



Love Field Gazette

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

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From the Commander



We have had a great beginning to the new year. There have been many activities and I hope many of you got to take part in the fun. Super Bowl Sunday was a real stand-out. We had outstanding participation and the food spread was out of this world! Thanks to all who helped make our Super Sunday a big success.

The same goes for our Valentine's Dinner, the Mardi Gras party, the VA Patients visit last month and all the other activities. You members make it all happen with your participation.

In February, we began making long-needed repairs in the Canteen area. Upkeep on the Post home is a top priority and our House Committee Chairman and Finance Officer have been working together to make it happen.

We have three big events coming up this month — a Fish Fry on March 10 to raise funds for the Boys and Girls State programs, our annual St. Patrick's Day party on March 17, and a huge benefit for our own Marty Burns on March 31. Please come down and support these important functions.

For God and Country
 Bob Cobey

From the 1st Vice Commander



The March/April edition here already? It has been some time since I've made an entry in the newsletter. I have spent a lot of time away from the Post and Texas. In my absence my duties have been neglected by me. I apologize. I want to thank Bill Freauff and Bob Kaminski for Stepping up and Filling all the membership duties. Let all hands thank them for their team spirit and can do attitude. There will be some renovations going on in the Post, so please be accommodating and lend a hand when/where needed. I want to bid fair winds and following seas to a friend and fellow Legionnaire Jim Robinson.

For God and Country
 Frank Clarkin

We have a few projects at the Post that we could sure use some volunteers to help get completed. Your volunteer work would alleviate some of the financial burden of these repairs and any hours donated are tax deductible. We are going to replace the wood around some of the windows in the front room, inside and out, and replace the wood on the gable on the roof. If you have carpenter, woodwork, drywall or carpet-laying experience, or carpet connections. please contact Trish (Finance Officer), Commander Bob Cobey, or Darwin (House Committee Chairman).

**HELP
 WANTED!**

Chaplain's Corner

This newsletter arrives at the end of winter, during the Lenten season, and into spring and the Easter season. Winter is generally marked by cold, barren, dormant land. Spring is a season of renewal, rebirth and life. In light of this, I share this prayer that goes back several centuries:

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

To all my Christian brethren, He is Risen...Indeed He is Risen! Happy Easter. And to all I pray for your peace, prosperity and much love in your life.

For God and Country,
 Ed Kownslar, Chaplain
 Legion & S.A.L.



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Sick Call

William Smith, AKA T-Dawg
Fred Doucette, AKA Rong
Way
Sheila Ludston (Mrs. To)
Tammy Willis

Taps

Peter Jordan

Jim Robinson, Past Post
Commander

Tribute

*Recall for Peter Michael Jordan
1933-2011*

*By request of the Breakfast
Club*

Recall: The military's way of
letting you know we want



you back
from where
it began.
If only we
could. I can
only say that

his passing is a loss not only
to 453, friends and family but
to a greater populace, maybe
even the human race. Don't
laugh.

He held a Ph.D, he was a
world traveler, an architect;
he and a hand-picked crew
have probably been on more
oceans than most admirals.

Just to know him was to be
inspired to learn. He had the
knack of teaching by just
having a normal conversation.
Ask anyone who had the
good fortune to sit next to
him in the early years.
Thanks, Pete.
*The Past: Big John, the Colonel,
English Bob*
*The Present: Bob K., KJ, AJ, Don
B., the Pope.*
*The Future: Who knows? Pete
already does.*

From the Auxiliary



I would like to
thank **Dee
Cotton** for
stepping up for
me. She has
done a great
job. Also, I would like to thank
everyone for everything that was
done for my family during the
passing of my mother.

March is a very busy month
here at the Post. We have the
Boys and Girls State Fish Fry on
the 10th. On the 17th, Joann is
planning a big St. Patty's Day
Party. The 24th is the 5th District
Convention, and to wrap up the
month on the 31st is a benefit for
Marty Burns. We need volun-
teers for the 31st.

Well this Auxiliary year has
flown by. We will be getting a
nominating committee together at
our meeting in March to get ready
for elections in May. If you are
interested in an office, please
come to the meeting so that you
can get your name on the list for
the office you want to run for.

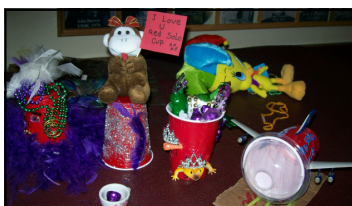
Darlene Mayo, Auxiliary President

From the SAL



It's only March but
it's been a busy
year. If you missed
the Mardi Gras
Party, you missed a
good time. There was even a Red
Solo Cup Contest to go with the
great shrimp and crawfish pre-
pared by **Robbie and Glenn**.

We have the 5th District Meeting
coming up March 24 at Post 424.
Please attend so you can find out
what's happening in our District
and see where you can volunteer
to help others as well as our own
Post 453. You also need to mark
your calendars for March 31. This
is the **Marty Burns Roast** hosted
at Post 453. There will be BBQ
cooked by Bro To, blackjack,
50/50 drawing, washer tourna-
ment, cake walk and silent auction.
If there is anything you ever
wanted to say to Marty Burns, this



**Some of the creative entries in
our first Red Solo Cup Contest.**

will be your time. Of course you
have to pay to do so, but Marty is
man enough to take anything you
can throw his way. Please attend
and help support a family member
and have a great time while doing
it.

