



Love Field Gazette

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

May-June 2012

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Legion Riders

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From the Commander



I'm glad to report that our events in March were big successes. The fish fry raised lots of money for Boys and Girls State. The St. Patrick's party was a full day of camaraderie and fun. And, the turnout for our member Marty Burns was fantastic. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put these events together and to all of you who participated.

Legion elections are coming up soon and that means that my term as your Commander is coming

to an end. Thanks to all of you for your support these past months.

Legion elections will be held at the General Membership meeting on June 5 at 7 p.m. and will be conducted by the 5th District. Only Legion members who are paid up for 2012 may vote.

As is our custom here at Post 453, we will be observing Memorial Day with a morning visit to Restland cemetery to place flags, followed by a hamburger and hot dog cook-out in the afternoon.

For God and Country
 Bob Cobey

Means Test and more



Means Tests are coming out and I mentioned it at the general meeting. Some people are still confused about it. In a nutshell, this is a form that the VA sends out every year. It is not necessary to fill out the portion regarding your monetary funds. Fill out the front page and check the box marked co-pay. If you have any questions about this statement, please call me.

Please remember to introduce yourself to our new members as we are so fortunate to have them join our family. And use your charm and maybe a little "personality" to increase volunteerism

Cheers to all, see you on the patio!

Charlie Peoples
 Post Service Officer

Chaplain's Corner



The untimely and sudden deaths of **Frank Sells** and **Jim Stephenson** both shocked and saddened me a great deal. Frank was a daily fixture at the Post,

stopping by in the mornings for his soft-drink and small-talk. He supported us for well over 20 years. Jim was one of our "characters" who enjoyed our Sunday brunch every week.

We should always remember that the Legion is a veterans service organization and we need to do a better job of providing service, which is meeting the unique needs of our members. Let's not neglect our responsibility to be of service to one another.

May the light of God surround you, the love of God enfold you, the power of God protect you, and the presence of God watch over you and grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. For wherever you are – God is, and all is well.

For God and Country
 Ed Kownslar
 Legion and SAL Chaplain



The Chief Says:

Do not look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.



Memorial Day
May 28, 2012



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Sick Call

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

Taps

Fred Doucette (Rong Way)
Frank Sells
Jim Stephenson

Congrats!

Congratulations to SAL member **Nick Cobb** for pinning down another State Wrestling Championship title. Nick is a senior at Allen High School and his win this year makes him three-time state champ! Nick's proud grandparents are Bill and Jean Wren of Post 453.

Clip, clip, clip

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 453, with the help of the members of the Town **North YMCA** members, have clipped over 243 pounds of manufacturer's coupons from the Sunday newspapers to send to military families. That's a value of more than \$392,607! These coupons were sent to both Fort Hood and Fort Worth commissaries. Thank you to all who have helped. This was accomplished over two years time and we keep on clipping.

Cinco de Mayo & Kentucky Derby Party



Sat. May 5
1 p.m.
Hat Contest
Horse Races
Food & Drink specials

From the Auxiliary



I would like to thank everyone for all their support. It's been a rough

year for me but I have the best Unit, they stepped up and kept things going for me.

Elections are right around the corner.

Nominations list

President: Dee Cotton
1st Vice: Janey Barrett
2nd Vice: Joann Thompson
Secretary: Cindy Freauff
Treasurer: Sharon Shumate
Chaplain: Tammy Willis
Sgt. At Arms: Lavonia Hale
Historian: Linda Goodman
Executive Committee:

Shirley Gray, Donna Harrell, Peggy Roberson

Our elections are May 9 at 7 p.m. You must have a current membership card in order to vote. If you would like to run for an office please come to the meeting and throw your name in the hat.

Darlene Mayo, Auxiliary President

From the SAL



Where is everybody when you need them? Well, I can tell you where they were on Saturday, March 31. They were all at Post 453 for the Marty Burns Roast.

I want to thank everybody who either participated or came and had fun. Either way, we were supporting our fellow member.

It is time for our officer elections again. If you are interested in being an officer for 2012-13, then please see a SAL member to



Washers on the patio and lots of other fun events honored member Marty Burns (at right with his beautiful mom).

throw your name in the hat. As always, we need cooks for Friday nights and Sundays.

