



# Love Field Gazette

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

October 2015

## From the Commander

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### Legion Riders

**Director** Bobby Vandenbush

**Asst. Director** Jim Teafatiller

**Secretary** Robin McCarroll

**Treasurer** Brenda DeLeon

**Sgt. at Arms** Brother To

**Road Captain** Hermanator

**Advisor** Bob Cobey



Love Field Post's reputation for service to our veterans and to our local community continues to attract new members. Last month we welcomed 11 new members and transferees. Our newest

### NEW MEMBERS

Legionnaires are **Joe Soto** (Army/WWII), **Michael DeWilde**

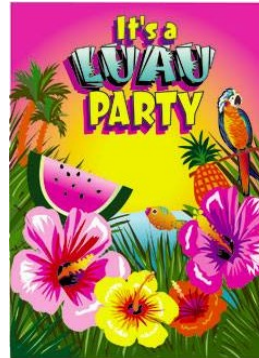
(Army/Gulf War), **Donald Howe** (Navy/Grenada), and **Robert Thomas** and **Tony Frey** who are both currently serving. Legionnaires transferring their membership to Post 453 include, Scott **Kreger**, **Michael "Brady"** Reed, Phil Davis, Warren "Keith" Crutcher, Thomas Edmondson, and **Charles Campbell**. Please introduce yourself to our newest members and welcome them to the Love Field family.

As mentioned in last month, Legion dues will increase by \$5 per year beginning January 2016. Renew your 2016 Legion membership before Dec. 31, 2015, and you'll save the post from paying the \$5 increase in 2016 dues.

A big Thank You to Legionnaires/Legion Riders **Herman Yentz** and **Jimmy Duke** for their efforts in refinishing the patio picnic table in time for this year's Luau. The new polyurethane finish will protect our patio table for years to come.

I've been asked to remind everyone that only properly licensed service dogs are allowed in the post and only when accompanying the person to which the service dog is assigned. Service dogs are not allowed in the kitchen. If it's not a service dog - it doesn't belong in the post.

The Legion Riders express their thanks to the members of Love Field Post who helped make their **3rd Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit Run** a great success. This year's event raised



### Saturday Oct 3

1- 11 p.m. \$10

- Tiki Bar
- Cake Walk
- ASS-car Races
- Games
- Drawings
- Luau Feast 4-6 p.m.
- Music & Dancing with CT Express 7- 11 p.m.

over \$3,150 to help our homeless veterans and their children. To date, this annual event has raised over \$350,000 in personal care items, clothing, food, and other items. Love Field Post is rightfully proud of its Legion Riders and their support of our veterans and our local community.

The Legion's first gun raffle is currently underway. The winner receives two Henry lever action rifles; one chambered for a .44 Mag and one chambered for the .17HMR. Three tickets will be pulled on Dec. 19, 2015. The holder of the 1st ticket pulled must be able to register the guns or they will be awarded to the 2nd ticket holder, or the 3rd if necessary. Proceeds

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### 3rd Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit Run



## Reserve our Front Room

Call **Frances Pearson** at 214-704-0516 or 972-438-9509

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Monday thru Friday

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DEL MARTIN

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214-352-1575

## From the Auxiliary



Fall is in the air – and with the cooler weather we also present

### Luau 2015

*Saturday, Oct. 3*

The fun starts at 1:00 and continues throughout the day and into the evening.

This event is more than just another fundraiser – It is more like Homecoming weekend because there is something for everyone - Great food, Games, Races, Raffles, Music and much more. Bring your family and your friends and SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST AND YOUR AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY. Tickets are only \$10, which covers the cost of the food, games, entertainment and your raffle ticket for the door prizes. Tickets are available now in the canteen or at the door. \*Side dishes are also needed.

Grab your hula skirt or that crazy Hawaiian

shirt you have been meaning to wear and be a part of the fun – you never know what you might see.



Fall is also the time when everyone starts talking about membership. You can renew now at the Early Bird rate of \$27 I would also ask each of you to think of someone else in your family circle that would like to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by joining the ALA. "Membership in the ALA is a special honor given to us through our eligibility of someone who served...The distinction of belonging to the ALA reinforces that we are patriotic and concerned with the well being of our Country and our Veterans..."

**"BE PROUD TO SAY, I BELONG TO THE ALA"**

*Jan Velasco  
President Unit 453*

## From the Commander (cont.)

from this raffle will be used to help fund much needed post maintenance. The Bass Pro Shop in Garland has allowed us to set up a booth to sell tickets over several weekends from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will selling tickets at Bass Pro on Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19. Shifts are divided into morning (9AM-1PM) and afternoon (1PM-5PM). Your help, even for 1 shift, is appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted near the kitchen.

The Love Field Post family has generously donated funds to help American Legion Post 802 rewire their outdated electrical service. Our resident master electrician PT Moore, along with other post volunteers, have donated their labor. Plans are to visit Post 802 at a future date to present them with a ceremonial check representing donations from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. Date and time to be posted when available.

The Legion is assigned one Friday dinner and one Sunday breakfast each month. Proceeds from these meals provide the funds used to support a number of charitable activities during the year. We are in dire need of volunteers to cook or to help with meal prep and clean up. Without volunteers, our dinner or breakfast date will either be offered to one of the other Legion families or canceled.

The post's annual Luau will be held on Oct. 3 from 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The annual Luau is the year's largest fundraiser. Join us for games, live music, a Tiki Bar, and a memorable Luau feast. A \$10 ticket gets

you dinner and a chance to win the night's drawing. Tickets are available from Auxiliary members or from the canteen staff.

The 5th District Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24 at Legion Post 424 beginning at 12:30 PM. More details to follow as they become available.

The Martin Weiss Memorial SAL Squadron 275 is hosting a blood drive thru The American Red Cross from 11am to 4 pm on Oct. 25. They encourage all members from the 5th District to join them for this life saving event. With your donation the SAL will serve you a free lunch.

*"Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everybody gets busy on the proof." - John K. Galbraith*

*Bobby Vandenburg, Commander*

**American Legion Love Field Post 453**  
Dallas TX

"Supporting our military families, our veterans, and our local community."

Heavy Repeating Rifles, "Made in America or not made at all."

## Gun Raffle

Winning ticket takes both rifles!

Donation: \$10/Ticket, \$18/2 Tickets, \$25/3 Tickets

SASS APPROVED

Rifle #1: Henry Big Boy (Model 1886) Caliber .44 Mag./.44 Special  
• 30" Wood Outrigged Barrel  
• American Walnut Stock  
• Brass Receiver, Bolt, Plug, and Barrel Band  
• 18 Round Capacity

Rifle #2: Henry Golden Boy (Model 1886) Caliber .17 Rem  
• 30" Wood Outrigated Barrel  
• American Walnut Stock  
• Smooth Receiver, Bolt, Plug, and Barrel Band  
• 12 Round Capacity

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The Henry Big Boy received the highest score ever given to a center fire lever action rifle in Dallas' 10th Annual Gun Test. Drawing to be held on Dec. 19, 2015. Need not be present to win. Two (2) tickets will be drawn. If the holder of the winning ticket is unable to register the guns, the holder of the 2nd ticket draw will be awarded the guns.

# October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Karaoke <b>\$3 Burgers</b> 6-8 pm	3 <b>LUAU</b> <b>2015</b>
4 Joann's Trash Omelets 10-12  <i>Riders Meeting @ 1</i>	5	6 Karaoke  <b>Legion Meeting</b> 7 pm	7	8 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 pm	9 Karaoke  <b>Legion Dinner</b> 6-8 pm	10 Karaoke
11 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	12	13 Karaoke	14  <b>Aux. Meeting</b> 7 pm	15  VA Carnival	16 Karaoke  <b>Riders Dinner</b>	17 Karaoke
18 <b>Riders Breakfast</b> 10-noon	19	20 Karaoke  <b>Legion Exec.</b> <b>Board 7 pm</b>	21	22	23 Karaoke  <b>SAL Dinner</b> 6-8 pm	24 Karaoke
25 SAL Break- fast 10-noon	26	27 Karaoke	28	29	30 Karaoke  <b>Aux Dinner</b>	31 Karaoke  <b>HALLOWEEN</b> <b>PARTY</b>

## From the Legion Riders



Our 3rd Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit Run was a great success. This year's event drew about 46 bikes along with several cars and a total of 78 participants. Thanks to the generosity of our members, our friends, and our sponsors, we raised over \$3,150 to help our homeless veterans and their families. I want to thank **KK** and **Troy Hartog** for their efforts in soliciting the many donations from local businesses. Please thank our sponsors and tell them

we appreciate their support and look forward to their support for our 4th Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit Run.

The 2015 American Legion Riders Legacy Run raised a record \$1,249,684.13 in donations to be used to provide college scholarships to the children of service members who died on active duty since 9-11-01.

"The Riders are the only program that encompasses the Legion, the Sons of The American Legion and Auxiliary," said Bob Sussan, chairman of The American Legion Riders Advisory Committee.

"From the onset, the Riders have adopted the Legacy Scholarship Fund, and annually we ride for the children of our fallen brothers and sisters." More info at <http://www.legion.org/riders/229715/riders-smash-legacy-run-record>

Our October meeting will be held this Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1:00 PM at the post. Come early and enjoy a great eggs to order breakfast by the Auxiliary. Only \$5. Served 10:00 AM to noon.

Bobby Vandenbush

## SPONSORS

Thanks to these great sponsors, our fundraiser was a big success.

- Nate's Seafood
- Otis & Diane Robbins
- Karla King
- QuikTrip
- Jason's Deli
- Starbucks Coffee
- Betcha Bingo
- Target
- Red Lobster
- Humperdinks
- Studio Movie Grill
- Moto Liberty
- Shelby at Stokers Ink
- SugarBear Pie Co.