



Love Field Gazette

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From the Commander



We received a Certificate of Appreciation from our National Commander Jim Koutz

for reaching 100% of our membership goal. Thank you, membership, and especially our 1st Vice Commander Bill Freauff. Good job by all.

I will set a date for a flag dis-

posal ceremony in the near future. I was waiting for Marty

Dept. of Texas Convention July 10-14

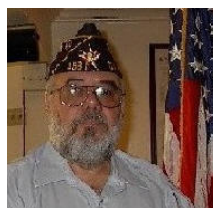
Post 453 welcomes Legion Family friends from across the state who are in town for the convention. We're glad you stopped by and hope you enjoy your visit to our Post!

Burns to get out of the hospital and intended to turn it over to him because he loved to do this. But, unfortunately, we lost him due to his illness. Marty was a very good friend and I will miss him.

Hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to working with you for another year. See ya'!

Charlie Peoples
453 Commander

From the 1st Vice



Here we are at the start of a new membership year, 2014. Reflecting on the 2013 membership year, we finished at 101.7% and were one of eight Posts in the 5th District to

make 100%. We were able to

do this because of a lot of work by a lot of people. We had 29 new members join the Legion and our Post; many because someone invited them to join or invited them to our Post. I am the 1st Vice Commander for membership again this year and welcome new members.

Dues for 2014 have been raised to \$35, as previously announced, and the Early Bird renewal notices will soon be arriving in your mailbox. Remember, a portion of your annual dues stays with our Post to support our programs so please continue to support your fellow veterans. Renew early and let's start off the new membership year with a bang.

Do you know someone who served but can't afford to maintain their membership? Consider a Legion membership or membership renewal as a gift.

For God and Country
Bill Freauff

From the Historian



On June 14, the boys who participated in Boys State returned safely to the Post. I was able to chat with two of them, Julio Resedez and Brandon Sandoval, about their exposure to Boys State.

When asked to give one word that describes his experience, Julio said, "eye-opening," and Brandon said, "enlightening." Julio and Brandon continued by expressing gratitude to their local American Legion for sending them to Boys State. Brandon added that he would like more people to know about this opportunity.

Because of Boys State, Julio now is considering being on junior council at school. He said Boys State taught him the importance of voting. He also plans to serve our country through volunteering.

Brandon concluded by expressing that Boys State helped him to understand how government works. He is inspired to be a cadet and serve our country.

Nanette White
Post Historian

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Sick Call

Tammy Willis
Don Burris
Ryan Miller (recovering)

Taps

Marty Burns
Kay Rice

High honor



Trish Madera was named **Legionnaire of the Year** at last month's Installation and end-of-year awards ceremony. Congratulations, Trish!

453 Karaoke Competition

Saturday Nights

July 20 thru Aug. 31

Prizes for Best Male and Female Performances each week!

Finals held on Aug. 31

\$10 entry fee

Tom Thumb card

Don't forget to link your Tom Thumb Reward card to Post 453's Good Neighbors account number **6364**. Tom Thumb gives our Post 1% of sales linked to our account.



TEAM

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More!
New officers,

new members and new ideas.

The ALA doesn't run by itself. It takes a lot of people to keep things going. The officers and executive board is working on a yearly calendar. If any member has an idea, please let us know.

Upcoming events:

July 4 BBQ at the Post, side dishes and desserts needed

July 10 Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

July 12 Auxiliary Cook night - help is always needed.

July 14 Auxiliary Breakfast - help is always needed.

July 18 Thursday night Bingo at the VA Hospital. We'll be carpooling and



President Cindy (right) honored Joann for a long and successful run as Auxiliary 2nd Vice President.

leaving the Post at 6 p.m.

Aug. 9 Auxiliary Cook night - help is always needed.

Aug. 11 Auxiliary Breakfast - help is always needed.

Aug. 14 Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

Aug. 21 Patients Day Out at the Post.

Please keep Tammy Willis in your prayers as she continues to

fight her cancer. Her winning spirit is inspiring and she needs our support.



Memberships cards will be in soon. Dues are now \$30 a year. Early Bird dues are \$27 until Nov. 11. Remember, by keeping your membership current you are supporting our veterans and other programs.

It's an honor to serve as your Unit President. Thank you to all of you for your support. I sincerely will do my best to represent Unit 453.

My email is freaff@tx.rr.com. I check it often.

*For God and Country,
Cindy Freaff
453 Unit President*

From the SAL



As the newly elected Squadron 453 Commander, I would first like to thank you for your

trust as I lead and serve you in the coming year. There already have been some changes to the Executive Committee. Please welcome **Glenn Kuhn** as the new Finance Officer, **Dennis Brisbon** as the new Judge Advocate and **Don Burris** as the Past Commander who votes in the Committee. All

of the elected and appointed committeemen have assured me of their dedication to our members and to serving God and Country.

