



Love Field Gazette

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From the Commander



I had a long letter thanking all the officers and everyone I've ever met. But you know that THINGS HAPPEN.

Sam Underwood has some health issues. I wanted him to be the next Commander of Post

453, but his doc says that at this time he does not

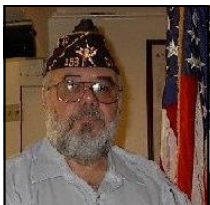
need the stress. But keep him in mind.

If the members decide to re-elect me, I'm running again. I will always do my best to serve this Post.

I have the best officers in the Legion. Thanks, you have served the Post well. We are the best in the 5th District and we know it. Anyone beats me in elections... I will buy the first drink.

Charlie

From the 1st Vice



Welcome to Spring in Texas ... one day hot and one day cold. We get a little rain and along comes wind to coat us in dust. The Legion has made goal for 2014 at 102%, so now we have 6 or 8 weeks to

"grow" our Post. We have lost some fine members this year and they will never be replaced but we need to fill their places. There are about 90,000 veterans in

Dallas County and I am willing to take two or three hundred of our brothers and sisters as members.

Does someone on your block have an Army bumper sticker? Do you have a co-worker who tells war stories? Bring them to the Post and let them know we have a home here.

Run for the Wall is coming up. Support your fellow Veterans.

If you are still need to renew your membership for 2014 now would be an excellent time.

For God and Country

Bill Freauff

From the 2nd Vice



As we head into May and the end of the fiscal year, the Post 453 family is combining to co-host its annual Prom Night Party, which is now in its second year. This event not only is a rite of Spring, but gives everyone a chance

to share memories as well as each others' company. Thanks to all of you who are supporting the Legion family by attending this fun event again, and I look forward to seeing you all on May 3.

Post elections are also a rite of Spring, and beginning on May 6 the Legion, S.A.L., Auxiliary and Riders will choose their leaders for the coming year. Don't

forget to exercise your privilege on the appropriate night and cast your ballot. If you don't, the only person that you can blame for anything is the one that hides in your mirror.

Joint installation of Officers is scheduled for June, and more details on this will be posted as they become available.

There is a new Legion 453 website that has been approved by the Executive Board and has been a year in the making... this site should be live online on or about May 1, so look for more information on this soon. You won't believe your eyes when you see it!

It has been a privilege to serve you in this office during the past year, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you further.

For God and Country,

Sal Mancuso



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Sick Call

Jimmy Rogers (recovering)
Mike Justice (recovering)

Taps

Doug Hitzmann
Don Burris

VA Cash Drawing



Tickets are \$10. They are available from many members and from the

bartenders.

Drawings are every Monday through Friday, May 1-30.

\$20 to winners drawn Monday-Thursday.

\$40 to Friday winners.

\$250 to winner on May 30.

All winning tickets go back in the pot for future drawings.

Option: For every \$20 you win, you can choose to leave the money and get 3 more tickets in the drawing.

Proceeds benefit the VA!

Presented by 453 SAL

Butterfly Project

We had a very successful drive for donations to the Butterfly Project last month. Thank you to Post 453 family and friends for all the donations to this great project. Special thanks to our friends at Midway Point for all their help. We could not have done it without you! — Shirley Gray



Shirley with donations from 453 and Midway Point.

From the Auxiliary



On April 10 a group of us went down to Temple VA and visited the Women's Trauma Re-

source Center, better known to us as the Butterfly Project. Our chairman, Shirley Gray, did her usual and reached out to all. As a group we donated over \$5,790 worth of personal items. This was just what they needed. They were brought to tears by their dreams being fulfilled. Many thanks go out to all of you who helped support this mission.

May 5: Cinco De Mayo fiesta at the Post. Come enjoy and see what's going on.

May 14: Patients Day Out. Please come help serve and entertain the patients while they play bingo at the Post. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 14: Please come out and vote! This Auxiliary is your Auxiliary. Cast your vote for who you feel will do the best job represent-

ing you. Don't forget to bring your card, you will need it in order to vote. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

May 11: Mother's Day. The Post will be doing something special for us ladies. It usually starts about 2 p.m. Ladies, let the guys cook. We're supposed to sit back and be pampered. Come enjoy being spoiled!

May 17: 8&40 is having a Game Day event at our Post. Their goal is to raise funds for children with respiratory and lung diseases. If you have time, stop by and support them.

May 18: Run For The Wall is passing through North Texas. Please make a trip out to Terrell and show your support for these Riders who travel the roads in remembrance of our POW/ MIAs. Thank you to Margaret and Brenda D. for making more pocket prayers that we will be handing out.

