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Commander Kit Kubitz

Post 313 had another successful Pancake Breakfast on July 4th, with hundreds of local residents enjoying their pancakes and gin fizzes before the Larkspur 4th of July Parade. Thanks to all who attended, and to the Post members who served the public that day. The Mayor of Larkspur, Kevin Haroff, enjoyed visiting the breakfast so much that he addressed the crowd twice: once at the 7:45 flag raising and again at 9:30. The Marin IJ covered the event interviewing Post member Matt Markham as he and his family waited for the parade to pass by. In the future if local government members plan to speak at the event we will be sure to provide some amplification for the speakers. Thanks also to the Boy Scouts for an impressive early morning flag raising. We got several new or returning members that day, some of whom then came to July's breakfast.

As a reminder, the next general membership meeting will be Monday, August 7, starting at 7 pm and the next Post 313 breakfast will be August 9th at 8:30 – All veterans and guests are welcomed.

As the membership year begins we are seeing a steady stream of renewals. If possible, remember to renew your membership **online** or by contacting the office of the Post.

Although August is a calm Summer month, Post 313 continues working hard on the planned kitchen/office renovation. The Larkspur Planning Commission approved the renovation of an office space on July 12th with the Executive Board now contacting potential contractors. The hope is to have building permits approved and construction beginning in September. If all goes smoothly, we could have revenue coming from the new office in October. In connection with this approval, the Planning Commission placed certain limits on hall rentals by the Post and we are considering how to comply with these conditions in the future. Thanks to Bill Howard and Bob Gonzales for all their work and success in getting the office use permit approved and moving toward construction.

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August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9a Coffee (Club Room)	4	5
6	7 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Club Room) 7:15p General Membership Meeting (Club Room)	8 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	9 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	10 9a Coffee (Club Room)	11	12
13	14 9a Coffee (Club Room)	15	16	17 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19
20	21 9a Coffee (Club Room)	22	23	24 9a Coffee (Club Room)	25	26
27	28 9a Coffee (Club Room)	29	30	31 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	Notes:	
September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 9a Coffee (Club Room)	8	9
10	11 9a Coffee (Club Room)	12 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	13 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	14 9a Coffee (Club Room)	15	16
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We remember August for a number of historical events. These include the **end of World War Two with V-J day on August 16**. However, two other wars began on August 7: **August 7, 1964** - Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Lyndon B. Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression." **August 7, 1990** - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances. Meanwhile, the Battle of Guadalcanal began with Marine landings August 7, 1942 in America's campaign to begin to retake the Pacific, a battle that would last for months. August was also a month for advances in democracy. On **August 18, 1920** - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote. While on **August 14, 1935** - President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system which guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65. Besides beginning the escalation of American troops in Vietnam, on **August 6, 1965** - The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Johnson. I remember August 1969, because I walked into a tent near the Michelin rubber plantation to meet the members of Company A, 1st of the 18th infantry, 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. It was a sweltering day and one of the troopers greeted me by saying, "You're my turtle." When I asked him

why I was his turtle, he said, "Because it took so long for you to get here." I was fortunate to be assigned to the First Infantry Division, the Big Red One, because it has always been one of the Army's best divisions. This year is the Centenary of the formation of the First Infantry Division, having been constituted May 24, 1917 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 1st Expeditionary Division. Congratulations to the Big Red One and my hopes for another hundred years of service in defense of the United States both in war and in peace.

Auxiliary President Elena Bartley

Guess who is having another birthday! Please come celebrate with Pauline. Save The Date; her Party is on Oct. 5th. More details to come in the Sept. Newsletter.

Our Girls State Delegates have just returned from their week at Girls State early in July. We look forward to hearing about their experiences while they at the program, at the Girls/Boys State Dinner held in Sept. This year the Auxiliary sponsored girls from Redwood High, Isabella Karman, as well as San Rafael High, Taelynn Knutson and Petaluma High, Nicole Walker. Here is a picture of all three girls and



Elena at the G. S. luncheon in May.

Post 313 Breakfast
Wednesday, August 9, 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)

Membership The 2017 – 2018 membership year began July 1. If you use the internet and have a credit card, **please renew online**. Annual dues is \$45.

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Commander Kit Kubitz readies the care packages for our troops serving overseas. If you or someone you know would like to help out, please contact Commander Kubitz directly.



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