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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Citation. In December, we received the Americanism Citation from the American Legion National Headquarters for "Outstanding Service to Your Community." This acknowledges our support of the youth of our community, specifically, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and Little League.

Fisher House, Travis. On December 8, a very rainy day, Cecil Green, Gene Plocki, and Will Kaeyer traveled to Fisher House at Travis Air Force Base to present a check for \$4,300 to Charlene Hall, Manager. The reception was very warm, and they were very happy to receive the donation. It was a good feeling to know that we are helping Veterans during our current conflict. Many thanks again to Bill Brennen and everyone who helped make the 2010 fundraiser a big success.



Initiation Night. At our Monday, January 10 General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., we will host the Initiation of our new members. A light supper with wine will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Member in Nursing Home – Larry Cott, a Post 313 member, is living at the Fifth Avenue Nursing Home in San Rafael. If you are in the area, stop by and say hello. He would greatly appreciate your company.

Christmas Dinner – Our Christmas dinner was a festive, lively evening full of great conversation and fun. David Monson, our chef for the evening, created a delicious meal all our guests enjoyed. Jim Hanretty was an excellent bar-

tender, and Bob Gonzalez checked people in at the door. We especially thank Bob Gonzalez for chairing this very enjoyable and successful event. Thank you also to the "GG's," Leslie Hobart, Bonnie Gonzalez, Bruni Hohmann, Marianne Shaw, and Ivana Leveque, for providing the Christmas music. The evening ended with a very special event, and we very thankfully acknowledge Jim Reilly who presided over the exciting raffle. What we enjoyed onstage was the culmination of weeks of contacting people and selling chances on a rifle. Congratulations to Richie Guetter, the winner. And finally, a special thank you to Bill Brennen who came up with this idea and followed through on this event, which helps us to continue our practice of supporting veterans and the youth in our community.



Membership. We have a total of 175 members. With 39 Paid-up-for Life, 7 Honorary Life Members, and 105 paid members, that leaves 24 members still outstanding for their 2011 dues. Please check your records.

Happy New Year 2011 – Come for free coffee and donuts on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Look me up as I have your membership card for 2011.

Academy De Turk Support our Academy by attending a performance of "The Quilters" on January 7, 8, or 9. This is a unique presentation of tableaux, short stories, and musical numbers, acted by a very energetic, talented cast of young people, ages nine to fifteen, telling the stories of American pioneer life and womanhood through the construction of quilts. Inviting a young person in your family to one of these performances would be an excellent treat all would enjoy. For reservations: call 456-1085.

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VA San Francisco Visit. On December 21, Cecil Green, Will Kaefer, Mike Kopf, Gene Plocki, and Jim Reilly, distributed chit tickets to Veterans living in the Extended Care Center, VA Medical Center, San Francisco. Extra chits were left at the center for future use at bingo, and other games or activities. It was a heart warming event and our total donation was \$2,000. My thanks to all.



Finance Officer Report - Will Kaefer
Charity Donations at all time high! This year Twin Cities Post 313 has contributed \$16,000 to various charities. Recipients were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Twin Cities Little League, Fisher House, Ft. Miley Veterans, Novato Air Force Jr. ROTC, and the Support Our Troops fund which sends packages to our active Military Service personnel. All members and Legion friends should take pride in this record accomplishment.

First Vice President - Cecil Green
Your Post needs HELP! We have never been so short of officers, including a Commander for next year. We will probably need to ask a Past Commander to go AGAIN. Never good for the health of a Post. People complain about how the Post is run, "dis" the officers etc, but very few want to actually help. Anything of value has a price; your Post is a business and it doesn't run itself. This is serious; without leaders/officers we can't survive. It doesn't take that much time to make a difference and I can only ask that some of you see the need. Call me, the office or any Post officer. Many hands make light work.

Member-at-Large Report - Jim Reilly
The carbine raffle was a big success. Merna McIntosh donated the rifle for the event which resulted in the sale of 212 tickets. Many thanks Merna. The receipts of the raffle will be added to the Post's General Funds. The project was a joint effort and a big thanks to Bill Brennen who made sure the carbine was in excellent condition. A salute to Bob Gonzalez for printing the chances and to all those who purchased a chance to win. As you know, Ritchie Guetter was the winner, and I'm going to take Mr. Lucky to the track with me. I'm told this prize is among the many treasures won by Ritchie in the past.

Post 313 Valentine Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 10

Activities begin at

5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

\$23 per person

MENU

Choice of Roast Beef
or Oven Broiled Salmon
Vegetables
Dessert
Coffee

Table Wine \$5 per Bottle

RESERVE NOW

Send check and menu choice
by Monday, February 7
to Twin Cities Post 313,
Attn. Valentine
500 Magnolia Ave
Larkspur, CA 94939

Academy DeTurk in association with
American Legion post 313 present

Quilters

Written by
*Molly Newman &
Barbara Damashek*
Music & Lyrics by
Barbara Damashek

Edited & Directed for
Young Performers by
Kristine Lowry DeTurk

Musical Direction by
Scott DeTurk

500 Magnolia Ave
Downtown Larkspur, CA
Formerly known as the
Larkspur Cafe Theatre

adults \$25
children & seniors \$15

January
7, 8 & 9
Friday 7:30 pm
Saturday 2 & 7:30 pm
Sunday 4 pm

For Reservations & Information,
please call: 415-456-1085

Because of limited general seating,
reservations are strongly suggested.

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Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

Happy New Year to all! Start the year off right by marking your calendar now as a reminder to attend our **January 11** meeting.

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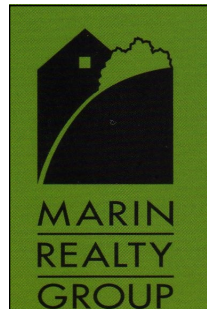
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