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From the Commander

⇒ All new officers were installed at our May 4 General Membership Meeting. We also installed and welcomed our new members:

Kurt Birkhahn	Larriecce Stuart
David Fletcher	Steven Volk
David O'Dell	Palmer Wilkins
James Reilly	

⇒ We are looking for someone to assume the **Adjutant** responsibilities for our Post. If anyone is interested, please see me.

⇒ 5-16-09 Pancake Breakfast Meeting. All tasks were assigned. Bring everyone you know to the event on July 4, 2009. If you can help, see me.

⇒ **Ritchie Guetter** was interviewed earlier this month by a World War II historian in Lafayette. Ritchie's experiences with the Paratroops has been made into a DVD and a copy sent to the Library of Congress. If you're interested in seeing Ritchie's copy, give him a call at 389-8832.

⇒ **Larriecce Stuart** is in Guide Dog Training at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. She has been in-residence, bonding with her dog, since May 25. Graduation is June 20 at 1:30 pm at the Center in San Rafael. Everyone is invited to attend this life changing event.

⇒ We received a very generous \$1000 donation from Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 547. Thank you **Pat Williams**.

⇒ I represented our Post at the May 25 Civic Center Memorial Ceremony. We had lunch at Post 179 celebrating their 75 Birthday.



Cdr. Plocki, Steven Volk, Jim Reilly, David O'Dell



Cdr. Gene Plocki, Jim Hanretty, Ron Gillis and Bill McKown

⇒ We still need more people to come forward and help at the Post. Ask what you can do for your American Legion Post. See me and I'll see that you get the help you need to get the job done!

Gene Plocki

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(A squadron is forming)**

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For Calendar updates, see the club
room bulletin board & the post
website: <http://amricanlegion313.org>

June 2009

6/1/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/1/2009	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Troop 43 Court of Honor (Hall)
6/1/2009	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
6/3/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
6/4/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/8/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/9/2009	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
6/10/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
6/11/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/13/2009	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Minutemen Meeting
6/15/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/17/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
6/17/2009	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Marin Co. Vietnam Vets of America (Club Room)
6/18/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/18/2009	6:00 PM	11:30 PM	Bingo Night for Friends and Family
6/18/2009	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	40 & 8 (Club Room)
6/20/2009	4:00 PM	11:45 PM	Pardella Family Party
6/21/2009			Father's Day
6/22/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/24/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
6/25/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
6/25/2009	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Executive Committee (Club Room)
6/29/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)

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)
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7/15/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
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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)

FACILITIES REPORT

Veterans' Bar

Since our last report, a number of improvements have been made to the Veterans' Bar. Jim Hanretty and Bill McKown completely refinished the bar. The hardwood bar top was sanded, re-stained and finished with multiple coats of gloss varnish and the white painted trim was restored. Very nice!

The knotty pine walls were scrubbed with oil soap and fresh oil finish. Wait until you see how much brighter and fresh the walls look with years of smoke and grime removed. Likewise, the ceiling over the bar was scrubbed clean. It looks like new!

However, much remains to do if we are to be ready for May 31. A shelf must be constructed for bar glasses and bottles, electric power brought to the bar top for the cash register, and lighting for the back bar. We must order the second refrigerator for the bar. Signs displaying drink prices and other notices must be created and installed.

After the infrastructure is in place, we need to order glassware and bar inventory. Obviously, much help is needed and you are welcome to pitch in and take care of one of these items.

Main Hall

Our full attention has been devoted to the Hall in recent days. By the time you read this, the new floor will be in place. With Will Kaefer leading the charge, we have leveled the floor, purchased about 1,500 square feet of flooring and installed it.

Much needed improvements were made in the men's room. The old, wall mounted sink has been replaced with an oak cabinet and cultured marble sink. Also, the garden-hose valve controlling water flow to the urinal has been replaced with a push-button valve. This will save much water because it can't be left running overnight.

Remaining are lighting issues, sound system, staining the bare wood the same color as the walls, curtains for the back wall and lots of other details. Again, your help is needed right now to complete any one of these items.

Bob Gonzalez

Financial Report

Due to the many improvements that we are making in the Post Bar and the Hall, our expenditures continue to exceed our revenue. We have recently spent close to \$3000 for our new Hall flooring. The last significant expenditure we anticipate going forward will be for new lighting fixtures for the Hall.

Please stop by and see all the improvements in the Bar and Hall. We need all of you to tell your friends and contacts about our facilities and that they are available for rent.

Will Kaefer

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary's June 9 meeting will be a luncheon get-together and will close our Auxiliary fiscal year.. We hope to have a good turnout so don't forget to mark your calendars for 12 noon.

At this time we mourn the passing of our member, Barbara Lippett. Our prayers are with the family.

Our Poppy Day volunteers had a very generous amount in donations for the veteran-made poppies, our replica of the Flanders' Field Poppy. My thanks to each of our volunteers and donors.

Vacation time will be the order of the day until our September meeting. Happy summer to all!

Pauline Angelman



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American Legion family eligibility requirements

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Any person is eligible for membership who was a member of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps or U.S. Coast Guard and assigned to active duty at some time during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917-Nov 22, 1918; Dec 7, 1941-Dec 31, 1946; Jun 25, 1950-Jan 31, 1955; Feb 28, 1961-May 7, 1975; Aug 24, 1982-July 31-1984; Dec 20, 1989-Jan 31, 1990; and Aug 2, 1990-present. Merchant Marines who served from Dec 7, 1941, to Dec 31, 1946, and have been deemed veterans are eligible for membership. Those who have left the service must have received an honorable discharge. Membership also is open to those who were citizens of the United States at the time of their entry into foreign armed forces that served with the United States during any of these periods. Service must have been terminated with an honorable discharge or honorable separation.

American Legion Auxiliary

All women who are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary fall into one of these categories:

1. The mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of members of The American Legion.
2. The mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great grand-daughters and grandmothers of those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during any of the eligibility periods listed and who died in the line of duty during such service, or who, having received an honorable discharge, died after such service.
3. The mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of those who were citizens of the United States and who served during any of the eligibility periods in the armed forces of any of the governments who were allies of the United States and who died in the line of duty during such service, or who, having received an honorable discharge, died after such

service.

4. Women who are eligible for membership in the American Legion in their own right. Eligibility includes step-relatives.

Sons of The American Legion

An eligible member must be a male descendant or stepson of a member of The American Legion. Others eligible to join include:

1. Male descendants, stepsons included, of any veteran who died in service during World War I World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War. See specific time period for service during these conflicts.
 2. Male descendants and stepsons of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War. The same eligibility periods apply.
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