



Love Field Gazette

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American Legion Post 453
& Love Field Post 453 American
Legion Riders

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 \$5 Breakfast every Sunday 10-noon	2	3 <i>Karaoke</i> Legion meets 7 pm	4	5	6 <i>Karaoke</i> Legion cooks 6-8	7 <i>Karaoke</i>
8 Legion Breakfast	9	10 <i>Karaoke</i>	11  Veterans Day! Auxiliary @7 pm	12 SAL meets at 7 pm	13 <i>Karaoke</i> Riders cook Homeless Standown	14 <i>Karaoke</i> Aux. Train- ing 3 pm
15 Riders Breakfast	16	17 <i>Karaoke</i> Legion Exec. Board 7 pm	18 VA Patients Visit 10-2	19	20 <i>Karaoke</i> SAL cooks 6-8	21 <i>Karaoke</i>
22 SAL Breakfast	23	24 <i>Karaoke</i>	25	26 Thanksgiving Dinner 2 pm <i>24 Hr Thanksgiving Dinner</i>	27 <i>Karaoke</i> Aux. cooks 6-8	28 <i>Karaoke</i>
29 Auxiliary Breakfast	30					



Veterans Day 2015: Post 453 will once again be represented in the Dallas Parade. Plan to carpool or ride the train downtown to cheer on Riders, SAL & Auxiliary members who will be in the parade. We'll have food at the Post in the afternoon.

From the Auxiliary President



LUAU 2015 was a huge success.

A Big Thank you to all of our generous donors and participants – because of you we will be able to continue to support programs that are essential to Veterans and their families.

Halloween weekend was another fun weekend. The Auxiliary hosted Friday night dinner (30th) and breakfast the following Sunday (Nov. 1). The costume party on Saturday night (31st) was packed with fun as well with prizes awarded for the best costumes. Hope you were able to make it out.

The Holidays are approaching and we have some fun things planned.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Dec 12 is the Post Christmas Party and Chinese Gift Exchange. As always, bring a \$10 gift to trade and a snack to share. Register for the gift exchange before 7 p.m. that night.

There is also an Auxiliary Training Class scheduled for Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Post. This is an opportunity to learn more about our organization and to ask any questions that you may have. Make plans to attend this important event hosted by our own Holly Heatly.

November 11 is Veterans Day and it is also the last day to renew your 2016 membership at the discounted rate of \$27. After that date, dues will be the full \$30.

Let me close by saying Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization filled with an amazing group of ladies.

Happy Holidays, hope you can spend some of your time with us at Post 453..

Jan Velasco



Luau 2015 Fun

◀ Les tends the Tiki Bar
Lady Di does Ass-Car
Michael Paul Cheeto Face



From the 1st Vice Commander



We are approaching the end of 2015 and I hope that you will renew your Legion membership as soon as possible. The annual cost for your 2016 dues is \$35. National will increase annual dues to \$40 in

MEMBERSHIP

2016, so it is to your advantage (and the post's) to renew at the rate of \$35 before the end of 2015.

If you have already renewed for 2016, thank you for your continued support. We need you to accomplish all the many goals and projects we will undertake in the coming months.

I hope that you will join us at Post 453 to observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Many Post members will represent us in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. We will all meet back at the Post for afternoon festivities, including lunch and much camaraderie.

We always welcome veterans here and if I can be of any assistance, in membership, please let me know.

*For God and Country,
Mario Gutierrez*

Chaplain's Corner



The holidays are upon us, beginning with Halloween on Oct. 31. All Hallows' Eve, which translates to the night before All Saints Day, is Nov. 1 of each year, that is followed by All Souls Day, also a Feast Day in the Catholic tradition. Reverence for our ancestors is pretty universal, especially in

eastern belief systems. We owe our present life and living to those who came before us. And while Halloween has been transformed into a commercial, secular "holiday," 11 days later we celebrate Veterans Day. We in the American Legion Family revere OUR day in the United States of America. Each of the Legion entities exists

TAPS

Theresa Magers;
Henry "Murry"
Bridges;
Condolences to
Darla Russell on the
loss of her father

to celebrate VETERANS who have served during periods of conflict. It is truly OUR DAY. Wherever you are on November 11th, whether watching or participating in a parade or watching the ball games, please reach out and thank a veteran; we owe our veterans for our lives today. They/we have served to protect our friends, families, community and nation. I thank all who have

served and continue to serve our country.

This leads me to Thanksgiving Day. Let us all do just that. Please be thankful for all you have, because so, so very many in this world do not. If you wake up with a roof over your head, with family nearby, with food to eat – be THANKFUL. We hope you will join us on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate our many blessings; but wherever you are, please know that I am thankful for your presence in our American Legion Family.

Finally, we will come to Christmas. It is a Christian holiday because we celebrate the birth of God on Earth. He illustrated that while human, we are all born children of God, and it is possible to live an exemplary life. It is also the season for rejoicing in other religious traditions: Hanukah, Id al-Adha and the Winter Solstice to name a few. Whatever your particular tradition, take time to reflect on what the season's meaning is, and then reach out to others and share in that fellowship. We ARE one, and none of us get out of this life alive. Be present, be a gift of yourself to others. That is my prayer for all of the Legion Family.

Peace be with you and yours during this Holiday Season.

*For God and Country,
Ed Kownslar, Chaplain*

From the 2nd Vice Commander

The Legion is proud to again host our 2nd Annual 24 Hour

Thanksgiving Dinner for the First Responders within our community. The dinner will begin at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving day and continue through 2 p.m. on Friday.

24 HOUR THANKSGIVING

This event will take the efforts of all of us working together. We will begin collecting turkeys and hams right away, mark them as being for "Thanksgiving" and ask the bartenders to put them in the freezer.

Also, check with local businesses to see if they will be willing to donate to this cause. We can get you a copy of the required tax form if you need it

All types of side dishes will be needed, too. Contact me at 214-957-7121 for more information or to volunteer. This is a big undertaking but an important one.

Please make plans to join us for Thanksgiving dinner beginning at 2 p.m. and plan to stick around to help us say Thank You to those who work every day to keep us safe.

*God Bless,
Stony*



Rose Baca/The Dallas Morning News

Serving those who protect

American Legion member Chris Long waits on Dallas police Officer Luc Francois. Love Field Post 453 invited first responders to stop in for a meal during its 24-hour Thanksgiving dinner.

In 2014 we served Thanksgiving dinner to area First Responders for 24 hours, and got mentioned in the Dallas Morning News.

Halloween Winners



Hermanator as
Caveman



Charlie as a Big
Pumpkin



1st Place:
Griff as "Cereal Killer"