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From the Commander. . .

◆ I would like to thank David O'Dell for updating our website, <http://www.americanlegion313.org>. I encourage all members to periodically check our website calendar for current updates of our activities and to access our latest *Monthly Times*. We currently send our newsletter by email and by snail mail to those who do not have email. We are moving to have all of our communications published via email as it is the most cost effective method of delivery. Members should recognize that of their annual dues of \$25, only \$2.50 is retained by the Post, with the remainder going to the American Legion District in San Francisco. We can only cover two printed/mailed newsletters from these funds.

◆ I encourage all of you who do not currently have email to either ask a close family member (son or daughter) who has email to give us their email address so that we can send your newsletter to them, or you could establish a free email account (gmail or Hotmail) at your local library where you could periodically check your mail. **Please send us your email address if you have one and are not on our current email distribution.**

At present, we will continue to snail mail the newsletter to those that do not have email, but that option will be limited as we go forward.

◆ We send a thank you to Jim Diederich, a former member of the Mill Valley Post which merged with 313, for a very gracious phone call. It was heartwarming to hear his praise for our work here at Post 313. The members who contributed to our efforts these past two years are happy to know that their efforts are noticed and appreciated. It is

also an acknowledgement of the work of all members since the birth of this Post 80 years ago. Thank you, Jim.

◆ Independence Day activities at the Post began at 5 am with all systems go. At 8 am, the Boy Scouts presented the Flag Ceremony and the Morning Colors followed by Jim Reilly singing our National Anthem.

Cecil Green was the Director of the morning's ceremonies. Everyone was impressed. The Boy Scout Leader, Commander Kurt Birkhahn, was in Class-A uniform and just back from active duty with the Navy.

Attendance at the Pancake Breakfast began slowly at 8 am and steadily grew to about 100 hungry people by 9:15 am. The crowds did come and continued until about 10:30 am. We served over 1,000 people in all.

My most sincere thank you goes out to all who made this event a success.

The **Awards Dinner** will be **August 1**. The new floor and bar will provide a great background for this happy event. See you there.

◆ **Help needed!** We need people to come forward to run this Post. You can start by doing a small part and then you will have a good feeling about your Post. Age and problems should not stop you. Pauline is 100 and President of the Auxiliary. Many very active members are caring for serious medical needs of family members, and every one of us can recite a litany of aches and pains. The work we do here helps us to forget this "human condition." Please call and ask what you can do to help in our work.

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- ◆ Post improvements continue. Our new hall sparkles. We have a great new caterer and excellent location and parking. This Post is a perfect setting for a variety of events and meetings. If you or someone you know has an event in the future, this would be a great place to hold it. Please call Lou LaGatta (415-608-4843) for the hall rentals and David Monson (415-990-6300) for catering.
- ◆ **A Veteran Profile.** A Larkspur native, he fought in the Pacific during World War II and served as a paratrooper where drops were made into enemy territory. He returned home and excelled in the building/construction business. He then joined the American Legion and helped build this Post. Today, at age 82, he is still volunteering his services at our Post, repairing the roof, porch, and hall. This veteran's name is Richie Guetter.
We need other members to come forward like Richie did to serve this Post.
- ◆ Additional thanks are in order to Jim Reilly for photography during the Grand Opening of the Hall and the Fourth of July festivities; and to Janet Kreyer for sewing a cover for the sound system.

Gene Plocki, Commander

Financial Report

The Pancake Breakfast generated a net of approximately \$6200 which will be apportioned to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Little League who participated in the event. This is the largest fundraiser the Post conducts, and we know our Pancake Partners will put the proceeds to good use benefiting the youth of our community.

The proceeds will be awarded to our partners at our **Awards Dinner Saturday, August 1**. Plan to attend and celebrate this successful event.

We are reviewing our utility and computer services to match our needs. This includes TV, internet, phone and various computer programs that we subscribe to. We hope this effort will enable us to reduce costs. Reducing costs is only one side of the equation. We encourage all members to promote the rental opportunities the Post has to offer. Additional

revenue will assist the Post to meet its goals and continue to serve our Post and the Community.

Will Kaefer

First Vice - Membership

Recruiting slowed with our energy concentrated on the preparations for the Independence Day Pancake Breakfast. Names have been submitted by Cmdr. Plocki and recruiter Jim Reilly from the Fourth of July member recruiting table. These potential members will be followed for enrollment.

A reminder that all members must have a DD-214 on file and many of us have not submitted same. These forms are required for valid membership in the American Legion.

Our next recruiting event will be the Labor Day Veterans BBQ for all Marin vets and their families. We will be serving hamburgers, potato salad, melon & soft drinks. No-Host Post Bar will be open for your enjoyment.

You are encouraged to invite neighbors and friends that appear to satisfy our minimal qualifications to apply for membership. They must be honorably discharged from service during a specified period of wartime duty.

Ron Gillis

Auxiliary

Save the Date: Saturday, November 21, 10 am to 5 pm for our Boutique at Legion Hall. There will be an excellent selection of jewelry, clothing, ceramics, and holiday items so come early and do your Christmas shopping with us. Proceeds will help support the Christmas packages we send to our troops. The Post Bar will be open so that we can sell holiday drinks. Bring your spouse, friends and neighbors. This is a joint fundraiser for the Post and the Auxiliary and is open to the public. Admission is free.

A reminder that we will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8.

Pauline Angelman



LABOR DAY VETERANS BBQ

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11 — 3PM

COMPLIMENTARY

HAMBURGERS, POTATO SALAD, MELON & TRIMMINGS

POST BAR WILL BE OPEN

ALL VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME