



## Monthly Times

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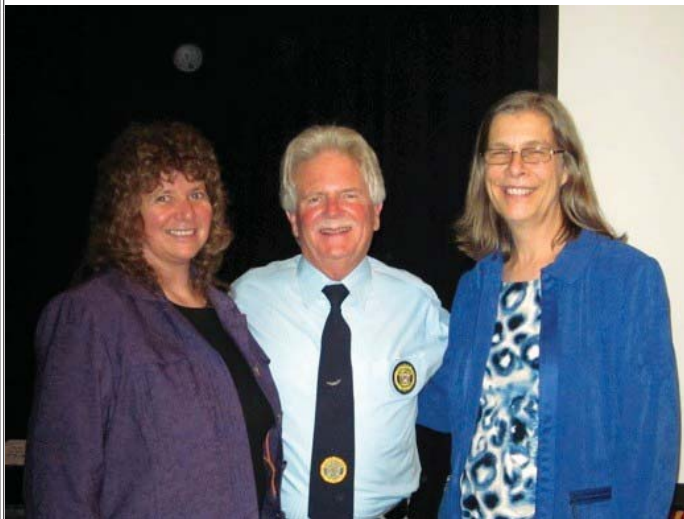
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### From the Commander - Gene Plocki

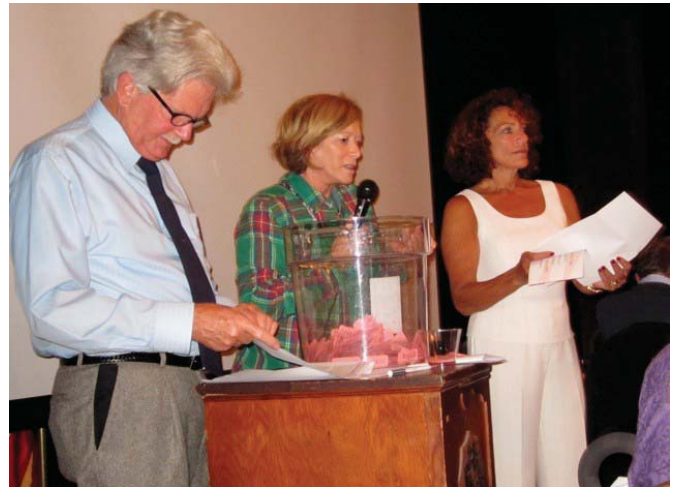
**Our Veterans' Day Dinner.** The evening of November 11 was outstanding. Thank you very much, Bob Means. The overflow crowd was filled with spirit and created great, good fun. Thank you, Tad and Elena Craig, for supporting the liveliness of the evening by managing the bar starting at 5 pm. We want to thank our caterers, Gabriella and Mo of Lavier Fusion Cuisine, our kitchen tenants, for the delicious dinner they served. All



First Vice Bob Means with Fisher House representatives Charlene Hall (left) and Jane Hassanieh

evening long people commented on the excellence of the dinner.

After a lovely, "light" dessert, we watched a deeply moving film on the Fisher House and were graced with the presence of two deeply committed Fisher House workers: Charlene Hall and Jane Hassanieh. Following the film, Charlene addressed us very stirringly about their work. With proceeds from the raffle, dinner and very generous, individual contributions, we raised \$4,275 for the Fisher House, one of our best gifts ever.



Bob Means, Jackie Tribolet & Lindsay Means

Bob Means, the chairman for the evening, worked vigilantly with his committee to orchestrate a carefully thought out, very successful event. Thank you to his committee: Bob Gonzalez, Bonnie Gonzalez, Jackie Tribolet, Lindsay Means, Will Kaefer, Mary Hearn, Bill Brennen, Gene Plocki, Cathy Plocki, John Farley, Nancy Farley, Cecil Green, Ron Windy, and Scott Kimsey. Thank you also to the generous souls who stayed behind to clear all of the tables, thus lightening the load for the clean-up crew the next day.

**The Junior-ROTC Novato Veterans' Dinner**, attended by many Post 313 members, was memorable in many ways. Cordons of ROTC members, dressed in full uniform, lined the pathways from the parking area and saluted the vets as they made their way to the dining room. The walls of the beautiful new Marin Catholic dining hall were filled with photos and biographies of the hundreds of Marin veterans already interviewed by these wonderful high school students. A slide show running continuously on two screens highlighted Marin County vets, including many from our post. Throughout the evening four *USS Hornet a cappella* singers, dressed in WWII WAC uniforms, sang songs from the 40's. The dinner which was

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**Sons of The American Legion**

(A squadron is forming)  
**Commander** Position Vacant

**December 2012**

3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
3	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> (Club Room)
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	8:30 am	10 am	Post Breakfast (Club Room)
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25			Christmas
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)

**January 2013**

1			New Year's Day
3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
8	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	10 am	12 noon	<b>General Membership Meeting &amp; Initiation</b> (Main Hall)
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee Martin Luther King's Birthday
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee
31	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)

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

For Veteran's Services, see <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/veterans.cfm>

**Post 313 Breakfast**

Wednesday, December 19  
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.



