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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California  
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"Still Serving America"

February 1, 2013

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**Veterans Bar**  
**2 pm February 3**  
**Contact Bob Means - 415-924-5644**

### From the Commander - Gene Plocki

**Meeting and Initiation Ceremony.** On January 26, 2013, at our General Meeting, we initiated seven new members. We welcomed them aboard and encouraged them to become involved with Post activities. Thank you Bob Means and others who made this event a success.

**Nominations for Officers and Members-at-Large.** The following are Post 313 nominees for the election:

Commander: Bob Means  
First Vice-Commander: Tom Beck  
Second Vice-Commander: Bill Brennen  
Third Vice-Commander: Tad Craig  
Members-at-Large:  
Jack Dennis  
Bill Howard  
(One vacancy)

Any member in good standing interested in serving this post in the above positions is encouraged to see Gene Plocki, the Nomination Chairman. The election will be on April 1, 2013 at the General Meeting.

**Help Wanted.** The following positions need to be filled:

Adjutant  
Assistant Finance Officer  
Historian  
Advertising Representative  
Rental Agent for Hall  
Disaster Team  
Sons of the American Legion Cmdr.  
Member-at-Large

**Four Chaplains Day.** On February 2 at 2:00 p.m., an interfaith service will be held to honor four chaplains who, when their troop transport, the *USS Dorchester*, was torpedoed during World War II, gave their life-vests to four service men, who had none. This ceremony, conducted many times at Post 313, has been consolidated with others and will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco.

**Larkspur Fisher House Fundraiser.** Inspired by Post 313's work supporting Fisher House, post member Jackie Tribolet is conducting a '40's themed fundraiser on May 18, Armed Forces Day, at St. Patrick's Community Center. The Travis Air Force Base Fisher House has so many families needing their help that they need to construct two additional buildings. Jackie welcomes the help of anyone wishing to join her in this important work. Please contact her at 302-9947 if you would like to help.

**Jackie Tribolet.** Jackie is part of a very devoted military family. She served as an active duty Army nurse for fourteen years. While many in this country were protesting the work of the military, Jackie was inspired to join the Army because of her love for our great country and her respect for the warriors who defend our freedom. She continues her help and support for the military with her work for our wounded warriors.

In the fine tradition of "continuing to serve," Jackie's generosity also extends to her current volunteer work twice a week at a free clinic, her twice-yearly trips to Guatemala to assist with surgeries and patient care in a medical missionary clinic, and her establishment of an "Adopt-a-Chaplain" program.

**New Post Marquee.** Will Kaefer and Bob Gonzalez just finished installing a new marquee on the Post Hall porch. It depicts the rental information for the facility and an invitation to all veterans to join us for coffee every Monday and Thursday. It includes interior color photos of the post facilities. It is hoped that it will promote interest in our

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**Sons of The American Legion**

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

**February 2013**

|    |         |         |                                                       |
|----|---------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 3  | 2 pm    | ?       | Super Bowl Party (Veterans Bar)                       |
| 4  | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee <b>Note: General Membership Mtg cancelled.</b> |
| 7  | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee                                                |
| 11 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee                                                |
| 12 | 12 noon | 2 pm    | Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)                    |
| 13 |         |         | Ash Wednesday                                         |
| 14 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee St. Valentine's Day                            |
| 14 | 5 pm    | 9 pm    | <b>Valentine's Day Dinner</b> (Hall & Bar)            |
| 18 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee Washington's Birthday                          |
| 20 | 8:30 am | 10 am   | <b>Post Breakfast</b> (Club Room)                     |
| 21 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee                                                |
| 25 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee                                                |
| 28 | 9 am    | 10 am   | Coffee                                                |
| 28 | 9:30 am | 12 noon | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)        |

**March 2013**

|    |          |         |                                                                      |
|----|----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4  | 9 am     | 10 am   | Coffee                                                               |
| 7  | 9 am     | 10 am   | Coffee                                                               |
| 9  | 10:30 am | 1 pm    | General Membership Mtg & Post Everlasting (Hall)<br>Free Lunch (Bar) |
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| 17 |          |         | St. Patrick's Day                                                    |
| 18 | 9 am     | 10 am   | Coffee                                                               |
| 21 | 9 am     | 10 am   | Coffee                                                               |
| 25 | 9 am     | 10 am   | Coffee                                                               |
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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, February 20  
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 , call Bill Brennen (415-927-0393) or leave message at the Post (415-924-6283).

rental activities and in the Post by veterans who may drop by when the post is not open.

