



Love Field Gazette

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From the Commander



ELECTION DATES

March 5: General Legion Meeting. It will be announced that elections will be held at the general meeting on May 7.

On or before the 3rd Wednesday of March: A

nominating sheet shall be posted for the purpose of nominating Post 453 officer candidates.

April 2: General Legion Meeting. Second announcement that elections will be held on May 7.

No later than the day before the general meeting in May: The Adjutant will verify the eligibility and willingness to serve of all candidates and make up ballots for the election. Nominations for any office

can also be made from the floor on May 7. Prior to this meeting, the Commander will make arrangements for neutral parties to conduct the election.

May 7: General Elections will be held and I will be seeking re-election as Commander of Post 453.

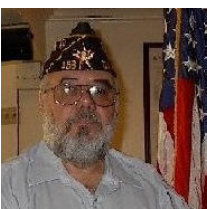
As most of you have seen, we are in the process of tearing out the wall in the front room and what a mess.

I almost found a level spot but I was wrong. I would like to thank John Zaro and Floyd Simpson for all their labor in this project.

The 5th District will hold its Spring Convention meeting here on April 6.

Charlie Peoples
Commander Post 453

From the 1st Vice



Legionnaires, I would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership for 2013. Your membership and support of The American Legion is important and critical to our programs for Vet-

erans and Children and Youth. Our Post is currently in 6th place for membership in the 5th District.

We are at 89% and have 24 new members so far this year. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. We are working to reach out to the remaining members who have not renewed their membership to encourage each and everyone to renew. We do not have valid contact information for some and perhaps they have moved.

If you do move, please notify the Post so that we can submit your new address to keep your newsletters and Legion magazines arriving in your mail box.

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the distribution of 7,277 cases of Girls Scout cookies last month.

Bill Freau
1st Vice, Membership

From the Riders



March will be a busy month for the Riders. March 2 we are having a benefit fundraiser and memorial for **Norm Blumenberg**, who passed away last month.

Our meetings have shifted to the first Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. At the March 3 meeting we will have a special election for Director as Carolyn resigned due to increased duties in teaching. We will have our annual election at the general meeting in May. Nominations will be made at the April meeting.

On March 30, we will be riding to Elm Mott Post 121 on the first 5th District ride. This is Post 121's grand opening and they are raising funds for Waco VA PTSD center and the Riders Legacy Run.

Speaking of the Legacy Run, those who want to ride all or part of the Run can register at <https://www.legion.org/riders/registration>.

While all the details are not yet firm, we are planning at least one ride per month for the remainder of the year and one post swap meet in June.

Don Harrison
Acting Riders Director



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Sick Call

Tammy Willis

Taps

Norm Blumenberg
Genevieve Kimber

Benefit

American Legion Riders and Family of 453 are hosting a benefit for fallen Rider

Norm Blumenberg
Saturday March 2

Starts w. Ride - KSU 11 a.m.

Vendor booths, cake walk (cakes needed), silent auction (items needed), 50/50 drawing, hot dogs & burgers!

From the Auxiliary



What an awesome sisterhood our Auxiliary is! We've already had several big events in

2013. Mardi Gras was a great success. **Shirley Jean** & crew have done a super job on the donations for the female veterans at the VA hospital. Shirley wants to thank all who donated items and money.

Cindy Freauff and crew distributed 7,277 cases of Girl Scout cookies, a great fundraising success once again. Thanks to all who were able to help.

Tammy Willis reports that the bake sale at the VA is on March 27. Donations will be appreciated.

Norm Blumenberg will be missed by all of us. On March 2, we will have a fundraiser at our Post and are asking for donations of silent auction items and cakes for the cake walk. A memorial service for Norm will be held at the Irving Elks Lodge on March 10 at 2 p.m.

Our membership is at 91.78%. If you know anyone who has not renewed, give them a call as a friendly reminder. We are pushing for that 100%. Great job, **Janey!**

I am saddened to say one of our longtime members, **Genevieve Kimber**, passed on and will be dearly missed. Hug several of your sisters today!

Our meetings are every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Auxiliary elections are coming up in May. Come out and join us! God bless us all.

Should you have any questions or concerns, my email address is deecotten@hotmail.com.

Until next time,
Dee Cotton
Unit 453 President



50s & 60s Prom Night

Sat. April 27

8 p.m. til 1 a.m.

Dance to classic tunes from 1951-1970

DJ Leo Thunderhorse
Includes snacks, 5x7 photo.
Dress up (no jeans/sneakers)
Advance tickets \$15 (single),
\$25 (couple). At the Door
\$20 (single) \$30 (couple)

From the SAL



At the general meeting in March, it will be announced that elections will be held at the general meeting in

May. A nominating sheet shall be posted on or before the third

Wednesday of March for the purpose of nominating Post 453 SAL officer candidates. At the general meeting in April, it will be announced that elections will be held at the general meeting in May. No later than the day before the general meeting in May, the Adjutant will verify the eligibility and willingness to serve of all candidates and make up ballots for

the election. Nominations for any office can be made from the floor. Prior to this meeting the Commander will make arrangements for neutral parties to conduct the election.

For God and Country,
Les Jackson
SAL Commander

Cookies and more cookies!

I would like to thank all who helped with the Girl Scout Cookie Distribution this year.

Saturday was cold as the dickens but we made it through. Sunday we were blessed with wonderful weather. Working from a warehouse is wonderful! We pulled 7,277 cases of cookies.

Thanks for all your hard work!

Til next February,
Cindy Freauff
Girl Scout Cookie Chairperson



Volunteers from 453 raise money each year working at the Girl Scout cookie distribution dock. It's hard work but somebody's got to do it.



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St. Patty's Day Party

**SUNDAY
MARCH 17**

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		\$1 Draft every Tuesday Night!			1 Legion Dinner Karaoke	2 Benefit for Norm Karaoke
3 Legion B'fast Riders Meeting 1 p.m.	4	5 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8 Riders Dinner Karaoke	9 Karaoke <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>
10 Riders Break-fast 10-noon	11	12	13 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	14 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	15 SAL Dinner Karaoke	16 Karaoke
17 B'fast at 10 St. Patrick's Day Party 	18	19 Legion Exec. Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Aux. Dinner Karaoke	23 Karaoke
24 Aux. B'fast 10-noon	25	26	27 VA Bake Sale	28	29 Legion Dinner	30 Karaoke

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/31 Legion B'fast 10-noon <i>EASTER</i>	1	2 Legion Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Riders Dinner Karaoke	6 5th District Spring Conv. at 453
7 Riders B'fast Riders Meeting 1 p.m.	8	9	10 Aux. Meeting 7 p.m.	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	12 SAL Dinner Karaoke	13 Marines @ 1300 Karaoke
14 SAL B'fast 10 to noon	15	16 Legion Exec. Meeting 7 p.m.	17	18	19 Aux. Dinner Karaoke	20 Karaoke
21 Aux. B'fast 10 to noon	22	23	24	25	26 Legion Dinner Karaoke	27 50s & 60s Prom Night at Post 453 - Get Your Tickets Early!
28 Legion B'fast	29	30				

From the Service Officer



What a couple of months this has been. Strong suggestion to all Legion family members: Take the LEAD training courses. LEAD is an acronym for Leadership Education And Development. I went to DEC in Austin and took 10 hours of training related to Riders, meetings, finance, Post operations and VA enrollment and Priorities. There will be more training in the future. It amazed

me how much "we have always done it this way" has been the wrong way.

Donald Harrison



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