



# Love Field Gazette

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

September-October 2013

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**Treasurer** Brenda DeLeon

**Advisor** Bill Freauff

## From the Commander



do with this. I said, "Yes!, Yes!, Yes!"

OK, we have the newsletter back in service thanks to Norma. I had a lot to

We as a Post are doing fine. We have great people (we take care of our own).

The Luau is coming up in October and the Auxiliary and the SAL need our support. Come out and enjoy.

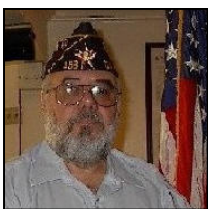
My heart goes out to the Willis family. James and Tammy have

been a large part of this Post and she will be missed.

I normally have a lot of humor in my column, but the only thing I can think of... "Did you hear the one about the duck that went into the bar?"

Charlie Peoples  
453 Commander

## From the 1st Vice



Post 453 was one of two host posts for this year's Department Convention, held in Irving July 10-14. We had a lot of nice people visit our Post during the evenings and we received a lot of compliments for our Love Field hospitality. I want to thank all of you who helped at the Post or at the convention. Our Post Commander and Adjutant received awards for membership goals and for reaching the 100% mark. Our Post was one of 8 in our District that made it to the 100% goal. I want to thank each of you who renewed your membership or joined last year. Your dues help local veterans and your "head" count, as part of 2.5 million Legion members, helps the Legion lobby Congress for support of veterans and our military. We have started our Early Bird renewals and I am proud to say we have over 20% of our members renewed already for the 2014 year. While Early Bird runs through Nov 11, I am asking each of you to renew now and get our Post well positioned for growth this year. If you renew online, we will mail your new card promptly from the Post.

For God and Country  
Bill Freauff

## From the SAL Commander



Greetings,

The Sons are well on our way to "rising again." The Holiday Cash fundraiser headed by J.R. Ward put \$1,220 in the bank, dedicated

to the VA hospital. Our volunteers have cooked, served and cleaned on Fridays and Sundays, and with our membership renewals, have put another \$900 in the bank with \$100 in a savings account. We have come a long way in the last two months.

In October we will again be integral to the annual Luau at the Post. The Sons will cook, led by Brother To, and we will man the Tiki Bar on the patio. The SAL and the ALA are sharing the full responsibility and proceeds of this event, as we have done in the past, with the exception of last year. We need full participation by all of the Sons to pull this off. So PLEASE contribute in any way you are able to this event. The entire Legion Family benefits when we actively participate in our Family functions.

For God and Country,  
Ed Kownslar



**Luau 2013**

**Oct. 5**



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## Sick Call

Don Burris  
Ryan Miller (recovering)  
Alan Butler

## Taps

Tammy Willis (Aux.)  
Bobby McDermitt (ALR)

## Chaplain's Corner

Last month we lost a dear member of our family, Tammy Willis. My grief is immense.



Tammy and my mother worked together taking care of an elderly woman. When my mother became so ill that she could not get out of bed, Tammy came to the house at 2 a.m. to take care of both of them. Tammy nursed my mother then, and at other times would come to the house at whatever hour of the night to care, to love and to be a friend. Our Legion and all who have known Tammy have lost a saint, in every sense of the word. Please join me in giving thanks to our all powerful, ever-living, and ever-loving God for sharing his child, Tammy, with us for as long as He did. May the light of God surround you, the love of God enfold you, the power of God protect you, the presence of God watch over you and grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. For wherever you go, God is, and so is Tammy.

*Ed Kownslar*



Wow! What can we say?! Our Unit is awesome! Thank you to the many members who helped

with Department Convention. There were many compliments about what a good time visitors had. Words can not express how proud I am of all of you. Our Unit received two awards from Department this year, one for our Children & Youth programs and the other for meeting every membership goal. Way to go! Janey did great on keeping us on target. Our next Auxiliary meeting is

Sept. 11. Please come and see what is happening in our Unit. Some of your faces have been missed so please take the time to stop by and say hi.

On that note, this is a reminder that dues went up this year to \$30. Early Bird renewals have started, so if you take advantage of that, it's only \$27 until Nov. 11. Don't forget, even if you do not wish to be active, your dues help support our veterans programs.

The 2013 Luau is just around the corner on Oct. 5. The fun will start around 1 in the afternoon. Dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. The cost is only \$10. **Robin McCarroll** is our new 2nd Vice

and is busy with some new and exciting events. Help is always needed so please check in if you can do something.



### Dates to remember

9/2: Labor Day cook-out at the Post, 2 p.m. sides & desserts needed.  
9/6: Auxiliary cooks dinner.  
9/8: Auxiliary cooks breakfast 10-12.  
10/12: Texas/OU game.  
10/24: Carnival at the VA.  
10/26: Halloween party starts at 7 p.m.

