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From the Commander . . .

July 4, 2012 Pancake Breakfast. This traditional event, our gift to the community for many years, was a great success this year. We enjoyed one of the largest crowds ever with over 1100 meals served to the hungry crowd. Net proceeds of over \$7000 will be shared with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League.



Working the Grill



The Crowd Enjoyed Breakfast

We thank Eric Zarko for chairing this event as well as his committee of helpers including Ann Shoer, Dolores Litter, and Lisa Choy. Thank you to Bob Means for chairing the gin stand kept very busy that day with a record number of gin fizzes sold. We also thank Bob's support-

ing cast: Cecil Green, Jack Dennis, Helen Dennis, David Wean, and Julie. Thank you also to the over 100 volunteers who helped make this a fun-filled, productive, enjoyable event.

Boys' State 2012. Alex Ehrenberg spent one week in Sacramento experiencing the workings of the California government. Reporting that he learned a lot and was very happy to be part of this program, Alex returned full of enthusiasm and shared some of that spirit as he volunteered setting up chairs and mixing batter for the pancake breakfast. Thank you, Alex.



Alex very generously wrote us a letter describing his experiences at Boys' State. Since he is interested in going into the field of medicine or related health sciences, he campaigned there for the position of County Coroner, won the appointment, and consequently, held two positions at Boys State. As Coroner, he testified as an "expert witness" in a number of cases requiring a medical examiner.

In addition to the city, county, and state meetings, the delegates participated in athletics, the Boys State newspaper, and music. Alex's opportunity to play the trumpet – an instrument he has played for years – with the Boys' State band was a musical highlight. Hearing of his experience testifies to the wisdom of Post 313's continuing and even extending its support of Boys State delegates.

We will hear more from Alex as he addresses us at our August 6 meeting.

Post Everlasting. Larry Cott, a member of Post 313, passed away on Memorial Day. The youngest son of a Navy family, Larry was a copy boy for the *Examiner*, and a cadet plane spotter. He graduated early from high school to enlist in the Navy and join the rest of his family in serving their country. By the time he finished quarter-master school and received a ship assignment, the Japa-

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nese had surrendered. In the peacetime Navy, Larry served as a naval history instructor at Great Lakes and a reporter at the Bikini Atom Test. Later, he was assigned to the staff at Heidelberg, Germany. A medical condition kept him from re-enlisting in the Navy. We appreciate the time Larry spent with us and ask God's blessings on his family.

Jeanne Bacon, 14 year Post member, passed away on June 29. She was a frequent volunteer at Post activities over the years and will be missed by all. May God rest her soul and comfort her husband Stu and family.

Free Veterans' Picnic, September 3, 2012. All veterans and their guests are welcome at a free picnic at Post 313 from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. The first drink is free for veterans. From 9:30 to 11:30 that morning, the Legion will host a veterans' benefits information meeting in our hall. Sean Stephens, Marin County Veterans' Service Officer, will conduct the meeting. If you want to increase your knowledge of veterans' benefits or have specific questions, you will find his presentation very helpful. Following the meeting, serve yourself some lunch and take it to our wonderful porch where you can enjoy the beautiful view of Larkspur and Mount Tamalpais.

Post 313 Breakfast. Bill Brennen put on a very successful breakfast on July 18, enjoyed by all. He plans the next breakfast for August 15. See ad opposite.

District Meeting to be Held at Post 313. A District 5 meeting and lunch will be held at our Post June 1, 2013. Details to follow in subsequent issues. We must have a chairman for this event. See Gene Plocki if you can help.

Rent the Hall. All members are encouraged to promote the use of our hall. Those who've rented it for parties and meetings love it. It has all the amenities they need, the pricing is reasonable, and its location is one of the most convenient in Marin. The view from the very inviting porch is unmatched. Please help spread the word. See Gene Plocki for additional information.

First Vice Report - Bob Means

We are bringing aboard some fine new Veterans and hope to have an installation before summer's end. I hope to meet with those of you who I might have missed and find out your area(s) of expertise and interest. We all have something to contribute and if you are unable to get to the Post due to other obligations, there are still ways we can use your skills.

