



Love Field Gazette

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From the Commander



I had the pleasure of attending Commander and Leadership School in Austin last month along with Ken Jones. Not only was I informed of what I was doing right, I also found out things I was doing wrong. I will embellish on what I have been doing right at the next Executive Committee Meeting but will refrain on what I was doing wrong since, as you all know, I am

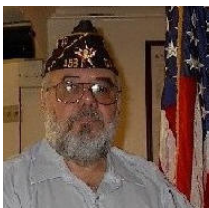
perfect.

Two Legion offices are open at this time: 2nd Vice Commander and Historian. We will fill these offices at our Feb. 5 meeting. If you are interested in either of these positions, please let us know.

I hope everyone had a great year in 2012 and a better one to come in 2013. Thank you everyone for being a part of American Legion Post 453.

Charlie Peoples
Commander Post 453

From the 1st Vice



Well here we are at the start of 2013. I hope that the holidays have been good for all of you and your families. As of Dec. 14 we are at 76% on membership for the 2012 - 2013 year. Our Post has 303 members who have renewed their membership and 21 new members have joined us.

The 2012 Membership cards expire Dec. 31 and if you are not 100% sure you have renewed, please

check the date on your card. We have 92 members who still need to renew their membership for the 2013 year. By doing this small thing we form a "Veteran's Block of Strength" that our Legion National Commander can take to Congress and the White House when we lobby for the Veterans and their families.

Do the right thing... Stand up and be counted and renew your membership.

For God and Country,
Bill Freauff

From the Finance Officer

We have lots of Post improvements coming up after the first of the year. We will be taking care of our termite infestation first. This will require closing the front room for a short time.

Plans are also being made to replace the floor in the front room and canteen with stained cement floors. If anyone has knowledge in this area, your expertise would be appreciated.

We will also be replacing the ceiling tiles in the canteen. Can't wait to see how it all looks when it's finished.

Thanks for all your support and participation.

Trish Madera

From the Service Officer



Have you registered at the VA? You can help other veterans by registering, whether you use VA services or not, by adding to the number of registered veterans in the DFW area. This helps with VA funding, which is based on the number of veterans they may need to serve, not just the number they actually serve.

The process is simple. Go to the VA at 4500 Lancaster Rd., enter through the main entrance, turn left and follow the hall past the ER. On the right there are nine booths. Booth 2 is the registration/means test desk.

Donald Harrison



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Sick Call

Norm Blumenberg
Tammy Willis
T-Dawg
Kaye Rice
Don Burris
Darlene Mars

Taps

Zeke Kinslow
Paul Letot
Sheila Ludston (Mrs. To)

Coming Up

January:

Cotton Bowl Jan. 4 at 7

Pajama Party (date to be announced)

February:

Super Bowl Feb. 3.

Valentine's Dinner
(details to be announced)

Mardi Gras Party
Shrimp & Crawfish Boil,
Beads, Music, March 8

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From the Auxiliary



all we have.

We had a fun-filled night at the VA Carnival & enjoyed our veterans at the VA Hospital and thanked them all for their service. We entertained and fed our VA patients from the hospital. Great job Tammy & all our helpers.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was a great success, good food and lots of it. A big thank you for everyone

2013 WOW!
Happy New year to all!
2012 has been a very successful year.
Be thankful for

who participated and helped in the kitchen.

Joann pulled off another fun holiday party with our witch's gift exchange. Thank you, Joann, for another job well done. We also did Toys for Tots again this year. A big thank you to Darlene and crew for your work.

We are in dire need of cooks on Friday nights and Sunday breakfasts. We only cook every fourth week. Newbees, please volunteer and we will get you plenty of help to show you the ropes in the kitchen. It will be fun and rewarding. Just contact me or any of our Auxiliary officers. Re-

member, your Auxiliary dues for 2013 are \$27 and should be paid by 12/31/2012. If not paid by then, your canteen privileges will be denied.

Our meetings are every second Wednesday, hope to see you there. God bless us all! Should you have any questions or concerns, my email address is deecotten@hotmail.com. Hope to see you all soon and keep up the positive attitude & good work.

