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From the Commander . . .

July 4 Pancake Breakfast. This annual event is our major fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Little League. Everyone should plan to attend and bring the whole family and friends to support this worthwhile and most enjoyable community event. Have a great breakfast, enjoy the parade and say hello to Gene Plocki. I'll be there somewhere and would be happy to see you.

Free Picnic September 3. We need a chairman for this event. Last year we had a nice turnout and we hope to do even better this year. See Gene Plocki.

Heroism on Mount Tam. Pat Williams was working at the West Point Inn on the mountain on Sunday and as he was standing on the deck, a bicycle rider yelled up to him that a man was in trouble below him. The man was walking down from the Mountain Play on the trail. Pat grabbed his five minuet bag (has medical supplies) and the New AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) that they had just purchased and ran down to him. He found a gentleman slumped over the table without a pulse and cyanotic (turning blue) so he started CPR and then hooked up the AED and proceeded to give a series of three shocks. On the third shock the man came around and started breathing on his own and had a pulse. He had someone call 911 when he started, and Southern Marin Fire arrived on scene and transported him to the ER. Pat went to visit him later on in the hospital where he was recovering.

Sick Call Update. Jimmy Dukes has recovered from the stroke he suffered when traveling in Alabama two months ago.

Post Tip Jar Supports Our Troops" -Will Kaefer, Financial Officer/Property Mgmt.

The Bar events promoted by Third Vice Tad Craig have resulted in a healthy Bar Tip Jar in the amount of \$215.85. Periodically this money is forwarded to the Post Auxiliary who uses the funds to purchases items for

their "Support Our Troops" boxes. When you are enjoying one of our functions, remember our Troops overseas and drop a good tip in the jar for them.

Post Members Continue to Serve... Eric Zarko is Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 43 and this year's Pancake Breakfast Chairman. Eric, husband of Sarah Jane and father of Caleb and Elizabeth, participates in weekly meetings and monthly camping trips, teaches both outdoor and emergency skills, and, as webmaster, built and maintains the Troop website and mailing list. He participates in Boy Scout community service projects such as Scouting for Food and Coastal Clean Up. He teaches Merit Badge classes in technology and emergency preparedness. This year he is the Pancake Breakfast Chairman. He and his fellow Scouts will be canoeing for nine days in the boundary waters of Minnesota and Canada as part of the High Adventure program. His goal with all of his work is to provide the framework for boys to become leaders.

During his military service, Eric served as an undesignated Airman aboard the *U.S.S. Guadalcanal, LPH-7* out of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1992 – 1993. As a member of the flight deck crew aboard this "Gator Freighter," he and the 750 other crewmen were tasked to deliver their 2,000 Marines where they were needed. Although he served during Operation Provide Comfort II, Eric did not see combat. Rather, he saw a great deal of the shipyards while his ship was retrofitted as well as the Atlantic and Caribbean for training exercises, during which he spent weeks working twenty hour shifts every day as the "lower operator," the only enlisted person in the primary flight control tower.

Veterans Bar Success - Bob Means, 1st Vice

Thanks to those members who stepped up to help make our recent bar events a success. Sunday 5/27, we opened as an adjunct to the annual Food and Flower Festival. Thursday 5/31 was an evening set aside for Veterans and guests.

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Sons of The American Legion

(A squadron is forming)

Commander Position Vacant

July 2012

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
2	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting Canceled
3	9 am	12 noon	Pancake Breakfast Setup/Coffee
4	8 am		Independence Day Pancake Breakfast (Hall, Bar, Club Room)
5	9 am	12 noon	Pancake Breakfast Cleanup/Coffee & Doughnuts
6	7:30 pm		Pancake Breakfast Critique (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	9 am	10am	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

August 2012

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee
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For Calendar updates, see the club
room bulletin board & the post
website: <http://americanlegion313.org>

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We all enjoyed seeing new and familiar faces. Further, we added some new Vets to our roster. I hope we will have even better participation from Post members in upcoming events. If you go to the Post website (www.americanlegion313.org) you can look all the way to year's end by selecting "calendar". Once there, you can look month by month.

I'll be looking for committee members for our annual Fisher Houser Dinner event in November, a most worthy cause. I'm hoping to bring forth something new to make this an even greater success than last year. Remember, spouses and those great, responsible kids of yours have a place in my volunteer corps.

In closing, as always, send me your thoughts on how to make our Post something we're all proud to be part of.

Enjoy Independence Day.
Think of its true meaning.
Stand as the Colors pass.

Post 313 Receives Plaque for Team Sponsorship.

We received a plaque as a thank you for Post 313's sponsorship of the Twin Cities Little League Major Giants. The team had a roster of twelve boys ranging in age from 10-12 and played 19 games during the regular season. The Giants placed 4th overall but were only one game away from 3rd place. Congratulations Giants!

American Legion Days in Yountville. The Yountville Veterans Home will be the setting for The American Legion Days July 28 & 29. The events, hosted by Veterans Home Post 306 and District 5, include tours hosted by 40&8 and American Legion Baseball Playoffs on Saturday topped off by a 7 pm tri-tip BBQ on the Picnic Grounds that evening. Tickets for the BBQ are \$15. Sunday events begin at 10 am with coffee & tea followed by a Flag Raising Ceremony at 10:45, a Memorial Service at 11, Lunch at noon and a Pie Eating Contest at 2 pm. For further information call John Aldridge at 707-208-5333.

Reduced Prices for Legion Members at Swing Concert. Pianist Rossano Sportiello heads up "An Evening of Swing", an American swing and stride music concert to be held at Dominican University (Angelico Hall) on Saturday, July 28 at 5 pm. Regular tickets are \$30, \$25 for Legion members. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/247740 or call 1-800-838-3006 ext 1. Use discount code: LEGION.

Eagle Scout Award. Congratulations to Troop 43's Daniel Geloso for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He is seen here receiving his medal at the annual Court of Honor Awards Ceremony. His family hosted a party in his honor in the Post 313 Hall on June 23.



Generous Donation Received. Post 313 recently received a check for \$500 from Chapter 547 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. It is with support like this that we are able to further our goal to help veterans and their families, educate our community's children, keep our community safe and lend a helping hand to those in need.



**A Special Invitation to Veterans of
American Legion Post 313
and the American Legion Auxiliary
and all Veterans**

**To a July 4th Potluck
after the Parade
at
26 Sycamore/Willow St. Park**

*Please join in with our neighborhood for
an old-fashion picnic.*

*Bring a dish to share and something to
drink if you don't want
water or soda.*

*Hot dogs and burgers
will be provided.*

Please RSVP (affirmatives only)

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60th Annual Independence Day

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 313



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wednesday, July 4th

7:45 am Flag Raising Ceremony

8 - 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

Get ready for the July 4th Parade. Summertime is here and it's time to play! Come see Marin Cpl. Russell Otto on his motorcycle with Pauline in the side-car representing Auxiliary #313.

Elena Bartley and Donna Ford will be marching with the Auxiliary Banner.

After vacation in July and August, our next business meeting is September 11 at 12 noon.

Our troop support of packages to soldiers in Afghanistan continues weekly with Barbara Fugate as the Chair.

Happy vacation to all our members.
Pauline

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