On Memorial Day, May 26, we will place the flags at Restland

Cemetery. Please be at the Post by 9 a.m. if you want to join us. And don't forget the cookout is shortly after returning, so please bring side dishes to share.



1st Division Convention is May 31 at Elegante Hotel (near our Post at NW Highway & I-35). If you are interested in attending, please let me know ASAP so I can register you for attendance.

June's meeting will be held on the 11th. It will be a regular business meeting so please attend and support your Auxiliary.

Flag day is June 14. Fly Old Glory with Pride!

It's been a busy and good year. Our Unit has accomplished a lot. I know we will continue to do so. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Unit president.

For God and Country

Cindy Freau

ALA Unit 453, President

From the Riders



Happy Cinco de Mayo and welcome to the 2014 summer riding season. Our first group

event of the year will be a weekend getaway at the Lighthouse Resort at Lake Texoma. We have reserved a house at the Lighthouse Resort that holds 14 people. Costs are reasonable at \$55/person/night. This will be a great opportunity for ALR members to become better acquainted while sharing some quality time together.

We received special recognition from the Homeless Veterans Ser-

vices of Dallas (HVSD) for the memorial contributions received in honor of our departed brother Bob Daily. I want to especially thank the Auxiliary for their efforts in processing the large volume of clothing donated to the HVSD. The middle shed was packed to the roof with much needed clothing for our veterans.

Former ALR director Tator and Diane once again secured a major donation of personal care items for our homeless veterans. They delivered 14,000 disposable razors to the HVSD. Great job Tator and Diane. The director of the HVSD has often said that the members of Love Field Post 453 and the Legion Riders are truly the best friends of the homeless veterans of Dallas.

The money we raise from our monthly dinners and breakfasts allow us to contribute to activities in support of our active duty troops and veterans. How are our funds spent? We made a \$100 donation to support the Terrell Chamber of Commerce in hosting the 2014 Run for the Wall. We also made a \$100 donation to the USO to provide refreshments to our troops passing through DFW airport.



"A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal." — Oscar Wilde

Bobby Vandenbush,

Director, American Legion Riders

Love Field Post 453

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2014			VA Cash Drawing Starts May 1! Mon-Fri drawings through May 30.	1	2 Riders Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	3 Kentucky Derby Party Prom Night!!
4 Riders Breakfast Riders Meet	5 Cinco de Mayo Margarita Madness! 	6 Legion Elections 7 pm	7	8 SAL Elections 7 pm	9 SAL Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	10 <i>Marines 12-3</i> <i>Karaoke</i>
11 SAL Breakfast MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH	12	13 Leatherneck Club 1 pm	14 Patients Day Out 10 am Aux. Elections 7 pm	15	16 Aux. Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	17 <i>8/40 Game Day</i> <i>Karaoke</i>
18 Auxiliary Breakfast <i>Boys State Orientation</i> <i>Run for the Wall</i>	19	20 Legion E-Board 7 pm	21	22	23 Legion Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	24 <i>Karaoke</i>
25 Legion Breakfast	26  Cookout! Memorial Day	27	28	29	30 Riders Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	31 1st Division Convention <i>Karaoke</i>

June 2014

Reserve our Front Room for your Party!

Call Frances Pearson at 214-704-0516 or 972-438-9509.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Riders Breakfast Riders Meeting Installation (tentative)	2	3 Legion Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6 SAL Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	7 <i>Karaoke</i>
8 SAL Breakfast	9	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	12 SAL Meeting 7 pm	13 Auxiliary Dinner <i>Karaoke</i> 	14 FLAG DAY <i>Lady Marines 11</i> <i>Marines noon-3</i>
15 Auxiliary Breakfast	16	17 Legion E-Board 7 pm	18	19	20 Legion Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	21 <i>Karaoke</i>
22 Legion Breakfast	23	24	25	26	27 Riders Dinner <i>Karaoke</i>	28 <i>Karaoke</i>
29 Riders Breakfast	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!	July 5

From the Adjutant



This is a heads up for the upcoming renewal dues. The purpose of this article is to clear up any misconceptions members may have. Dues for the year are effective January 1 and expire on December 31.

National starts sending out dues notices on July 1. The purpose is twofold. One is to insure that lapses are kept to a minimum, and the other is geared to meet quotas that benefit each post.

TABC requires that you are able to present a current membership card for the year. So, if you pay your 2015 dues, say in August, you still need to hang on to your 2014 card until Dec. 31, 2014. Do NOT discard your 2014 card until then. This is the law in the State of Texas.

*Bob Kaminski,
Post 453 Adjutant*



An area JROTC group that has participated in several Post 453 ceremonies and functions got some love back from the SAL and Auxiliary. The group was presented with two nice donations to help them accomplish their goals and programs. Congratulations and thank you!



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