We have a real challenge at the present time, or as my first Chief Petty Officer told me, we have an "Opportunity to Excel." Our coffers are bare. Without going into the details, I want to move ahead with the assurance that "The Sons Shall Rise Again!"

We, as a body, must come together, work together, and like the Phoenix tattooed on my arm, rise out of the ashes to a new and brighter day.

The Squadron needs each of you to come to the meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. and to assist in whatever needs to be done in order to re-establish our Squadron as a vital and vibrant organization within the Post 453 Family.

You have shown your trust in me, as evidenced by my election; I trust each of you to do what you can to make manifest, "The Sons Shall Rise Again!"

*For God and Country
Ed Kownslar, Commander*



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July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	3 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Ol' Fashioned 4th Hot dogs Burgers Karaoke 	5 SAL Dinner Karaoke	6 Karaoke
7 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	8	9 Leatherneck Club meets 7 p.m.	10 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	12 Auxiliary Dinner Karaoke	13 Karaoke
Department of Texas Convention in Irving						
14 Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	15	16 Legion Exec. Board 7 p.m.	17	18 VA Bingo (leave the Post at 6 p.m.)	19 Legion Dinner Karaoke	20 <i>Marines 1300</i> Karaoke Competition Opening Night
21 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	22	23	24	25	26 Riders Dinner Karaoke	27 Karaoke Competition Round 2
28 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	29	30	31	Calendar updates are posted regularly on the Post Website www.AL453.org and on Facebook		

From the Riders



As your new director for the American Legion Riders (ALR), let me introduce myself by providing a little background

information. I've been a Legion Rider since 2005 and the director of the Howell Michigan Post 141 ALR for the years 2007-2009. Last year I completed my Iron Butt ride – over 1,000 miles in less than 24 hours. I'm a veteran of the Air Force and Army. I'm also a 39 year member of the Masonic fraternity and received my 32 Degree in the Scottish Rite at the Dallas Cathedral last year. Sheila and I relocated from Michigan to Irving in 2010.

For 2013, the American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post 453 will focus on rebuilding our organization. We'll be reaching out to all active and former members and supporters with the goal of increasing participation in ALR activities.

Our current membership stands at 21 riders and 14 supporters. Attendance at our scheduled meetings has fallen dramatically. With less than 10 members on average attending our scheduled meetings, it's clear that major changes are necessary to bring you back into active membership. I've received suggestions from several long-time riders on the changes they would like to see implemented. All active and former ALR members are encouraged to forward your suggestions for rebuilding Post 453 American Legion Riders

to me at robertv50@tx.rr.com. I promise you that all suggestions received will be given honest consideration. It's my desire to return the focus of our ALR chapter to motorcycling and to strengthen the brotherhood of ALR bikers, not only within Post 453 but extended to all ALR riders in District 5. Our success requires your active participation.

Our meetings are currently scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. You can also keep in touch with Rider activities by visiting our Love Field Post 453 American Legion Riders page on Facebook. It's my honor to serve as your director for 2013.

Bobby Vandebush



August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 SAL Dinner Karaoke	3 Karaoke Competition Round 3
4 SAL Breakfast 10-noon	5	6 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	7 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	8 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	9 Auxiliary Dinner Karaoke	10 Karaoke Competition Round 4
11 Auxiliary Breakfast 10-noon	12	13	14 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16 Legion Dinner Karaoke	17 Karaoke Competition Round 5
18 Legion Breakfast 10-noon	19	20 Legion Exec. Board 7 p.m.	21 Patients Day Out 10 -2 p.m.	22	23 Riders Dinner Karaoke	24 Karaoke Competition Round 6
25 Riders Breakfast 10-noon	26	27	28	29	30 SAL Dinner Karaoke	31 Karaoke Competition Finale

Chaplain's Corner

The passing of our dearly loved brother, Marty Burns, affected most of us greatly. He contributed his time and his passion to our family at Love Field Post 453 for many years. His blood, sweat and tears helped make our "Post Home" a reality. The extended fight for his health for the last couple of years is now over. But through out his ordeal his courage and good nature and sense of humor served as an inspiration to us all. My heart goes out to his family. My prayer is that we pay tribute to his life by following his legacy of service to his brothers and sisters, and to God and Country.



I would also like to share the Prayer of St. Francis because Marty reflected it his life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Edward L. Kownslar
Chaplain, Love Field Post 453

Our Legion Officers for 2013-14 smile for the camera after installation in June.

Members' Poll

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