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From the Commander - *Gene Plocki*

2010 started with a bang as we welcomed **nine new members** at the regular Post meeting on January 4. We had a light supper hosted by Cecil Green – thank you, Cecil – followed by the initiation of eight of our new members. We welcomed aboard James Egger, Gary Hill, Horace Howard, Jim McCracken, Russell Wallace, Herb Meyer, John Farley, and Henry Hairer. Joel Schwartz will be initiated later.

On January 17, 2010, I attended the **District 5 meeting** in Petaluma. The information received at this meeting is revitalizing our ideas for our Post. Thank you, District Commander John Aldridge. We look forward to your visit to 313.

Help Wanted: This is your Post and your help is needed if we are to succeed and grow. A list of jobs is posted on the bulletin board. Your help, cooperation, and ideas are needed. If you would like to help in any way, please see the Commander.

Remember the February 10 **Valentine's Dinner**. See the ad on page 3 and get your check in by February 7.

On July 4, we will have our annual **Pancake Breakfast**. Our initial planning meeting will be scheduled soon. All people interested in helping at this event are asked to contact Gene Plocki, Chairman.

At our regular Post meeting on February 1, we will have a **Post Everlasting ceremony**, a lecture on Homeland Security, and a light supper (free) starting at 6:30 p.m. The chairman for the supper is Ron Gillis (924-8295). Thank you, Ron. Please call him if you plan on coming.

If you haven't paid your **2009/2010 dues**, please send us your check. Any questions can be directed to

Marilyn in the office (924-6283) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 – 3:00 p.m., or leave a message.

At the **Executive Committee Meeting** of Jan 28, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

Commander	Gene Plocki
First Vice	Cecil Green
Second Vice	Ron Gillis
Third Vice	Jim Hanretty
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill McKown
Financial Officer	Will Kaefer
Adjutant	Russ Wallace
Chaplain	P.O. Wilkins
Member-at-Large	Bill Brennen
Member-at-Large	Jack Dennis
Member-at-Large	Jim Reilly
Facility Maintenance	C.J. Carrillo
Staff Commander - Past	Bob Gonzalez

Second Vice Report - *Ron Gillis*

New Years Lunch of 13 January was a success in drawing out additional members, including many of those recently installed, and the familiars impressed by the \$5 price. In addition to the lower price, we used an expanded calling list and prime rib entrée to attract a near full house of 40. The bad news is that we were \$90 short due to the reduced price and expensive entrée. We will be operating the lunches at a small loss and offsetting the cost with the income from our breakfasts.

Comradeship; a Part of Membership The purpose of the lunch program is to bring the members together to share their concerns and encourage comradeship as stated in the Preamble. In that regard I offer an update on one of ours that had a medical incident and ended up in the ER at Marin General.

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Larry Cott is now housed at the Fifth Avenue Medical facility and searching for permanent housing. VA entry has been requested but the outcome is still unknown. He is also interviewing at Marin Council for Independent Living in an attempt to obtain housing in downtown San Rafael. Meantime we are wondering what to do with the belongings at his apartment.

Larry had built a sizeable library to support his career as a Cold War talk show host on Hawaiian radio and TV, and in later investigations including his testimony before a Congressional Committee.

Visit Anytime. Larry is available for visits and stories any time and would be happy to accompany you to the Royal Ground Coffee on 4th Street or further afield. We expect to start some aqua therapy this week, then Larry can hopefully discard the walker. May God continue to bless America with Cold War warriors such as Larry Cott as we wage our current battle with worldwide terrorists.

Past Commander's Report - Bob Gonzalez

Hall Rentals Increase. A look at the Post Calendar reveals that our Hall is being rented more and more frequently. It appears that we have finally become known in the community and thought of when the need for a venue arises. The Hall is rented for all sorts of occasions from birthday parties to theater workshops to musical recitals. Remember, as a Post member you may rent it for your event for a very low price. It is necessary now to replace the original furnace in order to more quickly heat the Hall in a more efficient manner. We have several bids and a decision will be made soon.

Grand Piano Donated. The Post was fortunate to receive the donation of a lovely grand piano for the Hall. This is a welcome addition and opens the Hall to a wide range of musical events. We have equipped the piano with special wheels to easily move it and a durable cover to protect it when not in use.

Hall Lighting. The topic of lighting must be addressed next. We need to properly illuminate the portion of the Hall where the stage used to be. We also need a lighting scheme for outside the Hall. Something festive and attractive is appropriate. Your ideas are welcome.

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

Reservations required.

Send check & entrée

selection by Feb 7

**to Post 313
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Auxiliary Update - *Pauline Angleman*

Membership Notice: Members with unpaid dues will be dropped from roles and mailing list effective January 31, 2010.

Remember to make your reservation by **February 7** for the **Valentine's Dinner Dance** in the legion hall on February 13.

Auxiliary Reminder

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, Feb 9.

Social hour 12—1 pm.
Meeting called to order
at 1 pm.

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