

The American Legion Twin Cities Post 313, Inc. Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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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

Post 313 in Paris. Will Kaefer recently vacationed in France and visited American Legion Post 1 in Paris. The post works closely with representatives of the mayor's office to coordinate the many veteran related ceremonies throughout the year. Will also visited Normandy and saw the D-Day beaches and the American cemetery. He said that the experience was very moving.



Commander at Auxiliary. On Tuesday, May 10, Commander Plocki installed the new officers for the Auxiliary. Pauline Angleman has accepted for her thirteenth year the Presidency of the Auxiliary for 2011-2012. In addition to Pauline, the other officers for the coming year are:

Yolanda Fugate, Secretary
Merna McIntosh, Treasurer
Elena Bartley, First VP
Maxine L. Cohen, Second VP
Marie Sullivan, Chaplain
Margaret St. John, Chaplain
Brenda McKown, Historian
Barbara Fugate, Membership Chairman

July 4 Pancake Breakfast. This annual fundraiser contributes significantly to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Little League teams in our community. We ask all of our members to invite family and friends to attend and support this event. It is great fun to gather with neighbors from all over the community enjoying a delicious breakfast. From there, it's only about twenty steps to join in the excitement of the famous Larkspur/Corte Madera Fourth of July Parade. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of this breakfast, please see Gene Plocki.

The Laramie Project. Eight performances of this play are scheduled from June 3 through June 18 in our newly remodeled theater. The Laramie Project was written by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project, a Marin based theater group. The hand-picked ensemble cast presents the tale of the aftermath of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Mary Moss Memorial Foundation at Theatre Bay Area. Legion members and their friends would find this a very worthwhile play to see. Tickets may be ordered by calling 415-827-1373 or bought at the door. For more information, see www.laramieproject.org.



Installation of Auxiliary Officers May 10, 2011

Important information: Mort Tallen, Service Officer from Post 179, informs us of the following:

If a veteran is deceased due to a service connected disability, his or her child can attend college free of charge.

A veteran, who is 68 years of age or more, is eligible for residence in a Veterans Home.

Veterans get preference in California on the Civil Service test. They also get an automatic ten or fifteen point advantage.

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The maximum Cal Vet loan at this time is \$520,000.

A veteran with a 10% disability or more can be eligible for a property tax exemption.

Flag Lecture, May 19, 2011. Post 313 did it again: we told the wonderful story of our American flag. This



time the second grade class at St. Patrick's School, Larkspur, was a rapt audience for Cecil Green and his assistant, Gene Plocki. Their response was most enthusiastic and their

questions very thoughtful and wise for their years. They asked not only about the flag but also about the military experience of the presenters. It is always a joy to be with second graders; they are very eager to learn all that they can about the history and traditions of our country. If you would like to be part of a similar and very satisfying experience, please see Gene Plocki. Please also give us names of contacts for other second grade classes.

Thank you, Mike Kopf. Mike Kopf volunteered four hours of his services to 313 by installing lights under our bar. We appreciate your generosity, Mike.

Thank you, Bob Gonzalez. Bob fixed our club room computer.

Thank you, Bill Brennen Bill chaired our May 11 breakfast at the Post; about twenty people attended. Thank you, Bill, for providing a satisfying breakfast for the members.

A real spirit of community and generosity is very evident in Mike's, Bob's, Bill's, and Cecil's contributions. We owe a real debt of gratitude as well to all who went before us and kept a very vibrant Post going. In order to assure a continuance and growth of our work in the future, we need more people to volunteer their time and talents to this Post. Thank you for considering helping.

Begin Your Independence Day Celebration Early!

4th OF JULY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST &
HOT DOG BBQ FUNDRAISER

Proceeds go to Boy Scouts,
Girl Scouts and Little League

AMERICAN LEGION
TWIN CITIES POST 313

CORNER OF WARD AND MAGNOLIA –
DOWNTOWN LARKSPUR
(in parking lot across from Left Bank)

8:00 am Flag Raising Ceremony

8:30 -11:30 Pancake Breakfast
(pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee, tea, milk, OJ)

Adults \$7.00; Children \$5.00 (12 and under)

Gin Fizzes - \$3.00

Prepared using the famous
1928 Legion recipe

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Post 313 Lunch

June 15

12 noon

\$7.00

Includes baked chicken, salad,
dessert, wine & coffee.

See old friends
& meet new ones!

Reservations must be firm: No
cancellations after June 13.

Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

Poppy Week has passed and for all members who participated and stayed at their stations through cold, wind and rain: thank you. Your efforts brought most successful results; the veterans who spent many hours making the poppies will benefit in the long run.

All obligations have been paid, reports were sent in on time, all membership dues have been paid and Goal made. Commander Plocki installed all officers and chairmen at our May 10 meeting.

Jennie Hardsaw, Sue Schaefer, and Nancy McCauley have been on the sick list and will hopefully be back in good health soon.

Packages to the Troops continue as they do not have *time outs*; some of you may remember that WWI troops, friend and foe, took *time out* occasionally. A wreath was made by Barbara Fugate and will be presented at the Memorial Day activities. The Fourth of July is coming up; enjoy the day, come out and cheer for entries from the Legion, Post and Auxiliary.

One more meeting June 14 to tie up any loose ends and then it's vacation time. My thanks for a job well done.