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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Veterans' Day. November 11, 2010 was a very inspiring holiday as we remembered and honored the men and women who have fought and continue to fight for our nation. Ceremonies in Marin began at the Civic Center Auditorium in San Rafael with music, introduction of guests, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, colors, and a speech by Rear Admiral Castillo. Following these rituals, we moved outside to view a parade, to participate in the wreath presentations, to reflect as we heard taps, to witness the retirement of colors, and to appreciate a great array of military vehicles. Post 313 was represented by Commander Gene Plocki, Auxiliary President Pauline Angleman and Margaret St. John, who presented a wreath.

At 1700 hours, Post 313 began its evening Veterans' Day program, a fundraiser for our troops at the Fisher House, Travis, California. Following cocktails and dinner, Charlene Hall from Fisher House presented two short films and delivered a very moving speech about the work of that organization and about the life of its remarkable founder, Zachary Fisher. We are very pleased that proceeds from the dinner, individual contributions, and raffle profits enabled us to present a \$4,200 donation to Fisher House.

Thank you to all who supported this very successful event.

First of all, a great big thank you goes to Bill Brennen, the chairman of this very worthy veterans' support evening. Thank you to all of his tireless support staff including Pauline Angleman, Dan Brennen, C.J. Carrillo,



Maxine Cohen, Jack Dennis, Hank Garcia, Ron Gillis, Bob & Bonnie Gonzalez, Robert Hall, Jim Hanretty, Rane Jensen, Will Kaefer, Mike Kopf, Janet Kreyer, Jim

Reilly, Robert Simon, Richard Lawrence, Randy Stokes, Tom Tomlinson, Jackie Tribolet and Rosie Volk. Thank you to those who contributed prizes for the raffle, to those who donated money outright, and to the 104 members and guests who came to the dinner, making this very successful event an extremely festive one as well.

School Visit. On November 17, Commander Gene Plocki and First Vice President Cecil Green presented a flag lecture to the second grade class at our Lady of Loreto Grammar School in Novato. Cecil's presentation was excellent, and the class responded with enthusiasm as we passed out flags and rulers. One girl came up to me and said, "I want to be President of the United States." The guest teachers who viewed the lesson asked us to return for a repeat performance for the first and third grades as well. Thank you Cecil, for a job well done.



Troop Program. The Support Our Troops project took place on November 15. Thank you to Auxiliary President Pauline Angleman and Barbara Fugate, Project Chairman, for directing this worthy holiday program for our troops.

Mayor's Dinner. On November 18, the Marin County Mayors held their dinner program at the 313 hall, and everyone enjoyed the event. They commented that our hall was the perfect spot for their event.

Wedding Rehearsal Dinner. The November 19 wedding rehearsal dinner was a spectacular event. The caterer took over our club room, hall and bar starting at 9:00 am. Food was being prepared from the earliest hours and an exquisite dining room was set up in our hall. To enliven the event, guests were treated to margaritas prepared perfectly by automation, and the party went on. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

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December 2010

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	11:30	2 pm	RPEA Luncheon (Club Room)
14	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
15	5 pm	9:30 pm	Post 313 Christmas Dinner (Hall & Bar)
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25			<u>Christmas</u>
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting

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3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	12 noon	1:30 pm	Lunch (Club Room)
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee

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

Academy de Turk. The November 20 fundraiser, "Ladies Who Sing with the Band," was another memorable event. Young girls from nine through fifteen, costumed in perfect forties outfits sang the tunes from the big band era with confidence, great fun, and lovely, energetic voices. Many memories were tapped with songs like "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

Their accompaniment, a trio including Scott de Turk on the piano, a bass and a sax, was outstanding; it was very difficult to sit politely and keep from getting up to dance. A special treat, following the excellent performance of the young ladies, was the engaging singing of Bill Watson and Kimberly Jensen; it was like being at a Broadway show. Thank you Scott and Kristine for this very special Post fundraiser. Thanks also to Maxine Cohen, Donna Ford and Elena Bartlett for serving hors d'oeuvres as well as thanks to bartenders Jim Hanretty and Jim Reilly. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to enhance the theatre equipment for the Post Hall.

Post 313 Members. This month our Post has certainly gained the distinction of being recognized as a most professional facility as we hosted the mayors' conference, a beautiful wedding rehearsal dinner, and the Academy de Turk musical. More events are coming. This success would not have been possible without the hundreds of hours that tireless, faithful members put into remodeling the hall and the bar and the equally challenging hours spent preparing the rooms for events and, of course, the very necessary cleanup. We have great reason to be proud of our work and of this wonderful Marin venue. Please be sure to spread the word; tell your friends and families that Post 313 is a great place for all kinds of events.

First Vice President - Cecil Green

You'll see a biker talking to a lawyer, a steelworker talking to an accountant. I'm a Democrat and now I'm good friends with a Republican. That's the way it is in our American Legion Post 313.

Ask a friend to join today and participate with us in a ritual filled with tradition. . . Smile. Membership is currently 173; we continue to sign up new members each month and need your help to continue this trend.

Post 313 Holiday Dinner & Rifle Raffle Drawing

December 15

Cocktails 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm

Chef David Monson
will prepare your choice of
salmon or roast beef.



Enjoy live holiday music.

Table wine \$4.00

Dinner \$23.00

Our after dinner event will be the raffle drawing for the WWII carbine. You may purchase a ticket or two before the drawing. Your chance of winning is excellent because less than 250 tickets will be in the pot. This rifle was owned by David McIntosh, former Post Finance Officer. Proceeds will benefit the Post as we add improvements to the Hall and perform required maintenance.

Reserve by noon
Monday, December 13!

Send \$23 per person with
your entrée choice to:

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Post 313 Holiday Raffle. A U.S. Carbine MI .30 cal in excellent condition is being offered as a prize at a drawing to be held at the Post during our Christmas Dinner on December 15.



Only 500 tickets were printed so your odds of winning are very good. The other American Legion posts and VFW's as well as gun clubs in the area have been apprised of our raffle and some visits were made.

The carbine will be displayed by Bill Brennen and Jim Reilly who will answer questions about the rifle and promote the sale of raffle tickets. Every member of our Post should sell tickets for this exciting event. For more information, contact Bill Brennen or Jim Reilly at 415-924-6283.

Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

We received the following note from Barbara Fugate who headed up our SOT Project. *Thank you to everyone who volunteered on November 15th for the Support our Troops packing. Auxiliary members Marie, Maxine, Lonnie, Janet, Donna, Elena, Margaret, Pauline, and Legionnaires Ron, Bob K, Bill, Ritchie, Steve S., Jeanne and her husband, donated and/or packed 14 "Christmas in a Box" surprises for our deployed. Some of the things we mailed included Christmas socks, mini trees with ornament, Santa hats, snacks, canned goods, boxes of hot chocolate, candy canes, boot socks, batteries and flashlights as well as personalized holiday cards. We don't know them and may never meet them but I know that every single package will put a smile on a service person's face and remind them that we do care and appreciate them. When a package comes from someone who has also served our country and understands the sacrifices an individual makes, I think that makes it extra special. Thank you everyone who participated in this effort.*

P.S. Pauline asks that you please return her Corning ware tray and cake decoration!