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Commander Kit Kubitz

Commander's Note October 2017

October is notable for a number of things, starting with PAULINE'S BIRTHDAY Celebration on October, 5, even though her actual birthday is October 4. 109 is a remarkable age for a remarkable woman, and I will be pleased to attend her birthday beginning at 5:00 at Post 313. Some members of the American Legion from other posts outside Marin County have indicated that they also want to attend to honor Pauline. If you receive this Newsletter, you can still RSVP by contacting Robert Gonzalez, bobsrags@gmail.com by Sunday, Oct 1 to indicate that you will attend and make your payment of \$25, making your choice of entree between pork loin or chicken.

The General Membership meeting will be held Monday, Oct 2, with the social hour beginning at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. Please attend if possible. We also had in September a very successful breakfast for Post members and guests and other Veterans on Saturday. For now, we will continue to have breakfasts, with the help of Bill Brennen and others, on the second Saturday of the Month. This month's breakfast will be on October 14 at 9 a.m. We will also be looking forward to Veterans Day on November 11.

We are continuing to make progress on renovating the Post 313 building to permit an office, which would provide additional rental income. Drawings of the proposed office are being prepared for submission to the City of Larkspur and hopefully permitting will allow construction to begin soon and, by the end of the year, occupancy and rental income from an office will aid in the finances of the Post. We made a substantial draw from a line of credit with the Bank of Marin to provide the funds necessary for any construction and are talking to contractors about doing the work once permits are issued.

Your Commander attended the quarterly meeting of the American Legion 5th District on September 16, in Dixon California, where a new District Commander, Wayne Holland, was installed. At the meeting, a motion was also passed to donate \$300 from the 5th District to help fund a Gold Star Parents event at The Marines Me-

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~ October 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 6p General Membership Social & Meeting (Clubroom)	3	4	5 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 5p Pauline's Birthday Bash (Hall & Bar)	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Columbus Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	10 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	11	12 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	13	14 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
15	16 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	17	18	19 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	20	21
22	23 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	24	25	26 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	27	28
29	30 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	31 Halloween Halloween (United States)				
~ November 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 6p General Membership Social & Meeting (Clubroom)	7 Election Day Election Day (United States)	8	9 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	10	11 Veterans' Day Veteran's Day (United States) 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
12	13 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	14 7a [Maricopa-mg-interns] (no subject) 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	15	16 Great American Smokeout 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	17	18
19	20 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Day (United States)	24	25
26	27 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	28	29	30 9a Coffee (Clubroom)		

For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board & the post

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morial Club in San Francisco during February of 2018. One post reported that the Post had raised \$3000 for this event, and the District contribution would be in addition to their donation.

We have also seen a review of American involvement in Vietnam in a documentary by Ken Burns on Vietnam. Whether you served there, or in another conflict, it is worth watching to see what lessons may be learned about how this country makes the decision to commit its young men and women to war. For those defending us today around the world, Post 313 sent 10 care boxes to Iraq, Afghanistan and Korea. While these summer boxes still contained drink mix and sunblock, it will be getting cold in some of these places, so the next round of care packages will pivot toward handwarmers, gloves and other winter supplies.

On October 7, 2001, the United States began Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The invasion of Afghanistan was intended to target terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization, which was based in the country, as well as the extreme fundamentalist Taliban government that had ruled most of the country since 1996 and supported and protected al-Qaida. Many current veterans are veterans of this war on terror which continues today. In earlier history, October, 1918 marked the beginning of the end of World War I when Germany contacted Woodrow Wilson to begin discussion of an armistice. During that same month, Poland and Czechoslovakia also declared their independence, creating two new states in Europe. In WW II the first ballistic missile was launched in October, 1942, and the largest Naval battle, the Battle of Leyte Gulf, occurred in 1944 with an American victory.

World War II was also the basis for President Roosevelt's January 1941 speech, 11 months before Pearl Harbor, about the threats to democracy and the Four

Freedoms. Roosevelt, proposed four fundamental freedoms that people "everywhere in the world" ought to enjoy: Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Noting that men do not fight by armaments alone, he described the benefits of democracy that made it worth fighting for, and aiding those allies already under attack. As we see discussions of various views about our society, let us always remember that the solution for speech with which we disagree is not hate, but more free speech.

October is also a reminder to BE PREPARED. The **1989 Loma Prieta earthquake** occurred on October 17, 1989 at 5:04 p.m. local time. The shock was centered approximately 10 mi (16 km) north-east of Santa Cruz on a section of the San Andreas Fault System and was named for the nearby Loma Prieta Peak in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Almost 30 years have passed since that major earthquake and experts warn that there is a high risk of another such event in the Bay Area. That is why we should all pay attention to resources such as Ready Marin, CERT, and the Red Cross for emergency preparedness planning and stockpiling of supplies.

Post 313 Breakfast
Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 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)

Come join us for an Award Winning Dinner Party
To celebrate Pauline's 109th birthday!

Thursday, October 5th

Festivities begin at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

\$25 per person

******* MENU *******

Caesar Salad

Choice of:

Italian Roast Pork Loin

or

Seared Chicken Breast
w/confit tomato and basil sauce

Entrees served with:

Mushroom Risotto
Grilled Vegetable Salad
and
Birthday Cake and Coffee

To make reservations:

Send check made payable to:

ALA Unit 313

with menu choice to:

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Attn: Bob Gonzalez/Pauline's Party

Please reserve by (no cancellation after) October 1st

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Pauline, Richie and their friends enjoy breakfast at Post 313 September 16



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