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# Love Field Gazette



## From the Commander

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**Secretary** Diane Robbins  
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**Advisor** Bob Cobey



Here we are at the start of a new month at Post 453. I hope you were able to enjoy some of the

great Post activities we had in March — Mardi Gras party, St. Patrick's Day, Airport Runs to greet the returning troops, Sunday breakfasts and Friday dinners.

On a more serious note, we have also been busy preparing for an IRS audit here at Post 453. I thank you all for helping your Post follow IRS rules that affect our Canteen operation. Remember to sign in when you enter the Post and be ready to show your 2011



**453 members show up at DFW every month to welcome home the troops.**

membership card. Also, remember that guests must be signed in by a member.

We have a couple of important events planned for April. On Saturday, April 16, the Legion Riders are having a Swap Meet from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. That same day, there's

a fundraiser for Legionnaire Lois Morgan. On Saturday, April 23, Stoney and Patty are cooking a spaghetti dinner with proceeds going toward the Boys State and Girls State programs.

The 5th District Spring Convention at Post 81 is on April 9.

Election of officers is coming up in June. If you are interested in running for an office, the nomination sign-up sheets are posted in the Canteen. You can nominate yourself or another qualified Legionnaire.

Update: Sorry to say that our Chili Cook-off has been postponed until further notice.

*For God and Country*  
*Jimmy Mac*

## I can see clearly now (or not)

*By Charlie Peoples*  
**Post 453 Service Officer**

So much appreciation due to a very dedicated individual who each month provides a nationally recognized newsletter for us and all other recipients. Thanks to you, **Norma Cavazos**. Your beauty and smile warms everyone's heart, thank you for your caring devotion.

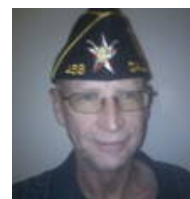
As for you, **John Laun**, our previous AL Chaplain who put us on the path to righteousness; Gracious me, I never drank until I read your sermons. I really miss you, John!

And, finally, I recently encountered a fellow veteran who had an optical procedure at Clinic #1 at VA Hospital. Please pay close attention to the following possible side effects:

1. Dart Bus Transfer Green, Blue, Orange may be different colors
2. Restless leg syndrome syndrome – repetitiveness, and again and again.
3. Compulsive gambling (sleeping to John Laun sermon more than one time?)
4. Careful – see #3, #2 & #1

You guys need help on anything, let me know, Lord knows I do!

## Chaplain's Corner



Lent is here.

Typically people give up something, that is they fast or abstain from meat, etc. I would like to challenge you to do what Isaiah and Jesus said to do, that is:

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit prisoners and "not hide yourself from your own flesh... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' " (Is 58:9)

*For GOD and Country,*  
*Ed Kownslar*  
*Legion and SAL Chaplain*  
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## Taps

Thomas Nash - PUFL  
Legionnaire, 1/24/2011

## Condolences

To Tammy and James Willis  
on the passing of Tammy's  
brother, Danny Stout.  
3/18/2011

## Sick Call

Jim Heatly  
George Sandoval  
Del Martin

## Riders' Spring Swap Meet



**Saturday,  
April 16  
Post 453**

Come shop 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Rent a space for \$20 and  
sell your own items.  
Registration @ 10 a.m.

For more info: 214-316-7900

## Spaghetti Dinner

Come down and support  
Boys and Girls State!

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

Delicious Spaghetti Dinner  
with salad & garlic bread  
\$8.00

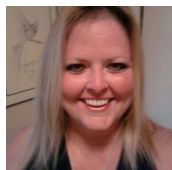
Chefs: Stoney & Patty

## New ALA site

The American Legion Auxiliary has launched a redesigned national Web site that strives to deliver news we can use and several cool features.

[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) is the place for videos, stories and photos that can easily be "shared" via Facebook, Twitter and other social media.

## From the Auxiliary



The Auxiliary year is rapidly coming to a close. With that said, I want

to remind everyone election time is approaching. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post for anyone who is interested in running for office. Elections will be held at our May meeting.

Some Auxiliary members have mentioned they would like us to order new T-shirts for our Unit. Anyone interested in a Unit 453 Auxiliary T-shirt, please contact me at my e-mail. We need as many orders as we can to get the

best price break.

