



# Love Field Gazette

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

November-December 2013

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## From the Commander



tions, etc.

I would like for our members to recognize that we have fine officers, as well. **Bill Freauff**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, received awards from Department and National. Thank

As Commander of our Post, I receive all accolades, awards, apprecia-

you, Bill. Your passion and hard work is greatly appreciated.

We also have the AL Rider program in our Post and they, too, are truly remarkable. Thanks to **Otis** and **Diane Robbins** and all their volunteers for making the "The Homeless Veterans" event so successful. Great job! The Auxiliary has put a lot of love and time and effort to assist with the Homeless Veterans program and I would like to thank you,

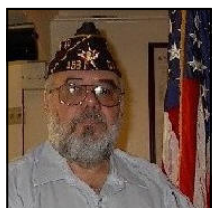
too.

I received a Gold Award from the Veterans Resource Center, however this in actuality belongs to the AL Riders. It states, "The American Legion Post 453 is the Best Friend a Veteran can have."

Thank you ALR and special thanks to **Ken Watterson** for this recognition.

Charlie Peoples  
Commander

## From the 1st Vice



We've had a little rain and cooler Fall-like temperatures and the season change is upon us. Soon our thoughts will turn to turkey dinners and the holidays. As we approach the end of the 2013 membership year I am reaching out to all Legion members who have not sent in their 2014 dues to do so ASAP. Yes, your membership is good through Dec. 31, but our Post is trying to meet monthly membership goals for the 2014 year. I am asking all to beat the year-end rush and renew now. Part of our dues goes to State and National to fund Legion programs, but part of it stays right here with our Post for our Veterans programs. Show your pride and renew your membership during November.

To all my friends in the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and the Riders I wish you safe and happy holidays. He is the Reason for the Season.

For God and Country  
Bill Freauff

## From the SAL Commander



Greetings and happy holidays to all. The Sons have been busy the past two months with Luau and then the Halloween Party. We contributed a 70-inch big-screen TV, with a lot of help from Otis, to the VA Resource Center.

We will be building on these successes in the future as the "Sons Rise Again."

None of this would be possible without the contributions of so many, but I want to extend special thanks to **Brother To**, **Sal Mancuso**, **Rob Guerra**, our Vice Commander **Tom Arista**, and **Bill** and **Cindy Freauff**. I truly appreciate their efforts.

An Honorable Flag  
Disposal Ceremony will  
be scheduled at the  
Post in November.

Going forward, we need more help in the kitchen and grill on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. The Legion Family has come to expect dinners and breakfasts every week,

and to continue to provide this service to our family members, more of the Sons need to be involved.

Again, thanks for your support so far this year. The Sons are rising.

For God and Country  
Ed Kownslar

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## Sick Call

Robert Watts  
Don Burris  
Ryan Miller  
Darlene Roberts

## Taps

A.J. Fischbach  
Alan Butler  
George Chaney (2011)

## Renewal time

2013 Membership cards for all Family entities expire Dec. 31 and you can not sign in and use Post facilities without a valid membership card. The Canteen Nurses will be checking membership cards starting Jan. 1, 2014.

## Post Service Officer



On Oct. 3, Gary Smith, Larry Taylor and I attended the 1st annual Dallas Police

Dept. Military Assistance Program. This seemed to not only inform but also resulted in about 20 new members for the Legion.

*Donald Harrison*

## Touch up



Thanks to Gary Callahan for putting much needed paint on our storage sheds out back!

## From the Auxiliary



Thank you ALL so much for making our 2013 Luau a great success! There was a

grand group of people pitching in and working their hiniies off. One of our new events was the Male Hula Contest. You should have seen the men wiggle in their skirts! It was a hoot. We did well and that's what counts.

November kicks off with a pajama event. We are collecting children's PJs for all ages, including young adults (teenagers). This year we will be presenting these PJs to the VA hospital to have on hand for military children. We will place a donation box in the entry way of the Post, so please bring in the PJs by Nov. 29. If you're not a



**Our Luau hula dancers were a hit!**

shopper, please leave a donation and **Shirley Gray** will be more than happy to shop for you.

We will start collecting goodies for the ladies in the Butterfly project at the Temple VA shortly after the new year. So while you're out holiday shopping, grab a little extra something.

We have a new Unit secretary. Yeah, **Tami-Shea Gwathney!** Thank you for stepping up.

