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## Commander Kit Kubitz

RECEPTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS. Post 313 hosted two receptions for deceased members Richard Guetter and Cecil Green in January, which were great occasions to remember these members and help their families deal with their loss. A documentary about Richie was shown and reminded those attending of the courageous actions of American paratroops in the Pacific Theatre. Thanks to Tad and Elena for working behind the bar, and to all the members who helped set up the tables and arrangements. Between the two events we received about \$175 in donations for care packages to our troops around the world.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND EXCOMM FEB. 5. The next general membership meeting and combined Executive Committee meeting will be after the Monday February 5 coffee at 9 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. We will have several important topics to discuss including: membership, financial condition, office construction and renting, and other matters. Our next breakfast will be Saturday February 10 beginning at 8:30. We should also begin to think about Officers to fill the various positions in Post 313 for the coming year. Anyone who wants to run for office or aid in the leadership of the Larkspur Legion should contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

HISTORY AND THE AMERICAN LEGION 2018. 2018 is fifty years after 1968, the middle of the Vietnam War for many members of the American Legion today. In January, 1968, the Tet offensive led to widespread battles between Army and Marine troops and the NVA and VC. Some of the worst fighting occurred in Hue, and is the subject of a recent book by Mark Bowden. And of course 2018 is the Centenary of the Armistice in 1918 to end World War I. Among the monuments to the sacrifices of World War I are the Palace of the Legion of Honor at Lands End in San Francisco.

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~ February 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	2 Groundhog Day Groundhog Day (United States)	3
4 Super Bowl	5 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E-Board Meeting 10a General Membership Social Time (Clubroom) 10:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	6	7	8 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	9	10 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	13 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	14 Valentine's Day Valentine's Day (United States)	15 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	16	17
18	19 Presidents Day Presidents' Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	20	21	22 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	23	24
25	26 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	27	28			

~ March 2018 ~						
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11 Daylight Saving Begins	12 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	13 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	14	15 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day Saint Patrick's Day (United States)
18	19 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)	21	22 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day
25	26 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	27	28	29 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	30 Good Friday	31

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[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)

Some people have told me that during Vietnam, some American Legion Posts did not welcome Vietnam veterans. We must make sure that we welcome America's newest Veterans. and all Veterans. We have a couple new members so if you see someone you don't recognize at coffee or breakfast, be sure to say hi and welcome them to Post 313.

**SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS WHEREVER THEY ARE.** The Vietnam War was one of America's longest wars, but the continuing conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the Middle East have now been going on for longer. We continue to support our troops overseas, with 8 boxes going down range to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea. We also sent two boxes each to a member's nephew and to a Post 313 member in Qatar.

One of the consequences of our train, advise and assist strategy in these countries is that American advisers are sometimes sent to small, distant outposts that have little in the way of services or PX supplies. Member Tom Allen also has contributed pillow cases, which appear to be in demand among troops. So when we send baby wipes, granola bars, and drink mix, it is highly appreciated, as we appreciated such care packages in the past.

**PREPAREDNESS, LOCAL AND NATIONAL.** As your commander, I have often mentioned in these notes the need for emergency preparedness. Marin County recently held two community meetings about

wildfire preparedness. Two important points to remember about this subject are: Know your evacuation routes, and keep an open defensible space around your house. And as my nephew from Santa Rosa who was evacuated twice told me, know what is essential to take with you, boxed up or readily available, if you have to leave.

At the national level, the continuing debate about government shutdown, budgets, and funding has had serious consequences for our military. Lack of certainty about defense budgets has led to cuts in training, readiness and modernization. As a result, American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan has suggested we urge our leaders to Pass the Budget. Clear defense spending guidelines will keep our military strong, and our country free.

### **Auxiliary President Elena Bartley**

Hello everyone! Now that things have settled down from the holidays, the Auxiliary would like to invite you to join us at our monthly meetings. We could really use a couple of members that can volunteer only 2-3 hours a month of their time. Please come talk to us or sit in on a meeting. The February meeting is Tuesday the 13th at 1:00. Come early for coffee and a snack!

**Post 313 Breakfast**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**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)**

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## Remember the heroic acts of four Army chaplains on Feb. 4

Feb. 3 will mark the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains who were aboard. American Legion posts nation-

wide are encouraged to commemorate the anniversary each February and honor Four Chaplains Day.

The Dorchester tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard.

Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

<https://www.legion.org/honor/241059/remember-heroic-acts-four-army-chaplains-feb-4>

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