A reminder: the 5th District Spring Convention will be held at Post 81 in Duncanville on April 9. This will be a one-day event and will include elections of our District officers. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a memorial service to begin at 9 a.m.

As always, 453 is a busy place, please keep your eye on the calendar. Along that note, I want to say thank you to everyone who organizes, volunteers, participates and supports all of the functions. You are our backbone. You are why we are able to participate in so many of our programs and

fortify why we are here, to assist veterans, service members and their families.

Please keep the service members and their loved ones in your prayers.



*For God and Country,  
Holly Heatly*

*Unit President 453*

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*Courage is not the absence of fear,  
but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. — Ambrose Redmoon*  
I love you daddy.

## S.A.L. Notes



The SAL is raffling a 26" LCD-HD flat screen TV. All proceeds will go to the **Children's Miracle Network**, only a

certain number of tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held May 1.

Our cook night is Friday, April 8, and James Willis is cookin' up Pork Chops.

### **SAL Member State Champ!**

Sons member **Nick Cobb**, grandson of **Bill** and **Jean Wren**, claimed his second State Championship in wrestling. Nick is a sophomore at Allen High and finished the season with a 33 and 2 record. Allen High School became the third school to win back-to-back state titles. Nick wrestles 180 lbs division and also stars on the Allen football team. Congratulations Nick!

## From the Riders



Well another month is gone. Maybe it will start warming up a little.

For April we

have a busy month.

We have the Swap Meet on April 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. All are welcome. We have Joe Mac's Easter

Run to Boles Home on April 30. For information on the run, contact Joe Mac at 972-438-5518. We are collecting stuff to take out there.

And don't forget the Airport Run the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to greet the troops. All are welcome.



*For USA & Vets,  
Otis Robbins*

## Post Web site

**Michael Christy** is the Webmaster for our Post 453 Web

site [www.al453.org](http://www.al453.org). Michael is updating the site every couple of days, so check it often for the latest 453 news. You can also access the activity calendar and this newsletter online. If you need something added to the Web site or to the calendar, email Michael at [mchristy262@gmail.com](mailto:mchristy262@gmail.com).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Legion Steaks by Stoney & the Gang <i>Bad Girls Karaoke</i>	<b>2</b> <hr/> <b>9 5th District Spring Conven- tion at Post 81</b>
<b>3</b> Legion Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon <b>Riders meet @ noon</b>						John Yancey Marines meet @1300, followed by Beer Bash 1 p.m.- midnite & food served 1400-1800
<b>10</b> Airport Run Legion Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon		<b>5</b> <b>Legion Meets at 7 p.m.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SAL's James Willis cooks Pork Chops! <i>Papa Joe 8-12</i>	<b>16</b> Riders Swap Meet 10 a.m.-6 p.m. <hr/> <i>Fish Fry &amp; Fun Fundraiser for Lois Morgan!</i>
<b>17</b> Riders Breakfast 10 a.m.-noon		<b>19</b> <b>Legion Exec. Committee 7 p.m.</b>			<b>22</b> Riders Dinner <i>Papa Joe 8-12</i>	<b>23</b> Spaghetti Dinner by Stoney & Patty \$8/plate
<b>24</b> Riders Breakfast <i>Easter Sunday Dinner</i>				<b>28</b> John Yancey Marines Executive Meeting tonite	<b>29</b>	Fundraiser for Boys & Girls State <hr/> <b>30</b> Joe Mac's Easter Toy Run

**Fundraiser for  
Legionnaire Lois Morgan**

## Saturday April 16

## Post 453

Fun starts around noon

## Cake Walk, 50/50

### Fish Fry (Glenn's cooking catfish)

\$10/plate (4-6 p.m., may start earlier)

We need cakes and other goodies for

## Cake Walk

Go to [www.AL453.org](http://www.AL453.org) for the latest news, photos & updates on activities at 453.

The 1.7 million veterans living in Texas - regardless of when they moved here - now qualify for benefits from the Texas Veterans Land Board as of 12/21/2010. "A veteran is a veteran, and this change opens up VLB programs to all who served and now call Texas home," said Jerry Patterson, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

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It was good to be green on the patio for our annual St. Paddy's Party last month. →

Auxiliary member Jodi Thompson, on a recent trip to Paris, France, took time to visit the original American Legion Post home — Paris, Post 1. ↓



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