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From the Commander . . .

- ♦ The finishing touches were ready in the hall and bar for the Grand Opening on May 31, and the place looked like a jewel. Thank you to the tireless, creative, generous team of Bob Gonzalez, Bill Brennen, Bill McKown, Rob Kreyer, Bob Busse, Jim Hanretty, Will Kaefer, Richie Guetter, Pat Williams, Ron Gillis, Jim Reilly, and Jack Dennis, who spent countless hours on the transformation.
- The Bar Grand Opening was well attended and attracted many people to join our post and to rent the hall. We are planning on having the bar open during the week for veterans and friends. Everyone is excited about our renovation to the bar and hall and especially the hall with the new floor. It looks great.
- Now that the hall and bar are ready, we need all members to promote the facility to their friends. Contact Lou LaGatta of the Marin Realty Group (415-608-4842) for the rental information.
- ♦ The pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, July 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All members are asked to be at the opening flag ceremony at 8:00 and then to enjoy the breakfast and parade. If you are not yet scheduled to help and would like to, please contact me at 924-2854.
- ♦ The next post dinner will be on Saturday, August 1, 2009.
- We are very grateful to Brenda McKown of the American Legion Post 313 Auxiliary. Brenda was the prime motivator in getting the new bar and hall story reported and pictured on the cover

- page of the *Twin Cities Times*. Many thanks, Brenda.
- Do you need a good caterer? Contact DavidMonson@customchef. He is renting our kitchen space and is an excellent chef. He can cater events in our hall or in your home.
- Would you like to place an ad in a future *Monthly Times*? Do you know someone in the community who might be interested? Have them give me a call at 924-2854

Gene Plockí

First Vice - Membership

We've been slowed in signing up new members with the necessity of obtaining copies of applicants' DD-214 discharge papers prior to acceptance. In the past this has often been overlooked. Commander Plocki has the address of the government source for obtaining these forms if they've been misplaced. Keep in mind that the DD-214 form is necessary for initial application for any VA benefits so we should all have a copy available so that our widows don't have to buy our headstones!

Received some inquiries from the Veterans' Bar Open House and am following thru on them. In addition, the transfer of the MV Post members is slowly proceeding. We'll have a recruiting table at the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast that will be followed by the Labor Day Veterans' BBQ. Culmination of these recruiting activities should put more shoes on the floor at Post 313.

Ron Gillis

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

website: http://amricanlegion313.org

July 2009

7/1/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
7/2/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/3/2009			Independence Day (Observed) Pancake Breakfast Setup
7/4/2009			Independence Day Pancake Breakfast & Parade
7/5/2009	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast Cleanup
7/6/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/6/2009	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
7/8/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
7/9/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/13/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/15/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
7/15/2009	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Marin Co. Vietnam Vets of America (Club Room)
7/16/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/16/2009	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	40 & 8 (Club Room)
7/20/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/22/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
7/23/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/27/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/29/2009	12:15 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch: carpool to Super Buffet, Novato
7/30/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
7/30/2009	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Executive Committee (Club Room)

August 2009

8/1/2009	5:00 PM	9:30 PM	Pancake Partners Awards Dinner
8/3/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/3/2009	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
8/5/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
8/6/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/10/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/12/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
8/13/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/17/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/19/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
8/20/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/20/2009	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	40 & 8 (Club Room)
8/24/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/26/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
8/27/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
8/27/2009	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Executive Committee (Club Room)
8/31/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)

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July 4th Independence Day Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 A.M.

Adults \$7

Orange Juice, Three Pancakes, Three Sausages, Melon, Coffee

Children (12 and Under) \$5

Orange Juice, Two Pancakes, Two Sausages, Melon, Milk

Proceeds go to
Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and
Little League

Bring your neighbors and friends and don't forget our famous

Gin Fizz \$3

RESERVE NOW!

Join us for the annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST AWARDS DINNER

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Saturday, August 1, 2009

Social 5 pm Dinner 6 pm In our newly renovated Legion Hall & Bar

Please don't delay as the invitation will be offered to the Little League and Scouts' parents.

You have advance notice to reserve seats now. For info, call Bob Gonzalez 924-6834.

Advance payment to reserve is sent to Bob at

26 Foremast Cove, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Auxiliary Update

Save this date: The **Elegant Holiday Boutique** will be held **November 21, 2009** in the Legion Hall. This will be a boutique featuring exclusive, handmade holiday and specialty items for sale. The Auxiliary has formed a Committee chaired by **Brenda McKown** and **Barbara Fugate** to organize this fundraising event, with one-half the profits going to the Support Our Troops Program and one-half to the American Legion.

The first 3 months of this year, 34 packages and 45 letters were sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the escalation of action in Afghanistan, we are turning more of our efforts to the many troops tasked with trying to establish bases in areas of that country where nothing has existed before. In these areas there are no PX's; they are unable to buy basic hygiene items, and frequently do not have access to running water for showers or laundry, so you know they appreciate our support. Currently, the Auxiliary is set up to receive contributions to this effort and checks may be sent payable to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 313, c/o President Pauline Angleman.

There's been a rumor that I will be riding a motorcycle in this year's 4th of July Parade. Rumor? Fact? You'll have to view the parade for yourself.

Pauline Angleman