



# Love Field Gazette

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

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American Legion Post 453  
& Love Field Post 453 American  
Legion Riders

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## From the Commander



### American Legion Election of Officers

Elections of Legion officers for the 2016/2017 year will be held at our Legion meeting on May 3, 2016, at 7:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for all elected officer positions is posted near the kitchen door. If

you're interested in being considered for one of the available officer positions, please enter your name under the desired position. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the May 3rd meeting. Be aware that American Legion membership cards will be checked when entering the meeting. Those without a 2016 membership card will not be allowed to vote. A joint installation of all elected officers for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders will be held in June at a date and time to be announced.

### On-Going Events

- The Love Field American Legion meets the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM. The Legion Executive Board meets the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM. Executive board meetings are open to all Legion family members but only Executive board members may speak during the meeting.
- The American Legion family continues hosting dinner every Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Meals typically run from \$8 to \$12 depending on entree. Occasionally, the post hosts a steak night where the price is \$15. Our famous \$5 eggs-to-order breakfast is served every Sunday from 10:00 AM to noon. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa with your meal for only \$2. Please remember that per TABC laws, only those members or guests purchasing a breakfast may be served alcohol before noon on Sundays.
- The post continues to host karaoke every Friday, Saturday, and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 8 PM. Come out and enjoy your favorite beverage while listening to aspiring songsters realize their dreams of stardom. With sufficient liquid courage you may just decide to grab the microphone and belt out your favorite song.

### April 2016 Events

- The Irving Elks will hold their 6th Annual Ron Coleman Run on Saturday, April 23. Registration opens at 10 AM at Post 453 with the first bike out at 11 AM. Fee is \$10/bike or car and \$5/passenger. The run ends at the Irving Elks where participants may enjoy burgers, fries, and their favorite beverage. Proceeds from this year's run to benefit Larry Wicks.
- The Love Field Post 453 SAL Squadron to hold a SAL Night Out on Thursday, April 28.

### May 2016 Events

- On Saturday, May 7, Post 453 will host a golf tournament at the River Chase GC in Coppell to benefit the Boys and Girls State programs. The tourney will be a 4 person scramble with prizes for closest to the hole and longest drive. Registration is \$60/person. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM with burgers following the play.
- On Saturday, May 14, the 1st Division Commander, John Brewer, to hold the 1st Division Convention at the Gilmer Civic Center (1925 N. Wood St), in Gilmer.
- On Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 PM, the post will



**Run for the Wall** is a cross-country motorcycle ride that ends at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. Its mission is to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars. and to support our military personnel all over the world.

host this year's Boys State orientation. Interested boys and their parents will learn about the objectives and rules of this year's program and the expectations for those attending.

- On Sunday, May 22, the 5th District meeting will be held at Mesquite Post 504. The SAL meeting starts at 12:30 PM, the ALR at 1:15 PM, and the AL and ALA meetings start at 2:00 PM.
- The post will once again host a cook-out following the placing of flags on veterans' graves at local cemeteries and at DFW National Cemetery. Come enjoy burgers, hots, and fries with your American Legion friends and guests. More details to be provided on our Facebook page as they become available.

Love Field Post celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Phyllis Moynihan, Jeff Prutz, and post volunteers. Our thanks to everyone that helped in making this event a success.

Thanks to all the folks that worked to make this year's Easter Dinner a big success. For those of us with no family, or for those with family miles away, enjoying Easter with our Love Field family made for a memorable day. And thanks to PT for donating the lotto ticket stuffed eggs.

Please keep Legion Chaplain Ed Kownslar in your prayers as he struggles to overcome his illness. It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of two American Legion members. Tom Ferguson, a long-time Post 453 member and our master auctioneer for many fundraisers, joined the Post Everlasting on April 3rd. Also Dick Serio, a Post 453 member for many years, has joined the Post Everlasting.

"Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection."  
Schopenhauer.

Up-to-the-minute information on post activities and events can be found on our Facebook page < American Legion Post 453>. Our post website <al453.org> is being redesigned and should be available soon. Your patience is appreciated as we upgrade our site.

Bobby Vandenbush  
Commander Post 453

## From the Auxiliary President



The Auxiliary has been very busy during the first quarter of 2016. We have hosted several fun events at the Post ourselves and have worked side by side with the other families as well. I tried to personally thank each and every one of you who volunteered and helped to make all of these events a success but would like to again say Thank

You – YOU MADE 453 "THE PLACE TO BE."

**SPRING IS HERE** – It is the season of new beginnings as the earth seems to awaken and come to life again. The first order of business for us during this new season is to elect a new slate of officers to carry on our vision. If you have been thinking about other ways to serve the ALA, this is your opportunity. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post for you to place your name for consideration. Please contact any of the officers or the nominating committee for more information about the positions or the election itself. **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 11<sup>th</sup> AND CAST YOUR VOTE.**

The remaining Auxiliary cook dates for this term are: Friday, April 15, Sunday, April 17, Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 15. If you are available to help with any of these meals please let us know – but more importantly come out and support your American Legion Auxiliary – You have a reason to be proud.



