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

November - December 2014

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From the Commander



On Thanksgiving Day (November 27, 2014), Post 453 will be open for 24 hours so that our First Responders are able to enjoy a meal. Post 453 is going to show our appreciation for their service to our community. Side dishes and desserts are needed.

I attended the 5th District convention on Oct. 18. Membership was emphasized. I am encouraging every Legionnaire to invite one veteran to become a member. The next major event in my candidacy is for Past Commander. I am running in May. Please vote for me.

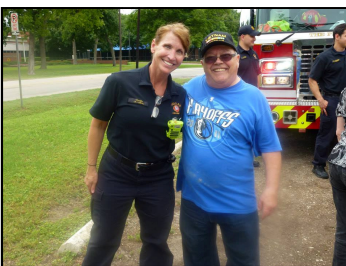
Charlie Peoples

DFW National Cemetery rep to visit Post 453 Nov. 4

Jeny Walker, Assistant Director Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, will be a guest at our Nov. 4 General Legion meeting to share some great news about the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery and talk About the Vietnam Commemoration coming up in 2015. She'll make a short presentation at the meeting, and she'll arrive early to meet & greet.



From the 2nd Vice



Stoney is heading up our 24 hour Thanksgiving Dinner for First Responders. We need your help!

A special day is being planned and all entities are welcome and encouraged to help us with it. This Thanksgiving we are hosting dinner for the First Responders in our neighborhood at the suggestion of our great Commander Charlie Peoples. Holly, Stoney, Norma, Nanette and many others are going to help. We need sides, desserts or your cash donation. It will start at noon on Thanksgiving day and go through the night so all shifts have a chance to come and enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal. Check Facebook or website (www.AL453.org) for more information. Please join us in welcoming our city's best First Responders.

*Thank you,
Francis Stone (Stoney)*

From the ALR



Our 2nd Annual Homeless Veterans Fun Run is now behind us and it is with great pleasure that I can announce it was a success due to the efforts of the good folks at Post 453. The total cash

collected for our homeless veterans this year exceeded \$1,300. In addition to cash raised, **Otis** and **Diane Robbins** once again solicited large donations of much needed personal care items. We thank Otis and Diane for their tireless efforts in supporting our local veterans and welcome their continued support as we prepare for our 3rd Annual Fun Run in 2015. The American Legion Riders of Love Field Post 453

also express their thanks to **Phyllis Moynihan** and **Carol** and **Cindy Hawkins** for their help with the cake walk and 50/50 raffle. And a big thanks to **Bob Cobey** and **Tom Burton** for manning the BBQ grill.

The success of our homeless veterans fundraisers depends on the generosity of our sponsors. For this year's run we'd like to thank **Rhonda Norris** of **Ceda Realty** and **The Pig Bar & Grill** for their generous support. Let our sponsors know we appreciate their support and let's work to bring additional sponsors on board for next year's run. Our veterans depend on our support.

Proceeds from this year's run will be presented to the Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas (HVSD)

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Sick Call

J.R. Ward (hospital)

Recovering

Jo Mac (at home)

Celebrate!

Donna is celebrating her birthday Nov. 9 - BIG PARTY!

J.J.'s doing OK!

Just found out that earlier this year, our own 453 Legionnaire J.J. was in a serious



accident and spent several weeks in the hospital. If we had known, his

name would have been all over the "Sick Call" list. Our apologies to J.J. and his family. We wish someone had called the Post to let us know. And we hope it serves as a reminder to the rest of us to watch out for each other. If you know of a member who is ill, please call the Post and let us know!

From the SAL

1. SONS are taking 10 dogs for a walk to Children's Hospital / we're supporting the Jpsh Dog Program.



2. SONS are sending the Child Welfare donation in November.

3. A call is going out for one of our family members in need -- more details to come.

For God, Country & Post 453

Tom Arista

Post 453 SAL Commander

From the Auxiliary President



Fall is here and the cooler weather is just what was needed when we heated things up

with our Bra Burning party last month. Our Luau was a huge success, with a day full of games, food, music and friends. Many thanks to everyone who participated and jumped in to do what-

ever needed to be done. A special shout out to the SONS and the RIDERS, who added their own special touches to the celebration. Our next big event will be the Christmas Party, on Dec. 13.

