



# Love Field Gazette

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

July-August 2014

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**Secretary** Robin McCarroll

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**Sgt. at Arms** Jimmy Duke

**Road Captain** Hermantor

## From the Commander



Here we go again. I am the Commander for another year. I did not want this to happen (sounds like a song). I hoped that you would be sick of me by now.

Business — I will try to do my best to serve this Post as in the

past. You all know I'm a little different from most Post Commanders, but I love this Post and I will protect it at all costs. We will have a good year thanks to our new officers. God willing, we will survive.

Charlie

We are the biggest and the best of the 5th District — act like it!



The Father's Day kitchen crew (this isn't all of them) put out a great meal to honor all the dads.



Photos by Nanette White and Cindy Hawkins



Otis Robbins is named Legionnaire of the Year 2014! Thanks for all you and Diane do for veterans.

We invited firefighters from the Dallas Fire Department to join us for our backyard cookout on Memorial Day and they came in style.

## From the Historian



Post 453 is offering another beneficial service. There are numerous members who do not have family in the immediate area. In fact, Post 453 is their immediate family. As a result, the Post is willing to store your emergency contact information with your DD214. You could list up to three people — with their name, address, phone number and e-mail — you would like the Post to contact in the event of an emergency. The Post Adjutant will attach your list to your DD214. This offer is for each member who has a DD214 on file. It is optional.

Nanette White

## From the 1st Vice



July is here and the new membership year is starting. This past year we ended up with 422 members and we were at 103.94 percent of goal! We would like to thank everyone for their efforts. Our new goal for 2015 is 426. Let's start the year off right. When you get your 2015 renewal notice please be an Early Bird and renew it right away. Let's encourage everyone you know to also renew as soon as they get their notices as well.

For God and Country,  
Lois Morgan

## Sick Call

Jimmy Rogers

## Taps



• Sal Mancuso



• Donald Raspberry



• Ruth Livingston

## How much are my dues?

Legion - \$35

SAL - \$25 (dual \$10)

Riders - \$12

Auxiliary - \$30



## Cutting Coupons!

Our Unit, with the help of people at the Town North YMCA and the Catholic Daughters in Farmers Branch, have been very busy cutting and sorting grocery store coupons from the Sunday newspaper for the past 4 years. We send them to commissaries in Killeen and Fort Worth to help military families save on their shopping bills. Every week we send on average 4 lbs. of coupons. Now that's a lot of coupons! We started this project in 2010. To date we have sent over \$986,317.34 worth of coupons. That's over 480 pounds! Thank you all for your support!

Cindy Freauuff

ALA National Security Chairman

## From the Auxiliary President



I would like to thank everyone for electing me as your President. We hit

the road running full speed.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to clean the kitchen, it was not an easy task, but we had an awesome crew. Well I had to eat CROW already! I could not have done all the chicken fried steaks for Father's Day without



**President Darlene (left) and the new Auxiliary officers of 2014-15.**

the help of the SAL Commander Tom. Thanks to all Auxiliary members who brought food and volunteered their help to make it

a wonderful day for the men.

Mark your calendars - October 4, 2014, is our LUAU date. We will need side dishes and desserts donated for this event. This is our big fundraiser for all activities that we do throughout the year. Joann is our 2nd Vice this year and she already has big plans for Luau.

Jan Velasco is our new 1st Vice and she will be in charge of membership.

Darlene Mayo

## From the SAL Commander



The Sons of the American Legion welcomes their new officers who were installed on

June 1, some of whom attended the Division I Convention on May 31. The Sons of the American Legion would like to extend their appreciation to all the Post Family members who participated in all

the success of that weekend's activities.

The Sons of the American Legion also had the privilege of sponsoring four young men for Boys State this year. The young men departed Dallas on June 8 for a week of leadership activities in Austin and returned on June 13.

Willing to work and moving forward - The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 453 - 2014-2015!!



**The Sons had a great turn out for the June 1 installation of officers ceremony.**

For God, Country and Post 453

Tom Arista.

## From the Riders



The months of July and August are typically the months when many of us enjoy our

much needed vacations. While the Love Field Post 453 American Legion Riders have no scheduled events for either July or August, we still hold a fun ride the Saturday following each monthly meeting. The destination for this fun ride is unknown prior to Saturday and is generally determined by the wishes of those meeting at the Post that morning. If you learn of a ride that you believe would be

of interest to our rider organization, please call me or send me an email with details and I'll post the info on our Facebook page.

The Auxiliary will hold their annual Luau on Oct. 4. The Legion Riders agreed to host one or more games during this event. Brother To agreed to be the ALR liaison to the Auxiliary. See Brother To if you would like to help.

Friends of the Texas State Vietnam Veterans are holding a raffle for a motorcycle. Tickets are available now at the Pig Bar & Grill or from Bob Faulds. Tickets are 8 for \$20 or 20 for \$50.

Raffle tickets for the wooden motorcycle are available at the canteen. Please start selling them.

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help with our Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts. No experience is necessary - just a desire to help us raise the money that goes to support the many organizations assisting our active duty military and veterans.

"The fundamental cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt." - Bertrand Russell

Bobby Vandenbush,

Director, American Legion Riders

Love Field Post 453

# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3 	<b>4th of July Party</b> Cookout 2-4 Chicken Sliders 6-8 Washers/Karaoke...	5 Karaoke
6 SAL Breakfast Riders Meet 1 pm	7	8	9 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	10 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Karaoke  Auxiliary Dinner	12 Karaoke  Marines 12-3p
Department of Texas Convention in McAllen TX July 9-13						
13 Aux Breakfast	14	15 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Karaoke Legion Dinner	19 Karaoke
20 Legion Breakfast	21	22	23	24	25 Karaoke Riders Dinner	26
27 Riders Breakfast	28	29	30	31	Aug. 1 Karaoke SAL Dinner	Aug. 2

Save the Date!

# August 2014

Luuu Oct. 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 SAL Breakfast Riders Meet 1 pm	4	5 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8 Karaoke Aux. Dinner	9 Karaoke Lady Marines 11-2 Marines 12-3
10 Aux Breakfast	11	12	13 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	14 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	15 Karaoke Legion Dinner	16 Karaoke 8 & 40 @ noon
17 Legion Breakfast	18	19 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Karaoke Riders Dinner	23 Karaoke
24 Riders B'kfast  31 SAL Breakfast	25	26	27	28	29 Karaoke SAL Dinner	30 Karaoke





Memorial Day 2014: Post 453 American Legion Riders with Boy Scout Troop 719 placed flags on the graves of veterans buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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