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# Love Field Gazette



## From the Commander



I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

The month of December was another mournful one at Post 453 with the passing of Charlie Hale,

Clyde Knudson, and Gladys Davis. These were great Legionnaires and Americans. They will be missed by the Post 453 family and live on in our hearts.

As we start the new year it is a time of new beginning here at the post. It is time to start thinking of and working all the events at the post. By working together the members of the Post 453 family will make this another fantastic year here at Post 453.

I would like to thank Don Harrison, Ed Kownslar, and Rollin MacDuffie for their hard work preparing breakfast the first three Sundays in January. It was a real pleasure working with the three of you those Sunday mornings.

*For God and Country*  
Jimmy Mac

## From the Riders



Well we are into a NEW YEAR. It has started off good with the Swap Meet we had on Jan. 8. I would like to thank everybody who helped out. I would also like to tell all the Charter Members that I expelled from the American Legion Riders on Jan. 1, 2011, that they need to get their patches to the Post or the Riders. Hope we have a good year working with all of you. Thanks for all the help and support.

*For USA & Vets,*  
Otis Robbins



Herman and the Riders had a special treat for the Boles Home kids at Christmas, motorcycle rides.

## Quips and Trips

*By Charlie Peoples*  
Post 453 Service Officer

Recently, I decided to relieve Black Betty of carrying me to The VA for my appointment and chose to utilize our DART Rail System. I began my journey, conveniently located adjacent to our Post, at Denton Dr. and NW Hwy. rail depot. I paid \$2 for an all-day pass after showing my Medicare card. Otherwise the fee is \$4 and still a bargain! Routing was to take the Green Line to the West End, transfer to the Blue Line (Ledbetter).

That was it! Yep, I made my journey safely and timely, and would recommend it to all!



The new Bachman rail station on DART's Green Line is just blocks from Post 453.

## Taps

Gladys Davis  
Charlie Hale  
Clyde Knudson  
David A. Eastman  
Mike Bryan

## Sick Call

Lois Van Bibber  
Douglas Patrick  
Gene Felder

## Condolences

To Norma & Larry Black on the loss of Norma's mother

To Ken Jones, on the loss of his mother

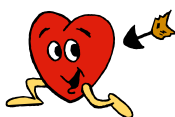
## Getting Better

Walter Williams, recovering from triple bypass surgery

Wyman Bass

## Valentine's Dinner

The SAL is serving a fabulous Valentine's dinner on



Friday, Feb. 11. Marty and Steve are the chefs and, at press time, they were still working out the menu. For details, call or stop by the Post. Reservations aren't required, but are suggested if you don't want to miss out.

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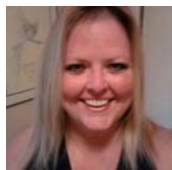
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## From the Auxiliary



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Since our last news-

letter, we unfortunately had to say goodbye to some 453 family. Clyde, Charlie and Gladys, you will be missed. Our lives were better having known you.

2011 is here and the Auxiliary has hit the ground running. We welcomed the New Year in typical 453 Auxiliary style with the Annual meeting of the Monkey Button Club. Thank you to everyone who participated in the New Year's Day festivities. There was plenty of black-eyed peas and greens for everyone, so here is to good luck and prosperity in 2011.

On Feb. 14 and 16, we will have our annual **Girl Scout Cookie Distribution**. We need help so, if you are able, there is a sign-up sheet available or you can email me at [heatly453@yahoo.com](mailto:heatly453@yahoo.com).

What ever time you are able to help is appreciated.

### Coming up

We host the 5<sup>th</sup> District **Prayer**

**Breakfast** on Feb. 5. This ceremony honors the Four Chaplains who gave their lives during the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester during World War II; a very moving tribute to the unselfish acts of four amazing human beings. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We play **BINGO** at the VA on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, if you would like to go ....come on! Meet at the post before 6 and we can all go together. A great way to spend an evening and the patients are the best. Still haven't figured out who has a better time.

We host the **VA patients** at our post on Feb. 23, another great way to spend a day. We will need desserts; some sugar-free, too, please. Come on down and help if you can. Be here at 9 a.m. and the patients are here until about 2 p.m. Anytime you can give during this time is appreciated.

Please, as usual, keep an eye on the calendar. I have only hit a few highlights, there is so much more going on. The Auxiliary will be cooking Sunday breakfast in Feb-

ruary and you know how well we can do eggs — if you don't know...come find out! Best Breakfast deal in Dallas.

Darlene and Janie are also planning another Murder Mystery Dinner night coming soon. Those who came last year, please spread the word on how entertaining that night was. We also know our Joann has several things up her sleeve that are guaranteed to be entertaining.

As always, please keep all of the service members who protect us and their families in your prayers.

*For God and Country,*

*Holly Heatly*

*Unit President, 453*

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain



## Chaplain's Corner



This month I encourage everyone to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 9 a.m. The event honors our veterans and war dead, especially the Four Chaplains. They were U.S. Army chaplains who remained aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester as it sank into the

cold ocean waters on Feb. 2, 1943. They were last seen praying and comforting others having given away their own life jackets after the ship had been torpedoed. Their self-sacrifice reflects the best traditions of our country and reminds us that "No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

*For GOD and Country,*

*Ed Kownslar (214) 364-3989*

## Washer Winners

Darwin is keeping the patio hopping on weekends. We have nice heaters and plastic shades to keep out the cold. Thanks to all the dedicated washer players. Here are the latest winners and where they donated their winnings.

**12/4:** A.J. & Darwin (patio fund)




**12/12:** Darlene & Darwin (patio fund)

**12/20:** Terri & Dick Serio (patio fund)

**12/26:** Jimmy Mac & Darwin (coffee fund)

**1/2:** Jimmy Mac & Darwin (patio fund)

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Legion Meets at 7 p.m.</b>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	4 Legion dinner Music	5 5th District Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m.
6 Breakfast 10-noon by Holly Riders Meeting @ noon <b>Super Bowl party!</b>	7	8	9 <b>Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m.</b>	10 <b>S.A.L meets at 7:30 p.m.</b>	11  Valentine's Dinner by SAL! Papa Joe's Karaoke	12 Marines @ 1300 Beer Bash 1400-1800
13 Airport Run Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	14 Girl Scout Cookie Distribution, 8-5, need volunteers	15 <b>Legion Exec. Committee 7 p.m.</b>	16 Girl Scout Cookie Distribution 8-5, need volunteers	17 VA Bingo (leave the post at 6 pm)	18 Auxiliary Dinner Karaoke with Bad Girls' Lisa	19 8/40 @ noon
20 Breakfast by Joann & Linda, 10-noon <i>District meeting @ Post 424</i>	21 <i>President's Day</i> 	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 VA Patients Day Out, need volunteers & desserts	24	25 Riders Dinner Papa Joe's Karaoke	26
27 Aux. Breakfast 10-noon	28	March 1 <b>Legion Meets at 7 p.m.</b>		<b>Flameless Scented Candle Raffle</b> Win this cool military inspired "Scentsy" candle & help send an area student to Girls State. Drawing on Sat. 2/12. 		



Everyone is invited to join the Riders each month as they greet troops arriving on R&R at DFW. Next "Airport Run" is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13.

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*Spreading Christmas cheer...*

Above: Joe Mac and the Riders at the Boles Homes at Christmas.

Right: Don Harrison called bingo for patients at the V.A. Medical Center in December.



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