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Commander Bob Means

Whoa! March already? How is your rain quotient? I've enjoyed a couple days of sunshine and look forward to more.

Your Executive Committee met February 23rd. The Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2017 - 2018:

Commander	Kit Kubitz
First Vice Commander	Tom Beck
Second Vice Commander	Bill Brennan
Third Vice Commander	Matt Markham
Member at Large	Bob Gonzalez
Member at Large	Andy Guralas
Member at Large	Bill Howard

I thank all who are willing to serve and hope you will show your support by attending the April General Membership meeting on Monday, April 3, and casting your vote.

At the General Membership meeting on March 6th, membership will have an opportunity to vote on a dues increase. As previously written about, only \$1.50 of the current \$35 dues stays with the Post. The increase being proposed by the Board is to provide revenue for the Post.

Get involved, attend meetings

First Vice Commander C. J. Carillo

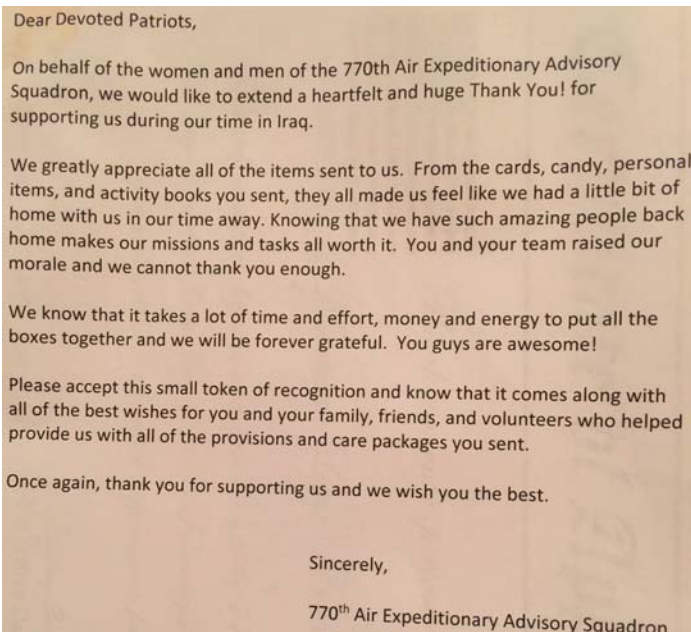
Membership renewals continue to come in. The Post now has 4 HONORARY, 24 PUFLs, 73 renewals transmitted plus 40 online renewals and 4 new members, for a total of 145 members, 83% of goal. The 29 members who have not renewed have been contacted. We encourage all to choose to renew. If you use the internet, please renew online: <https://www.members.legion.org/renew>

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~ March 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9a Coffee (Club Room)	3	4
5	6 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Clubroom) 7:15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	7	8 Int'l. Women's Day 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	9 9a Coffee (Club Room)	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Begins	13 9a Coffee (Club Room)	14 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	15	16 9a Coffee (Club Room)	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22	23 9a Coffee (Club Room)	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25
26	27 9a Coffee (Club Room)	28	29	30 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	31	
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16 Easter	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19	20 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22 Earth Day
23 World Immunization Week	24 9a Coffee (Club Room)	25 World Malaria Day	26 Administrative Professionals	27 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	28 Arbor Day	29

Member-at-Large Kit Kubitz

Kit's work in sending boxes to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Korea has been acknowledged by members of the 770th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron.



Protect GI Bill benefits for reservists

By National Commander Charles E. Schmidt

Bryan Lowman served his nation with honor and made sacrifices to help keep America safe, just like every man and woman who has worn the uniform. But our nation has failed Capt. Lowman and tens of thousands of his fellow reservists.

During the deployment, he became severely ill with typhoid fever, lapsed into a coma and underwent multiple emergency.

After his long recovery, Lowman aimed to pursue a college degree. Lowman was supposed to be entitled to 90 percent of his post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

“VA downgraded my rating to 40 percent. When I called the GI Bill hotline, they told me that my active-duty time was not eligible to get the GI Bill benefits.”

What changed? After Lowman fought for our country and while he was battling for his life at Walter Reed, the government turned its back. Because of a loophole, his activation status was changed to 12301 (h) medical orders, which shred his benefits on the basis that he did not complete his deployment.

That's wrong and should be corrected immediately. Lowman's story is not unique. Since 2007, approximately 20,000 reservists — others who were wounded or injured in combat — have faced similar issues. During The American Legion's congressional testimony coming up in a few weeks, I will share our organization's concern with this practice. It is abhorrent. And Congress and VA must work to reverse this policy that unfairly penalizes our reservists. Carry the legacy forward.

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999 Fifth Avenue, Suite 320
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Post 313 Breakfast
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:30 am in Club Room
\$5.00 (All you can eat!)

Includes fruit juice, scrambled eggs with cheese, pancakes, bacon, sausage & coffee.

Reservation: Signup in Club Room or Call Bill Brennen (415-927-0393) or Leave message at the Post (415-924-6283)

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SAVE THE DATE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES

SATURDAY, MAY 20th, 2017

Let's Party to Benefit

FISHER HOUSE

*100% of Proceeds to Benefit Travis Fisher House
Special Guest & MC – **Michael Pritchard***

Featuring the **“Swingin’ Blue Stars”** of the *USS Hornet*

Great Hors d'Oeuvres, Beverages, Raffle and Fun!

6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

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