Congratulations go out to
James Willis. He was named SAL
Detachment of Texas Squadron
453 Member of the Year for 2010-
2011. Way to go, James.

For God and County

Les Jackson

5th District Adjutant & 453 Member

Wanted: Tom Thumb shoppers

Love Field American Legion
Post 453 is a registered charity
with Tom Thumb grocery's
Good Neighbor program.

Because of our charitable work
in the community, Tom Thumb
sends us a quarterly donation of
1% of sales linked to our mem-
bers.

To help us take full advantage
of this program, all you need to
do is link your Tom Thumb Re-
ward card to our Post as one of
your selected charities. Our
Good Neighbors number is
6364. Forms to link your card to
this number are available at the
stores' courtesy booth, at the
Post, on the Post web site and
on Tom Thumb's web site. If
you don't have a card, just ask
for one at any Tom Thumb.

Beware: The 'Eyes' of March and April



I hope all you
old guys are
enjoying the
small raise we
received from
Social Security.
In my opinion,

I'll be able to afford an extra
"personality" beverage weekly.
Or, possibly, up the brand of de-
odorant I use from generic to

semi-generic. Anyhow, every little
bit helps.

I hope everyone had a nice V.D.
on Feb. 14. (*Editor's note: Charlie
had another sentence here, a really
funny play on words, but decency
must prevail. For the unedited ver-
sion, see Charlie on the patio.*) My
roommate asked if I had a date (I
couldn't quite remember what the
heck that was), and I replied, "Oh

yes, I have a date at the VA!"


As always, at your service, and
too much time on my dance card.
So feel free to contact me, pref-
erably between the hours of 1300
-1330 any day of the week. Just
kidding, my SS increase will only
allow me to be tanked later than
that, so any time is fine for me.

Charlie Peoples
Post Service Officer

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Every Tuesday: \$1 draft beer night!		1	2 Legion Steaks Bad Girls 8-I	3 Karaoke 8-I
4 Legion Breakfast 10-noon Riders meet at 12	5	6 Legion Meeting at 7 p.m.	7	8 SAL Meeting at 7 p.m.	9 Riders dinner Papa Joe 8-I	10 Fish Fry! 2 p.m. Boys & Girls State Fundraiser Music, cake walk & more FUN
11 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	12	13	14 Aux. Meeting at 7 p.m.	15	16 SAL Dinner Bad Girls 8-I	17 St. Patrick's Party 1 p.m.
18 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	19	20 Legion Executive Meeting at 7 p.m.	21	22	23 Auxiliary dinner Papa Joe 8-I	24 Karaoke 8-I District Convention at Post 424
25 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon	26	27	28	29	30 Legion Steaks Bad Girls 8-I	31 Marty Burns Roast & Benefit Washers Cake Walk BBQ Dinner

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	2	3 Legion Meeting at 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Riders dinner Papa Joe 8-I	7 Karaoke 8-I (Every Saturday!)
8 Easter Riders Breakfast 10-noon Riders meet at 12	9	10	11 Aux. Meeting at 7 p.m.	12 SAL Meeting at 7 p.m.	13 SAL Dinner Bad Girls 8-I	14 Marines @ 1300 Joe Mac's Easter Run
15 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	16	17 Legion Executive Meeting at 7 p.m.	18	19	20 Auxiliary dinner Papa Joe 8-I	21 Karaoke 8-I (Every Saturday!)
22 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon	23	24	25	26	27 Legion Steaks Bad Girls 8-I	28 Karaoke 8-I (Every Saturday!)
29 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	30	Buying, Selling or Relocating? Call... BILL WREN ASSOCIATE BROKER (469) 951-1435  JUDGE FITE COMPANY Each Office Independently Owned & Operated				

From the Riders



The New Year has started with sadness. We have two Riders down. **William Smith, AKA T-Dawg,**

had an accident on Feb. 14 and has been in Parkland hospital since the accident. As of Feb. 23, he has been taken him off his breathing machine and has been to surgery to set his fractured arm. He has several facial fractures, two broken ribs, broken collar bone, and fractured shoulder. T-Dawg has a long healing process, so please keep him in your prayers. **Fred Doucette, AKA Rong Way,** has been in the VA Hospital with liver problems, but he is resting at home now.

On Feb. 20, The Riders escorted the remains and family of Past Post Commander Jim Robinson to DFW National Cemetery for internment.

ATTENTION RIDERS:

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING, WITH VOTING AT THE MAY MEETING.

March 11, The Riders will be honored at DFW Airport for their support with Greeting Our Soldiers. The last incoming flight will be March 15.

We will be reviewing our bylaws update at our March meeting and voting on them at the April meeting. Also at the April meeting, we will accept nominations for new officers, with voting at the May meeting.

Jo Mac's Easter run will be April 14.

Please renew your membership if you have not done so. Please check the American Legion Web site for updates.

RIDE SAFE

Michael Christy aka Whitehair

Assistant Director

American Legion Riders Post 453

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