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From the Commander



make these events successful.

On Nov. 11, we celebrate Veterans Day. I know some of you will be downtown for the 11 a.m. ceremony and parade, or at the DFW National Cemetery for observances in the afternoon. But I hope you are able to stop by Post 453 for part of the day.

Here we are almost at the end of 2011 and half way through our Legion year. We have had some very fine activities at Post 453 in the past two months — including the Luau — and it is great to see everyone working together to

On Nov. 16, we have the V.A. patients for lunch. Hope you can find time to volunteer a couple of hours to help on that day.

Darlene has all the details in her article about the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the Post.

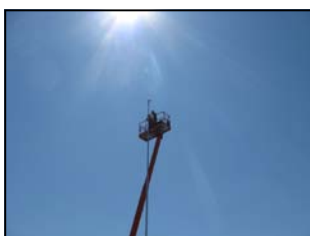
Here's wishing you the best of holiday seasons.

For God and Country

Bob Cobey



Team work gets the flag flying



pole was completed. The construction work was done by **Navy Seabee Battalion 22** out of Fort Worth. **Commander Alton Brown** and **R.A. Noble** headed up the project from Post 53 and **Bill Freauff** from Post 453 assisted by getting the Seabee's to consider and take on the project.

After a number years, a U.S. Flag once again flies over the graves of our Veterans.

American Legion Posts 53 and 453 worked together to get the flag pole over the Veteran's section of Forest Lawn Cemetery repaired. On Sept. 9, the onsite work to repair the

Bill Freauff
Sgt at Arms



The eyes have it

By Charlie Peoples
Post 453 Service Officer



Okay, kids — here we go again.

Norma has been cracking the proverbial newsletter whip (cutting way into my *personality* time) and

begging for a slam-bang article from your favorite P.S.O.

As most of you know my eyesight has improved by one — the right eye. Please know this doesn't necessarily mean you all are right just because of my vision; I still can't hear.

Back to business. While at the VA Hospital, I applied for a travel allowance. I was informed that if I made more than \$11,330 a year and was not disabled, I didn't qualify. Where they come up with that figure is beyond me. But if it's like everything else out there, there is probably a loop hole.

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Front room available for parties. Call the Post for details (ask for Virginia Sandoval).

Sick Call

Billy Jump
Jim Robinson
Tammy Willis
Marty Burns
Sherry Ludston (Mrs. To)

Condolences

To Jim Johnson on the death of Alma Stovall on 10/9/2011.

453 Web site wins national award

Michael Christy, who heads up our post Web site www.al453.org, placed in the Top 3 in the National American Legion Press Association's **2011 Best Papers and Web Sites** contest. Congratulations, Michael, for a job well done! If you haven't visited the Web site, Michael keeps it updated with late-breaking news and events.

Wanted: DD-214s

Hey folks, our Legion Post needs your help. To preserve our tax-free status, we have to document to the IRS's satisfaction that our members are qualified to be Legionnaires. To do this, we have to produce copies of your DD-214 or other qualifying document when asked to by the IRS.

So unless you **KNOW** that **YOUR** document is on file at **Post 453**, we need it. If you want to ask, send an e-mail to al453@sbcglobal.net

Bill Freauff



From the Auxiliary



A job well done! I want to thank everyone who helped and supported our

Luau. It was a huge success. We raised \$1,292 for our charities.

Auxiliary membership is doing great. Remember, Nov. 11 is the deadline for **Early Bird** dues of \$23; after the 11th, dues will be \$25. Anyone who pays early will have their name put in for a special drawing.

Joann did a great job for the Texas-OU party... lots of fun, especially for the Sooner fans.

The Carnival at the VA was a lot of fun, too. The patients really enjoy all the food and games that are done by various organizations. We do "Spin the Wheel" for prizes, but I cannot get them to believe that I'm Vanna White... imagine that!

Our Halloween party on Oct. 29 should be a very frightful night with all the ghost and goblins just hanging around for their chance to sing karaoke. Susie is planning some great decorations and there will be prizes for the scariest costumes.