**District 5 Meeting, Benicia, California.** The following agenda items were discussed:

- ◇ All posts shall have a disaster plan.
- ◇ All posts are encouraged to have a ham radio station.
- ◇ The Boys State program has begun for this year.
- ◇ All posts are encouraged to support the Oratory Program.
- ◇ All posts should have a strong PR program.
- ◇ Legion Riders are forming in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- ◇ All are encouraged to attend the Four Chaplains ceremony in San Francisco on Feb 2.
- ◇ An Agricultural and Landscaping conservation program is available for all posts. See Gene Plocki.

### First Vice Report - Bob Means



Pictured above left to right: : First Vice Bob Means, Matt Ford, Marines; Gail Penfield, Army; Bob Bonderud, Marines; Al Klumpp, Army; Mike Lo-Russo, Marines; Chuck Whiteaker, Army; Tom Beck, Navy; Cmdr Gene Plocki.

On Saturday, January 26, we held Initiation of New Members for 2012 in our Hall. We followed the ceremony with pizza, wings and drinks in the Veteran's Bar. New members represent WWII through the ongoing War on Terror. We had many more members who joined Post 313 during 2012 and were unable to attend; future initiations will be

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## Post 313 Valentine Dinner

Thursday, February 14

5 pm Hospitality Hour  
6 pm Dinner

\$25 per person

### MENU

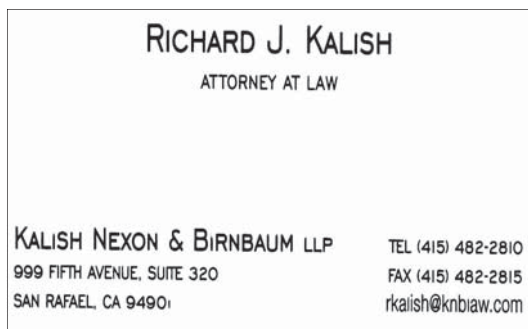
Choice of Grilled Flank Steak  
or Chicken Scampi  
Rice Pilaf/Roasted Vegetables  
Bread/butter/dessert/coffee

Table wine \$5 per bottle

Your check is your reservation.  
Send check payable to  
Twin Cities Post 313  
with choice of entrée by  
February 11 to  
Post 313, 500 Magnolia Ave,  
Larkspur 94939.

No cancellations  
after February 11.

Questions: call Bob Gonzalez  
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held periodically throughout the year. To all members and wives who made this event a success, dedication and for being most generous with your time.

We are in process of planning new landscaping and architectural review of our buildings and grounds to put on our "best face" for 2013 and beyond. Your input is welcome. Your hands-on contributions are invaluable.

I hope to see many of you at our Valentine Dinner on the 14th. Reservations are a must as this is a catered event and we must have a final count by February 11.

Come visit for coffee and pastry every Monday and Thursday from 9– 10 am; you'll meet some fine folks and make new friends.

**New Projects for Post.** The Post Executive Committee has accepted the proposed project to do earthquake bracing of the Veterans Bar and Kitchen. This building is very old and will benefit from this upgrade. David Stainbrook is the Project Manager. The Board also will be moving ahead to upgrade the Post's computers and software. Will Kaefer will lead that effort.

## Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Valentine's Day Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 14th. Come and enjoy great food and good friends!

We would also like to remind you to have a heart and do your part to help save lives. If you can donate blood, you can make an appointment at : Blood Center of the Pacific.# [1-\(888\)-393-4483](tel:1-888-393-4483). Anyone who can donate will make a difference.

## Rent the Post Hall & Bar

Every Post member can act as  
advertising agent for our  
outstanding facilities.

Celebrate an occasion  
Convene a meeting  
Sponsor a fundraiser