



Love Field Gazette

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

March - April 2015

Legion Birthday

March 15 is the designated birthday of The American Legion. On this day in 1919, the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris, France. Much as the birthday of the U.S. is celebrated on July 4, March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life. The Legion turns 96 this year. Here's looking forward to the Centennial in 2019!



5th District Convention

The 5th District Spring Convention will be held at Post 453 on Saturday, April 18. Election of District Officers for 2015-2017 will be held.

Legion

- Commander** Charlie Peoples
- 1st Vice** Bob Kaminski
- 2nd Vice** Francis "Stoney" Stone
- Adjutant** Bobby Vandenbush
- Service Officer** Loyd Pearson
- Finance Officer**
- Sgt. at Arms** Jim McClendon
- Chaplain** Ed Kownslar
- Judge Adv.** Sam Underwood
- House Committee**
- Chairman** Dennis Brisbon
- Executive Committee** Bob Elkins, Del Martin, Rollin MacDuffie, Frank Roberson

S.A.L.

- Commander** Tom Arista
- 1st Vice** Michael Paul Melgoza
- Finance Officer** Rob Guerra
- Sgt. at Arms** Dennis Brisbon
- Adjutant** Bob Kaminski
- Chaplain**

- Judge Adv.** Sam Underwood
- Historian** David Perez
- Advisor** Bill Freauff

Auxiliary

- President** Janice Velasco
- 1st Vice** Norma Cavazos
- 2nd Vice** Joann Sciortino
- Treasurer** Sharon Shumate
- Secretary** Barb Black
- Chaplain** Peggy Roberson
- Historian** Patricia Moore
- Sgt. at Arms** Margaret Castilleja
- Executive Committee** Shirley Gray, Donna Harrell, Sandy Miller, Amy Potter

Legion Riders

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

From the Commander



Hello Family Members & Fans: My Commandership at Post 453 is coming to an end. As of this writing, I've been in office 2 years, 10 months, and now the countdown begins.

BUT WAIT! A new endeavor has been presented to me (actually, they are dangling a piece of ham in front of me). I've been asked to run for 5th District Commander. Please, no applause, as I am very shy.

This is quite an honor. I feel very blessed to be a nominee and if elected, promise to defend the rights of all posts to the best of my ability. With all gratitude, I, Charlie Peoples, wish to accomplish our Veteran's future goals. Wherever I end up, please don't let it be the bottom of Bachman Lake!

Cheers!
Charlie Peoples

From the Legion Riders



The mild winter has allowed us to enjoy a full winter riding season. And with Spring around the corner, the opportunities for rides should begin to grow dramatically.

Let's have a good turnout at our March 1 ALR meeting as we will start planning our spring riding schedule. We'll also be taking a group photo of Post 453 ALR members - if you wish to be included in the photo be at the March meeting.

It's my pleasure to introduce our newest ALR members: **Terry Burke, Dan Gaping, Jody Bolene, and Janice Velasco.** Please take the time to introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcomed. Continued growth in membership is the key to maintaining a successful Legion Riders group.

Due to schedule conflicts, it was decided to move the Lake Texoma rally back to the Mother's Day weekend of May 8-10, 2015. The rates will increase slightly as we're now in the prime season. Some riders will be heading to Lake Texoma on Friday morning May 8. Those heading up on Friday will meet at

the post that morning and ride up as a group. Details will be posted to our Facebook page as they become available.

Our 1st **Homeless Veterans Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at the Veterans Resource Center on April 11. We estimate that 50 to 70 children will be participating in this fun event. Please help out by buying several bags of Easter candy and a few small baskets that the children can use to hold their eggs. If we all contribute something, we'll have enough to give these special children a Happy ALR Easter.

I was invited to a meeting of the **Women in Aviation - North Texas Chapter** at Bugatti's Restaurant on Feb. 3, where I had the opportunity to highlight our Legion Riders support of the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) to the group. I also received donations of women's clothing, as well as several checks, that were delivered to the VRC. Our thanks to the Women in Aviation group for supporting our veterans.

Congratulations to **Phil "Kiltman" Anderson** on

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Taps

Janna Countryman, Auxiliary

Sick Call

John Garcia, recovering from back surgery

PJ Drive a Hit

The December Pajama Drive was a big success. We were able to donate \$1,000 worth of kids' PJs to the VA for the children of veterans. The Auxiliary wants to thank everyone for your donations and participation.

A very large Thank You to **Gary Callahan** for helping deliver the pajamas to the VA Social Director. - *Shirley Gray*

Be a Good Neighbor



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Bill Freauff

Election Notice

Elections of Legion officers for 2015/2016 will be held at the meeting on May 5, 2015. Nominations begin in April.

