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From the Commander



I am very happy to serve again as your Post 453 Commander. I think we have a good slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year and I am looking forward to working with all the Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and SAL officers and members in the coming months.

You may notice we've made a change starting with this newsletter. We're now publishing bi-monthly. In this issue, you'll find a two-month calendar with activities for September and October. Our next newsletter will go out in November, covering November and December.

I'd like to welcome all the new members who have joined the Post this summer. Also, a big thanks goes out to all our returning members who continue to support us.

This month at the Post we will observe POW/MIA recognition day on Sept. 16.

We have some big events coming up in the next two months, including the Luau on Oct. 1.

We have also added Saturday night karaoke. So, I hope you will make plans to come down and enjoy your Post.

For God and Country

Bob Cobey

Chaplain's Corner



September will mark the 10th anniversary of the al-Qaeda

attacks on our country. Since that time the U.S. has been at war. Al-Qaeda would like to make this a "holy war" (an oxymoron if there ever was one); some in this country would also try and focus on Islam as the enemy. Al-Qaeda has called for more attacks to commemorate 9/11.

I believe we would do better and it would be much holier to remember the families of those killed 10 years ago; remember the heroes who ran toward the doomed towers as thousands escaped; remember those who fought directly against the killers above the skies of Pennsylvania; remember,

especially, the fallen service members who have died around the world since then.

We honor their lives most by recognizing that most of our service people do not die for religion; they don't die for conquest; they don't die for an ideology. They die to protect their comrades next to them; they die out of love and service to their brothers and sisters.

Not many of us at this stage of life are put in a position to risk our lives. We do not have to give all. But to truly commemorate 9/11: Let's pray for those who wish us ill. Let's give more of ourselves in service to our community. Let's pay more attention to the health and welfare of our brothers and sisters. Let's roll.

For God and Country,

Ed Kownslar

From the Adjutant's Desk

Renewal time is upon us once again. Please keep in mind that you may get second and third reminder notices in the mail even though you have paid your dues.

What happens is there is a time delay between Post and National. We (Post 453) keep \$5 of your dues to cover administrative costs. The rest goes to Department in Austin, who then sends it on to National in Indianapolis for processing. Second and third notices go out automatically because of the lapse of time. Please ignore these notices if you have paid.

We will return duplicate check payments, but sometimes one gets through.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Bob Kaminski

Post Adjutant



**POW-MIA
Recognition Day
Sept 16**

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Sick Call

Jim Robinson
Jim Johnson
Tammy Willis

'50s Sock Hop

Friday,
Sept. 16



Prize for
Best '50s
Costume
Drink Specials, Contests,
Karaoke by Lisa (Bad Girls)

Post Web site

Be sure and check the Post Web site www.al453.org for updates and news about the Post. Now that we've changed to a bi-monthly newsletter, it's a given that you'll get the latest info online. Thanks to **Michael Christy**, our Post hubmaster.

From the Auxiliary



I would like to thank you ladies for electing me as your new Unit President.

Our 1st Vice **Dee Cotten** is busy sending in memberships for us. Thanks to all who have signed up new members and all who have renewed their dues.

Early Bird Membership dues are \$23. We will have a drawing on Nov. 11 for all who paid their dues early. We will draw two names and the winners will have the option to have their dues paid next year or receive a gift certificate.

On Aug. 5, I did a meatloaf dinner. I want to thank everyone who helped with the dinner and everyone who donated to help make it a successful Friday cook night.

Our **LUAU** is Oct. 1. We need volunteers to help. Remember,

LUAU

Saturday Oct. 1

Crazy Games, Door Prizes,

Luau Feast, Cake Walk

SAL Tiki Bar &

Paint Ball!

Come early & stay late!

this is our big fundraiser of the year. We need cakes, cookies, etc. for the cake walk, side dishes for the Luau dinner, and we need door prizes. The donation letters will be at the Post in my mailbox.

Our main Luau event this year is Paint Ball. Come out to see what Joann has cooked up for us. We'll also have the chicken drop, horse races, etc.

The **VA Patients Day Out** in July was great thanks to everyone. The guy and gals really love the hospitality we have here at Post 453.

