



The American Legion Twin Cities Post 313, Inc.  
 Larkspur & Corte Madera, California  
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# Monthly Times

OUR MISSION: TO HONOR, SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR ARMED FORCES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHILE PROMOTING PATRIOTISM IN THE COMMUNITY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual 4th of July  
 Pancake Breakfast**  
 (Details on back page)

## ONGOING EVENTS

Coffee & Pastries  
 Mondays & Thursdays  
 9 - 10 am (Club Room)

Post 313 Breakfasts  
 Second Wednesday\*\*  
 8:30 - 10 am (Club Room/Vets Bar)

\*\* The July Breakfast is cancelled  
 due to the Fourth Celebration Cleanup.

General Membership Meetings  
 First Monday Club Room/Vets Bar  
 6:15 pm - Social  
 7:15 pm - Business Meeting

Executive Board Meetings  
 Last Thursday  
 9:30 am - 12 noon

### Commander Bob Means

Wow, another month passes. We'll now be putting emphasis on the annual July Fourth Pancake Breakfast benefiting Boy and Girl Scouts.

I can hardly believe it is only one year since we began our facility upgrades as we've accomplished a great deal in that time. The huge increase in rental activity, inquir-

ies, repeat business and unsolicited, positive input indicates we're on the right track. As always, thanks to those of you who give us your valuable time to make our Post the best.

It was good to see some of you at the Civic Center/Veteran's Building for Memorial Day services. The ceremony was lively, moving, patriotic - wonderful. Think about attending next year. The guest speaker was a 95-year-old Veteran who served on PT Boats in the Pacific with JFK. What a story he told.

Thanks to Post 313 Auxiliary President Elena Bartley and First Vice Donna Ford for the nice wreath they provided and placed at the concluding ceremony held on Avenue of the Flags at the monuments. My apologies to those members I was not able to greet personally.

Member Jackie Tribolet chaired a very nice event benefiting Travis Fisher House two weeks ago at St. Patrick's Parish Center. Your Post was involved with the event and made a cash donation of \$1000 as part of the \$11,000 check presented to Fisher House. Well done Jackie.

Look for other items of interest in this letter. Send your input and/or comments.

Hope to see you here and there.

### 1st Vice Commander - Tom Beck

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. Let's not forget that we are the lucky ones that came home and enjoy life in a free country as military veterans. The service members we remember on Memorial Day weren't as lucky and we should keep them and their families in our thoughts.

It's now June, and we are focused on the July 4th Pan-

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**June 2014**

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
2	6:15 pm		<b>General Membership Mtg</b> (Club Room)
5	9 am	10 am	Coffee
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
11	8:30 am	10 am	<b>Post Breakfast</b> (Club Room)
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
15			Father's Day
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar — Rental in Club Room</b> )
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee <b>Vets Bar — Rental in Club Room</b> )
26	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Mtg</b> ( <b>Vets Bar — Rental in Club Room</b> )
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee

**July 2014**

3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
4			<b>Annual Pancake Breakfast &amp; Fourth Celebration</b>
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
7	6:15 pm		Social in Vets Bar followed by <b>General Membership Meeting</b> at 7:15 pm
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )
31	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> ( <b>Vets Bar</b> )

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, June 11  
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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cake Breakfast. We have three major things to accomplish. Prepare the Post for the big day, get all the pancake griddles and equipment out and make sure they are ready to go, and get our Gin Fizz booth going. The Gin Fizz booth is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's a lot of fun. Last year we jammed almost 900 Gin Fizzes in about three hours. We need all the help we can get with the fizzes. If you would like to be involved please let us know. We need people to set up the Gin Fizz booth, cashier, make drinks and break down the booth. No experience required. It's a great, fun way to put in a couple hours for the Post.

The Post added quite a few members in May. A big Welcome Aboard to Kerit Kubitz, Ian Refugio, Jim Reilly who has return to California & Post 313, Anthony Sajewicz , David Tenbenschel and Fergus Wilson.

Some of these members found us, and others were brought in by current members. As I have said before, everyone knows a veteran who isn't part of this Post.

### Boys State

In May, we took three boys from San Marin High School and Redwood High School to the Boys State orientation luncheon in Santa Rosa. All three boys are extremely excited about having been given the opportunity to go to the California Boys State Conference in June. This is a great opportunity for these boys to experience how government works. As has been mentioned before, the Post is excited to be sending three boys, as in previous years we have only sent one.

**Volunteers Needed** for manning the Veterans' Booth at the Marin County Fair on Tuesday, July 2nd. This booth serves to reach out to vets with information about benefits and services as well as to inform the general public about vets groups and other organizations which support active duty troops.

Signups would be for a 2 hour shift. Volunteers receive free admission and a parking pass. Anyone interested, call the Post at 415-924-6283.

### Hall Remodel Update, Commander Means

I will be presenting to our Executive Board the drawings of proposed new Hall Restrooms this Thursday morning. We will work to establish timelines for various phases of work, bid process and other items as will surely come up. One of our bigger problems is when to schedule work due to the number of rentals already scheduled from now and into next year.

These are exciting times that highlight the vitality and longevity of Twin Cities Post 313.

### Color Guard

Post 313 members along with members from Post 179 marched in this year's annual Mill Valley Memorial Day Parade. Thanks for your dedication and willingness to demonstrate the pride felt by Veterans for the privilege of living in the greatest country on the planet.

There's always room for more of you to participate. Look for our Color Guard at season opening ceremonies for the San Rafael Pacifics Baseball Club.

### Veteran's Care Issues

Many of you may be aware of issues surrounding (poor) quality at Veteran's Hospital in Phoenix, Az.

Service Officer Sean Stephens has assured us that this is not the case with our VA Hospital in San Francisco. Patient care and satisfaction remain at a very high level at this facility as voiced by participants, many of them members of Post 313, and other local Posts.

Sean has visited the San Francisco facility, spoken with staff top to bottom and has their assurance their intent is to provide the highest level of service to our Veterans.

### Skills Needed

Do you have experience/expertise in any of the following areas?

Painting	Rough Carpentry
Finish Carpentry	Plumbing
Electric	Flooring
Carpeting	Gardening
Windows	Siding
Technology Ability	

If so, we can use your help. Contact the Commander or any other officer.

### Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

May was very eventful. We, the A.L.A., have had our first and very exciting Girls State Luncheon in a very long time. Our delegate this year is Ellissa Goldberg from Tam High. As it turns out, Ellissa's mom was a Girls Stater in Arizona when she was in high school.

We had several members attend the Memorial Day Service at the Civic Center where we presented a wreath in honor of our fallen heroes.

Our prayers are with Merna McIntosh and her family as Merna died on May 11. Merna served as our Unit's Treasurer and will be missed by all.



62nd Annual Independence Day

## Pancake Breakfast

7:45 am Flag Raising

8 - 11 am Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit, Coffee, OJ & Milk

\$10 Adults/\$5 Kids

Famous 1928 Legion Recipe Gin Fizzes \$5

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*In the city parking lot across from the Left Bank Restaurant*