



Love Field Gazette

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

September-October 2014

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Legion Riders

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- Asst. Director** Joe Mac
- Secretary** Robin McCarroll
- Treasurer** Brenda DeLeon
- Sgt. at Arms** Jimmy Duke
- Road Captain** Hermantor
- Advisor** Bob Cobey

From the Commander



We received numerous certificates of appreciation for reaching and exceeding 100% membership goal at the 5th District meeting on Aug. 3. Thank you to the membership and the past First Vice Commander **Bill Freauff**.

We are the best and biggest in the Fifth District. We are a big family that keeps growing and growing. I would love to see us outgrow this building where we have to get a stadium!

We have a lot of work to do to keep growing. I know you are up to the task. I love you all. Keep up the good work!

Charlie Peoples



Photos: Nanette White

Commander Charlie welcomed Dallas police officers from the Northwest Station to our Fourth of July party.



453 Family members "stuffed the truck" with donated bedding for our troops as part of Operation Once in a Lifetime in July.

From the Riders' Director



Our 2nd Annual **Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas** (HVSD) is scheduled for Sept. 27. Please join us this year in supporting our local veterans in their time of need. We have a fun-filled day planned for this important fundraiser. The **Pig Bar & Grill** became a supporter of our HVSD event and volunteered to collect donations from their patrons.

The HVSD also indicated their need for several chest freezers. At our August ALR meeting, we voted

to provide the HVSD with funds to purchase a much needed freezer. The various fundraising activities we hold through the year, our dinners and breakfasts for example, provide us with the funds to continue supporting our military men and women and their families.

The Auxiliary will hold their annual **Luau** on Oct. 4. The Legion Riders agreed to host a motorcycle game as part of this year's Luau. Come out and enjoy great food and drink while helping to support our post.

Tickets are still available for the custom Harley-

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Getting Better

Jimmy Rogers, Darlene Mayo
Sandy Miller, Amy Potter,
Wrayann Puetz, Shirley Gray

Condolences

To Auxiliary member Sharon Shumate on the loss of her husband Fred Shumate.

2015 Dues

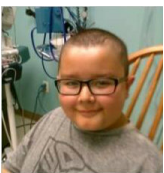
Legion - \$35
SAL - \$25 (dual \$10)
Riders - \$12
Auxiliary - \$27 (Early Bird renewal); \$35 new member

Button up!

A member (not saying who, yet) has an idea of how we might use buttons to raise cash for our veterans. We'll put a jar in the canteen for button donations.

453 members have a lot of heart!

We have tons of fun at 453, but we also step up to the plate to help when we can! We had several great events in July & August which showed the generosity of members.



A Frog Leg & Shrimp dinner, benefiting Gideon

Salazar, 12, who is battling cancer, raised \$1,252 to help with Gideon's medical bills. On 8/26, the Riders went on a Poker Run to raise funds for members of 453's Garcia family. Another big turnout and another great event! 7/26's Party for the Patio raised more than a \$1,000 to improve 453's patio area.

From the Auxiliary President



Thank you to everyone for your get well wishes since I've been recovering

from my surgery. Thanks to 1st Vice **Jan** for stepping up in my absence.

We have several Auxiliary members on the "recovery" list and I hope you are all feeling better.

Good news for Unit 453. Our Unit won the Department Americanism award for 2013-14. And 453's **Keely Prendergast** won the 5th District Scholarship!

Second Vice **Joann** is hard at work with plans for our 2014



Luau Lovelies Darlene and Joann want to see all of us on Oct. 4.

Luau on Oct. 4, 2014. This is going to be a real joint effort with the SAL and Riders. For those of you who are new to our Post, our annual Luau is the biggest fundraiser of the year — and probably

the most fun! It's a full day and night of games, food, music, grass skirts and coconut bras! You'll love it! Ladies, we will need side dishes and cakes donated. But most of all we need your help - ticket takers & ticket sellers, kitchen workers, and general all-around volunteers. If we all pull together, we can have a great time and raise the money we need to continue to support the many programs and causes of Unit 453.

