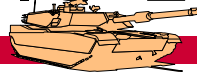


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From the Riders



I'd like to start by thanking Tator (Otis Robbins) for taking the Riders to where we are today! As your

new ALR Director, I will try to keep Tator's momentum going, but I am going to need everyone's help along the way, and I know I have it. What a great group!

It's been a pretty busy time of year for the Riders. April was full of activity. We held our swap meet, rode to the Boles Home on Joe Mac's Easter Run, supported Post 81's run for Frenchy, greeted the troops, and started our raffle for a

new Harley-Davidson motorcycle!

May was pretty busy, too. We greeted the Honor Flight WWII Vets and the troops at DFW, we cooked for Chris & Harley, Brother To cooked ribs on the 20th, we rode out to Post 111 for the 5th District ALR Meet-n-Greet, and rode to Terrell for the Run for the Wall party on the 22nd.

On June 18 we are having our own fun run! Please pick up some flyers by the new Riders board by the back door and start spreading the word!



*For Country & Vets,
Hermanator*

June! And Not a Loon (yet)

*By Charlie Peoples
Post 453 Service Officer*



Well, it is finally the month of June and time to remove my "long-handles." (Any questions on "long-handle" terminology please ask Jimmy Duke or Marty Burns.)

Moving right along... progress as to my condition is improving, physically and mentally.

Hmmmm... where was I?? OH, thanks to all of you — Post 453 Members, Family and Friends — for all

your prayers and "personalities"! The sun is shining brightly every day even though I can't see it! Cataracts have arrived! When you get one thing fixed, be sure and get ready for the next "old age not for sissies" product to appear!

F.Y.I.: I received my Social Security check and have been informed they will require direct deposit automated to your bank account, as opposed to actual paper checks in the mail beginning in 2013.

Some of our members have inquired about Land and Housing Loans from the government under the G.I. Bill. I have this info but can't make sense of it (?). I hope to get together with a qualified individual and let them explain the specifics, and all questions answered accordingly. It is sort of like Chinese arithmetic — no disrespect GOV.

As always, (til' they kick me outta here).

E-News

This month, we're putting out an abbreviated electronic version of our monthly newsletter. This **E-Gazette** is also available on our Web site — www.al453.org.

Hopefully, we will return to our traditional printed and mailed newsletter soon.

The Commander's article will be back, too. As most of you known, Commander McClendon lost his mother last month. Our condolences to him, Cindy, and all their family.

Elections

Legion elections are scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Come and vote!

Taps

Jim Heatly
Lois Van Bibber

Flag Day's June 14

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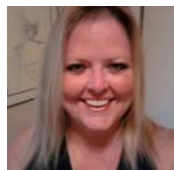
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From the Auxiliary



This will be my final article for the Love Field Gazette as Unit President. The

Auxiliary held elections in May and I would like to extend my congratulations to all the incoming officers. **Darlene Mayo** is our president-elect and we have some excellent officers slated for the 2011-2012 year and I am confident it will be a great term.

These last two years have been quite an experience. I have learned so much about the American Legion Auxiliary and its programs. I have learned about the people in this organization and especially this Post and Unit. So many self-

less acts of kindness and devotion to a cause, it is truly amazing. I would like to thank all of the officers who have served with me the last two years. This Unit is very fortunate to have such dedicated, organized members who devote so much time. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the members of Unit 453 for your support and especially having the confidence in me to hold this office.

This family of Post 453 is a dynamic group of people; so many personalities, so many different opinions and beliefs. As passion-



ately as we have our discussions, we are just as zealous about helping each other and expressing love and compassion. I have always been amazed how quickly we unite when one of us loses a loved one or needs help. I have recently been the recipient of this compassion when my father passed. I want to take this opportunity to thank the family of 453 for your overwhelming expressions of sympathy. I can't begin to express how much this has meant to me. Thank you all.

I am looking forward to continuing my service to this unit and this family.

I ask you all to please continue your prayers for our service mem-

bers and their loved ones.

Signing off.....

*For God and Country,
Holly Heatly
Unit President 453*


The Family: We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life sharing diseases and toothpaste, coveting one another's desserts, hiding shampoo, borrowing money, locking each other out of our rooms, inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant, loving, laughing, defending, and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together. - Erma Bombeck

RIP daddy.....I love you.

Virginia's retirement party & Cinco de Mayo fiesta



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 SAL Dinner <i>Music ??</i>	4 Dinner honoring WWII vets at Post 511
5 SAL's Marty & Steve cook Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	6	7 Legion Elections 7 p.m.	8 Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.	9 S.A.L meeting 7 p.m.	10 Auxiliary Dinner by Darlene <i>Bad Girls 8-12</i>	11 Installation of Officers - time ? Marines @1300
12 SAL's Ryan cooks Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15	16	17 Riders Dinner <i>Karaoke with Bad Girls' Lisa 8-12</i>	18 Riders' Benefit Event 11 a.m. til 5 p.m.
19 SAL's Ed & Don H. cook Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	20	21 Legion Exec. Committee 7 p.m.	22	23	24 Legion Dinner <i>Music ??</i>	25
Department of Texas Convention June 22-26 - Odessa						
26 SAL's Mike & crew cook Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	27	28	29	30		

VA Bingo

Commander Jim calls Bingo for VA patients.



President Holly with VA's James Douglass.

Tammy gets the snacks ready to serve.

