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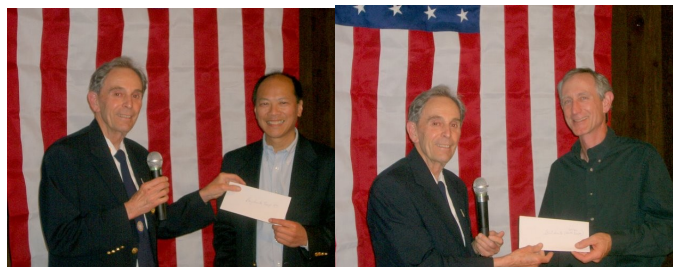
OUR MISSION: TO HONOR, SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR ARMED FORCES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHILE PROMOTING PATRIOTISM IN THE COMMUNITY

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From the Commander . . .

The **Awards Dinner** on August 1 was a great success. Drinks were served in our new bar and, taking advantage of the beautiful, warm evening, guests migrated to the porch and enjoyed a view of Mt. Tam. Our cook, David Monson, provided a great dinner; all were pleased.



In our program, we awarded a check to the Boy Scouts represented by Larry Chu and the Girl Scouts represented by Tom Shores. The Little League will receive their check at a later date.

Brenda McKown promoted the November 21 Boutique and fund raiser to be held at the American Legion Hall from 10 am—5 pm. Mark your calendars.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who made this year's pancake breakfast a success. As a result of the generous participation of so many, we were able to distribute \$6,200 to the youth in our community.

Our next event is our **Veterans' BBQ**, which will be held on Monday, September 7, Labor Day, from 11 am to 3 pm. This year we will be serving lunch outside on our porch and in our hall and bar. The food is free and we will have a no-host bar. See you there.

We extend a warm welcome to the **Mill Valley American Legion Post members** who have now been transferred to Post 313, Larkspur: Jack Aaron, Maurice Angland, Nels Asplund, Cary Carrillo, Garland Crenshaw, Dennis Davies, James Diederich, Richard Ferns, George Froberg, Robert Gerrish, Elmo Maggiora, Thomas Nelson, James Patten, Jackson Perry, Paul Ransom, Theodore Redenius, Gerard Sample, Randell Shenton, and Jack Yamamoto. We extend special thanks to C.J. Carrillo for handling the financial and transfer work involved, a very demanding job to accomplish. Thank you Dave Price, Past District 5 Commander, for amalgamating our posts. We invite all to participate in our weekly activities. Please introduce yourselves to the Commander, Gene Plocki. We hope to see everyone at our functions.

Pauline's Birthday Dinner will be held in our Hall on **Saturday, October 3**. This is always a popular event so get your reservation, which is your check, in early. See details in the box on page 3.

Gene Plocki, Commander



Our Color Guard for the July 4th Parade was awarded a trophy for Second Place.

First Vice - Membership

All post members and their families are invited to the Labor Day BBQ on September 7. Stuart Bacon has arranged for flyers in many shop windows in the Twin Cities and has had notices placed in the local newspapers. Commander Plocki presented an invitation to our event at a meeting of the Military Officers Association and received a positive response. Post-cards were sent to a prospective member list from SF Headquarters and this group will be followed up with phone calls.

The BBQ runs from 11 am to 3 pm and any who desire to pitch-in could arrive early and help with setting up tables and volunteer to assist as the occasion demands and, if inclined, stay to help with cleanup.

Ron Gillis

Financial Officer

Two major events have occurred this month that have and will improve our financial outlook. First, the membership of the Mill Valley Post made a sizable donation to our post. This covers our year-to-date deficit and positions us with a positive net of \$4,126 for the year. The second significant event is the negotiations with the Academy DeTurk. As some will recall, they rented our hall several years ago to run an after school program for school age children. We are looking for a long-term agreement with them. Their program will take place during the day and should not significantly impact our opportunities to rent the hall for evening and weekend events.

We still have significant capital improvements that need to be made to our facilities, such as lighting for the hall and new heating systems for the hall and bar. The Post will be prioritizing such improvements and moving forward to accomplish them.

Will Kaefer

SAL Report

On August 18 at Napa Post 113, I was elected to be the SAL 5th District Commander. Installation is set for Sept 13, at the District 5 meeting in Vacaville at Post 165.

Michael Kopf

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is pleased to welcome new members Norma Loewen, Susan Cunningham and Rita Pinzon. Current members are reminded it's time for dues to be paid. Please bring your dues to the Auxiliary meeting on September 8th and give to Vice President Maxine Cohen.

Save the date: November 10th, 10 am, SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. It's time for the annual holiday packages to go out. Please join us in packing for the troops. Donations of the following are needed : holiday DVDs and music CDs (used ok), disposable cameras, boot socks, small holiday decorations and lights, small packages of cookies, hard candy, canned nuts, beef jerky, blank Christmas cards for the troops to use to write home, and cards with your signature and message.

Last year we collected over 600 cards and we would like to top that. Legionnaires—we need your help too! Donations may be left at the offices at the Legion Hall. Donations for postage and our Costco purchasing should be made out to the Auxiliary-SOT. *Pauline Angelman*

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 94929.

No changes after September 29.



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