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## Commander Kit Kubitz

As we near the end of 2017, let us hope this month and the future bring joy and peace at home and abroad. Rain and snow have returned to Northern California, along with a return to standard time last month. That means it's a good time to check your readiness for winter, including cars and houses, and especially smoke alarms to insure fire safety. Also remember when driving that it takes longer to stop on wet roads, and it may be harder to see pedestrians as days are shorter and darkness comes earlier in winter.

Some members of Post 313 have fought in difficult winter conditions, such as the Chosin reservoir battle of November-December 1950, where an embattled Marine division fought its way out of surrounding Chinese forces. Sometimes Christmas brings peace even in time of war, as the Christmas Truce of 1914 showed. After offensives by each side, soldiers withdrew to trenches whose proximity allowed communications and exchanges. Roughly 100,000 British and German troops were involved in the unofficial cessation of hostilities along the Western Front. Candles on the trenches, Christmas trees, and singing carols were followed by shouted Christmas greetings, and exchanges of food and tobacco. The small respite from war allowed a breathing spell where recently killed soldiers could be brought back behind their lines. Wherever American forces are sent, we in the American Legion will remember and support them.

We hope the American armed forces around the world have a safe and secure New Year, recognizing the need for continuing vigilance as the Vietnam Tet Offensives during a nominal truce period showed. Post 313 sent several boxes to the troops down range during November to arrive by Christmas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Korea. We will also be sending some boxes to Past Commander Plocki's grand nephew stationed somewhere in Iraq.

At our next Executive Committee meeting on November 30, we

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3	4 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 6:30p General Membership Social Time (Clubroom) 7:30p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	5	6	7 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	8	9 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
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17	18 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	19	20	21 Winter Solstice 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	22	23
24 Christmas Eve (United States)	25 Christmas Christmas Day (United States)	26	27	28 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E Board Meeting (Clubroom)	29	30
31 New Year's Eve (United States)						

~ January 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day New Year's Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	2	3	4 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	5	6
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For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board & the post

will review the status of post renovation, maintenance, financial outlook and membership. The next General Membership Meeting will be Monday December 4 starting at 6:30. We should discuss the objectives and plans for the Post during 2018. Any members having ideas about priorities for Post 313 should attend the December 4 meeting or tell their ideas to a member of the Executive Committee including me. We will be considering supporting the Larkspur Little League as we have in the past, and whether to return to having Boys State representatives from local schools. January's General Membership meeting will be January 8. 2017 was a year of significant accomplishments including a successful July pancake breakfast, attended by the Mayor of Larkspur, monthly breakfasts, celebration of Memorial and Veterans Day, and support of troops in locations all over the world.

We may have some recent new members attend the December 4 meeting so make a point of greeting them and welcoming them into the American Legion and Post 313. The next Breakfast will be Saturday December 9 at 9 AM. We will have to clean up quickly after that because a rental is coming in shortly thereafter. Office Manager Lesley Barker has been doing a great job dealing with potential and actual rentals, and working with Bob Gonzalez and Bill Brennen to open and close on the day of rentals.

Construction of the new office for rental at the Post is well under way, and we hope to have it completed near year-end. In the near future, we will have to discuss how to find tenants and what to charge for this new space in a convenient Historic Larkspur location. Thanks to Bill Howard and Matt Markham

**Post 313 Breakfast**  
**Saturday, December 9, 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)

for all their work on upkeep and restoration of the Post 313 building during 2017.

Last month your Commander attended the Marin County Veterans Day Ceremony at the Marin Civic Center Nov. 11. The Post 313 Auxiliary presented a wreath at the ceremony and a World War II Rosie-the-Riveter spoke about her experiences going to work in heavy industry. During 2017, we lent Post 313 flags to a woman member who was celebrating a promotion.

As always we remember the women who serve and have served in the US Armed Forces, and the family members, men, women, and children, who support American troops by providing a self-reliant and resilient home to which to return after service is completed. The American Legion is a family, and the Legion supports families and their service to the country, including those having family members absent during the holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and may the love of your family keep you warm until we meet again.

**Auxiliary President Elena Bartley**

The Auxiliary would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season this year! I'm still trying to recover from eating much to much on Thanksgiving, but there are more festivities to come!!

Enjoy your family and friends and "Happy New Year"!!

**Office Manager Leslie Barker**

In support of our continuing effort to improve the accuracy of our records, I ask that all members confirm their email addresses by sending updates to [officemgr@post313.comcastbiz.net](mailto:officemgr@post313.comcastbiz.net). If you know of members not receiving the newsletter, please pass on this request to update emails.



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As The American Legion advances upon its 100th anniversary in 2019, National Commander Charles E. Schmidt continues to stress that membership will remain poignant in leading the largest veterans service organization into its next century.

“We need your help if the only organization that we all love is going to remain relevant. Are we doing all that we can to say, ‘Join us!,’ to those eligible to do so?” Schmidt asked.

“Why should a veteran who is not a member want to be part of The American Legion. What is our why?” he

asked. “The ‘Why?’ in Virginia may be different than the ‘Why?’ in Idaho. As the national commander says, who is going to fill our shoes? Just as important is who will tell them why they need to fill our shoes?”

The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.



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