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March is finally here and that means Spring is right around the corner. After the cold and snow of February, that sounds good.

The Post home grounds are looking good with the removal of the dead trees with the cracked limbs. Thanks to House Committee Chairman **Darwin** for getting this done.

The start of a new year here at the Post is approaching fast. Elections are held in May. If you are interested in running for an office, the nomination sign-up sheets will be posted in April. You can nominate yourself or another qualified Legionnaire.

The annual **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Mark your calendars for this great event. Past Commander **Freddie Cotten** will be the man in charge once again this year. We will need judges for the cook off! Please come out and be a judge and support this Post 453 fundraiser. If you would like to help Commander Cotten with this, let him know.

*For God and Country
Jimmy Mac*



Michael Christy and Herman Yentz cleared a path with make-shift snow shovels during last month's snow and ice storm. (Cindy, where's your coat?)

Pointers and Setters

*By Charlie Peoples
Post 453 Service Officer*

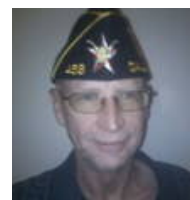
Nope, not hunting dogs or flower arrangements, just the recognition I wish to convey for my elation at being an esteemed member of our wonderful A.L. Post 453.

Many of you have responded to my previous newsletter article (*) and I hope it has, and will continue, to encourage you to conquer \$2.99 gas prices as you travel to VA appointments. As always, I am available for further information regarding any logistical inquiries you may have. Which leads me to **'Point'** to **James** and **Tammy Willis** as the utmost outstanding VA Team Staff. They have been such an inspiration and **fountain of knowledge** (no kidding) for me to excel in my position as Post Service Officer. Finally, I would like also to recognize Ms. **Patty Lynn** for going above, beyond, below, and everywhere else most prefer not to go, ensuring our **Pointers** and **Setters** a safe (disinfected) trip to and from their stalls! I can't say enough about how much we appreciate you, Patty! Hey, maybe James and Tammy could hook you up at the VA?

Cheers Everyone!

**Black Betty is my Ford Mustang for those of you who haven't been introduced to her roaring thunder.*

Chaplain's Corner



Please share with your friends outside the Post that the American Legion is more than just a Canteen. As can be seen in each

month's newsletter, the Legion Family does a great deal to benefit our community, and I am reminded of the following verses:

"The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of justice, peace, and the joy that is given by the Holy Spirit. Whoever serves Christ in this way pleases God and wins the esteem of men. Let us, then, make it our aim to work for peace and to strengthen one another." (Romans 14:17-19)

*For GOD and Country,
Ed Kownslar
Legion and SAL Chaplain
(214) 364-3989*

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Taps

William P. Hurley III

Dick Umbell

Edgar Allan Poe, Jr.

Condolences

Harley Morgan and Eve McClendon on the death of Harley's father

To Ann Friday on the death of her daughter

Mardi Gras

Friday March 4



Crawfish/Shrimp Boil!

R&R Roadshow Band

Mardi Gras Beads

New Webmaster

Michael Christy is the new webmaster for the Post 453 Web site — al453.org.

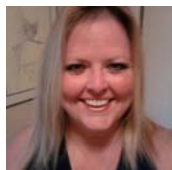


Michael is updating the site every couple of days, so check it often for the latest 453 news. You can also access the activity calendar and this newsletter online. If you need something added to the Web site or to the calendar, email Michael at mchristy262@gmail.com.

Washer Winners

2/13: Barbara S. and Robbie S. (patio)

From the Auxiliary



I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who were able to participate in

the Girl Scout Cookie distribution. For the first time in many years, fair weather was present and I heard it went like clock work.

The February Auxiliary meeting had to be canceled because of the icy weather. It was not rescheduled, so the next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, March 9.

Report time is just around the corner. If you have volunteer

hours to report, please do so ASAP. Our reports to district must be in during April. These reports are very necessary for the organization to maintain our status. If you have any questions about what type of hours you can report, please contact me at the email listed below.