We will have a Flag Burning Ceremony this summer, so if you have any flags that need to be



disposed of, please drop them off at the Post.

*For God and County,
Les Jackson*

5th District Adjutant & SAL Member

From the Judge Advocate: By-Laws Change

First a hardy thanks to Trish Madera who caught a typing error I made in the by-laws we approved in February. Currently Article IX reads:

ARTICLE IX NOTICES

SECTION 1 Every member shall furnish the Post Adjutant with his or her address and/or email address for mailing purposes. Notices sent to the last known address shall constitute sufficient notice.

SECTION 1 Notice shall be considered properly given when posted on the Post

bulletin board and website for ten (10) days

SECTION 2 The Post Adjutant shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least sixty **(60) days** prior thereto.

This needs to be changed to read as follows:

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SECTION 1 Every member shall furnish the Post Adjutant with his or her address and/or email address for mailing purposes. Notices sent to the last

known address shall constitute sufficient notice.

SECTION 2 The Post Adjutant shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least fifteen (15) days prior thereto.

Because we did vote to approve this in this form, it also requires a vote to change it.

Something else to consider is removing Section 2 all together as the constitution states the elections will be held in May of each year.

*Don Harrison
Post Judge Advocate*

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Every Tuesday: \$1 draft beer night	1 Legion Meeting at 7 p.m.	2 Riders Elections 7 p.m.	3 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	4 Riders Dinner Papa Joe 8-I	5 Cinco de Mayo & Kentucky Derby Party 1 p.m. Karaoke 8-I
6 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	7	8	9 Aux. Elections 7 p.m.	10 SAL Meeting at 7 p.m.	11 SAL dinner Bad Girls 8-I	12 <i>Marines 1300</i> Karaoke 8-I
13 SAL Breakfast 10-noon <i>Mothers Day lunch</i>	14	15 Legion Executive Meeting at 7 p.m.	16	17 VA Bingo at the hospital	18 Auxiliary Dinner Papa Joe 8-I	19 <i>8/40 Noon</i> Karaoke 8-I
20 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon 5th District Post 23	21	22	23 VA Patients visit 10:30-1:30 Volunteers needed	24	25 Legion dinner Bad Girls 8-I	26 Karaoke 8-I
27 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Flags at Restland Cookout at the Post	29	30 North Texas Hogs stop by on Dinner Run!	31	Calendar updates are posted regularly on the Post Website www.al453.org	

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Riders dinner	2 Karaoke 8-I
3 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	4	5 Legion Elections at 7 p.m.	6 <i>D-Day</i> Riders Meeting at 7 p.m.	7	8 SAL Dinner Bad Girls 8-I	9 <i>Marines @ 1300</i> Karaoke 8-I
10 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	11	12	13 Aux. Meeting at 7 p.m.	14 <i>Flag Day</i> SAL Meeting at 7 p.m.	15 Auxiliary dinner Papa Joe 8-I	16 Karaoke 8-I
17 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon <i>Father's Day Lunch</i>	18	19 Legion Executive Meeting at 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Legion Steaks Bad Girls 8-I	23 Karaoke 8-I
24 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	25	26	27	28	29	30

From the Riders



Wow this year is moving so fast.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last year.

The first round of nominations for new officers was made at our April meeting and the second round will be made at our meeting on Wednesday, May 2, prior to voting. Members approved the by-law revisions in our April meeting and they were forwarded to the E-Board for approval. Nominations for some offices depend on the approval of the new by-laws. Please be at the May meeting to vote. Our meeting day has changed to the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

T-Dawg has been moved to the Audie Murphy rehabilitation center in San Antonio, so we have postponed his benefit until he returns.



Joe Mac and Cindy Freauff were among the many Riders and Supporters who made a final run to the airport to Welcome Home a Hero on March 11.

Nominations

Director: Carolyn Suazo

Assistant Director: Don Harrison

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Robert Vandebush

Sergeant at Arms: Steve Suazo

RIDE SAFE

Michael Christy aka Whitehair

Assistant Director American Legion Riders

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