Patients Day Out is Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. We always need help serving lunch and playing bingo. Also, mark your calendars for our annual holiday craft show on Dec. 7. Our Post Christmas party is Dec. 14. Bring a gift to trade (not to exceed \$10) and join in the fun. As always, bring your favorite snack to share with the crowd.

Keep **Darlene Mayo** and **Di Coleman** in your prayers as they recover from their surgeries. They've gone through a lot and need a little extra TLC, which I happen to know our Auxiliary has a lot of!

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



## From the Riders



With the fall weather now upon us, we'll need to break out

our leather jackets and chaps for those cooler morning rides.

Our first annual fun run to support the Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas was a great success. In addition to the many donations of clothing and personal care items like toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant that exceeded \$14,000, our Sept. 28 fun run raised over \$1,300 in cash to help our homeless veterans in their time of need. Post 453 Legion Riders extend a special thank you to the members of our Auxiliary for their help in making this event a big success. **Ken Watterson** of the Homeless Veterans Services of

Dallas will receive the fun run's proceeds at a formal ceremony to be held at the Post. Information on this presentation will be posted on the Love Field Post 453 American Legion Riders Facebook page once a date has been scheduled.

Once again, Post 453 ALR members and supporters will participate in Dallas' 2013 Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. We'll meet at the Post and ride to the staging area as a group (KSU at 9:00 AM).



**Shirley and Peggy worked the Cake Walk wheel for the Riders' Homeless Vets event.**

Please join us as we once again ride in **Joe Mac's** annual Boles Home Toy Run. Details on this and other ALR activities can be found on our Facebook page.

It's time to renew your ALR membership for 2014. Please remember that riders will be asked to verify that they hold a valid motorcycle endorsement and have proof of financial coverage.

As you enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends, be sure to remember our military men and women whose duty to country places them far from their homes and loved ones.

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



# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Reserve our Front Room for your Holiday Party!</b> Call Frances Pearson at 214-704-0516 or 972-438-9509 to check rates and availability.					<b>1</b> <b>Aux. Dinner</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Daylight Savings Ends (Set clock back 1 hr)</i>
<b>3 Aux. B'fast</b> <b>Riders Meeting</b> <b>noon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Legion Meet-</b> <b>ing 7 p.m.</b> <i>Election Day</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Legion Dinner</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Legion B'fast</b> <i>Marine Corp Birthday</i>	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Aux. Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>14</b> <b>SAL Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Riders Dinner</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Riders Breakfast</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Legion E-Board</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Patients Day</b> <b>Out 10 a.m.</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>SAL Dinner</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>SAL Breakfast</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Thanksgiving Lunch</b> 	<b>29 Aux. Dinner</b> PJ collection deadline	<b>30</b> Memorial Service for A.J. Fischbach and Alan Butler

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<b>1 Aux B'fast</b> <b>Riders Meeting</b> <b>noon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Legion Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Legion Dinner</b>	<b>7 Holiday</b> <b>Craft Show</b> <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>
<b>8</b> <b>Legion B'fast</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Aux. Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>SAL Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Riders Dinner</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Post Christmas</b> <b>Party 7 p.m.</b>
<b>15 Riders B'fast</b> <b>District Meeting</b> <b>Post 275</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Legion E-Board</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>SAL Dinner</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>SAL Breakfast</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Aux. Dinner</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Aux. Breakfast</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan. 1, 2014</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Party!</b>			

## From the Chaplain

Peace be with you this Holiday Season. The holiday season begins Nov. 11 with Veterans Day as we thank all of those who have donned a uniform in defense of our country and way of life. The season continues at Thanksgiving as we express our gratitude for all of our blessing in life. The great psalmist in Psalm 136 says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. – His love endures forever." And the season culminates in Christmas, where Christians give thanks and praise for the birth of God made man, the savior, the Christ. To all, I pray that throughout the season, we take every opportunity to be grateful for our lives, for our families, for our community, state and nation, and be grateful to our Supreme Commander who is good and whose love endures forever. We will have a memorial service for A.J. Fischbach and Alan Butler on November 30. Please pray for their families and friends who mourn their loss.

*Ed Kownslar*

## VA&R Report

Thanks to J.R. Ward and his Holiday Cash fundraiser, Otis and I delivered a 70-inch flat screen TV to the VA Hospital Resource Center. — *James Willis, VA&R Chairman*



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