As always, keep your eyes on the calendar. Busy March starting with our Mardi Gras Party on March 4. St Patrick's Day party is the following week and you know how great Joann can do a St. Paddy's party. Please come down and support the functions. Always

a great time at 453!

If anyone would like to be on our email list, please

send your address to heatly453@yahoo.com.

Please keep our service members and their families in your prayers.

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing. — Theodore Roosevelt

For God and Country,
Holly Heatly
Unit President, 453



From the S.A.L.



The SAL is raffling a 26" LCD-HD flat screen TV. All proceeds will go to the **Children's Miracle**

Network, only a certain number of tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held May 1.

We have a new member of the SAL. He is an honorary member, his name is **Orlando Perales** and his sponsor is **Bob Cobey**. We are proud to have him aboard. Welcome Orlando!

We wrapped up the Girl Scout cookie drive on Feb. 15. Everyone involved worked hard and did a great job. **Rollin MacDuffie** fell off the truck we were unloading, but came back to work another 8 hours. Thank you all.

The Valentine dinner on Feb. 11 was a big success and a good turnout. All the ladies received a red rose and a chocolate-dipped strawberry along with their steak. Thank you **Marty** and **Steve**! The



New Sons member Orlando with Bob Cobey.

next SAL meeting is March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Please come and show your support, we have things to discuss and do.

James Willis
SAL Commander

VA&R Report

The coffee fund for the VA hospital is averaging about a dollar a day. Thank you to all who donate. Donations from the Legion Riders and the washer tournaments have enabled us to buy some homeless veterans new work shoes, jackets and pants for job interviews. We have taken more than \$1,300

dollars worth of your donations to the VA hospital for our heroes within the last six weeks.

A special thank you to **Donna Smith Harrell** and the wonderful patrons of **Jeremiah's** for stepping in with donations of new blankets, peanut-butter crackers, bottled water, puzzle books and comfort items for the cancer patients and others.

Please keep the donations coming no matter how small. Let's continue to take care of our veterans in need. They appreciate what we are doing for them.

James Willis
North Texas VA&R Rep

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Legion Meets at 7 p.m.	2	3	4 Mardi Gras Party! Crawfish & Shrimp Boil R&R Roadshow	5
6 SAL Breakfast 10-noon, Les & Glen cooking Riders Meeting @ noon						
13 Airport Run	7	8	9 Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m.	10 S.A.L meets at 7:30 p.m.	11 SAL Dinner by Les & Company	12 Lady Marines @ 1100 Marines @ 1300
14 SAL Breakfast 10-noon, Ed's cooking St. Paddy's Day Party 	14	15 Legion Exec. Committee 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Auxiliary Dinner Karaoke with Bad Girls	19
20 Breakfast by Riders 10-noon	21	22	23	24	25 Riders Dinner	26 5th District Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m.
27 SAL Breakfast 10-noon. Steve & Marty cooking	28	29 Check our Web site at AL453.org for the latest news and updates on activities, bands and all things 453.	30	31	April 1 Legion Dinner by Stoney & Gang	2

**Valentines
@ 453**



St. Paddy's Day

Annual
Charlie
O'Neal
St.
Paddy's
Day



Celebration and Plano
Bar Reunion
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From the Riders



Well another month has gone by. We had a good February. The Airport Run turned out fine. We have



everything in order for our Swap Meet on April 16. And don't forget Joe Mac's Easter Run to the Boles Home on April 30. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated.

We have another Mom asking that we try to get some greeters out to welcome her son-in-law and daughter back to the U.S. after being stationed in Germany for a couple of years. They are scheduled to arrive DFW, Terminal D, at 3:15 p.m. on March 16.

*For USA & Vets,
Otis Robbins*

Boys State

Andy Claxton, an SAL member of Squadron 453 and a 2010

Boys State graduate, has been offered and accepted an appointment to West Point for 2011. Andy's grandfather, Forest, is a World War II veteran and his father, Roger, also is a member of Squadron 453. Andy will graduate this spring from Highland Park High School. We at Post 453 would all like to congratulate Andy on this outstanding achievement.

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