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From the Commander



I wish all a Happy New Year. 2011 was a good year for the Post and we expect 2012 to be better. But the new year will bring challenges for our Post and we hope to make positive changes in the coming months to ensure our continued success here at Post 453. I want to encourage each of you to be more active at the Post. We have a general meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, our Friday night dinners, entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights, and our Sunday brunches. Additionally, we have special events on most months. So

please come and invite your friends to join us as members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. We are a family and need to work together for a better future.

Post 453 will host the 5th District Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8. I hope you can attend the meetings and that you will join us in making all our guests feel welcome. For those of you who can volunteer, we need all the help we can get to make this a good day.

I thank all of you who work hard to make the Post what it is.

For God and Country

Bob Cobey

From the Adjutant



I would like to remind everyone that we cannot accept applications for membership or transfer without a copy of the DD-214. This is because the IRS audit last year showed our records are incomplete. So we will not submit any applications for acceptance without proper documentation. All members should keep in mind that you need to advise prospective members what is needed to comply with our requirements,

Bob Kaminski
Post Adjutant

Constitution & By-laws

We approved the changes to our Constitution at the December general meeting. We are currently working on the by-laws corrections and updates. The work in progress can be viewed on the Post website al453.org. We will be voting on the corrections to the by-laws at the Feb. 7 general meeting.

Help the Post save money, have your newsletter sent via e-mail. This will save the Post printing and postage costs and get your newsletter to you faster.

We need some more volunteers to cook on Legion Friday nights and Sunday breakfasts.

Donald Harrison
Post Judge Advocate

Chaplain's Corner



Happy New Year. I am writing this a week before Christmas and cannot help thinking how important a season it is. "The virgin

will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." (Mat 1:23). I believe that whatever our religious traditions may be, this is an essential truth. God is with us. We live and move and have our being in Him. God strengthens us, supports us, and guides us.

So as we go forward in the New Year I suggest a resolution to honor this truth. Let us all deepen our commitment to serve our God and Country which is our motto. "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

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



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Sick Call

Marty Burns
Sheila Ludston (Mrs. To)
Jim Robinson
Tammy Willis

Taps

Ruben Moreno, Legionnaire
James Moore, Legionnaire
Sue Mayo, Auxiliary,
mother of Brenda Sanders
and Darlene Mayo.
Ken Finch, Legionnaire

Condolences

To **Gary Nichols** on the loss
of his daughter

To **Mary Lowery Maurier**
on the loss of her mother

He's walking!



Congratula-
tions to
**George
Sandoval!**
He's spent
months of

physical therapy getting used
to his new prosthesis. And it
paid off last month when he
surprised us by walking into
the Legion with his wife,
Virginia.

Coming up

Jan. 1: New Year's Day Party.
Bring a snack. Karaoke with
Papa Joe starts at 2 p.m.

Valentine's: Hearts & flow-
ers and a special dinner. De-
tails to be announced.

Mardi Gras: Shrimp & craw-
fish boil & Cajun fun on a Fri-
day night in Feb. (date to be
announced)

From the Riders



The
months of
November
and De-
cember
were very
busy for

the Riders. The Riders partici-
pated in the **Dallas Veterans
Day Parade** on Nov. 11. Riders
also participated in the Meet and
Greet on Nov. 12 at Post 81. At
our monthly meeting in Novem-
ber, the Riders presented checks
to **Shelia Ludston** and **Tammy
Willis** in the amount of \$2,100
each from the cancer benefit.
Thanks to everyone who helped
with this benefit.

The winner of the ALR raffle
was **Dave Hopton** of Euless. He
was presented a check at the
Longhorn Harley Davidson
event on Nov. 19.

In December, the Riders voted
to participate in the 1st Division
Relief Fund. The 5th District will
vote on a Board Member for Fund
during 5th District meeting to be
held Jan. 8 at Post 453. Once I
obtain the guidelines, I will for-
ward them to everyone. We also
will start working on by-law



Riders participated in the annual **Veterans Day Parade** in Downtown
Dallas in November.

changes and a committee was
formed for this purpose.

The airport run was early on
Dec. 11 and we had a good show-
ing. **Joe Mac's Boles Home** ride
was on Dec. 17, which the Riders
were a part of.

Our January meeting has been
moved to Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7
p.m. This change is due to New
Year's Day and the 5th District
meeting. We will be electing two
officers at the meeting — Direc-
tor and Sgt. at Arms. 2012 dues
must be paid to be eligible to
vote. **William Smith, AKA T-
Dawg** has been nominated for
Director and **Steve Sauza** for
Sgt. at Arms. Additional nomina-

tions will be accepted before the
election.

