



# Love Field Gazette

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*A publication for the members of American Legion Love Field Post 453*

## News you can use from Post 453

### Legion

**Commander** Bobby Vandenbush  
**1st Vice** Mario Gutierrez  
**2nd Vice** Francis "Stoney" Stone  
**Adjutant** Ed Kownslar  
**Service Officer** Bob Kaminski  
**Finance Officer** Jim Miner  
**Sgt. at Arms** Bill Freauff  
**Chaplain** Ed Kownslar  
**Historian** Phyllis Moynihan  
**Judge Adv.** Sam Underwood  
**House Committee**  
**Chairman** Dennis Brisbon  
**Executive Committee** Bob Elkins, Del Martin, Rollin MacDuffie, Frank Roberson

### S.A.L.

**Commander** Michael Paul Melgoza  
**1st Vice** Tom Arista  
**Finance Officer**  
**Sgt. at Arms** Dennis Brisbon  
**Adjutant**  
**Chaplain** Troy Hartzog  
**Judge Adv.**  
**Historian** Ryan Miller  
**Advisor** Bill Freauff

### Auxiliary

**President** Janice Velasco  
**1st Vice** Sylvia Shipman  
**2nd Vice** Sherry Westerbrook  
**Treasurer** Sharon Shumate  
**Secretary** Barb Black  
**Chaplain** Peggy Roberson  
**Historian** Janey Barrett  
**Sgt. at Arms** Patricia Moore  
**Executive Committee** Shirley Gray, Cindy Freauff, Sandy Miller, Amy Potter

### Legion Riders

**Director** Bobby Vandenbush  
**Asst. Director** Joe Mac  
**Secretary** Robin McCarroll  
**Treasurer** Brenda DeLeon  
**Sgt. at Arms** Jimmy Duke  
**Road Captain** Hermanator  
**Advisor** Bob Cobey

### Reserve our Front Room for your Party!

Call **Frances Pearson** at 214-704-0516 or 972-438-9509 to check rates and availability.

### Gun Raffle

The Legion looks to raise significant funds through our first gun raffle. The winning ticket takes both Henry lever action rifles; a 44 mag and a .17 HMR. Tickets are on sale now at the canteen or from selected legionnaires. Proceeds to help fund post repairs. We will be selling tickets at the Bass Pro Shop in Garland over several weekends beginning in September. Volunteers are needed to help staff our booth outside Bass Pro. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted next to the kitchen door.

### Building Repairs

We've got a new back door! Misters are on the way.

### Misters

Bar manager **Joann** reports that the Patio Fund has enough money to purchase two misters for the Patio. Thanks to Stoney for organizing the Sunday Washer Tournaments and for P.T. for selling the Jell-O shots. The money raised from their efforts funds improvements to the 453 Patio.

### July Events Were a Hit

Post Garage Sale and Car/Bike Wash on July 18 was a fun day and big money maker. The Sock Hop on July 25 was another big success. Thanks for supporting both these events.

### Luau 2015

The date's been set for our annual Luau - Saturday, Oct. 3. We're bringing back the



**That's Sandra trying out the new back door. Wonder how many times a day that door opens/closes?**

best from past Luaus and adding some fun new events! Mark your calendar.

### Sunday Breakfast

Our \$5 Sunday BrunchFast has taken off like gangbusters! **Les Jackson** cooked on Aug. 9 and he and his team served 65 breakfasts in a little over 2 hours.

### Taps

We lost Legionnaire **Tom Campbell**, affectionately known for years as "Dirty" Tom (for all the right reasons). We will have a memorial at the Post for him on Aug. 29.

We also mourn the loss of long-time Auxiliary member **Ingeborg Patton**. Inge was the widow of John Patton, a longtime member of Post 453.

## From the Legion Riders



### ICYMY (In Case You Missed This):

Our ALR friends at the Plano Post 321 will be hosting their 1st Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 24.

