



# Love Field Gazette

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

**May 2015**

## Legion

**Commander** Charlie Peoples

**1st Vice** Bob Kaminski

**2nd Vice** Francis "Stoney"  
Stone

**Adjutant** Bobby Vandenbush

**Service Officer** Loyd Pearson

**Finance Officer**

**Sgt. at Arms** Jim McClendon

**Chaplain** Ed Kownslar

**Judge Adv.** Sam Underwood

**House Committee**

**Chairman** Dennis Brisbon

**Executive Committee** Bob  
Elkins, Del Martin, Rollin

MacDuffie, Frank Roberson

## S.A.L.

**Commander** Tom Arista

**1st Vice** Michael Paul Melgoza

**Finance Officer** Rob Guerra

**Sgt. at Arms** Dennis Brisbon

**Adjutant** Bob Kaminski

**Chaplain**

**Judge Adv.** Sam Underwood

**Historian** David Perez

**Advisor** Bill Freauff

## Auxiliary

**President** Janice Velasco

**1st Vice** Norma Cavazos

**2nd Vice** Joann Sciortino

**Treasurer** Sharon Shumate

**Secretary** Barb Black

**Chaplain** Peggy Roberson

**Historian** Patricia Moore

**Sgt. at Arms** Margaret  
Castilleja

**Executive Committee** Shirley  
Gray, Donna Harrell, 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

## Elections, Installation, Memorial Day & more



May is a very busy month at Post 453. Elections take place during the first two weeks of the month and, in some cases, this means new officers will be in place. For this reason, it was de-

cided to do an abbreviated version of our bi-monthly newsletter. Once our new officers have their plans in place, we will continue the regular Love Field Gazette. Here's a quick overview of the month.

### ELECTIONS:

Sun 5/3 - Legion Riders Elections

Tue 5/5 - Legion Elections, 7 p.m.

Wed 5/13 - Auxiliary Elections, 7 p.m.

Thur 5/14 - SAL Elections, 7 p.m.

Sat 5/16 - Installation of Officers, 6 p.m.

Steak Dinner to Follow!

### FUN STUFF:

Tue 5/5 - CINCO DE MAYO Party starts around 5 p.m. with Mexican food, Margarita Specials & more.

Bring a dish to share

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED:

Mon 5/25 - Flags will be placed on graves of 453

## Congratulations to new slate of 5th District Officers

You may recognize some of the newly elected District Officers:

5th District Legion Commander -  
Charlie Peoples

5th District SAL Commander -  
Tom Arista

5th District Auxiliary President -  
Janey Barrett

5th District Chaplain - Ed Kownslar



members at Restland and Forest Lawn. There will also be a ceremony at the National Cemetery.

### AND MORE:

Sat 5/9 - Division I Convention in Plano

Wed 5/13 - Patients Day Out. Volunteers needed at the Post to help serve patients.

Sun 5/17 - Run for the Wall stop in Terrell

## From the Legion Riders



Elections for Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and Legion Riders officers for the 2015/2016 year will be held during their regular May meetings with the new officers being installed at a

joint ceremony on Saturday, May 16. Please come out and show your support for your new officers by attending the installation ceremony.

Our Legion Rider family continues to grow with 9 new members voted in at our April meeting. It's my pleasure to introduce our newest members; Patricia Moore, James Gibbs, Phil Young, Troy Hartog, Laura Ramirez, Ronald Ramirez, Kelly Teafatiller, Jimmy Teafatiller, and Tom Chalmers. James Gibbs is one of our Charter Members renewing his Legion membership. Membership now stands at 29 Legion Riders and 21 Legion Rider Supporters.

By the time this newsletter is published, our partici-



pation in the North Dallas High School Car Show (above) will be history. We're proud to have been asked to assist the North Dallas HS JROTC cadets with the opening ceremonies. The good folks at North Dallas HS posted a wonderful article about our Rider group on their website. View the article at <http://ndhsbulldogathletics.com/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Riders Election	4	5 Legion Elections 7 p.m.  <i>Cinco de Mayo Party</i>	6	7	8 SAL Dinner  <i>Karaoke</i>	9  <i>Karaoke</i>
10 Breakfast by SAL (10-noon) Mother's Day Lunch	11	12	13 VA Patients Day Out - 10-1  Aux. Elections 7 p.m.	14 SAL Elections 7 p.m.	15 Aux Dinner  <i>Karaoke</i>	16 Karaoke  Installation of Officers & Steak Dinner
17 Aux. Breakfast	18	19 Legion Executive Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Legion Dinner  <i>Karaoke</i>	23  <i>Karaoke</i>
24 Legion Breakfast	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29 Riders Dinner  <i>Karaoke</i>	30  <i>Karaoke</i>
31 Riders Breakfast						

## From the Riders

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On April 11, we held an Easter Egg Hunt at the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) for the children of our at-need veteran families. While the turn-out could have been better, the kids that did attend enjoyed filling their basket with loads of colorful eggs hidden around the VRC campus. Thanks to the many Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Rider members from Posts 453, 424, and 111 that assisted with this event. An additional thank you to Jackie Scott and the Lost Boys for their generous contribution of money and candy. All

told, we donated about \$2,000 in cash, candy, and food to the Veterans Resource Center.

We'll be hosting this year's Run for the Wall stop in Terrell on Sunday, May 17. We need help in preparing the sandwiches the night of May 16 and help in staffing the booth on Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet the hundreds of riders heading to Washington DC to honor our fallen brothers and sisters this Memorial Day.

In keeping with the tradition, we will honor our veterans buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery by placing flags on their graves on Memorial Day. We'll meet at the post and ride as a group to the cemetery. KSU at 9:30 AM.

The American Legion Riders of Post 121 will be hosting the 6th Annual ALR State Rally June 5 through June 7 in Elm Mott, Texas. Additional details on this event can be found on the 5th District site under News and Events/Upcoming Events.

*A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.*

– Winston Churchill.

Bobby Vandenbush, Director  
American Legion Riders  
Love Field Post 453

