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Love Field Gazette



From the Commander



The month of April was a good one at the Post. The fundraiser for **Lois Morgan** was very successful. Thank you to all who helped with this event.

The Legion elections are in June. You can nominate someone on the nomination sheet available at the Post, or from the floor at the June meeting. Please plan on

attending the meeting and help to decide who will lead the Legion in the coming year.

May 8 is Mother's Day. There will be a Mother's Day dinner at the Post. Watch for time and info at the Post and on the Web site. **Stoney** will be heading up the Mother's Day dinner again this year. I am sure he will do another great job.

*For God and Country
Jimmy Mac*

Beware: The Eyes of March & April

*By Charlie Peoples
Post 453 Service Officer*

Back on March 2, kids tried to take my Social Security money away from me, that didn't work, however, as \$8 is a lot of money. A cold beverage and a shot of "personality" definitely played a role in my defiance.

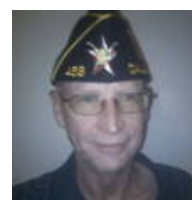
On April 1, I totaled my beloved car Black Betty. In the process I broke three ribs and my collarbone.

Thankfully I'll be happy to see the month of April come to a close. I can't wait to be in the month of May and writing, once again, helpful information for everyone.

A lot of veterans have been inquiring about the means test at the V.A. It is self-explanatory about how much money you made. It will reflect on your co-payment amount. You do not need to disclose any amount on this form. The IRS and the V.A. share this information.

The V.A. knows what you do, bureaucrats in action!

Chaplain's Corner



Most cultures have some sort of spring celebration. All of us appreciate

the changes to our environment that come this time of year. In the Jewish tradition, spring comes with Passover when they celebrate their liberation from Egypt. Christians celebrate Easter. It is a singular event that has changed the world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb is the event that separates Christians from other faiths, according to St. Paul. The resurrection changed the lives of those who witnessed the risen Christ, and more importantly for us, it is an event that continues to affect our lives. "He is risen, alleluia...Indeed He is risen, alleluia" is an acclamation that is as true today as it was over 2,000 years ago. The risen Christ is alive in the world and alive in our hearts and souls. It is a beautiful day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

From the Riders



Hello Again!
Another month is gone and all went well. We had our Swap Meet and all went well; a big thank you to ones who helped.

April was a busy month and it looks like May will be, too.

You can see our Web site stays updated. Thank you, Michael Christy.

We have raffle tickets for sale for \$20. The winning ticket is



good for \$15,000 at Longhorn Harley. See Herman or Michael. All proceeds go to the ALR to benefit different organizations. We will be putting out fliers.

*For USA & Vets,
Otis Robbins*

Sick Call

Jim Heatly
George Sandoval
Louis "Mac" McPherson
Lois Van Bibber

Oh, no! Virginia's retiring



She's been with us since we first moved to Bachman

Drive, now **Virginia Sandoval** is retiring. We hate for her to go, but she's going out with a big party! Thursday evening, May 5, is a combo Cinco de Mayo & "Goodbye, Virginia" Party. There'll be \$1 Margaritas, a taco bar and lots of love for Virginia. (In case you're wondering about the photo, Virginia doesn't usually wear a bow tie, but this was taken the night of our first visit by a Natl. Commander and all the bartenders dressed up.)

Boys to Men

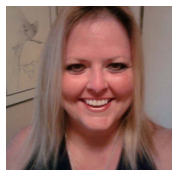
Come down May 18 at 6 p.m. for a big going-away party for **Harley Morgan**, who leaves May 31 for the U.S. Army. Brother To is doing a brisket.

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From the Auxiliary



The Auxiliary year is quickly coming to an end; and what a quick, active, great year it has been.

The 5th District convention was held at Post 81 on April 9 and new officers were elected. I had the honor of being elected 5th District President. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all the new District officers including our past Squadron Commander **Marty Burns** for being elected 5th District SAL Commander. It is election time in American Legion Auxiliary world and I would like to

remind and encourage everyone to come to the next Auxiliary meeting on May 11 when we will be holding our Unit elections. Just a reminder, please bring your 2011 membership card.

