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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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Commander Bob Means

A big summer hello to all members.

Our 63rd annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast was another success. My gratitude to all who gave of their time for 313 and our community: Tad, Elena, and August Craig; Fernando Pons; Scott Keith and Jennifer Wilson; Ron, Kay, and Belle Windy; CJ Carillo, David Tensebel, Bill Brennen, Rick West and Andy Guralas .

Many of you may have noticed the parking lot is no more. Under construction since July 6th with scheduled completion in a month, parking will be reconfigured and is drawn out to include 15 more parking spaces. This upgrade will enhance your Post's visibility and we are pleased to have worked effectively with City of Larkspur on the plans, including relocation of our vintage flag pole.

We were a host venue for the Third Annual Larkspur Wine Stroll on July 18th. I enjoyed sitting back with my wife Lindsay and musing at what a special place we have to offer the public. Ours was without a doubt the most comfortable and appealing venue on the tour. The crowd was lively, music in the Vets Hall recorded by Bob Gonzalez was perfect, and CJ Carillo was a fine Post Ambassador. Our winery was Claypool Cellars and their rep Cinnamon did a great job of making guests welcome and comfortable. I'd encourage all of you to consider putting this on your calendar for the third Saturday of July next year.

We continue to look at ways to bring Post 313 into a better state of repair. One option we are looking at is extending the HVAC system into the Veterans Bar. Depending on time of year, it can be a bit too cold or hot when used in conjunction with the Hall. Other projects on the list include: replacing exterior siding and roofing and (on my wish list) repaving or sealing the driveway. All this is an effort by your Board Members to leave our Post in the best condition possible for future members and for Larkspur.

Remember to check this newsletter for upcoming events. For those of you who use the internet, our website americanlegion313.org is a great

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~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 International Friendship Day	3 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Clubroom) 7:15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	4	5	6 9a Coffee (Club Room)	7	8
9	10 9a Coffee (Club Room)	11	12 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	13 Intemational Left-Handers Day 9a Coffee (Club Room)	14	15
16	17 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19	20 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22
23	24 9a Coffee (Club Room)	25	26	27 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	28	29
30	31 9a Coffee (Club Room)					
~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9a Coffee (Club Room)	4	5
6	7 Labor Day 11a Labor Day BBQ (Post 313)	8 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	9 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	10 9a Coffee (Club Room)	11 Patriot Day 9/11	12
13	14 9a Coffee (Club Room)	15	16	17 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19
20	21 International Day of Peace 9a Coffee (Club Room)	22	23 Fall Begins	24 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	25	26
27	28 9a Coffee (Club Room)	29	30			

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

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reference.

First Vice Commander Tom Beck

The 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Over 1,000 hungry people joined us for breakfast. The Scouts continue to do a great job on this event, by far their largest fundraiser. Also, our Gin Fizz booth did exceptionally well. A big Thank You to everyone who helps this occasion remain the biggest event in Larkspur.

For the Hall, we recently upgraded our lighting. The chandeliers, which are 40's vintage, received a much needed overhaul. New LED bulbs were installed along with completion of general maintenance. Now we have the same chandeliers that everyone likes but they run like brand new chandeliers. The Hall is brighter now and we will benefit long term with lower energy costs.

It's August and we are into a new membership year. Yippee!!! Please send in your renewals early and help us get through this annual project. My door is always open.

Finance

We are now half way through 2015. The first half has seen significant expenditures: new clubroom carpet and cabinets as well as lighting in the Hall. In addition, we lost 9 weeks of Hall rental income due to the overhaul of the bathroom, not to mention the cost of the bathrooms. As of June 30, we have fallen below our stated reserve of \$70,000 to \$63,000. This shortfall is temporary in nature, and I believe we'll find ourselves above stated reserve in the near future.

Membership

Our Post receives \$6.50 of the \$35 in dues each of you pay. \$13.50 goes to National and \$15.00 to District. We use our share along with rental income to provide:

- Veterans dinners & entertainment, like singers
- Coffee/pastries Monday and Thursday
- Hospitality at Monthly General meetings
- Vets BBQ
- Charitable donations

Our goal is to serve veterans and our community. Please provide feedback on activities you would like to see supported by the Post.

VETERANS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 313
INVITES ALL VETS
AND THEIR GUESTS TO A FREE BBQ

Labor Day
Monday September 7, 2014
11 AM to 3 PM
American Legion Hall

Free Burgers, Hot Dogs,
Potato Salad, Snacks,
Soft Drinks and Coffee
No Host Bar; Vets First Drink Free

(No Coffee, no General Meeting on Labor Day)

VETERANS

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE EVENT

New member, Al DiStasio, will chair and would welcome both experienced and new bbq recruits. Help Al make his first event a success.

Post 313 Breakfast

Wednesday, August 12, 2015
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: Sign up in Club Room
Call Bill Brennen (415-927-0393)

or Leave message at the Post (415-924-6283).

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

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TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS



**JOIN US AS WE HONOR AND
THANK VIETNAM VETERANS
FOR THEIR SERVICE.**

SATURDAY

August, 15th

10AM TO 4PM

- ★ Admission FREE for the day!
- ★ Climb into 10 open cockpits of Vietnam-era aircraft
- ★ Enjoy \$5 hot dog, chips and soda lunch 11AM - 1PM
- ★ Followed by a special 1 hour ceremony honoring our veterans

At The Pacific Coast Air Museum
One Air Museum Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95403