Remember: **Together Everyone Achieves More!**

My email is [freauff@tx.rr.com](mailto:freauff@tx.rr.com).

*For God and Country,  
Cindy Freauff  
Unit 453 President*

## From the American Legion Riders



By now the hot weather is behind us and September

offers some excellent riding opportunities. Our first Homeless Veterans Resource Center (HVRC) Fun Run is scheduled for Sept. 28. According to Ken Waterson of the HVRC, there are more than 900 homeless veterans, both men and women, in the Dallas area registered with his agency. And those are just registered veterans – the actual number of homeless vets is much higher. While our first fun run is off to a great start, it's hoped that support will grow over successive years. A number of Riders have worked hard to make this event a success. A special thanks to **Otis, Diane, Brenda, Cindy, Jimmy Duke, Herman, Shirley Jean, Bob C, Bro To, and Commander Charlie** for their efforts.

To date I've received just over

45% response to my letter to all active and former American Legion Riders and supporters. If you haven't returned your updated contact information, please do so now. Our membership list, in addition to our Facebook page, provides us with the means to notify you of upcoming ALR events and rides.

At our August meeting a decision was made to schedule an impromptu ride for the first Saturday following each meeting. On Aug. 10, **Herman, Jimmy Duke**, myself, and retired Dallas policeman **Griff** enjoyed the day with stops at several local watering holes interrupted by burgers at Keller's Drive-In.

By the time this newsletter is posted, several Post 453 ALR members will have participated in the 2013 American Legion Legacy Run Home from Indianapolis to Houston. More details on this event, along with photos, will be posted on our Facebook page. The Legacy Run has raised over

\$3.5 million to provide scholarships for the children of our soldiers killed in action.





Our next ALR hosted dinner is Sept. 20 and next ALR hosted breakfast is Sept. 22. We're always in need of volunteers to assist with these meals. Kitchen experience is not required. Profits from these meals provides us with the funds to support organizations like the VA, USO, Veterans Resource Center, and many others.

Please join us as the Riders once again participate in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. See our Facebook page for the latest information on this and all Post 453 ALR activities.

"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them." — *Mark Twain*

*Bobby Vandenbush, Director  
American Legion Riders  
Love Field Post 453*

# September 2013


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Labor Day hot dogs & burgers 2 p.m.	3 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Auxiliary Cooks	7 Karaoke
8 Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	9	10 Leatherneck Club meets	11 Patriots Day Auxiliary Meet- ing 7 p.m.	12 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	13 Legion Cooks	14 Karaoke
15 Legion Breakfast	16	17 Legion Execu- tive Meeting 7	18	19	20 Riders Cook 	21 Karaoke
22 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	23	24	25	26	27 SAL Cooks	28 HVRC Fun Run Karaoke

## Reserve the Front Room

Call Frances Pearson to check rates and availability.

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# October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 29 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	30	1 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4 Aux. Cooks	5 <b>Luau</b> Games, food & fun! \$10
6 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon Riders Meeting	7	8 Leatherneck Club meets	9 Auxiliary Meet- ing 7 p.m.	10 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Legion Cooks	12 <b>Texas v. OU</b> Party on the Patio Karaoke
13 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	14	15 Legion Execu- tive Meeting 7	16	17	18 Riders Cook	19 Karaoke
20 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	21	22	23	24 VA Carnival	25 SAL Cooks	26 <b>Halloween Party</b> 
27 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	28	29	30	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b> 	Nov. 1 Auxiliary Cooks	Nov. 2 Karaoke

## From the Historian



Elvis was sighted in a white jumpsuit with red embroidery and sunglasses at Post 453 on Aug. 16. There were numerous witnesses. He swiveled his hips to *Jailhouse Rock*. He sang gospel songs and closed the show with the *American Trilogy*. The audience was thrilled.

**Robin McCarroll** coordinated the appearance of Elvis impersonator

Rob Carter. Mr. Carter has been entertaining for decades in the United States, Poland, United Kingdom, Australia and countries in Asia. He even has a radio show that airs in San Antonio.

Mr. Carter can be reached at [animalhouse683@hotmail.com](mailto:animalhouse683@hotmail.com) or 830-899-7695.

Nanette White



If you were watching the Rangers baseball game on July 4th, you may have seen the broadcasters wearing Poppies and talking about the history of the Poppy and 453's Auxiliary. It was a real public relations coup for our own Jan Velasco and Sal Mancuso, who arranged for the plug with a gift of 60 Poppies to Madison Pelletier (left), Broadcast Coordinator for the Texas Rangers.

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