Come to the meeting on Sept. 10 and get all the details.

*Darlene Mayo
Unit 453 Auxiliary President*

From the SAL



At Dept. Convention I had an opportunity to cook for The American Legion National Commander

Daniel Dellinger, as well as the Sons of American Legion National Commander, Joe Gladden. It was a real honor to visit with them about the future goals of the American Legion programs.

Check the calendar for SAL cook nights and Sunday breakfasts. See you at Luau (Oct. 4) and the Halloween Party (Oct. 25).

*For God, Country and Post 453
Tom Arista
Post 453 SAL Commander*



How does he like his steak, Tom? National Commander Dan Dellinger (red hat) with Tom.

From the Riders (continued)

Davidson raffle hosted by the Texas State Vietnam Veterans. Tickets may be purchased at the Pig Bar & Grill or from **Bob Faulds**.

Frankie Dawson is working with local schools to set up conferences where we can educate young students on the purpose of the American Legion Riders. This is a great way to counter the bad reputation associated with motorcycle clubs and to explain how the ALR organization promotes good citizenship, love of country, and support for our veterans. More details to be provided by Frankie as they become available.

Members of Post 453 will once again participate in this year's **Veterans Day Parade** in downtown Dallas on Nov. 11, 2014. Post 453 Legion Riders and our long-time biker friends have been a major component of our post's presence in the parade. Mark your calendars and join us in this fun event.

"Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is." - Francis Bacon


*Bobby Vandembush, Director
American Legion Riders Love Field Post 453*



Save the Date!

9/1: Labor Day Cookout - Burgers & hotdogs, bring a dish to share	10/4: LUAU - Starts around 2 p.m. Buffet usually starts at 4 p.m.
9/19: POW/MIA Day	10/16: VA Patients Carnival, 5 p.m.
9/24-28: Fall DEC in Austin	10/18: 5th District Fall Convention at Post 511
9/27: Riders 2nd annual Homeless Veterans' Services of Dallas Run / Fundraiser	10/25: Halloween Party at 453

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Patio Cookout!	2 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4 <i>Leatherneck Club</i> 1900	5 Karaoke Auxiliary Dinner	6 Karaoke
7 Auxiliary Breakfast <i>Riders Meet 1 pm</i>	8	9	10 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m. <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 Karaoke Legion Dinner	13 Karaoke Marines 12-3p
14 Legion Breakfast	15	16 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	17 <i>Citizenship Day</i>	18 <i>U.S. Air Force birthday</i>	19 Karaoke Riders Dinner 	20 Karaoke
21 Riders Breakfast	22	23 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	24	25	26 Karaoke SAL Dinner	27 Karaoke Riders 2nd annual Homeless Veterans' Services of Dallas Run / Fundraiser
28 SAL Breakfast <i>Gold Star Family Remembrance Sunday</i>	29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 <i>Leatherneck Club</i> 1900	Oct. 3 Karaoke Auxiliary Dinner	Auxiliary, Riders & SAL Present Luau 2014 Oct. 4th Games - Tiki Bar Buffet - Music & more

October 2014

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5 Auxiliary Breakfast <i>Riders Meet 1 pm</i>	6	7 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	8 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	9 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	10 Karaoke Legion Dinner	11 Karaoke Lady Marines 11-2 Marines 12-3
12 Legion Breakfast	13 <i>Columbus Day observed</i>	14	15	16 VA Patients Carnival 5 pm at VA	17 Karaoke Riders Dinner	18 Karaoke 5th District Fall Convention (511)
19 Riders Breakfast	20	21 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	22	23	24 Karaoke SAL Dinner	25 
26 SAL Breakfast	27	28	29	30	31 Karaoke Auxiliary Dinner	

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