For those newer members, we have a tradition of holding an informal ride on the 1st Saturday following our monthly meeting. The day's destination is determined that morning. Kick stands up (KSU) at 11:00 AM.

Have a friend that's active-duty military? The Legion Riders voted to pay the annual dues for active-duty service members. Couple that with their 1st Legion membership paid for by the post and their initial year in the Riders is cost free.

3rd Annual Homeless Veterans Run is scheduled for Sept. 12. We need the support of all riders in order to make this, our designated charity, another big success. If you know of businesses willing to donate personal care items like shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, ask them to make a tax-deductible donation. This run is open to the public, both bike and cages welcome. Need your help in distributing flyers.

**Riders Sept. Meeting**  
will be held on Sunday,  
Sept. 13, at 1 p.m.

Bobby Vandenbush  
Legion Riders Director

# August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 SAL Break-fast	3	4 Legion Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7 Karaoke Aux Dinner 6-8 pm	8 Karaoke
9 Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	10	11 Karaoke	12 Aux. Meeting 7 pm	13 SAL Meeting 7 pm	14 Karaoke Legion Cooks Turkey Dinner	15 Karaoke
16 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	17	18 Karaoke Legion Exec. Board 7 pm	19 VA Patients visit the Post	20	21 Karaoke Riders Dinner 6-8 pm	22 Karaoke
23 Riders Breakfast 5th District @ Post 802	24	25	26	27	28 Karaoke SAL Dinner 6-8 pm	29 Karaoke
30 SAL Break-fast 10-noon	31		Saturday, Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Luau – SAVE THE DATE			

## ‘K-9 for Kayleigh’ fundraisers go through the roof

By Cindy Freauff

Our first planning committee meeting for K-9 for Kayleigh started back in April. We had two representatives from each of the Legion entities.



We wanted this to be a family event with everyone coming together to help Kayleigh, one of our Jr Auxiliary Members. Kayleigh suffers from severe Intractable Epilepsy with numerous side effects and complications. She had just gotten approved by her doctors for a service dog. The cost for a service dog and Kayleigh’s continued care is tremendous. We set a date for June 20 for the event. During the time between our first meeting to June 20, we reached out to family and friends, Units and Posts. We had raised \$3,000 by the day of the event.

Before the event ever started we had pins made and sold. The day of the event we had raffles for blankets and a handmade tote bag, had Riders on bikes, cakes and cupcakes galore, a silent auction, BBQ cooking in the kitchen for a tasty meal and a 50/50 drawing. The room was cheerfully decorated with puppies and purple, Kayleigh’s favorite color and the nationally recognized color for Epilepsy awareness. We had everything we needed to bring in more money for the much needed service dog and Kayleigh’s additional expenses. The event lasted all day with people popping in from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They came from out of town and the surrounding areas. At 9 p.m. we held the 50/50 and the winner donated the whole thing back to Kayleigh! Everyone was thrilled and on a high from the great day we had. That day alone we brought in \$6,000 so that gave us a total of \$9,000.



Check out the Riders in their Poodle Skirts!

That’s not where it stopped. One of our Riders, Herman Yentz offered a challenge: If I could raise another \$500, he would wear a poodle skirt to the Sock Hop the Auxiliary and SAL were hosting on July 18. The following day, I went to the Post to announce the challenge and more people started donating. That afternoon Herman knew he was had and challenged even more Riders. For every \$500, another Rider agreed to wear a skirt. This was all in support of Kayleigh. On July 18, we had 7 Legion Riders in poodle skirts. They were proud to be doing this.

Now this is what I call Family support. We all worked together, played together and raised a total of \$13, 349 together. We know that any extra money raised will be used to cover the many expenses the family has that insurance doesn’t cover. Kayleigh’s dog is in training. His name is Jack. They have met and seem to be a great match. This was a great act of support and kindness for an active duty family. Think of how much we can all do just by reaching out. Thank you to all who shared and supported American Legion Post 453’s K-9 for Kayleigh!