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From the Commander . . .

Veterans' Health Care News. It seems that the VA has revived the "Priority 8" category for all veterans. This means that all veterans from all service can apply for VA health care. This particular category has been closed for 6+ years and just recently reopened. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mort Tallen, the Marin County Veterans' Counsel vet-rep, or www.va.gov/healtheligibility.

Labor Day Veterans BBQ. This event was a big success thanks to our chairman Ron Gillis and his able team of volunteers. Ron's specifics and photos follow. Speaking of volunteers. . . **We Need You!** Don't hesitate to come forward if you can help with dinners, the bar, improvement projects or administrative matters. We welcome your participation.

Promote Hall Rentals. All members are reminded to promote our new and improved hall. It's a great venue for family celebrations, dinners and business and club meetings. Help us spread the word.

Gene Plocki, Commander

First Vice - Membership

Our Labor Day Veterans' BBQ expenditures would seem justified by the opportunity we had to recruit members. We also had the opportunity to meet present members who had been known by name only. We served 84 at a total cost of \$190 or \$2.30 per person. Hamburgers were 1/3 lb ground sirloin prepared by Daniel Brennen, Dave O'Dell, C.J. Carrillo, Jim Reilly, Bob Busse, Hugo Valdez, and Cecil Green. Jack Dennis and Jim Hanretty, in their professional capacity as bartenders, had a busy afternoon quench-

ing the thirst of our guests. Cecil Green and Jim Reilly were at the door arranging to sign-in guests to accommodate the requirements of the ABC. Don Fertig was at the bar piano playing patriotic



and musical favorites. The advertising by Stuart and Jeanne Bacon was most effective as attendance was up in the face of stiff competition from the Sausalito Art Festival that reportedly drew thousands.

Ron Gillis

Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary would like to remind everyone of two important dates in November.

Holiday in a Box/Supporting Our Troops. Tuesday, **November 10th** we will be packing the holiday "I care" boxes at the clubhouse from 10 am to 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to help pack. If you cannot attend and would like to help, we need disposable cameras, AAA batteries, boot socks, current DVDs (used okay), and signed holiday greeting cards. These items can be dropped off any time at the Post, attn. Commander Gene.

November 21 is The Elegant Holiday Boutique from 10am to 5pm. Co-Chairperson Brenda McKown reports a

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**Sons of The American Legion
(A squadron is forming)**

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For Calendar updates, see the club
room bulletin board & the post
website: <http://americanlegion313.org>

October 2009

1	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
3	5:00 PM	9:30 PM	Post 313 Dinner (Hall)
5	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
5	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
7	8:30 AM	10:00	Breakfast (Club Room)
8	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
12	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
13	12:00	2:00 PM	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
14	12:00	1:30 PM	Lunch
15	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
15	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	40 & 8 (Club Room)
17	11:30	2:30 PM	VFW Lunch
19	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
19	12:00	2:00 PM	RPEA Lunch
21	8:30 AM	10:00	Breakfast (Club Room)
21	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Marin Co. Vietnam Vets of America (Club Room)
22	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
26	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
28	12:00	1:30 PM	Lunch
29	9:00 AM	10:00	Coffee (Club Room)
29	10:00	12:00	Executive Committee (Club Room)

November 2009

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
2	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
4	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
5	9:00 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
10	12:00 pm	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
11	5 pm	9 pm	Veterans' Day Dinner (Fisher House Fund Raiser) [Hall]
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
16	5 pm	10 pm	Troop 43 Court of Honor Dinner
18	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
18	6:30 pm	9 pm	Marin County Vietnam Vets of America (Club Room)
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
19	7 pm	9 pm	40 & 8 (Club Room)
21	8 am	6 pm	Auxiliary Holiday Boutique (Boutique hours 10 am—5 pm) [Hall]
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
25	12:00 pm	1:30 pm	Lunch
26			Thanksgiving Day
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)

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sold out event - vendors have taken every table space available and she now has names on a waiting list. Plans for the event's decorations and publicity are in the final stages. All Post and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Stop by, admire the work the Legionnaires have done on the hall. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and decorating. Have a cocktail at the bar. The Support Our Troops Auxiliary Elegant Boutique is right on target and it could easily become a yearly event that will raise funds needed for Post and Auxiliary projects.

Pauline Angelman

Financial Officer:

We are seeing an increased interest in our rentals for the holiday season. We encourage all of our rental partners to seal in their rental dates with a deposit. We cannot hold any dates until the deposit is received. Do not delay!

We continue to make capital improvements in our facilities. The Hall lighting has been rewired with new fixtures to ensure the down spots work. Thank you, Bob Gonzalez, for your work. The porch has recently been repainted, both the green decking and the white trim. We have removed the two old pews as we intend to put some of our café tables on the porch. Richie Guetter has been replacing the stairs nosing and thresholds to make sure no one trips.



Jim Hanretty has acquired eight new bar chairs and has been sanding, priming and painting them to match the bar décor. Helping him has been Jim Reilly. Bill McKown has researched and designed a new sign for our outdoor Marquee. We should have it installed by the time you read this newsletter.

All of these improvements add to the facility's appeal which are for your enjoyment. We can only do this if you continue to support the Post Bar and our Dinners. Our Activities depend on you bringing your Legion/Auxiliary members and your friends to our events.

Will Kaefer

Veterans Day Dinner

**Wednesday
November 11**

**Fund Raiser for
Fisher House**

**Lasagna, Salad, Garlic
Bread and Desert**

\$10

Wine available for \$5/bottle

All proceeds will go the Travis AFB Fisher House which provides **free** housing to families visiting their hospitalized active duty members, veterans and family members.

Bring a Raffle Prize

**(suggestions: wine, candy,
homemade treats)**

**Post Bar will be open at 5
PM - Dinner at 6 PM.**

**Bring your friends and
neighbors**

**Send your reservations and
check to the Post - 500 Magnolia
Ave, Larkspur CA 94939 by
November 6th.**



**It's the 7th Anniversary of
Pauline's 94th Birthday!**

Come to Pauline's Birthday Dinner

Saturday, October 3

5 pm Cocktails, 6 pm Dinner

Menu : Roast beef or salmon, salad, dessert

\$20

Table wine provided by anonymous donor.

Payment required for reservation.

Send check & choice of entree to American Legion,
500 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939.