

American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 453



The Auxiliary had a most wonderful experience in January because we won the contest between the Auxiliary, Legion and S.A.L. to see who could reach 100% membership first. We were the recipients of a delicious dinner. Loyd, Frances, some Sons members and some Legion members were busy in the kitchen preparing chicken fried steak, serving and also cleaning up, while we Auxiliary members sat and enjoyed not only the meal, but also visiting with one another. How can we ever say thank you for your hospitality and generosity? You went way above anything we ever expected. And then to be so generous as to donate the proceeds of the meal to the American Legion Auxiliary programs...WOW!! We are blessed to have you at the Post. We love you and are very appreciative of everything you do for others.

As it was mentioned to me after our January breakfast: "Saw several Rosie the Riveters in person in the kitchen and they were on a mission." It was amazing to see our ALA cook crew and, yes, they were on a mission to serve a delicious breakfast. Mission accomplished. I could imagine seeing Rosie the Riveter right there among them. Thank you to our cook team for volunteering your time and talents.



CFS crew Bobby, Tom, Loyd and Frances

We are beginning our second month of the new year. I would challenge each and every one to take some time and think about what is important to you. What do you want to accomplish this year? Take out your calendar and track what is going on at the Post, what is going on around you and figure out how you can make a difference. Find something that interests you and get involved. Giving back by volunteering is the best medicine; it does wonders for the body, mind and soul.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. Please join us.

*Janey Arista
 Unit 453 President*

Sons of the American Legion



Well, we are into a new year and there are already a lot of things going on. First, thanks to all who helped out with the Girl Scout cookies. All I can say is great job and hope to see you all next year. Next, our **Josh-Dogs** are in and

we are hopefully planning on presenting them to Scottish Rite at our next monthly meeting. Of course all Post family members are welcome to attend. And of course a BIG THANKS to our SAL Historian **Larry Moody** for an astounding job of cooking for our Friday night dinner. Everyone who had a plate said it was very good. We will try to get him back soon so make plans not to miss it. And lastly, if you have not yet, or if you know someone who has not yet renewed their membership for 2018, now is the time. As always thanks to everyone for all you do to make this the best Post around.



So many cookies!

*For God and Country,
 Michael Paul Melgoza*

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Super Bowl LII Party Bring a dish to share on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4, and we'll start our party in the afternoon with pre-game and the game on all TV's. Our party planners are still working on details but we will have fun. It's all about football today, so no Sunday night Karaoke. 				1	2 Taco Salad Dinner 6-8 PM by Team KK (Riders) <i>Karaoke 8 pm</i>	3 <i>Karaoke</i>
4 Riders Breakfast 10-noon Riders Meeting 1 PM	5	6 Legion Meeting 7 PM	7	8 SAL Meeting 7 PM	9 Legion Dinner 6-8 PM <i>Karaoke 8 pm</i>	10 Riders Impromptu Ride 11 AM <i>Karaoke</i>
11 Breakfast 10-noon <i>Catfish Karaoke 6-10</i>	12	13 	 14 Patients Day Out Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	15	16 Aux. Dinner 6-8 PM <i>Karaoke 8 pm</i>	17 <i>Karaoke</i>
18 Breakfast 10-noon <i>Catfish Karaoke 6-10</i>	19  <i>Presidents Day</i>	20 Legion Exec. Committee Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 SAL Dinner 6-8 PM <i>Karaoke 8 pm</i>	24 <i>Karaoke</i>
25 Breakfast 10-noon <i>Catfish Karaoke 6-10</i>	26	27	28			

Legion Riders



It's a great winter to be an American Legion Rider! While we have had some cold days, overall there have been quite a few great riding days, with many more to come. We have our monthly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 1 PM. Try to make it, as we will be making some route decisions on our April run. I will also be sharing a recap of all of the rides we did in 2017, whether planned or impromptu. I think you will be surprised on how active we really are. The list is long!

Don't miss KK's Taco Salad Dinner on the 2nd, and JoMac and his crew will be cooking breakfast on the 4th. And, last but not least, remember our Impromptu Run on Feb. 10. The monthly Impromptu Run is always the Saturday following our meeting. We meet at the Post at 10 AM, decide where we want to ride, and leave about 11 AM. It is very informal, but ALWAYS a great time.

Keep the Shiny Side Up,
Hermanator
 Director, ALR Chapter 453

It's the time of year to see how many "citizens" we have for the 2018 Bluebonnet Girls State, held June 17-23 in Seguin. Girls State is a full week of learning about our government. The girls get to run for offices and present bills to be voted on. They are separated into cities and towns each with their own officers and governments. They get the opportunity to have a mock session on the floor of the Texas State Capitol in Austin. If you know anyone who is in their Junior year of high school and is interested in having the experience of a lifetime, please get in touch with Cindy Freauff. They must get started ASAP as there are just so many spots and they fill up fast.

American Legion Love Field Post 453

Member Information

- Our hours are 10am-2am every day, 365 days per year. Sometimes we close a bit early, depending on demand.
- Happy Hour is on weekdays, 10am-12pm, and 5pm-7pm.
- We have drink specials on Monday's, 5pm-till close.
- We have karaoke three nights a week: 8pm-1am Friday and Saturday, 6pm-10pm on Sunday's
- We serve a free lunch Monday-Thursday for our members.
- One of the families, either Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion (SAL), or the American Legion Riders (ALR) cook dinner every Friday evening, served from 6pm-8pm, and breakfast from 10am-12pm every Sunday.
- We come together to celebrate many holidays throughout the year:
 - ◇ Jan 1st – festivities all eve/day long
 - ◇ Super Bowl Party in February
 - ◇ Valentine's Day Dinner
 - ◇ Mardi Gras Party
 - ◇ American Legion Birthday in March
 - ◇ St. Patty's Day Party
 - ◇ Easter Dinner
 - ◇ Cinco de Mayo Party
 - ◇ Mother's Day Dinner
 - ◇ Memorial Day BBQ
 - ◇ Father's Day Dinner
 - ◇ Independence Day BBQ
 - ◇ Labor Day BBQ
 - ◇ Annual Post Luau
 - ◇ Halloween Costume Party
 - ◇ Veterans Day Parade/BBQ
 - ◇ 24 Hour 1st Responders Thanksgiving Dinner
 - ◇ White Elephant Christmas Party
 - ◇ Christmas Day Feast
- The Legion meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7PM.
- The Auxiliary meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every Month at 7pm.
- The SAL meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm.
- The Legion Executive Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
- Facebook pages to like:
 - American Legion Post 453 Love Field
 - Post 453 American Legion Riders
 - Love Field Photos
 - American Legion Hall Rental
 - American Legion 5th District – Department of Texas



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