*The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 and is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization.*

It has been an honor to serve this wonderful organization – I am very blessed to have gotten to know and work with such strong and wonderful women dedicated to enriching the lives of those who have served this Great Country and honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We must strive to acknowledge, understand, and respect our differences which will ensure the continued growth and health of our organization. *"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."* – George S. Patton

May 2016 be filled with love, laughter and good health,

Jan

## From the Riders Director



### American Legion Riders Election of Officers

Elections of Legion Rider officers for the 2016/2017 year will be held during our Legion Rider meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for all elected officer positions is posted on the rider's bulletin board. If you're interested in being considered for one of the available officer positions, please enter your name under the desired position. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the May 1st meeting. Be aware that you will be required to show your current AL, ALA, or SAL membership card, along with your current Legion Rider card, in order to vote. A joint installation of all elected officers for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders will be held in June at a date and time to be announced.

### On-Going Events

- The Legion Riders meetings are held on the first Sunday every month at 1:00 PM. All interested American Legion family members are invited to attend.
- An impromptu ride is scheduled the first Saturday following each Legion Riders meeting. Destination to be determined that morning. If you're interested, meet at the post that morning. Typically, KSU will be about 10:00 AM.
- The Legion Riders host a Friday night dinner and Sunday breakfast once a month. Volunteers are always welcome and no cooking experience is required. We always need help with meal preparation and with clean up after the meal. If interested, show up about 5:00 PM on Friday or about 9:00 AM on Sunday on the days the Riders are scheduled to cook.
- The Legion Riders formed a committee to prepare for this year's 4th Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit Run to be held on September 17th. Volunteers are needed to help with the many tasks required to make the event a success. To-date, our efforts have raised almost \$400,000.00 in donations to assist our veterans and their families. If interested, see Brenda DeLeon or KK Hartog.

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- The Irving Elks will hold their 6th Annual Ron Coleman Run on Saturday, April 23. Ron was a member of our Legion Rider group. Registration opens at 10:00 AM at Post 453 with the first bike out at 11:00 AM. Fee is \$10.00/bike or car and \$5.00/passenger. The run ends at the Irving Elks where participants may enjoy burgers, fries, and their favorite beverage. Proceeds from this year's run to benefit Larry Wicks.



### May 2016 Events

- On Saturday, May 21, meet the Run For the Wall riders at Dubiski Career High School in Grand Prairie 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- On Saturday, May 21, a dinner for the Run for the Wall (RFTW) participants will be held in Grand Prairie. Details will be available on the Legion Facebook page.
- On Sunday, May 22, RFTW Riders depart for Terrell from Fish Creek Road Bridge over I-20 in Grand Prairie at 7:45 AM.
- On Sunday, May 22, the Legion Riders will again provide sandwiches and bottled water for the Run for the Wall (RFTW) group at their stop in Terrell TX. Riders wishing to ride to Terrell to greet the RFTW riders on their way to Washington DC should meet at the post Saturday morning. KSU by 9:30 AM.
- On Sunday, May 22, the 5th District meeting will be held at Mesquite Post 504. The Legion Rider portion of the meeting scheduled to start at 1:15 PM.

Our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of local veterans was held at the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) on April 2. Thanks to all that donated candy and money used to stuff the plastic eggs scattered around the VRC. Participants enjoyed hot dogs and chips provided by the Riders following the event. We also presented the VRC with a check for \$436 to help them meet the needs our veterans.

We still have a supply of complimentary drink cards available for ALR members. Should you meet potential Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL prospects during your travels through the DFW area, be sure to invite them to visit our post and have a complimentary drink on the Love Field Riders. Don't forget to write your name on the card so we know who to thank for helping to grow post membership.

Bobby V.

**Brisket & Ribs Legion Dinner - April 22, 6-8 p.m.**

Chief Cook: Tom Burton



# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			13 <b>Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM</b> <i>Order from Snack Menu tonight</i>	14 <b>SAL Meeting 7 PM</b>	15 <b>Aux. Dinner "Indoor Picnic"</b> 6-8 <i>Karaoke</i>	16 <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>
17 Aux Breakfast 10-noon <b>KJ Catfish - Karaoke 6-10</b>	18	19 <b>Legion Exec. Meeting 7 PM</b> <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>	20	21	22 <b>Legion Dinner: Brisket &amp; Ribs 6-8 p.m.</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	23 <b>Ron Coleman Run</b> <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>
24 Legion Breakfast 10-noon <b>KJ Catfish - Karaoke 6-10</b>	25	26	27	28 <b>SAL Night Out</b>	29 <b>Riders Dinner 6-8</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	30 <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Riders Breakfast</b> <b>Riders Meet @ 1 p.m.</b>	2	3 <b>Legion Elections 7 PM</b> <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>	4	5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO PARTY</b>	6 <b>SAL Dinner 6-8</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	7 <i>453 Golf Tourn. River Chase</i> <i>Karaoke</i>
8 SAL Breakfast	9	10	11 <b>Auxiliary Elections 7 PM</b>	12 <b>SAL Elections 7 PM</b>	13 <b>Aux Dinner 6-8</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	14 <b>1st Division Convention in Gilmer</b> <i>Karaoke</i>
15 Aux Breakfast 10-noon <i>Boys State 1 pm</i>	16	17 <b>Legion Exec. Meeting 7 PM</b> <i>Karaoke (Troy)</i>	18	19	20 <b>Legion Dinner 6-8</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	21 <b>Run For The Wall May 21-22</b> <i>Karaoke</i>
22 Legion Breakfast 10-noon <i>5th District Meeting Post 504 Mesquite</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Riders Dinner 6-8</b> <i>Karaoke</i>	28 <i>Karaoke</i>
29 <b>Riders Breakfast 10-noon</b>	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	31				