



# Love Field Gazette

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

January-February 2014

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## From the Commander



As the year comes to an end and we begin 2014, I would like to thank everyone —

our bartenders, our volunteers, members and guests — for making this past year such a success! Hard work, heart and soul, truly, what a wonderful asset all of you have been.

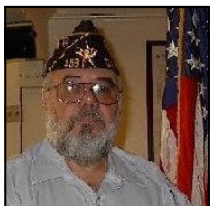
Weather (Texas Ice Winter) conditions unfortunately caused me to cancel the Flag Disposal ceremony in November. I will inform everyone as soon as the new date is available for this very special event. **MacArthur High School JROTC**, Irving, TX, will be officiating, and it is certain to be a very nice time, as I will be involved (and already taking lessons playing the bugle).

Please be sure and attend the

**New Year's Eve party**, \$10 single, and \$15 per couple, fun, food and frolic. And, as always, our **New Year's Day party** will be as much fun as all of **Joann's** events have always been — football, music, black-eyed peas (maybe left over from the night before) are "Good Luck"? Let's encourage a new GREAT NEW YEAR to each and everyone!

Charlie Peoples  
Commander

## From the 1st Vice



I hope that each of you had an enjoyable holiday season and were able to spend part of the time with family or friends. Here at the Post we have a Family and we got to-

gether for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's events. I want to encourage all of you who have not renewed your membership for 2014 to do so as soon as you can. Part of your dues stays right here in Dallas County supporting local programs.

Only through membership can we have the strength to continue our Legion Family programs for Veterans, Children and Americanism.

Legion dues can be paid online through the national website and your card will be mailed to your home directly from our Post as soon as we are notified. This is a fast, safe, secure way to pay your dues with no stamps or mail issues. Go to:

<http://www.legion.org/renew>.

If you know a member with a hardship and wish to assist them by paying their membership, contact me and I will assist you.

Bill Freauff

The American Legion... still serving America

## Military Bar Set can be yours

Each of the six glasses is engraved with the emblem of a different branch of the service. The etched decanter features the official American Legion emblem and is filled with top-shelf Crown Royal. Purchase tickets at Post 453 (\$1/or \$5 for six). Drawing will be Jan. 1, 2014, and proceeds benefit our own Post 453!



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## Sick Call

Sam Underwood  
Dick Serio  
Jim Johnson  
Robert Watts

## Pajama Drive



Auxiliary's Peggy, Shirley and Cindy presented PJs for veterans' kids to VA rep Dan.

## New Year's Fun

12/31/2013

8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Food, Dancing, Drinks, Party  
Favors, Champagne toast at  
Midnight, Black-eyed peas and  
corn bread.

Cover: \$10 single/\$15 couple  
Drivers and discount hotel  
rooms available

See flyer on the Legion web-  
site for complete details.

[www.al453.org](http://www.al453.org)



1/1/2014

Around 1 p.m. til ??

Our traditional daytime  
celebration featuring Monkey  
Button Club, food, drinks &  
laughs!

**The  
American  
Legion**  
*on The World Wide Web*  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

## From the Auxiliary



ALA UNIT 453  
ROCKS!  
We had a won-  
derful 2013!  
Thank you to  
every Unit

member who stepped up this year  
and did "your thing." Nothing is  
ever too small or too much. It  
takes everyone working together  
to keep the Unit going.

Welcome to all the new mem-  
bers. Please come in and join us  
whenever you can. If you are un-  
certain where you can help, just  
ask. There is something for every-  
one.

Thanks to all of you who do-  
nated to the PJs for Veterans'  
children. The pajamas were well  
received by the counselors at the  
VA and they will make sure chil-  
dren of Veterans get what is  
needed.

January is upon us and we are all  
geared up to keep the ball rolling  
as we don our coats and tennis  
shoes.

**Jan. 5:** 5th District Oratorical  
event. They are always in need of  
judges and a time keeper. The  
ALA has always been there to  
help. Interested? Let us know.

**Jan. 8:** Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.  
We try to keep them short and  
sweet. After the meeting, stick  
around to socialize and have fun.

**Jan. 10-12:** Girl Scout Cookie  
distribution. We have been asked  
to do 3 days at the warehouse in  
Farmers Branch. We need all the  
help we can get from 7 a.m. to 7  
p.m. Even if you can donate just  
one hour, it will be greatly appre-  
ciated. This will give us at least  
double the funds we have made in  
the past. Don't forget, this will  
help us support our Auxiliary

programs.

**Feb. 1:** Auxil-  
iary District  
Prayer Breakfast  
at Post 453 starts

at 9 a.m. Please feel free to come  
and bring your family and friends.  
It's a very moving service and an  
honor to be hosting it. Let's have  
a good show of support.

**Feb. 12:** It's our regular meet-  
ing night, 7 p.m. We'd love to see  
you there.

**Feb. 20:** Bingo at the VA. If  
you have a few hours and want to  
help cheer up some of the pa-  
tients, this is the time and place to  
do it. We'll leave the Post at 6  
p.m. and carpool down.

**Feb. 28:** Mardi Gras! Get ready  
to PARTY!



*For God and Country*

*Cindy Freauff*

*ALA Unit 453 President*

## From the Riders



With the  
new year  
comes the  
opportunity  
to enjoy  
the com-

panionship of our fellow Legion  
Riders as we assemble our ride  
schedule for 2014. Please speak up  
at one of our Jan/Feb ALR meet-  
ings if you have a favorite ride that  
you'd like to add to our ride  
schedule, or there's a location that  
you believe would offer a great  
ride. Many of our members have  
expressed a desire to have more  
scheduled rides.