From the Auxiliary President



2015 started off with BANG. The Auxiliary hosted the New Year's Eve party as well as the New Year's Day festivities with lots of music, food and fun.

Things settled down a bit as we focused on our Girl Scout Cookie Fund Raiser. A Big SHOUT OUT goes out to everyone from each of the families that came out and helped. It was an exhausting day

but they got the job done.

Are you looking for a way to volunteer? You may want to think about helping out with one of our cook dates. Contact me or Janey Barrett and we can get you more information.

We are still accepting renewals for your 2015 membership. The renewal fee is \$30 and you can mail in your check or drop it off at the Post. REMINDER: Keep your current membership cards handy because you may be asked to show them the next time you visit.

Holly, Robbie & Brenda hosted a fun Pajama Party Breakfast on Feb. 22.



If you would like to get more updated Auxiliary information on a regular basis send your email address to me at jvelasco@ecova.com. I will add you to the list and you will be in the Know.

Thank you all for your support of the ALA Unit 453.

*Jan Velasco
Unit 453 President*

From the Sons (SAL)



I want to thank all the entities for their donations to the SOS fund.

We, as a family, raised \$802+! I'd personally like to thank all who donated.

• Josh Dogs - We presented 10 Josh Dogs to Children's Medical Center

• Girl Scout Cookies - I want to thank all SAL members and the Legion family who made this a

successful event.

• Membership - We're a little behind on membership. Please help us out by renewing and/or signing up new SAL members.

• Boys State/ Girls State - We're looking for candidates. Please contact the Commander.

Thanks for everything the entities



Rob Guerra (left) and Tom presented Josh Dogs to Ms. Krista at Children's Medical Center.

do for us and the Legion family.

Your SAL Commander

Tom Arista

From the Riders

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being appointed 5th District Legion Rider Advisor at the 5th District Meeting held at Mesquite Post 504 on Feb. 15.

A Jazz Concert to benefit veterans in training for technical careers will be held on April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. The event is sponsored by NPower.

Tickets are \$50/person. Kiltman asks for a large turnout from our ALR group as a way to show our support.

Please join us on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, when once again we'll be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Forest Lawn Cemetery. We'll meet at the post that morning and head out as a group. KSU at 9:00 AM.

Elections for ALR officers to serve the 2015/2016 year will be

held at our May meeting with nominations beginning in April. The only qualification is a desire to help make the Legion Riders a vibrant and active organization.

"When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice." - *Marquis de la Grange*

*Bobby Vandebush, Director
American Legion Riders*



March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Legion B'fast Riders Meet 1 pm	2  TX Independence Day	3 Legion Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6 <i>Karaoke</i> Riders Dinner 6-8 pm	7 <i>Karaoke</i>  <i>Daylight Savings</i>
8 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	9	10	11 Aux. Meeting 7 pm	12 SAL Meeting 7 pm	13 <i>Karaoke</i> SAL Dinner 6-8 pm	14 <i>Karaoke</i>
15 SAL B'fast 10-noon St. Paddy's Party 	16	17  Legion Exec. Board 7 pm	18	19	20 <i>Karaoke</i> Aux. Dinner 6-8 pm	21 <i>Karaoke</i>
22 Aux Breakfast 10-noon	23	24	25 Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair 10 am-1 pm 12400 Coit Rd, Dallas	26	27 <i>Karaoke</i> Legion Dinner 6-8 pm	28 <i>Karaoke</i>
29 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	30	31	April 1 "I pity the Fool" - Mr. T	April 2	April 3 <i>Karaoke</i> Riders Dinner 6-8 pm	April 4 <i>Karaoke</i>

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Riders B'fast Riders Meet 1 pm	6	7 Legion Meeting 7 pm	8 Aux. Meeting 7 pm	9 SAL Meeting 7 pm	10 <i>Karaoke</i> SAL Dinner 6-8 pm	11 <i>Easter Party</i> at Veterans Resource Ctr. 11 am <i>Karaoke</i>
12 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Karaoke</i> Aux. Dinner 6-8 pm	18 <i>Karaoke</i> 5th District Conv. - Post 453 (Elections)
19 Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	20	21 Legion Exec. Board 7 pm	22	23	24 <i>Karaoke</i> Legion Dinner 6-8 pm	25 <i>Karaoke</i>
26 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	27	28	29	30	May 1 <i>Karaoke</i> Riders Dinner 6-8 pm	May 2 <i>Karaoke</i>

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