I'd like to open our Veterans Bar at least once per month for members and guests. Maybe a theme night featuring

each branch of the service, one at a time. I'd like to hear from you regarding your branch with an idea of what might work. Let's say the theme is U.S. Army. Of course all are welcome but the Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines get to tell their stories of how THEY actually won the war, etc. I hope you know what I mean. All in good spirit, of course.

Hey- if you missed our Wednesday breakfast, you might have gone hungry. Bill Brennan, Dan and Bob did a great job. Try getting this much grub for 5 bucks; there's another one scheduled for Aug 15. Finally, an unashamed plug for the Fisher House Dinner in Nov. We need raffle/silent auction items and if someone has a grand prize item/idea - pass it along. Last year's grand prize was a cruise for two aboard the Jeremiah O'Brian.

Pride in Your Post
 Want to show the world
 you're proud to have served?
 Go to emblem.legion.org
 Flags, clothing, hardware.
It's all there.

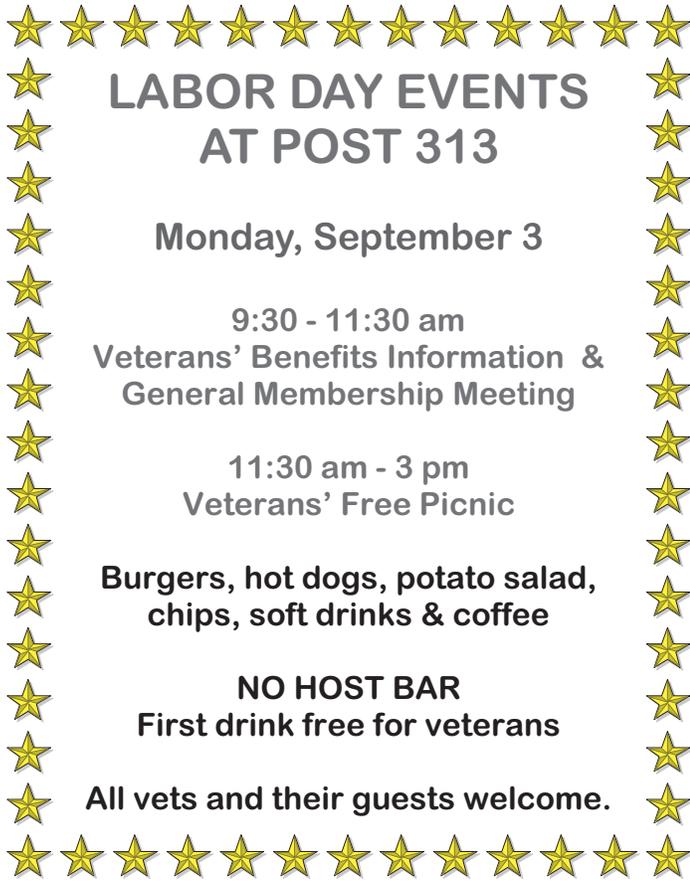
California Veteran's Resource Book. This is an excellent guide for all veterans and their families as it can assist in utilizing all your potential entitlements. This comprehensive guide can be viewed online at www.calvet.ca.gov/files/vetservices/veterans_resource_book.pdf. We have a single hard copy which will be maintained in the office and could be lent out as needed.

Military Career Expo. This military.com Career Expo will be held at the USS Hornet Museum, 707 West Hornet Avenue, Alameda on August 2, 10 am - 2 pm. Register in advance at military.com to receive a list of employers you can expect to meet.

POST 313 BREAKFAST
Wednesday, August 15
8:30 - 10 am in Club Room
\$5.00 (All you can eat!)
 Includes fruit juice, scrambled eggs with
 cheese, pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee.
 Reservation: signup in Club Room or call Bill
 Brennen, 415-927-0393 or leave message
 at 415-924-6283

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LABOR DAY EVENTS AT POST 313

Monday, September 3

9:30 - 11:30 am

Veterans' Benefits Information &
General Membership Meeting

11:30 am - 3 pm

Veterans' Free Picnic

Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad,
chips, soft drinks & coffee

NO HOST BAR

First drink free for veterans

All vets and their guests welcome.

Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

I would like to thank Auxiliary Unit 313 for welcoming me as their new president. Pauline may be small in stature but she has very big shoes to fill. Wish me luck!



Pauline Angleman & Elena Bartley

Save the Date: Pauline's 104th birthday celebration is set for Thursday, October 4, Post 313 Hall & Bar.