Several years ago our Legion  
Rider group held an over-night  
ride to the Texas Hill country.  
Unfortunately I was not part of  
that ride but I understand it was a  
great success. It would be great to

schedule another over-night ride  
for 2014. If there's interest, we'll  
need to pick a date soon as reser-  
vations, either for motels or  
campgrounds, will be required.

Many of you may know of the  
D'Rose Inn in Leakey - in the  
heart of the Hill Country and on  
the Three Sisters trail. It's a motel  
complex dedicated to bikers and  
bikers only. Palo Duro Canyon  
near Amarillo also offers a great  
ride destination. Your help is  
needed to build a full ride sched-  
ule for this year.

Most of you should have paid  
your 2014 ALR dues by now. If  
you have not yet paid, please do  
so ASAP. Remember, you will be  
asked to show proof of insurance  
and that your driver's license has  
the proper motorcycle endorse-  
ment. This is required to comply  
with the National ALR bylaws.

Our monthly meetings are held

on the first Sun-  
day of the  
month at 1 p.m.  
Your partici-  
pation at the  
monthly meet-

ings is critical as we rebuild our  
ALR chapter. Attend and speak  
up! Let's make our American Le-  
gion Riders chapter the most ac-  
tive chapter in District 5.

Don't let, "I could have or I  
should have," be your pitiful re-  
frain for the 2014 ride season.  
Promise yourself that you'll ride  
more this year, that you'll enjoy  
the warm sun on your face as you  
motor down that long and winding  
road. Remember, you'll never see  
a motorcycle parked in front of a  
psychiatrist's office.


Happy New Year to all,

*Bobby Vandebush, Director  
American Legion Riders*

*Love Field Post 453*




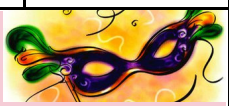
# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>New Year's Eve Party @ 453</b> 8-1 a.m.	<b>Jan 1, 2014</b> <b>New Year's Day Party!</b>	2	<b>3 Karaoke</b> <b>Legion Dinner</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Karaoke</i>
<b>5 Legion B'fast</b> <b>Riders Meet</b> <i>1 p.m.</i>	6	7 <b>Legion Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	8 <b>Aux. Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	9 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	<b>10 Karaoke</b> <b>Riders Dinner</b> <i>Girl Scout Cookie Distribution — Jan 10-12</i>	<b>11 Karaoke</b>
<b>12 Riders Break-fast</b> <i>District @ Post 511</i>	13	14	15	16	<b>17 Karaoke</b> <b>SAL Dinner</b>	<b>18 Karaoke</b>
<b>19</b> <b>SAL Breakfast</b>	20 <i>MLK Day</i>	21 <b>Legion E-Board</b> 7 p.m.	22	23	<b>24 Karaoke</b> <b>Aux Dinner</b>	<b>25 Karaoke</b> <i>Mid-Winter - Austin</i>
<b>26</b> <b>Aux Breakfast</b> <i>Mid-Winter - Austin</i>	27	28	29	30	<b>31 Karaoke</b> <b>Legion Dinner</b>	<b>Feb 1</b> <b>Prayer Breakfast</b> 9 a.m.

**Reserve our Front Room for your Party!**

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

# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 Legion B'fast</b> <b>Riders Meet</b> <i>1 p.m.</i>	3	4 <b>Legion Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	5	6	<b>7 Karaoke</b> <b>Riders Dinner</b>	<b>8 Karaoke</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Riders Breakfast</b>	10	11	12 <b>Aux. Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	13 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	 <b>14 Karaoke</b> <b>SAL Dinner</b>	<b>15 Karaoke</b>
<b>16</b> <b>SAL Breakfast</b>	17 <i>Presidents Day</i>	18 <b>Legion E-Board</b> 7 p.m.	19	20 <b>Bingo at VA</b>	<b>21 Karaoke</b> <b>Aux. Dinner</b>	<b>22 Karaoke</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Aux Breakfast</b>	24	25	26	27	<b>28 Mardi Gras Shrimp Boil &amp; Par-tay!</b> 	

## From the Service Officer



Every year for the past several years, 400 to 600 homeless veterans are served a special meal on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. This meal is a collaboration between the Jewish War Veterans, who buy and serve the food, the Elks Lodge of Irving, that provides the kitchen big enough to cook this many meals in one night, and American Legion Family members from Post 453. Freddy Cotton (AL) has led this effort for the last 12 years. The other cooks this year were Cat Kelly (ALA), Mark Kelly (SAL), Les Jackson (SAL) and Don Harrison (AL). — *Don Harrison*

### VA Issues Fraud Alert

Dec 2, 2013 — Veterans should be aware of a marketing scam targeting callers trying to reach the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center or GI Bill Call Center. A marketing company has established two fraudulent numbers that differ from the two official VA call center numbers by one digit. If the fraudulent number is dialed by mistake, the answering party will offer a gift card and try to obtain personal and financial information, including credit card information, from the caller. The answering party may even transfer the caller to the VA after the caller's information is obtained.

#### VA National Call Center

Correct number: 800-827-1000

Wrong number: 800-872-1000

#### VA GI Bill Call Center

Correct number: 888-442-4551

Wrong number: 888-442-4511

The VA has notified law enforcement to address this situation. For more guides and tips on personal finance and avoiding scams, visit the [Military.com Money Center](#).

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