What a Luau! (clockwise from top left) **Pig Races, Tiki Bar, Turkey Bowling & Paint Ball.**



Pajama Drive: Shirley is collecting PJs for kids at the Buckner Children's Home starting on Nov. 15. Donate new PJs for kids of all sizes, or donate cash and Shirley and her elves will do the shopping.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. We'll have ham, turkey and I will make homemade cornbread dressing. All you have to do is bring a side dish or dessert.



Christmas Dinner: Dec. 25 at 2:30 p.m. Bring a side dish. Volunteers are needed at each dinner to set out

the food and clean up.

Mark your calendars: Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. is the date of the Chinese Christmas Exchange. If you want to participate, all you have to do is bring a \$10 gift and, if you would like, a snack of some sort.

I would like to say that it is awesome to have all unities working together again.

Darlene Mars,
Auxiliary President

From the Riders



Well fall is finally here, along with cooler temps and great riding! It's been a couple of

months since the last newsletter. We have had some successful meals and great airport runs. We all had a great time and sold some raffle tickets at the USO benefit. Our community service project

was a success as well.

Coming up on Nov. 1 is the bike raffle.

Joe Mac's Christmas Toy Run to benefit the Boles Home is in December. Check the board and your e-mail for the dates. For those who have not participated before, it is a terrific experience you will never forget. If anyone wishes to be on the ALR e-mail list for events, please e-mail me at herman.yentz@gmail.com with your address and I will make sure

to include you.

As many of you know, Mrs. To has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her and Brother To in your thoughts. We are having a benefit on Oct. 30 for Mrs. To and Tammy Willis. Please spread the word. These are trying times for these two families, and they need all the support we can give!

Happy Holidays from the American Legion Riders!

For Vets & Country,
Hermanator

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 30 Benefit for Tammy Willis & Mrs. To	31	1 Legion meeting @7 p.m.	2 	3 10 SAL meeting @7 p.m. Marine Corps Birthday Celebration 1-8 	4 SAL steaks Karaoke: Papa Joe	5 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
6 SAL Breakfast 10-noon Riders meet at 12	7	8	9 Auxiliary meeting @ 7 p.m.		11 Legion steaks Karaoke: Bad Girls VETERANS DAY	12 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
13 Breakfast by Legion 10-noon Greet the Troops	14	15 Legion E-Board meeting @7 p.m.	16 VA Patients visit the Post 10-2	17	18 Riders cook Karaoke: Papa Joe	19 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
20 Breakfast by Riders 10-noon "31" @ 2:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24  Dinner at 2:30 p.m. Ham, turkey, cornbread dressing. Bring a side dish or dessert!	25 Aux. cooks Karaoke: Bad Girls	26 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
27 Breakfast by Auxiliary 10-noon	28	29	30			

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Don't Miss Out: Many events for Nov & Dec were not finalized at press time. Please check the Post Bulletin Board or our Web site (www.al453.org) for the latest information.				1	2 SAL steaks Karaoke: Bad Girls	3 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
4 Breakfast by SAL 10-noon	5	6 Legion meeting @7 p.m.	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8 SAL meeting @7 p.m.	9 Legion steaks Karaoke: Papa Joe	10 Karaoke: Sherry/Darlene 8-1
11 Breakfast by Legion 10-noon	12	13	14 Auxiliary meeting @7 p.m.	15	16 Riders cook Karaoke: Bad Girls	17 Chinese Christmas Party 7 p.m. Karaoke 8-1 
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25 Dinner at 2:30 p.m. 	26	27	28	29	30 SAL steaks Karaoke: Bad Girls	31  New Years Day Party 1/1/2012



Preston Thompson, 2, salutes the passing flag (he hasn't quite figured out where his heart is) at the National Legion Convention Parade in Minneapolis. Preston is a 453 SAL member and the grandson of Ed and Theresa Magers. The Iwo Jima float is from Post 67 in Ida Grove, Iowa.



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