On Friday, Sept. 2, I'm cooking hamburgers with fries, and Sunday the 4th Joann is cooking her famous trash omelets for breakfast. I know it's **Labor Day weekend** but, if you get time, drop in for hamburgers and come in Sunday for breakfast.

We will be doing our annual **LUAU Run** on Sept. 10. We will meet at the Post at 12:30 and leave at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. We will be going to Post 81, Post 424 and who knows where else we will end up.

Oct. 8 is our big **Texas-OU** game party. Cannot wait to see you there. **GO Sooners!** [Editor's note: Hook 'Em Horns]

Darlene Mars,
Auxiliary President

From the Riders



It's been a successful summer for the ALR! With any luck the heat will back down

a bit and we can get a few more miles behind us. Our summer Fun Run in June was terrific! The meals we cooked in July may have worn us out, but they were well received. Coming up we have several rides/events:

Sept 10: We will ride to the USO Benefit that the CVMA is hosting.

Sept 17: We need ALL RIDERS' AND SUPPORTERS' help with

our community service project, as we help a widow with a bit of painting and remodeling/maintenance around her house.

Sept 18: The 5th District meeting is at Post 111 and the ALR portion begins at 1300 HRS.

In October, the District is backing a benefit for an ex Ma-

rine/Police Officer who was injured in the line of duty and can no longer work. We will have a part in the planning and execution of this event as well.

"Brother To" is planning a couple more rides for us as well, so keep an eye on our board by the back door of the Canteen for more info as it is finalized.


CALLING ALL RIDERS AND SUPPORTERS:

Sell more raffle tickets!!! Nov. 1 is coming up on us fast, and we need this to be a success! Just think of all the good we can do for our military family!

For Vets & Country,
Hermanator

No 1750	<p>Grand Prize \$15,000 towards a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and/or accessories at Longhorn Harley-Davidson!</p> <p>Proceeds to benefit Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Families of both through the programs of American Legion Riders Love Field Post 453.</p> <p>Tickets only \$20 each</p> <p>Drawing to be held November 1st, 2011 or when 2,000 tickets are sold, whichever comes first. Grand Prize not to exceed the dollar amount of tickets sold.</p>	No 1750	
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____	CITY _____	PHONE _____

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Yancey E-board	2 Burgers & Fries by Darlene Karaoke: Bad Girls	3 Party for Chris starts at noon Karaoke: Sherry K.
4 Joann's cookin' omelets 10-noon Riders meet at 12	5 <i>Labor Day Fun!</i>	6 Legion meets at 7 p.m.	7	8 SAL meets at 7 p.m.	9 SAL cooks Karaoke: Papa Joe	10 Yancey Marines 1300 <i>Luau Run 1 p.m.</i> Karaoke: Sherry K.
11 Breakfast by SAL 10-noon <i>Greet the Troops</i>	12	13	14 Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m.	15	16 Legion cooks Bad Girls  '50s Sock Hop!	17 Karaoke: Sherry K.
18 Breakfast by Legion 10-noon <i>Dist. Meeting Post 111</i>	19	20 Legion E-Board meets at 7 p.m.	21	22	23 Riders cook Karaoke: Papa Joe	24 Karaoke: Sherry K.
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October 2011

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23 Breakfast by Riders 10-noon	24	25	26	27 	28 Aux. cooks Karaoke: Bad Girls	29 Karaoke: Sherry K. <i>5th Dist. Fall Conv. Post 511</i>
30 Breakfast by SAL 10-noon	31					

Auxiliary member takes on Chemo Bag Project

When she's not working on Pocket Prayers for the troops, Auxiliary member Cindy Freauff is hard at work on the "Chemo Bag Project." The handmade Chemo Bags are donated to the VA Hospital chemo ward.

"This is a bag that the patients can take to and from their chemo treatments. Several other organizations help to fill these bags with blankets, books, snack and hats.... comfort items. Our Auxiliary Unit has made more than 558 bags to date and the sewing machines keep on going," Cindy tells us.



Cindy shows some of the unique Chemo Bags she makes for VA cancer patients.

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