Cmdr Plocki & Cecil Green with Susan Miller, BBCA President

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free to the vets and served graciously by many bright, respectful high school students was excellent. A raffle and silent auction brought in a significant amount of money.

Gene Plocki, Commander of Post 313 presented a check for \$1,000 to support the JR ROTC program. Next year, we'd love to see more Post 313 members attending; it is well worth your time.

**In Memoriam: Charles Gavette.** Charlie died on November 1, 2012. He was an honorary member who served this post for many years. Last year, while attending one of our lunches, he presented a lecture about his career in the military during WWII. His military experience led him to civilian work in auto mechanics, which lasted until he retired and turned his business over to his sons, Jerry and Tom. Thank you, Charlie, for your service to our country and for your help to this post as well as to the entire Larkspur community.

**Post Officers & Directors for Year 2013-2014.**

Cecil Green is Nominations Chairman and will be seeking nominations for all elected positions. In addition, we need members to fulfill the following positions:

- \* Advertising Manager
- \* Historian
- \* Assistant Finance Officer
- \* Adjutant

**San Francisco Veterans Resource Center.** This organization also provides help for veterans. They have computer training, jobs information, benefits, support references, education opportunities. They are located at 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 205, San Francisco, CA

94102 and are open from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. daily. Their phone number is 415-926-5090. Contact James Small.

**Christmas Party.** Post 313 members and the Auxiliary are invited to attend Jackie Tribolet's party Sunday, Dec 2 at 2 pm, 26 Sycamore Ave., Larkspur. Bring a dish and/or a beverage to share. RSVP: 415-302-9947.

**Veterans Legacy Sharing Program.** If you are interested in sharing a photo taken during your military service, contact Knud Baslev: [knud.balslev@gmail.com](mailto:knud.balslev@gmail.com). You can see how the project is being organized by going to <http://vispg3.osuosl.org/index.php/>.

**Help Wanted.** CJ Carrillo, our Post's Facilities Manager, is very active with the Marin Council, Boy Scouts of America Shooting Sports Committee. He is asking for the donation of .22 caliber rifles to support the shooting program. If you have a .22 caliber rifle you would like to donate please contact CJ: [cary-cjcarri@gmail.com](mailto:cary-cjcarri@gmail.com) or 415-389-8945.

**General Membership Meeting & Initiation.** New member initiation will be held at our General Membership Meeting January 19, 10 am - 12 noon. Pizza and refreshments after the meeting in our Post bar.

**Gas Line.** PG&E installed a new gas line at the post. Check it out.

**American Legion Shirts.** Two American Legion shirts, sizes large and extra-large are available free of charge to anyone who might like one. Please see Gene Plocki if you are interested.

**Marin Catch-a-Ride.** Marin Catch-a-Ride allows Marin residents who are age 80 and older as well as residents 60 and older who no longer drive to receive a subsidy to ride on taxis and other licensed vehicles within Marin. To determine if you are eligible for this program call: 415-473-2943 or 415-457-4636.

### Finance Officer's Report - Will Kaefler

**Charity Giving 2012.** The Post through its fundraising efforts and the generosity of its members and friends has donated a total of \$16,800 to the following charities: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Twin Cities Little League, Novato Air Force Jr. RTC (BBCA), Ft Miley VA Volunteer Services, Fisher House at Travis Air Force Base, the Wounded Warriors Project, Support Our Troops gift packages, Marin United Veterans Council, and American Legion Boys' State.

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## First Vice Report - Bob Means

Holiday Greetings,

It was great to see so many members and guests at our Veterans Dinner and fund raiser for Fisher House. We raised a record donation this year due to your attendance and generous cash contributions.

I wish to recognize the outstanding effort put forth by the committee and our Auxiliary to make this event such a success. Please feel free to contact the chairman (me) with any thoughts you may have to improve this event.

As we move through the holidays I hope you will have time to spend with family and friends. I also hope some of your thoughts will be of those Service members deployed away from home. Take time to honor their ongoing sacrifices for us and feel good about your own time spent in uniform.

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We wish to all the graces of this holy season. May you have a very peaceful Christmas, a very happy Hanukkah, a New Year filled with great blessings on your families, and many moments of peace and joy.

## Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

I'd like to thank our Auxiliary Unit 313 for their efforts to raise money to support the troops in Afghanistan. Our Auxiliary member Patsy Roberts made and donated a beautiful patriotic quilt which we raffled. The winning ticket was drawn at our November meeting. Wendy Miller held the lucky ticket. She was very pleased with her prize.



The Auxiliary is also very happy to report we were able to raise over \$1,800 as well as collect several bags of grocery items to be sent overseas. With the proceeds we packed several boxes in November in hopes they will arrive to the troops before Christmas. We will be sending more boxes throughout the year as usual. We would like to thank you all for your troop support!

Mark your calendars. Our next meeting is January 8, 12 noon - 2 pm in the Club Room.