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"Still Serving America"

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From the Commander . . .

100% Annual Membership Goal for 2012 Reached! National Commander Fang Wong issued a Certificate of Appreciation to Post 313, recognizing our achieving our full membership goal. We send great thanks especially to Cecil Green and Bob Means who worked hard to insure that we would reach this goal. This is a testament to the support of all the membership for American Legion Post 313 and thus to our veterans; it is a good example of our "Still Serving America."

Auxiliary Post 313. On May 8, Commander Gene Plocki installed Elena Bartley as the new President of



Auxiliary Post 313. It was an exciting moment because several new members have come forth to carry on the work of the Auxiliary. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Pauline Angleman for serving as President for the last twelve years and congratulate her on her retirement. It is a tribute to her devotion, loyalty, creativity, and generosity that Pauline leaves such a significant record of contribution to this Post. Many thanks go to Pauline from all the members for a job very well done. True to character, it's not really a retirement: Pauline was recently seen selling poppies.

2012 Dates to Remember

July 4: Pancake Breakfast Post 313, Chair: Boy Scouts

September 3: Free Picnic, Chairman needed

Oct 4: Pauline's Birthday Dinner, Chair: Auxiliary

Nov 11: Fisher House Dinner, Chairman: Bob Means

Sick Call. Jimmy Dukes, while visiting family in Alabama, suffered a stroke. He was briefly hospitalized there and then rushed to a hospital in Pensacola, Florida, where a neurosurgeon was able to stop the bleeding in his brain. His son Joe, an employee at Sonoma Hospital, flew to Florida to escort him to Marin General Hospital where he is under the care of Dr. Sperling. Jimmy's wife Peggy reports that he is in stable condition. He is under the watchful care of MGH and his family. Jimmy is a Marine and a great supporter of Post 313. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Boys' State Meeting in Santa Rosa. On Sunday, May 20, Jack Dennis and Gene Plocki drove to the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Hall to attend a District 5 meeting for Boys' State Sacramento 2012. After lunch, a dynamic speaker thoroughly described the program and its expectations. Alexander Ehrenberg, the student this post is sponsoring, is very happy to attend and his parents are thrilled. Alex's maternal grandfather, James Ellis, is a major general in the Army; he graduated from West Point as an engineer. He is a retired 30 year veteran now living in the Oakland Hills.



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Flag Lecture. On May 24, 2012, Cecil Green and Gene Plocki presented a lecture about the American flag to the

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Sons of The American Legion

(A squadron is forming)

Commander Position Vacant

June 2012

3	10 am	2 pm	District 5 Mtg. in Petaluma
4	9 am	10 am	Coffee
4	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
12	7:30 pm	9 pm	July 4 Pancake Breakfast Mtg. (Club Room)
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17			Father's Day
18	9 am	10 am	Coffee
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)

July 2012

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
2	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting Cancelled
3	9 am	12 noon	Pancake Breakfast Setup/Coffee
4	8 am		Independence Day Pancake Breakfast (Hall, Bar, Club Room, City & Club Room Pkg Lots)
5	9 am	12 noon	Pancake Breakfast Cleanup/Coffee & Doughnuts
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee

For Calendar updates, see the club
room bulletin board & the post
website: <http://americanlegion313.org>

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Second Grade Class at St. Patrick's School in Larkspur.



Cecil has a special gift for bringing history alive. Wearing a tri-cornered Revolutionary hat, he tells the rapt students the story of the Revolution and the flag that was created at that time. Continuing the

history of our flag, he employs the Socratic manner, engaging the children in questions: they respond most enthusiastically. The presentation concluded with distribution of flags and rulers illustrated with photos of all the United States Presidents. This program is very well received by schools. Members are invited to join us in a very worthwhile, satisfying, and fun-filled activity.

Memorial Day. An extensive program honoring those who have died in the service of our country was presented at the Civic Center Auditorium Monday, May 28, with ceremonies, music, and an address by Colonel Jeffrey W. Magram. We moved outside for a wreath service, a presentation of a French Legion of Honor Award, a military vehicle display, and a very special presentation.



Jim Clark, a retired Captain of the Larkspur Fire Department, member of the Marin County Search and Rescue Team, and a frequent volunteer in areas of the world devas-

tated by severe catastrophes (like the Indonesian tsunami and the Haitian earthquake), some years ago noticed that the name of a family friend was missing from the Marin County World War II Memorial. He was Ross resident Marine Private Harvey Irvin Long, who lost his life at the Tarawa Atoll on November 20, 1943. Jim brought this omission to the attention of the Veterans Council, who added his name to the Memorial. Jim was very happy to speak about Private Long and to present a wreath in his honor. Coffee and doughnuts were served to all following the ceremonies.



Pauline Angleman, Donna Ford & Elena Bartley taking a break after the Civic Center Memorial Day Program.

That afternoon, Post 179 **hosted** a free lunch at the Log Cabin in San Anselmo.

Larkspur Festival.

Our Veterans' Bar was open during the Larkspur Food & Flower Festival on Sunday, May 27. Enjoying the afternoon are Post member Bill Brennen and Festival chairperson Joanie Connors. Joanie is a Post tenant and owner of Joanie's on Magnolia.



Memorial Day Reflections in a Poem

*He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies,
They were heroes every one.
And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a soldier died today.*

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60th Annual Independence Day

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wednesday, July 4th
8 am Flag Raising Ceremony
8:30 - 11 am Breakfast

(Pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee, OJ & milk)

Adults \$8 Children \$5
Gin Fizzes (Famous 1928 Legion Recipe) \$3

Corner of Ward & Magnolia
Downtown Larkspur
In the parking lot across from the Left Bank

Proceeds go to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts & Little League

Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

Members of the Unit have closed the 2011—2012 Auxiliary year with a high degree of performance in Auxiliary mandated programs and community services.

Poppies made by hospitalized veterans have been distributed to the general public during Poppy Days in May.

A Memorial Wreath was presented at the Civic Center Memorial Day ceremonies by past president Pauline Angelman. Veterans of all wars were honored in this annual observance.

For the Twin Cities July 4th Parade, Pauline will ride the Auxiliary's patriotic float entry (with the newest in her hat collection of course).

New officers have been elected and installed for the Auxiliary ensuing year getting underway in September.

The Auxiliary's June 12 luncheon meeting will honor Pauline on her commendable service as President of the Unit during twelve continuous years. Do join us.