



Love Field Gazette

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

March-April 2014

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- Treasurer** Brenda DeLeon

From the Commander



which is the 26th of March.

At the General Meeting in April, I, Charlie Peoples, am required to announce that the elections will be

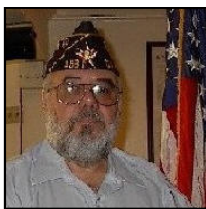
Okay Peoples, please get yourself ready for the elections! The bylaws state that the scheduled meeting in March is the time the elections need to be announced. A sign-in sheet will be posted no later than the third Wednesday,

held on May 6.

I truly have enjoyed my tenure as Post 453 Commander for the past two years. It has been a very fulfilling experience, also a pain in the arse (ha ha, Joann). So, good luck to the next Commander, I wish you well. One more newsletter for me and Cat to write, but in other words, I won't go on and on, personality time....CHEERS!

Charlie Peoples
Post 453 Commander

From the 1st Vice



for the 2014-2015 year, you might want to expand your Legion knowledge by attending the Convention. Contact Charlie or me and we can add you to the list. If Post 453 pays for you to attend, you must attend or you must pay back your registration fees.

We are still working on the 2014 Membership year and our Post is at about 96% of our goal. We need about 10 current members who are proud of their

Here we are at the start of Spring with the weather changing and the days getting longer. The 5th District Spring Convention will be held at Post 424 on April 12. If you are interested in a Post 453 Officer position

service to renew their membership for 2014 to push us to 100%. We need this done promptly.

You might think, "I am not active, I am only one person." But each of you is important. You are Veterans and every Veteran is important. When you renew your membership, \$9 stays here locally for veteran programs. When our National Commander goes to Congress and says, "Our 2.4 million members..." he is representing YOU.

I am proud of what the Legion is doing today and what they have done in the past. The Legion played an important part in creating the GI Bill and it was the main force behind the creation of the VA system.

You served your country before, serve her now by supporting The American Legion.

Bill Freauff
1st Vice Commander

From the 2nd Vice

As we head into Spring, the Legion family has all sorts of things to get together and celebrate... starting with Daylight Savings Time returning on March 9. Here's a short list of some things to look forward to:

- St. Patrick's Day – A party in the canteen with drink specials and food on Sunday, March 16.
- Flag Retirement Ceremony – Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 12. This event is rescheduled from November (remember all that snow and ice?) and will be conducted by MacArthur High School Junior ROTC.
- Easter Sunday is April 20 and the Legion family gets

together for its traditional family meal that afternoon. And right after that ...

• 2nd Annual 50's and 60's Prom Night – Saturday, May 3. Tickets will be out for this event right about the time that this paper gets to you. We sold out last year, and we look forward to doing it again this year.

Your Executive Board has spent roughly \$20K to improve the Post in the past year to give you a nicer, more comfortable place to gather with your friends and family. Why not show some support for this effort and come on down for these fine events? We would love to see you.

For God and Country,
Sal Mancuso

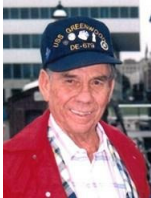


From the Auxiliary

Sick Call

Don Burris
Jimmy Rogers

Taps



Robert
"Bob" Daily,
WWII
d. 1/24/2014



Maurilio
"George"
Sandoval,
WWII
d. 2/13/2014

Chaplain's Corner

As I write this, I have just returned from the National Cemetery after burying George Sandoval. March 1, we will memorialize Bob Daily. Both are WWII veterans. Please join me in saluting these two fine gentlemen in their passing. Please pray for their families; that they will be comforted in their grief by our mutual love and respect of these American heroes.

The WWII veterans are the fabric that created the world in which we live today. Their commitment to Duty, Honor and Country preserved our liberties and way of life. Without their sacrifices America would not be today a shining beacon of light and liberty to the world, and the greatest nation on earth.

There are too few left alive; their numbers decline every day. Please, celebrate with me their lives, sacrifices and memories so that we may continue to live free and proud in the "Home of the Brave."

*For God and Country,
Ed Kownslar*



The year started off with the Auxiliary going full speed ahead. January kept us busy doing our annual Girl

Scout Cookie Distribution. Thank you to all who helped. It was a long day and we worked our fannies off. We'll never forget all the fun we had. Pinkston JROTC helped and we had a blast. We tossed 6,900 cases of cookies.

In February we were honored to host the ALA 5th District Prayer Breakfast. Thank you Darlene and all your helpers for serving a great breakfast. Thanks to all who helped set up and decorate.

We sent 94 Valentines to our overseas troops. We presented seven Marines with gift cards to

show our appreciation for what a great job they are doing. We also presented a young girl with a kiddie cane for the blind to help with her failing eyesight. She was excited and plans on decorating it with her favorite super heroes! We also handed out crackers at the VA to recognize National Salute to Our Veterans Week.

