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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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## Commander Kit Kubitz

CENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. 2017, another year gone by. 2018 is of course the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, which led to the formation of the American Legion in 1919. This is the Centennial of the American Legion beginning with Post 1 in Albany, New York. And the formation of the Legion also led to Post 313, beginning in 1926. The organizational documents for Post 313 are displayed on the walls in the clubroom. You can see more information about the American Legion Centennial at the website <https://centennial.legion.org/>

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 8 AFTER 9 AM COFFEE. Our first General Membership meeting of 2018 will be held January 8 after coffee at 9 am. The meeting will not be the first Monday, Jan 1, because that is New Year's Day. This meeting will be combined with an Executive Committee meeting to discuss membership, office renovation, and 2018 objectives. We have been tearing things down and throwing old lumber away as part of the office renovation, and now we will see how long it takes to finish the new part of the 313 building.

We sent a number of care packages down range, including to Task Force Southwest, a Marine group returning to Helmand, Afghanistan, although in much smaller numbers than the past. And we sent a package to a Post 313 member deployed to Qatar.

BREAKFAST will be Saturday January 13, at 9 am. All Veterans and their guests are welcome to attend the best \$5 breakfast in Marin. We will miss John Quinne, a regular attendee at breakfast, but remember him as a fine man and friend.

Rentals of the Post 313 Hall and clubroom have been on-going, and thanks to Bob Gonzalez, Bill Brennen and Leslie Barker for keep-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day New Year's Day (United States)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 10a General Membership Social Time (Clubroom) 10:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	<b>9</b> 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Martin Luther King Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

~ February 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day Groundhog Day (United States)	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Super Bowl	<b>5</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 10a General Membership Social Time (Clubroom) 10:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
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For Veteran's Services, see  
[http:// www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ ag/](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/)

For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board  
 & the post website, [americanlegion313.org](http://americanlegion313.org)

ing the flow of rentals going.

The end of the year and the New Year are also a good time to check your smoke detector and your stored water supplies, if you didn't do so during the change from daylight savings time. Also, if you haven't gotten a flu shot, now is a good time to get one. It takes about two weeks for the flu vaccine to be effective, and the flu season is in high gear right now. They say the flu vaccine isn't a good match this year, but some protection is better than no protection.

**SAN FRANCISCO IN WORLD WAR II** Back in 1942, in January, the United States was preparing to respond to the attack on Pearl Harbor and deciding to give priority to the war in Europe and defeat of Germany before the battle for the Pacific. A key feature was the organization, in January '42, of the Combined Chiefs of Staff with Britain to direct the war effort, beginning the Chief of Staff and staff structure that governs the American military today.

While the first American troops were arriving in England, the US planned to take the fight to the enemy, by the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. Later in 1942, the Marines began the Pacific Campaign by landing on Guadalcanal after the Navy Victory at Midway opened the way. The Navy also fought for Guadalcanal including the USS San Francisco. Japanese gunfire killed Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan and his staff, including Captain Cassin Young and all other officers on the *San Francisco's* bridge, except Lieu-

tenant Commander McCandless, who took the conn for the rest of the battle. For his conduct, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, and promoted to full Commander. You can see the bridge of the San Francisco at Lands End out by the Cliff House, look through 6 inch shell holes, and imagine what a battle that must have been. Commander Bruce McCandless's son, also became a naval officer, aviator, and the first astronaut to fly un-tethered from the space shuttle.

Former NASA astronaut Bruce McCandless II, mission specialist on the STS-41B and STS-31 missions, passed away on Dec. 21, 2017, at the age of 80. We still have a few members of Post 313 from World War II, and we wish them all good health and our respect for their service. Military families pass their values of service, community, and honor down from one generation to the next, just as the American Legion does.

Happy New Year 2018 to all members and friends of American Legion Post 313, and best wishes to American troops everywhere.

#### **Auxiliary President Elena Bartley**

"Happy New Year" to all !! The holidays are over and It's 2018! There will be a lot going on in this new year and we would love to see your smiling faces. You're always welcome to join in the fun!

**Post 313 Breakfast**  
**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**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)**

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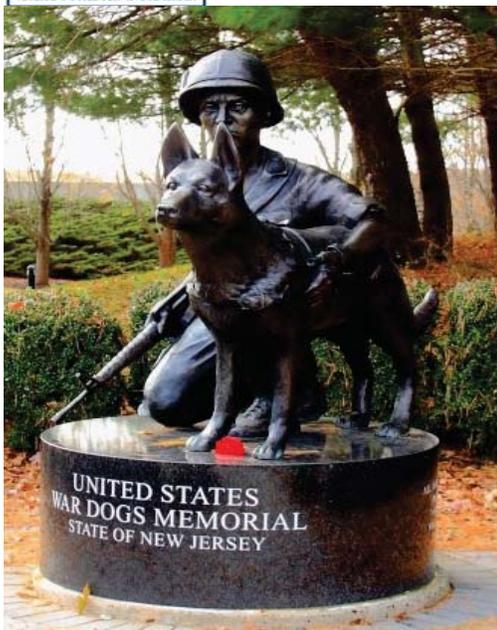
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*



## **Legacy Meets Vision**

The American Legion Centennial Celebration is not only about honoring the past 100 years of our history, but also preparing to continue our legacy of service. Events and activities at posts all around the world will showcase The American Legion "Still Serving America."

## **Help build the Legion's database of Veterans Memorials**

The American Legion's Veterans Memorial Identification Project is an opportunity for the Legion Family to build a database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice. The online database, at [www.legion.org/memorials](http://www.legion.org/memorials), was launched November 2016 and has since reached 1,500 entries from around the country and world.

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