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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Fisher House. (See the ad on page 3) Bill Brennen is the Chairman for the Fisher House Fundraiser. If you would like to help, please see Bill. We would like to see everyone support this program, which is benefiting our wounded service men and women from Iraq and Afghanistan as well as earlier conflicts. The fundraising dinner will be held on November 11, 2010. Thank you very much, Bill.

Rifle Raffle. The Chairman of this fundraiser is Jim Reilly. (See *Post Holiday Raffle* section on page 3). The program will greatly help finance the many expenses incurred in the effective management of this Post. Thank you, Jim, for this large undertaking.

District 5 Meeting. Post 313 was praised for its efforts in supporting the Boy Scout program. We have been told that we are the best in the district. Thank you, Oakley Dexter, for making the report.

Pauline Angleman's Dinner. The celebration of Pauline's 102nd birthday at the American Legion Hall was very enthusiastically received. The evening was filled with many diverse and enjoyable activities. The cocktail hour was very lively thanks to bartenders Jim Hanretty, Jim Reilly, and Jack Dennis. The dinner was delicious. Jim Reilly promoted the Rifle Raffle. Jackie Tribolet, our resident poet, read a very moving tribute called "The Legend of Pauline the Great." So that all may enjoy it many times over, the poem is posted on the club room bulletin board. The GGs provided music during the dinner hour. Thank you to



musicians Marianne Shaw, Martha Shaw, Iyana Leveque, and Bonnie Gonzalez for such a perfect accompaniment to our evening. And, finally, a great big thank you to Bob Gonzalez for chairing this wonderful event.

Low Cost Housing. Information on this subject is available from Fair Housing of Marin. See the Commander for more information.

HVAC in Hall. Our hall has a new heater and air conditioning unit. This new addition will be a significant improvement to people's comfort in the hall and should attract more rentals. Everyone should consider using and promoting the hall. Thank you to Bob Gonzalez and C.J. Carrillo for overseeing this major improvement.

Locker. Thank you, Bill Brennen, for your work buying and installing our new rifle locker. It looks good and it fits perfectly.

Luncheon on October 20. We again filled the club room to capacity, and everyone enjoyed the luncheon. Our special guests were Joel and Bonnie Smolen. Joel is a Post 313 member, a Vietnam veteran, and a Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Congress, representing Marin. Everyone stayed to hear his presentation and participate in a very lively question and answer period and extended discussion following his talk. Thank you, Joel, and good luck in the election. Thanks also to Ron, John Farley, Jackson, Ritchie and Bob for all the help with this event.

Veterans' Bar. After months of work changing the bar area to comply with Marin County guidelines, we finally got our county permit. We thank all who worked to achieve this goal and look forward to reaping the benefits for Post 313 and its members.

Post 313 Membership. Our membership total is currently at 170.

Post Holiday Raffle. A U.S. Carbine MI .30 cal in perfect 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 will be 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 will be apprised of our raffle. Visits to these locations are planned. 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.

Wanted: Vet Visitor Support Group Leader. We are all becoming increasingly aware of vets who are now confined to home or need help with transportation to come in to attend our activities. We are looking for a member willing to coordinate our efforts to fill this need. Please see the commander if you're interested.

Eagle Scout Award Winner. Erik Moller will be recognized by the Boy Scouts of America for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor ceremony held in the Post 313 Hall and Bar on October 30. Erik is an 18-year-old Larkspur native and a senior at Redwood High School.

Refrigerators for Sale. We have two brand new bar-type refrigerators for sale. Originally priced at \$250 each, we are offering both of them for a total of \$100. See the commander to take advantage of this exceptional bargain.

Post 313 Christmas Dinner

December 15

Cocktails 5 pm Dinner 6 pm

For information: Bob Gonzalez

924-6834 or 816-4761

Veterans Day Dinner

**Thursday
November 11**

**Fund Raiser for
Fisher House**

**Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
and Desert**

\$10

Wine available for \$5/bottle.

All proceeds will go the Travis AFB Fisher House which provides **free**, temporary housing to families visiting their injured, hospitalized service men and women.

See www.fisherhouse.org

Post Bar will be open at

5 PM - Dinner at 6 PM.

Bring a Raffle Prize

A raffle will be held for prizes, many donated by local merchants. Individual prize donations are also welcomed, as are monetary donations.

After dinner a representative of Fisher House will give a short presentation. The raffle will follow.

**Seating limited.
Reservations REQUIRED!**

**Mail reservation and/or
donation checks to
American Legion Post 313
500 Magnolia Ave. Larkspur, CA 94939
Attn. Bob Gonzalez by Nov. 6th**

Benefit to Improve the Post Hall. As you may know, Scott DeTurk utilizes the Main Hall throughout the school year and summer break to conduct workshops teaching teenagers theatre arts. Many of us have heard these young people singing and dancing to tunes of the 1920s through the 1940s. Scott would like to help us improve the Hall's lighting and sound system to better produce plays and musical shows in the future.

To that end, Scott has arranged a fund raising event for **November 20, 2010**. The event will begin at around 5 pm with cocktails and music in the lounge followed by a show in the Main Hall. Scott has brought in a live band for listening and dancing after the show. There will be a raffle and other surprises throughout the evening.

The event will cost \$45 per couple or \$25 for a single. That includes a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. It sounds like an evening of fun with proceeds going entirely to improve our Main Hall. Set November 20 aside and plan to attend. Contact Bob Gonzalez, 924-6834, for more information.

Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

Thank you all who attended my 102nd birthday party. I had a wonderful time and from the pictures I have seen a lot of other people enjoyed the evening as well. Thank you to the Legion and to Maxine Cohen for designing and arranging for the birthday cake. I'm offering a \$25 reward for return of the queen decoration from the cake which is missing.

We welcome two new members: Irma J. Herrmann and Kelly Pass. Our next meeting will be November 9, 1 pm with the social hour beginning at 12 noon. We were all saddened by the passing of Carolyn Miller, a member for over 60 years.

We will be organizing a Holiday Troop Packing event on **November 15** at 10 am in the Club Room. Volunteers are needed to help put together these packages that will help our deployed troops during this holiday season. We need warm boot socks, AA & AAA batteries, small flashlights, used or new Christmas DVD movies, pillowcases, holiday decorations, ground coffee & coffee creamer, personalized holiday cards. Contact: Barbara Fugate.