Hope you all were able to come to the fundraisers we had at Post 453 on April 16. What a great day, wonderful fundraisers; something for everyone. Two of our Legionnaire family members benefited. That is what it is all about! Thank you to all for the hard work and the participation.

Once again, it will be an active month for Unit 453. It's Auxiliary breakfast month, so come down

on Sundays in May and support the Auxiliary's efforts. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming events, there is always something going on at 453.

Please keep all the service members and their families in your prayers.



For God and Country,
Holly Heatly
heatly453@yahoo.com

Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit. —
Elbert Hubbard.

I love you, Daddy.

453 rules at 5th District Convention



The new 5th District officers from our Post are:
Commander:

Marty Burns

Adjutant: **Les Jackson**
Finance officer: **Ed Magers**
Sgt. at Arms: **Jim McClendon**
Chaplain: **Ed Kownslar**
VAVS Representative: **James Willis**

SAL elections are Thursday, May 12. Members and dual members, please make arrangements to be here. Besides elections, there will be a motion to move our meeting start time back to 7 p.m.

For God and Country,
James Willis
Squadron Commander

VA&R Report

It's been a busy month-plus at the VA.

Late March was the annual bake sale. This money is added to the fund to pay for the Annual Volunteer Banquet, which was held April 21.

Thanks to **Nancy Adkins** and **Cindy Freauff** for your donations. Nancy won the Easter basket.

The quarterly VAVS meeting was held the first week in April. I have a lot of new information to pass on to my boss Charlie Peoples.

One afternoon at the VA, Tammy and I hooked up with **Ken Watter-son**. He is President of "HDSD," Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas. We are working on a plan to provide nonperishable food items directly to this organization. More details to come.

The coffee fund donation box is averaging about 50 cents a day. The VA&R fund is doing much better thanks to **Otis** and the Riders and **Darwin** and his Great Group of "Washer Chunkers" (the GGWC).

This fund allows us to provide requested special needs, like new shoes, shirt and pants for vets going on a job interview. It gives us the freedom to make purchases when we (Tammy and I) run across something on sale.


We have an ongoing request from Volunteer Services for men's underwear and socks.

Please contact me if you have any special donations. I can be reached by email: tamandjames@peoplepc.com.

Theresa Hill at the VA and post 424, is heading up a "Care Package" program for female Vets in the hospital. It will include hair accessories and comfort items. She needs donations. We will get them to her.

For God and our Heroes in the hospital
James Willis, VA&R Chairman


May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Auxiliary Breakfast by Holly 10 a.m.- noon Riders meet at noon	2	3 Legion Meets at 7 p.m.	4	5 Virginia's Retirement Party & Cinco de Mayo Cele- bration	6 Dinner by SAL <i>Bad Girls Karaoke 8-12</i>	7
8 Breakfast 10 a.m.- noon Mother's Day Dinner	9	10	11 Auxiliary Elections 7 p.m. Bring your mem- bership card	12 S.A.L Elections at 7:30 p.m.	13 Auxiliary Dinner <i>Papa Joe 8-12</i>	14 Yancey Marines 1300 Div. I Convention In Plano
15 Auxiliary Breakfast by Tammy 10 a.m.- noon Boys State meeting	16	17 Legion Exec. Committee 7 p.m.	18 'Boys to Men' going away Party for Harley Morgan 6 p.m.-til?	19	20 Dinner by Riders <i>Bad Girls Karaoke 8-12</i>	21 Women Marines 1100 8/40 at noon
22 Auxiliary Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	23 	24	25 VA Patients visit 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	26	27 Dinner by Legion <i>Papa Joe 8-12</i>	28
29 Auxiliary Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon	30 Memorial Day The Chaplain will conduct a service at the Post	31				

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Lois Morgan (above) was the guest of honor at last month's Fish Fry Fundraiser.

The Riders (right) held a Swap Meet in the Post parking lot, selling all sorts of interesting items.



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