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OUR MISSION: TO HONOR, SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR ARMED FORCES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHILE PROMOTING PATRIOTISM IN THE COMMUNITY

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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

District 5 Award Trophy. American Legion District 5 awarded Post 313 a trophy to acknowledge our outstanding support for the Boy Scouts in the year 2010. They recognized our giving the Scouts use of the hall for many Scout of Honor ceremonies and our financial contribution to them from the July 4th Pancake Breakfast proceeds.

Valentine Dinner. Our Valentine Dinner on February 10 was a great success. Guests for many days following the event sang the praises of chef David Monson, who again prepared an outstanding meal with a choice of roast beef or salmon. It was delicious; thank you very much, David.

It was fun visiting with the many attendees, including newcomers like Richard Lynch from San Rafael. Richard has a long time connection to Larkspur through a business he once ran here. Many thanks go to Bob Gonzalez who did his usual exceptional job of chairing this dinner. And then a great thank you to Bill Brennen who stepped in and did an outstanding

job of taking the lead when Bob became ill. Thank you also to Jim Hanretty, Jim Reilly,



and Jack Dennis, bartenders; Russ Wallace and Janet Kreyer, ticket sales; Ron Gillis and C.J. Carrillo, wine sales; Will Kaefer, music and photography; Pat La Tray, Assistant Chaplain, opening prayers; and Maxine Cohen, hors d'oeuvres. These people volunteered for and filled the many responsibilities that to-

gether created a very smooth and fun-filled evening that was enjoyed by all.

While this evening was very well attended, we would like to see even more members participate in our events. They provide a very welcome opportunity to get to know some very good people. If you have any suggestions for future events or improvement, please contact the Commander.

New Tenant Our new tenant moved into #504. Her business is "Joanie's on Magnolia Hair Studio." She has owned and operated a beauty salon for twenty-eight years in Larkspur.

For days, many of her friends and customers painted the space, enlivening it and making it one of the most attractive business areas in the town. The crowning glory, though, was the installation of new flooring, completing the total appearance with warmth and coziness and the suggestion of a very friendly welcome. We owe a big thanks to Will Kaefer, Bill Brennen, David Stainbook, C.J. Carrillo, Frank Ortiz, who completed the flooring in two days – a tremendous accomplishment. The flooring job is truly outstanding. A great thank you also to Bill Howard who worked on the plumbing and lighting and the ramp project.

All members should know that the above crew did this work for the purpose of helping the Post, thus benefiting all the membership at 313. Efforts like this create a comradeship that lingers. We applaud the crew's efforts and hope that you too will offer your help for the good of the Post.

It's Free. All members are invited to enjoy free coffee and doughnuts on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 and 10:00 a.m. Come this week, check out the work, and introduce yourself to me.

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Post 313 in Kandahar. Commander Kurt Birkhahn, USNR, a member of Post 313, is serving military duty in Afghanistan. His assignment is to help develop the infrastructure for the people of that country. (Kurt is fourth from the right.) We are looking forward to his briefing when he returns. The Post sent him a Christmas package with greetings from the members; the gift arrived on time.



Lunch in March. We will be serving lunch on March 16; details on page 4. Everyone should know that if you if you make a reservation, payment is \$7.00. No cancellations after March 14. We make a big effort to have these functions which includes ordering the food, cooking, serving, and cleaning. It is disheartening to see food go to waste because of no-shows; we all lose. Your cooperation is essential.

Nomination Time. Nominations for Post officers are open. Anyone interested in serving please submit your name to Cecil Green, Nomination Chairman. We especially need an Adjutant and Third Vice-Commander.

Current Membership.

Paid: 113

Honorary: 7

Paid Up for Life: 39

2011 dues outstanding: 11

Total Membership: 170

See you around the Post.

Post 313

Spring Fling

Dinner

Wednesday, April 20

Activities begin at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

\$23 per person

MENU

Choice of Roast Beef

or Oven Broiled Salmon

Vegetables

Dessert

Coffee

Table Wine \$5 per Bottle

Send check and menu choice to

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Please reserve by, and no cancella-

tion after, April 17, 2011

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Post 313 Lunch
March 16
12 noon

\$7.00

Includes entrée, vegetables, salad,
ice cream, wine & coffee.

See old friends
& meet new ones!

Reservations must be firm:
No cancellations after March 14.

Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

We recently received the following letter: *I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Support Our Troops project and everyone who has packed "I care" packages since the Auxiliary took over this project from the Legion some years ago. However, effective April 2nd I will no longer be able to serve as the Chairperson of the Unit 313 Support Our Troops program.*

The Support Our Troops program will continue. President Angleman has made plans and will see that any donations received are divided between Auxiliary members Brenda McKown, Elena Bartley, Donna Ford, and any other member who also regularly send packages.

Again, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped on this project over the past years. Know you made life a little easier for fellow Americans in harm's way. I am proud to say that 100% of your donations were used to send supplies to individuals on the front lines where it was needed the most. I hope you will continue to contribute to the Auxiliary to help pay for postage and supplies. Any amount is appreciated. Currently the number one request is for food items. Our troops still need us. - Barbara Fugate.

Next Meeting: March 8, 12 noon. Club Room.