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President Elena Bartley

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It was pretty dang cool (thinking wonderful but so non military) to see so many Veterans and guests at our Veterans Dinner on November 11th. Thanks to Tad, Elena and their son, August, for making our bar work so well. I had many, many nice comments on quality of food prepared by our always reliable Lavier Fusion Cuisine. I enjoyed the conversations I was able to have with many of you. Our comradery brings us to the Post, and we look to our dinners and coffees to promote it.

Thanks to those who took time to offer input on the Suggestion forms provided. It was a tie for hard china vs. nice, disposable place settings. Some wanted a better selection of wine; most liked the cost of dinner; and, my favorite, several mentioned wanting more volunteers. I'd like more volunteers too – any of you wish to step up? As for cost of dinner, your Post puts these dinners on expecting to take a loss. The success of our rental program allows us to subsidize our member dinners. We can try providing a better wine at a higher price; do I have a sommelier volunteer? A shout out to the small cadre of members who consistently volunteer: thanks to you for set up and other duties you take on to make our events successful.

I wish to welcome Lindsay Laven to our office staff and appreciate her input and expertise at continuing to improve our operational efficiency. In closing I'll wish you all a most joyous Holiday Season, remind you we got the rain I asked for last newsletter, and give a high five to our Rental Committee for finishing the year on a high activity note.

First Vice Commander Tom Beck

The Holidays are upon us. Although, we are warm and comfortable at home, many of our troops are still overseas in less than desirable conditions. Let's keep them in our thoughts.

We continue to renew members for 2015. Last I saw we are at 131 paid and on our way to our goal of 184 by June 30. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so.

My door is always open.

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~ December 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 World AIDS Day 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Vets Bar) 7:15p General Membership Business Meeting (Hall)	2	3	4 9a Coffee (Club Room)	5	6
7	8 9a Coffee (Club Room)	9 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	10 Human Rights Day 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room/Vets Bar)	11 9a Coffee (Club Room)	12	13
14	15 9a Coffee (Club Room)	16	17	18 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	19	20
21 Winter Solstice	22 9a Coffee (Club Room)	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29 9a Coffee (Club Room)	30	31			

~ January 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Vets Bar) 7:15p General Membership Business Meeting (Hall)	6	7	8 9a Coffee (Club Room)	9	10
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Charitable Giving

For 2014 we have continued our history of giving to many great organizations. The following is a summation of what we have done this year per member:

Fisher House	\$11,000
FortMiley VA Volunteer Services	\$ 2,000
Boy and Girl Scouts	\$ 6,000
Boys State	\$ 1,200
Twin Cities Schools	
(American Flags)	\$ 185
House of Steel	\$ 500
Blue Star Moms	\$ 500
Air Force JROTC	\$ 1,000
 \$Total per member	 \$124

Feel proud that Post 313 is a top Post in contribution per member ranking. Thanks to all who participate in our fundraising efforts.

Verification of Information

Thanks to all who responded to the email asking for verification of information we have for our members. For those who aren't on email, the information is shown below. If any information needs updating, please contact the office @ 924-6283. Email recipients will not see data below:

- ()
- Email:
- Phone:
- Birthday:

Auxiliary President Elena Bartley

A.L.A. Unit 313 hopes you all had a bountiful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Holidays to come. Enjoy!

VETERANS IN NEED

The San Francisco VA Hospital is happily accepting: lap blankets, books, DVDs, socks, shoes, clothing - especially warm things. The Veterans Home in Yountville seeks: boxed games, playing cards, puzzles, puzzle books (e.g.: cross-words), handkerchiefs, ball caps, and non-perishable snack foods like chips, soup cups, Vienna Sausages, candy, and popcorn.



Both facilities can always use: stamps, stationery, toiletry items and hotel freebies especially .



Bill Brennan presents the donation check from our Post to the Ft. Miley / San Francisco Veterans' Hospital.



American Legion Post 179 San Anselmo and Auxiliary Unit 179 is sponsoring a Toy's for Tots event with the US Marine Corps and Ross Valley Fire Department on December 6 between 1 and 4 PM. Santa Clause will be attending this family friendly event. Toy's For Tots provides a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. We want to invite everyone and would appreciate donations of new unwrapped toys. Toys brought to the Post by 12/5 will be delivered to Post 179 for the event.

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“I think there is one higher office than president and I would call that patriot.” —Gary Hart

“In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.” —Mark Twain

“Never give in — never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.” —Winston Churchill

“How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!” —Maya Angelou

“Better than honor and glory, and History’s iron pen, Was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men. “ —Richard Watson Gilder

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