Until next time,

Dee Cotton

Unit 453 President



From the SAL



as always. We have a lot of new members that have joined so let's

By the time everyone gets this newsletter, 2012 will be behind us. It has been a tough year, but SAL will prevail

plan a get-together for the first part of this year so we can all get to know each other and welcome the new ones aboard. Everyone plan on attending our meeting on Jan. 10 to help plan that and our functions for the first part of the year. As always, we still need cooks for Fridays and Sundays.

A benefit will be held on Jan. 19 for the hospice that cared for Bro

To's wife, Sheila. The Riders will be doing a ride, silent auction and food for sale.

Let's not forget Norm who is making progress after a serious motorcycle accident.

Let's make this a prosperous year for SAL!

For God and Country,

Les Jackson

SAL Commander

From the Riders



This past couple of months have been interesting, to say the least. We went to the Army Reserve Center on Dec. 1 to deliver canned goods. There was enough to fill the pantries of nine families. We also had a great lunch before riding back to the Post. Several riders went to Fort Worth for the Snowball Express on Dec 2. On Jan. 19, the Riders

will host a benefit for Faith Presbyterian Hospice at the Post. This is the hospice that helped care for Sheila (Brother To's wife). Brother To will be coordinating the ride and other fund-raising activities for this benefit.

Because of job responsibilities, both Carol and Steve Suazo have found it impossible to fulfill their duties as officers of

the Riders. Both have resigned. We will be accepting nominations to fill the offices of Director and Sergeant-at-Arms on Jan. 2, with elections on Feb. 6.

Don Harrison

Acting Riders Director

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January 2013

Coming in January... PAJAMA PARTY!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Dec. 31 Happy New Year!!	1 New Year's Day Party Legion Meeting	2 Riders Meeting	3	4 Karaoke Legion Cooks Cotton Bowl	5 Oratorical Contest Karaoke
6 Breakfast by Legion	7	8	9 Aux. Meeting	10 SAL Meeting	11 Karaoke Riders Coo	12 Marines 1300 Karaoke
13 Breakfast by Riders	14	15 Legion E-Board	16	17	18 Karaoke SAL Cooks DEC Austin all weekend	19 Karaoke BENEFIT in Memory of Sheila Ludston
20 SAL Breakfast	21 MLK Day	22	23	24	25 Karaoke Aux. Cooks	26 Karaoke
27 Aux. Breakfast	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1 Legion Cooks Karaoke	Feb 2 Karaoke

February 2013

Super Bowl Feb. 3....Mardi Gras Party Feb 8...
Valentine's Dinner (details to come)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Legion Breakfast Super Bowl Fun!	4	5 Legion Meeting	6 Riders Meeting	7	8 Karaoke Mardi Gras Party!!!	9 Marines 1300 Karaoke
10 Breakfast by Riders	11	12	13 Aux. Meeting	14 SAL Meeting 	15 Karaoke SAL Cooks	16 Karaoke
17 SAL Breakfast	18	19 Legion E-Board	20	21	22 Karaoke Aux. Cooks	23 Karaoke
24 Aux. Breakfast	25	26	27	28	March 1 Legion Cooks Karaoke	March 2 Karaoke

From the V A & R Chairman

Dec. 1 we were able to deliver 41 turkeys to feed our homeless Veterans. There were a lot of people involved in making this possible. **Donna** was our biggest cheerleader. Tammy & I would also like to thank **A.J. Fischbach, Dennis and Sandy, Sandra Winchester, Otis & Diane, Marty & Susie, Robert Watts, Larry (Spot), Coach Wren, CeCe Dyar** & family and all those who gave a donation, as they were beating the drum for our cause. And to anyone we left out, you know who you are, and we thank you.

The Riders had another event that same day but a bunch of them showed up with a turkey and that pushed us over the hump of 40 to meet our goal.

On Dec 30, we are having an end of year party for the patients along with games and gift bags for cancer ward patients.

All year long Tammy takes your donated



items to the VA, along with WalMart gift cards, movies, coffee, cream & sugar. She has taken several thousand dollars worth out there and represented the Post, SAL and Unit 453 very well. She has also attended the bake sales and participated in the National Salute to Veterans Week for the last 4 or 5 years.

Keep the support coming to our heroes in uniform. Hope everyone is blessed with good health and cheer. We are blessed with good friends. Thank you all.

*Your V A & R Chairman
Tammy & James Willis*

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