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From the Commander . . .

On December 7, 2009, Will Kaefer, Cecil Green, and Gene Plocki drove to **Travis Air Force Base** to present a check for \$2,500 to Charlene Hunt for the Fisher House. Their staff was very appreciative. Many thanks again to Will Kaefer for chairing the Fisher House fundraiser; it was truly a job well done.



Thank you to Barbara Fugate and Brenda McKown for the contribution of \$700 from their **holiday boutique**. These ladies and their committee worked long and hard to make this event a success. The American Legion appreciates your efforts and your generous contribution.



In November, Bill Brennen visited the **San Francisco Veterans Administration** to present them with a \$2,000 check. \$1,000 of that money was converted into coupons, which Mike Kopf, Jim Reilly, Ron Gillis, and Gene Plocki distributed on December 15 to vets residing in the Living Center. It was a heartwarming experience to bring some joy to veterans. If you receive care at the VASF, tell them you are from Twin Cities Post 313, Larkspur, California.

We thank Jim McDermott and Marsha Lizza of the SFVA for directing this donation program.

Dec 27 was the last day of the **Veterans Bar Sunday Program**. I want to thank all those who helped make this program work. If anyone wants this idea to continue or has any other ideas to attract veterans, please see Commander Plocki.

The December 16 **Christmas Dinner** was another joyous event. The hall and bar were decorated in the season's spirit. Thanks to Bob Gonzales and his crew for the hall and to Jim Hanretty for the bar. Our cook, David Monson, served another excellent dinner. The entire evening was accompanied by beautiful Christmas music played by "The GGs": Martha Shaw, Iyana Leveque, Marianne Shaw, Bonnie Gonzales, and Anne Lerner-Wright. We thank Bonnie Gonzales for arranging this quintet. The Boy Scouts, led by Kurt Birkhahn and Steve Bode, brought two very poised and articulate young scouts to acquaint us with the ways they used their Pancake Breakfast funds. The dinner was enjoyed by all.

Membership Update: In the past year our membership increased by 10 to a total membership of 171.

Participation of all members of this Post is needed to make this Post succeed. Some specific needed **volunteer help** is the following: Adjutant, Assistant Finance Officer, Assistant Property Manager, Historian, Hall-Bar-Club Room Promotion, Phone Networking. Any small bit of help you can offer will be appreciated. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up.

All members are asked to promote our hall to families and friends. It's a very attractive, warm, cozy spot for any event. - *Gene Plocki, Commander*

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

January 2010

1			New Year's Day
4	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
4	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
6	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
9	9:30 am	11:30	Advocacy Group Steering Committee
11	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
13	12 noon	1:30 pm	Lunch
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee Club Room)
18			Martin Luther King's Birthday
18	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
20	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
25	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
27	12 noon	1:30 pm	Lunch
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee (Club Room)
28	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee (Club Room)

February 2010

1	9 am	10 am	Coffee
1	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
3	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
4	9 am	10 am	Coffee
8	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	5 pm	9:00 pm	Valentine's Day Dinner (Hall & Bar)
11	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14			St. Valentine's Day
15	9 am	10 am	Coffee Washington's Birthday
17	8:30 am	10 am	Breakfast (Club Room)
18	9 am	10 am	Coffee
22	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24	12 noon	1:30 pm	Lunch
25	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting

FLASHBACK
2009 Post 313 Accomplishments

January

We took over management of the hall and bar.
We contracted with a licensed property mgr.

February

We began work on renovating the bar.
The Veterans' Bar is now the best bar in Larkspur. Thank you, Jim Hanretty.

March

We began renovating the hall.

April

We installed the new floor in the hall.

May

Grand Opening of the Bar and Hall.

June

Pre-planning for the July 4th breakfast

July

4th of July Pancake Breakfast Disbursements:

Boy Scouts	\$4,500.00
Girl Scouts	\$ 800.00
Little League	\$ 900.00

August

Awards Dinner

September

Free Veterans Picnic - Thank you Ron Gillis.

October

Pauline's Birthday Party – 101 years old!
Thank you Bob Gonzalez.

November

Fisher House Fundraiser - \$2,500.00 --
Thank you, Will Kaefer
Auxiliary Boutique - \$700.00 – thank you,
Barbara Fugate and Brenda McKown

December

1. Presented check to Fisher House (\$2,500.00) – Will Kaefer, Cecil Green, and Gene Plocki drove to Travis Air Force Base
2. SF Veterans' Administration Living Center visits and donations of \$2,000.
3. Christmas Dinner - Thank you Bob Gonzalez

October, November, and December

Veterans Bar Sunday Program

Post 313
Valentine
Dinner

Wednesday, Feb 10

Activities begin at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

MENU

Choice of Roast Beef or

Oven Broiled Salmon

Vegetables

Dessert

Coffee

Table Wine \$5 per Bottle

Send check & entrée

selection by Feb 7

to Post 313
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Second Vice Report

The Meals for Members program has been altered due to the resignation of long-time manager Bill Brennen. Bill has agreed to help out with other volunteers for the odd Wednesday breakfasts and Ron Gillis will manage the lunches on the even Wednesdays with the able support of Dan Brennen. Gillis will purchase the supplies for the Post and Meals for Members and keep the charges separate.

Time expended on this program will continue to expand with the accumulation of duties which have not been voluntarily assumed by the membership: galley cloth washing, coffee grinding, cleaning & maintaining the Club Room, establishment of a phone tree, serving meals and drinks, and loading the dishwasher. To reiterate our Commander, volunteers are needed.

Breakfast will be served Jan 6 & 20 at 8:30 am; lunch at noon on Jan 13 & 27. Our breakfast program has been self-supporting at \$5, but the lunch requires a larger stream of income and we expect to hold the price at \$7, including coffee, wine & soft drinks. If participation increases to the limit of 40, the price will be reduced.

Another change will be only one entrée to reduce cost and ease serving when the room is at the limit of six tables. Will request permission to re-hang the galley door to swing into the galley and have the door cut as a Dutch door for ease of operation. This will require a platform in the galley for stair landing and safety. Happy New Year. - *Ron Gillis*

Auxiliary President's Corner

The Twin Cities Unit welcomes new member Donna Ford. All members are reminded to send in their current dues to keep from being dropped from the roles.

Another reminder: all members are asked to keep a record of services that took place within the community during the holidays. We know several of you were involved in Senior Citizen events in local Senior Centers, as Thrift Shop volunteers and in group activities for hospitalized children and veterans etc. Do keep a record for our annual reports. We wish each and everyone the best of good health in the coming new year. - *Pauline Angelman*