



## Monthly Times

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### Post Election Results



Past Commander Gene Plocki congratulates Bob Means, elected as Commander at the Post General Membership Meeting on 4-1-13.

#### New Officers & Staff

Bob Means, Commander

Tom Beck, First Vice-Commander

Bill Brennen, Second Vice-Commander

Tad Craig, Third Vice-Commander

Members at Large:

Jack Dennis

Cecil Green

Bill Howard

### COMING EVENTS

#### Post 313 Breakfast

April 10 8:30 - 10 am

(See ad on page 2)

#### Legion Commander's Dinner

April 17 5 - 9 pm

(See ad on page 3)

### Past Commander Gene Plocki

I am deeply grateful to all those who helped me run Post 313 these last five years. We have seen many accomplishments and great involvement by many members, making Post 313 the very best. Thank you very much.

**Boys' State Delegate Matthew Friend** – The Boys' State program is in full swing. Matthew Friend, a third year student from Redwood High School, Larkspur, will be attending Boys' State under the sponsorship of Post 313. There will be a luncheon on May 19 and we say Bon Voyage to Matthew on June 22 as he heads to Sacramento for one week. He will report on his experience to our membership on August 5, 2013 at our General Meeting.

**Help Wanted.** Contact the Commander if you can help with any of the following positions.

Adjutant

Assistant Finance Officer

Assistant Property Manager

Advertising Manager

Disaster Team – Ham Radio Operator

Sons of the American Legion Commander

Rental Agents for Hall

**Membership.** Last year we achieved our 100% membership goal in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Now we have reached an all time high Post membership through Bob Means' and Tom Beck's efforts. Oakley Dexter was instrumental in this success by getting information from our District 5 meeting in Dixon, California, where we recruited veterans from Post 1000.

### Commander Bob Means

First, I wish to thank Gene Plocki for 5 years of strong leadership as Post 313 Commander.

Now, I want to thank you, our members for electing me Commander. Any success I may have will be due in large part to those who hold elected and appointed positions. The hands on participation of our other members is vital

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**Sons of The American Legion**

(A squadron is forming)  
Commander Position Vacant

April 2013			
1	9 am	10 am	Coffee
1	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting &amp; Installation of New Officers</b>
4	9 am	10 am	Coffee
8	9 am	10 am	Coffee
9	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
10	8:30 am	10 am	<b>Post Breakfast</b> (Club Room)
11	9 am	10 am	Coffee
15	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	5 pm	9 pm	<b>Legion Commander's Dinner</b>
18	9 am	10 am	Coffee
22	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)

May 2013			
2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> (Club Room)
8	8:30 am	10 am	<b>Post Breakfast</b> (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12			Mother's Day
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee Memorial Day
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	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, April 10  
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).

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to keeping Twin Cities Post 313 on a progressive course.

This year I'm looking forward to new paint and landscaping to make us a big part of what is so inviting about our downtown Larkspur area. Don't forget to get involved when you can. Attend our coffees on Monday and Thursdays and bring along your thoughts on what it takes to make your Post relevant in our mission to help our Veterans, Scouts, Little League, Fisher House and all the other good work 313 does.

We're very near the 200 member mark and that means there are many new friendships to be made. Support our events and don't forget this includes spouses and families. Getting to know one another is one of my primary goals.

I wish to acknowledge the fine leadership David Stainbrook is providing the Post in our Earthquake Retrofit project. We're well on our way to completion. Thanks to the following "assistants", CJ Carrillo, Tom Beck, Chuck Heusser, Scott Keith and I feel I left someone out - fire me! Hope to see you soon.

#### First Vice Tom Beck

I'm a Navy Persian Gulf veteran from 1990 - 1995. Naval Aviator. I have been with Post 313 since late summer 2012. I thank our outgoing First Vice and new Commander, Bob Means for his efforts and look forward to helping him take Post 313 to a new level.

I'm a business owner, husband and father of a 6 and 5 year old boy. I am not taking on the 1st Vice position because I have run out of things to do. This post has the unique opportunity to be something great and I have chosen to be a part of it. I have made many friendships in a relatively short period of time at the post and I look forward to more in the future. As members of Post 313, I urge you to become involved with the Post. Our active members choose to be active for many different reasons. It could be a sense of duty, helping veterans, wanting to be part of an organization that benefits youngsters, friendships, helping a post look better in downtown Larkspur and many others. The common bond we have is we are military veterans that served during conflict, but the reason you choose to be active in the American Legion is up to you. As the July 4th Pancake Breakfast approaches the post will start to change in appearance. There are plans for new landscaping in the front, a new color for the building and many upgrades in the hall and bar area. As we go forward, it is critical that we engage the community. This starts with the appearance of the post. Much of the work will be done by members; we need your help.

In closing, I look forward to meeting more post members

## TWIN CITIES POST 313

### CHANGE OF COMMAND DINNER

Wednesday, April 17

5 pm Bar opens

6 pm Dinner

\$27 per person



Join us to honor retiring Commander  
Gene Plocki & former First Vice Cecil Green &  
to welcome our new officers.

#### Menu

*Mixed greens with blackberries, cherry tomato,  
Frizzled onions and feta tossed with raspberry vinaigrette.*

#### Choice of

- \* Seared salmon fillets with lemon-dill creamy sauce  
or
- \* Grilled skirt steak with spring cherry tomato salsa
  - ◇ Baked mashed potatoes with chives
  - ◇ Grilled vegetable platter/local artisan bread
  - ◇ Mixed berry crumble a la mode

Table wine \$5 per bottle

Your check is your reservation.

Send check payable to

Twin Cities Post 313

With choice of entrée by

April 13 to

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Join the fun and help raise funds for  
  
Fisher House  
Saturday  
May 18 4-7 pm  
St. Patrick's  
Community Center  
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and am excited about this post and what it can be. My door is always open. You can find me at [trbeck@me.com](mailto:trbeck@me.com) or 415 992-1743. Many thanks to everyone involved with this Post.

**Cecil Green**

I want to thank all the members for the help and support you gave Commander Gene Plocki. Our officers have done an outstanding job running our Post. I would like to congratulate next year's officers and wish Commander Elect Bob Means all the best. Please take an active part in running your Post and offer help and support to the new corps of officers.

**Finance Officer Will Kaefer**

Cecil Green and Will Kaefer returned to St. Peters school in the San Francisco Mission District March 19 to teach the thirty-two second graders about the American Flag. After passing out miniature flags to each student, Cecil and Will explained the origin of our flag and the meaning of the stars and stripes and how the flag should be displayed. The children kept Cecil and Will on their toes peppering them with many questions about our government and the military.



**Cecil Green & Will Kaefer at St. Peter's School**

Cecil again brought his magic sombrero which to the children's delight, enables him to sing in Spanish when properly worn. After a few favorite Spanish songs, the students sang *God Bless America* and *The Star Spangle Banner*. After passing out rulers with all the presidents' pictures on the back, the class posed for a group photo while wildly waving their flags. A good time was had by all.

**Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley**

March was a busy month! With daylight savings, St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring, Palm Sunday and Easter, who could keep up! I'm sure we'll all be busy with taxes in April, just don't forget to stop and smell the roses of spring. Next meeting: April 9, 12 noon.