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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Member Deployed to Afghanistan.

Post member Kurt Birkhahn, Commander USNR, has been called to active duty to serve for a year deployment in Afghanistan. He will be embedded with the US Army. Kurt was this year's Pancake Breakfast Chairman and Boy Scout troop 43's leader. Family and friends gathered on July 24 at a farewell party at which Kurt expressed his commitment to help the people of Afghanistan. We look forward to periodically receiving Kurt's observations during his deployment.



The American Legion's motto is "Still Serving America." This is no better exemplified than by Kurt's commitment and dedication to serve our nation. We all wish him a safe and successful deployment.

Post Hosts New City Manager. On June 19, 2010, Post 313 hosted the City of Larkspur for its "Meet and Greet" event to introduce the new city manager, Dan Schwarz. Mayor Joan Lundstrom was very appreciative, and many citizens attended. Post 313 was well represented, and we thank Jim Hanretty, Jack Dennis, and Bill McKown for their work at the bar.

Pancake Breakfast Raises \$5,672 for Youth. July 4, 2010 – What a day! The weather was perfect. After weeks of planning and procurement of food and supplies, the actual cooking and preparation for the Pancake Breakfast began at 6:30 a.m. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League players and coaches, and American Legion members all gathered to meet the day.

At 8:00 a.m. we had the flag raising ceremony by the

Boy Scouts. Morning Colors were played by Bill McKown. During the course of the morning, we served breakfast to 712 adults, 186 children, and 80 volunteers. The gin stand had the best year in a long time. Since the parade start time was so much later, we added a first: a hot dog stand; it was a great success. In all, the Pancake Breakfast was well received, rewarding the very hard work of a great number of volunteers supporting community and youth.

The day was highlighted by the famous Larkspur-Corte Madera Parade. American Legion members were well represented in the honors bestowed by the parade committee:



The Grand Prize was awarded to Pauline Angleman, President of the American Legion 313 Auxiliary for Best Theme: "Honor Our Heroes." She also won First Place Entry for Service Organization. At 100 years plus, Pauline is still setting goals for herself and plans on winning 3 trophies next year. Way to go Pauline!

First Place in the Marching Band Division was awarded to the MacIntosh Pipe Band, with Bill McKown one of its members.

Third Place was awarded to the American Legion Color Guard. Many thanks to our Color Guard and especially Steven Bartley who was in charge. Thank you, Post 179 and Post 313 Color Guard members. It was a job well done. We all appreciate you.

Thank you, Bill McKown, for playing Morning Colors and to all the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League members, and American Legion members for making this day such a huge success.

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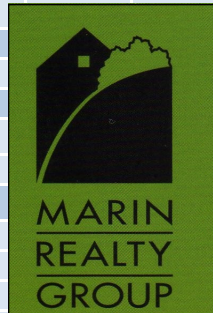
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August 2010

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
2	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Main Hall)
5	9 am	10 am	Coffee
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	12 noon	1:30 pm	Lunch
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee



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September 2010

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	11 am	2 pm	Labor Day Free Veterans' Picnic
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Main Hall)
14	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting

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

Breakfast/Lunch Program. Our lunch program will resume on Aug 11 at noon. Seating is limited to 40 and reservations will be expected from all who plan to attend. Menu: BBQ chicken, baked potato, veggies, garden salad, wine, coffee, ice cream. Price: \$7.

We will be scheduling more breakfasts and lunches in the near future. They will consist of a combination of catered and post-prepared meals.

The new District 5 commander is Mike McSween. We look forward to his joining us in our activities and to giving him the support he needs.

Calling Former Boy Scouts. If you've ever been a boy scout or have any interest in getting involved with our boy scout program, contact C.J. Carrillo at 415-637-8625.

Help Wanted. We are still looking for members to help run this post. Help is needed in Administration, Property Management, Hospitality, Main Hall, Bar, Historian, etc. See Gene Plocki.

First Vice - Membership - Cecil Green

Say Hi to a New Member or a visiting Member. Come to just one Post meeting then come back. Say Thanks to our fine volunteers. Be One!

Something to remember: This is your Post; we need your input, you help and your participation to make it work. If there is something you have "heard" that bothers you, ask an officer or your Commander. If it needs to be fixed, it probably can be; if it is not true or is just a misunderstanding, the truth is good...it is always better to be a happy member enjoying your Post than an agitated member responding to rumors.

As with most Legion posts and other fraternal and civic organizations, our membership losses are like cancer – beginning very slowly and having a minimal impact – which, if not taken seriously or even worse, ignored, can grow rapidly into steady losses year after year. We must always remember to keep in mind that the "life-blood" of any organization is MEMBERSHIP, and, in order to remain strong, we must pursue a vigorous campaign to recruit, initiate,

and retain new members. Remember, there are many potential members in our communities that are just waiting for someone to ask them to JOIN.

Membership Statistics

Membership, July 1, 2010	152 Total
Membership, July 31, 2010	160 Total

Visit to Post 26 in Port Townsend, WA.

Traveling the Northwest recently, we had the pleasure to stop by and visit the Port Townsend, Washington American Legion at Marvin G. Shields Post 26. Their bar was open and we were welcomed.



About 40 members were present. Right away, their commander, Joe Carey, acknowledged our presence and we had a beneficial conversation about our post and theirs. Their post has a large basement that serves the homeless during the winter. This includes single men and women and families. Many local restaurants help to supplement food requirements.

As a Post we should reflect what "Still Serving America" means. Post 26 has truly figured that out. I encourage all our members who travel to stop by and visit other American Legion posts and see what they are doing. *Will Kaefer*

**DINNER
CANCELLED**

The Annual Awards Dinner scheduled for August 11 has been cancelled as improvements to the Hall kitchen may not be completed by that time. Checks mailed in for the dinner have not been deposited and will be returned.

The cash awards to our Pancake Partners will take place at the regular Post meeting on August 2 at 7:30 pm in the Club Room. Please attend and support this important Post activity.

July 4, 2010 - Twin Cities Post 313



Free Veterans Picnic

September 6, 2010
11 am — 2 pm

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