Plan to attend the District meet-
ing at Post 453 on Jan. 8. The
District Riders meeting is at 12:45
p.m. and I encourage all Riders
and Supporters to attend.

We may have to change the
date of our monthly Airport Run
to Greet the Troops due to the
District meeting.

Riders will be cooking on Jan. 13
and 15, and Feb. 10 and 12.

Please check the website and
your email for new information.
Ride Safe.

God Bless our Troops and Vet-
erans.

*Michael Christy AKA Whitehair
Assistant Director*

Here's to a great New Year



Well hopefully
the fat guy has
brought you all
the Christmas
presents you
wanted. I got
another lump of coal, so I'm up to
about two tons now!

On a good note (I hope), my
Post Service duties have been little
to none of late. Please feel free to

contact me for assistance or info,
as I am available and can be
reached at 214-434-6111. You do
not need to be a member of the
American Legion for my services.


Cheers to all for a great new
year, let's make it a healthy and
prosperous one!

*Charlie Peoples
Post Service Officer*



SAL & Auxiliary

If you are wondering why no
Auxiliary and SAL articles this
time, it's because President
Darlene Mars and Com-
mander James Willis were
both dealing with serious fami-
ly illnesses. Our prayers and
thoughts are with them.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Party! Karaoke w. Papa Joe 2-6 	2	3 Legion meeting @7 p.m.	4	5 Elections Riders meeting @ 7 p.m.	6 Legion dinner Karaoke	7 Oratorical Contest 1 p.m.
8 5th District Meeting at 453 SAL noon, Riders 12:45, Leg./Aux. 2	9	10	11 Auxiliary meeting @ 7 p.m.	12 SAL meeting @ 7 p.m.	13 Riders dinner Karaoke	14 Marines 1300 hrs Karaoke
15 Breakfast by Riders 10-noon	16 MLK Day	17 Legion E-Board meeting @7 p.m.	18	19	20 SAL dinner Karaoke	21 Karaoke
22 Breakfast by SAL 10-noon .	23	24	25	26	27 Auxiliary dinner Karaoke	28 Karaoke
29 Breakfast by Auxiliary 10-noon	30	31	2012 Dues Reminder: If your membership card is out of date, please renew as soon as possible. Unless your dues are paid for 2012, you won't be able to take part in meetings, drawings or canteen activities of any kind.			

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Valentines Dinner & Mardi Gras Party: Both events are happening in Feb., but dates and details were not final at press time. Check the bulletin board or www.al453.org			1	2	3 Legion dinner Karaoke	4 District Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Karaoke
5 Breakfast by Legion 10-noon Riders meet @ 12	6	7 Legion meeting @7 p.m.	8 Auxiliary meeting @7 p.m.	9 SAL meeting @7 p.m.	10 Riders dinner Karaoke	11 Marines 1300 hrs Karaoke
12 Breakfast by Riders 10-noon	13	14 	15	16	17 SAL dinner Karaoke	18 Karaoke
19 Breakfast by SAL 10-noon	20 Presidents Day 	21 Legion E-Board meeting @7 p.m.	22	23	24 Auxiliary dinner Karaoke	25 Karaoke
26 Breakfast by Auxiliary 10-noon .	27	28	29			

Q. I am a 53-year-old construction worker who has been laid off from work. I want to go back to school. Where do I start?

A. There are many things you can do to get back into school. First of all, if you are entitled

to veterans benefits, usually the only thing you need to take to the campus veterans office are your DD-214

discharge papers. You can apply online for your VA education benefits at www.va.gov. If you have in mind the degree or certificate you are pursuing, make sure you find a college, university or trade school that offers that program. If you are not eligible for veterans benefits, and not sure what degree you want to pursue, there is a great program that is completely free, called Veterans Upward Bound Program

(www.navub.org). The program assists eligible veterans in developing, improving and extending educational access and opportunities through academic needs

assessment, instruction, enrichment, and other education support activities. VUB will give you a test to find out just what skills you need to enhance your academic experience. Once you have completed the test, you will be enrolling in college prep classes.

VUB enrollment criteria include:

1. Must be a U.S. military veteran with 181 or more days of active-duty service and discharged on/after Jan. 31, 1955, under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. Qualify as low-income according to guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Education, and/or a first-generation college graduate.
3. Must demonstrate academic need.
4. Meets other local eligibility criteria as noted in the local VUB project's approved grant proposal, such as county of residence, etc.

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