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From the Commander

Thank you very much for your vote of confidence in electing me your Commander for a second term.

Congratulations to all those elected to the 2009-2010 Board:

Ron Gillis	First Vice
Bill Brennen	Second Vice
Jim Hanretty	Third Vice
Jack Dennis	Member-at-Large
Dave Fletcher	Member-at-Large
Cecil Green	Member-at-Large

And **congratulations** to those who accepted the following appointments:

Will Kaefer	Finance Officer
Bob Gonzalez	Facilities Manager and past Commander

A pattern of many important accomplishments has marked the entire year 2008-2009. Our Post turned 80. We engaged the services of Lou La Gatta, a real estate agent (608-4842), to handle the rental of our facilities. We hired Marilyn Bourke, Office Assistant, to help us with the mounds of paperwork associated with our membership.

The Pancake Breakfast had the highest attendance to date and generated the most revenue in our history, thus making our gifts to the Boy Scouts and Little League very generous. Rather than always charging for events, we've turned another leaf by planning a free September picnic for Veterans. We celebrated Pauline Angleman's 100th birthday. The Auxiliary sent many packages to our military personnel overseas. We visited and gave gifts of over \$1000 to our veterans at the Ft. Miley Vets Hospital in San Francisco. We raised and donated \$1500 to Fisher House. And, after great amounts of time and effort by many in our post, we have transformed the Magnolia Avenue facility into an expanded American Legion Post facility.

All of these accomplishments have laid the groundwork for and point to the promise of an exciting 2009-2010. We have



signed a contract with David Monson, Steve Clark and Sonya Yassa as new tenants for the kitchen. The Hall and Post Bar will soon be remodeled, and the ABC license has expanded to cover our entire facility. These actions have positioned us to make this post an outstanding facility for veterans, community, and youth.

To assure the fulfillment of our very real potential, we need and want participation from all members. For example, the office Adjutant position is vacant, just waiting for you to volunteer. I know that many of you are already spending countless hours contributing to our efforts. We need your fresh ideas and work. Please drop by the Post and let me know what you would like to do. We look forward to hearing from you. (The Post number is 924-6283.)

The Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Post Bar will be on May 31, 2009; this will coincide with the Larkspur Flower and Wine Street Fair. Please join us from noon to 6 P.M. to celebrate with us and meet potential new members. Our next dinner will be on June 6, 2009.

The American Legion Post #179, San Anselmo, is turning 75. We are invited to join in their festivities from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 25, 2009.

Gene Plocki, Commander

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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://americanlegion313.org>

May 2009

5/4/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/4/2009	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	General Membership Meeting - Installation of Officers (Club Room)
5/6/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
5/7/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/9/2009	11:30 AM	3:30 PM	VFW Luncheon (Club Room)
5/10/2009			Mother's Day
5/11/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/12/2009	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
5/13/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
5/14/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/18/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/20/2009	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast (Club Room)
5/20/2009	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Marin Co. Vietnam Vets of America (Club Room)
5/21/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/21/2009	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	40 & 8 (Club Room)
5/25/2009			Memorial Day
5/27/2009	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch
5/28/2009	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Coffee (Club Room)
5/28/2009	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Executive Committee (Club Room)
5/31/2009	12 noon	6:00 PM	Grand Opening—Post 313 Bar

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)
6/6/2009	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	American Legion Dinner
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)
6/14/2009			Flag Day
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)
6/21/2009			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)

First Vice -Membership

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Membership First Vice and hope to follow thru with an effective campaign enrolling new members. My predecessor, Rob Kreyer, was instrumental in working with the Adjutant in obtaining a list of veterans residing in Southern Marin that will be used to generate a crop for harvesting of new and eager members.

The Bar Committee will hold a Grand Opening of the Post Bar for veterans on May 31. This gathering will provide potential members the opportunity to appraise the facilities and become acquainted with our programs and personnel. Come and celebrate with us and meet potential new members.

Currently we plan on a replay of the Labor Day BBQ that was successful last year and open to the new members and other veterans in the southern Marin area: Sausalito Tiburon, Mill Valley, Kentfield, Greenbrae and the Twin Cities of Corte Madera and Larkspur.

Ron Gillis

Facilities Manager

Hall Kitchen

Major emphasis has been on the Hall Kitchen now that a potential lessee has been signed. Recently, a newly refurbished Wolf range has been delivered and the dishwasher has been restored to new condition. During this reporting period, we replaced a few cracked floor tiles. This completed all the tasks which needed to be addressed. Lastly, the two doors securing the kitchen area were rekeyed.

Post Bar Grand Opening

The annual Food and Flower fair in Larkspur is set for the end of May. We have scheduled an open house and grand opening of the Post Bar. To that end, we plan to invite area veterans in for a free drink and get acquainted with Post 313. A committee was formed to present Post Bar design ideas to the Executive Committee. Thus far, the "oil lamp" wall sconces have been replaced with modern looking and energy efficient fixtures.

Plans include placing a twelve foot long shelf below the back bar mirror to create a display of beer and liquor bottles and glassware. A beverage refrigerator to be placed under the bar top has been ordered. A second unit may follow later on as needed. Naturally, we must purchase the initial inventory. The Post Bar must be fully operational by the end of May.

Main Hall

No significant progress has been made during this reporting period. However, lighting remains an ongoing concern. From "cocktail dark" to "meeting room bright", we must be able to provide any lighting to accommodate customer requests. We plan to consult a lighting expert to help with this problem. Removal of the stage and replacing the floor will be addressed after the kitchen tenant is in place and the lounge is squared away.

Bob Gonzalez

Financial Officer

The first four months of this year have been financially challenging. We have incurred significant expenses due to termite repair work, a new ABC catering license for the hall, replacing our Hall Kitchen stove, and our first property tax bill of the year. Because we have not had the rent from a full time tenant for the Hall to offset these expenses, we've exceeded our income by \$3500. While we have reserves to cover this short fall, it is important for all of us to manage our expenditures wisely.

May 1 will mark the start of our Hall Kitchen lease which will improve this drain on our reserves. We have successfully expanded our ABC Club License to cover our entire premises. This will enable us to operate the Post Bar, not only for our members, but also for rented events by using our ABC Catering License. It behooves all of use to spread the word that we are open for rental business.

Will Kaefer

Auxiliary

Poppy Week will be held May 10-16. We will sell poppies at the Corte Madera Post office and at the Safeway in the Town Center, Corte Madera.

Our next meeting will be held at the Post Clubroom on May 12th. We will have our social at 12 noon with the meeting starting at 1 p.m.

Pauline Angelman



Commander Gene Plocki receives award from the Little League for our support of their championship team.

Don't Forget:

Post Bar Grand Opening May 31, 12 noon to 6 P.M.

Post Dinner June 6, Hospitality Hour 5 P.M.



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