March is going to be a fun month with everyone gearing up for the St Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 16.

At our meeting on March 12, we will be collecting personal items (shampoo, conditioners, feminine hygiene products, etc.) for the women veterans in the VA Butterfly project. Items can be dropped off at the Post and placed in a box located in the "pit" area.

April is around the corner and

we all need to start thinking about elections. If you would like to volunteer for a



position, please get in touch with any of the officers and let them know. On April 10 we will drive to the Temple VA to attend the graduation of the Butterfly project. April 12 is 5th District Convention at Post 424. If you wish to attend, please let us know so we can get the details to you. April 20 is Easter. Dinner is served about 2 p.m. Side dishes and desserts are always needed.

I wish to thank each and every one of you who step up and help. No one can do this alone. Together We Achieve More!

*For God and Country,
Cindy Freauff, Unit 453 President*

From the Riders



Several weeks of cold weather have limited our opportunity to ride but I believe

the worst is behind us. There are a number of formal and informal rides under discussion. Our standing informal ride remains on the first Saturday following each monthly meeting. For March and April, our informal rides will be held on 3/8 and 4/12. Unscheduled rides, sponsored by other posts or organizations, will be posted to the Riders' Facebook page. We are planning an overnight ride to Lake Texoma for May 10-11. Please reserve this weekend as it will be a great time to relax and enjoy Lake Texoma with your ALR brothers and sisters.

On a sad note, long-time Legionnaire Bob Daily passed in

January. In lieu of flowers, Bob's family asked that memorial gifts be made to the Homeless Veterans of Dallas, Post 453 American Legion Riders' designated charity. To date, we've received about \$900 that will greatly assist homeless veterans in the Dallas area. Fair winds and following seas, brother Bob Daily.

We're happy to see former ALR director Otis "Tator" Robbins is back to his old self after a brief illness.

Our Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts raise the funds needed to support our charity work. My thanks to those of you who have cooked or helped in the kitchen. Unfortunately, this work has fallen on the same small group of members. Help is always needed. If you don't wish to cook there are other duties where your help would be appreciated.

According to the bylaws of Post 453 American Legion Riders, offi-

cers shall be elected during our scheduled May meeting. Nomination of ALR members in good standing to serve as officers for the 2014/2015 term shall be submitted at our April scheduled meeting. Please be prepared to submit your choices for ALR officers at our April meeting.

Currently, 106,000 American Legion Riders meet in more than a thousand chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries. The ALR's annual Legacy Run has raised over \$5.7 million to fund scholarships for the children of military personnel killed in action since September 1, 2001.

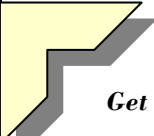
"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them." -- Mark Twain

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

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Legion B'fast Riders Meet 1 p.m.	3	4 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	5	6	7 Karaoke Riders Dinner	1 Karaoke 8 Riders informal ride
9 Riders Breakfast	10	11	12 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	13 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	14 Karaoke SAL Dinner	15 Karaoke
16 SAL Breakfast St. Paddy's Day Party!	17	18 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	19	20	21 Karaoke Aux. Dinner	22 Karaoke
23 Aux Breakfast	24	25	26	27	28 Karaoke Legion Dinner	29

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 30 Legion B'fast Riders Meet 1 pm	March 31	1 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4 Karaoke Riders Dinner	5 Karaoke
6 Riders Breakfast	7	8	9 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	10 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Karaoke SAL Dinner	12 Karaoke 5th District Conv. @ Post 424
13 SAL Breakfast	14 <i>Presidents Day</i>	15 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Karaoke Aux. Dinner	19 Karaoke
20 Aux Breakfast Easter Dinner around 2 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25 Karaoke Legion Dinner	26 Karaoke
27 Legion B'fast	28	29	30		 PROM NIGHT Saturday, May 3 <i>Get your tickets soon!</i>	

From the Historian

With the meticulous planning of Sal Mancuso, Tom Arista, Robert Guerra, Michael Paul Melgoza, Cindy Freauff and Jan Velasco, the New Year's Eve party was a tremendous success. They provided food, decorations, party favors and champagne to welcome 2014.

The party planners coordinated with Dennis Brisbon and Sandra Miller to provide the dancing music. They brought lighting special effects, too. There was a wide variety of music to appeal to everyone motivating them to dance.

After midnight, the partygoers were served black-eyed peas and cornbread to bring them luck in the new year.

2014 came in with much fanfare at Post 453. Let's do it again on December 31, 2014.

Nanette White

Post 453 Historian



Partygoers rang in the New Year in style at Post 453.



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