We will be holding a special election at our General Meeting on Nov. 12 to fill a few of our board positions, please let us know if you are willing to serve.

November 11 is Veterans Day, which is a day to honor all who have served to give us the free-

doms that we hold so dear. It is also the deadline to pay your 2015 dues at the discounted rate.

During this month of Thanksgiving let us be thankful for this Post and our extended families and for the opportunity to live in the greatest Country on Earth. Happy Thanksgiving!



Jan Velasco

Unit 453 Auxiliary President

From the Riders (continued)

during their stand-down finale on Nov. 15, 2014. The HVSD asked our ALR group for help in providing T-shirts for all veterans attending the stand-down. It's my pleasure to recognize **Kevin and Joy Jordan** of Weatherford TX for their generous donation of \$2,100 to underwrite the costs of the T-shirts. Join us for the stand-down finale by meeting at the Post at 8:30 AM (KSU 9:00) on Nov. 15.

Please share a part of your Thanksgiving Day by volunteering several hours of your time at the Post as we provide our local First Responders with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Our Post will be open extended hours over the holiday in order to provide our police, firefighters, and EMTs with a home-cooked meal as thanks for their service to the community. A signup sheet with available hours will be posted. Details to follow as they become available.

Thanks to **Bro. To** and **Hermanator** for their assistance in coordinating the biker games at this year's Luau. We thank **Joanne** for including the Riders in this important fundraiser.

Tickets for the wooden motorcycle raffle must be turned in by Nov. 14 as the drawing will be held prior to our departing for the stand-down Saturday morning.

As the Love Field Post 453 ALR continues its rebuilding efforts, it's my pleasure to announce our membership now stands at 34 members with 11 supporters. Please join me in welcoming our newest members, **Bobby** and **Juanita Lambeth**. Let's all take pride in our being recognized by the Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas as "the Dallas veteran's best friend." It's what we do!

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits." Albert Einstein




Bobby Vandembush, Director
American Legion Riders
Love Field Post 453

DALLAS VETERANS DAY PARADE



Our post will again be participating in Dallas' annual Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11, 2014. The theme of this year's parade is "Honoring Our Wounded Veterans." ALR members and supporters wishing to join us should be at the Post by 8:30 AM that morning (KSU 9:00 AM) and we'll ride as a group to the staging area. Dallas police will safely escort us to the highway. -- Bobby Vandembush

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Joann's Trash Omelet B'fast! Riders Meet 1pm	3	4 Legion Meeting 7 p.m. (Guest from DFW Cemetery)	5	6	7 Karaoke Legion Dinner	Nov. 1 Karaoke 8 Marines 12-3 Karaoke @ 8
9 Legion B'fast Donna Harrell's Birthday Party w/ Elvis @ 1:30 pm	10 Happy Birthday Marines! 	11 Leave for Parade at 8:30 AM VETERANS DAY 2014 	12 Aux. Meeting (Election) 7 p.m.	13 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	14 Karaoke Riders Dinner	15 Karaoke Riders leave for HVSD Stand Down @ 9 AM
16 Riders Breakfast	17	18 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	19	20	21 Karaoke SAL Dinner	22 Karaoke
23 SAL Breakfast	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving Dinner for First Responders (& Post 453) noon 'til noon	28 Karaoke / Soup & Sandwich Dinner by Auxiliary	29 Karaoke

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 30 Auxiliary Breakfast	1	2 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4 Leatherneck @ 7 pm	5 Karaoke Legion Dinner	6 Karaoke Lady Marines 11-2:30
7 Legion B'fast Riders Meet 1pm D-Day (1941)	8	9	10 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	12 Karaoke Riders Dinner	13 Annual Chinese Christmas Party tonite & Karaoke
14 Riders Breakfast	15	16 Legion E-Board 7 p.m.	17	18	19 Karaoke SAL Dinner	20 Karaoke
21 SAL Breakfast	22	23	24	25  Merry Christmas Dinner at 2	26 Karaoke Auxiliary Dinner	27 Karaoke
28 Auxiliary Breakfast	29	30	31 Happy New Year's Eve!	Happy New Year's DAY Party	Jan. 2 Legion Dinner	Jan. 3

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