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## Monthly Times

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, 2011.** This is our major fundraiser event for the year. Many members have been working very hard to assure that this will be a memorable, very successful event. All members are asked to give 100% support. Please contact me if you would like to help. Let's make this the best year ever in supporting our youth: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League. Flag Raising, chaired by Cecil Green, takes place at 8:00 a.m. Monday. See you there.

**The Post on Magnolia.** Magnolia Avenue from Ward to King Streets was closed for the Larkspur Flower and Food Festival. The weather was gorgeous and the day was very successful and fun-filled, thanks to our good friend Joanie Connors - of Joanie's Hair Salon - who ran the show. Many bright, varied booths enticed large crowds; Post 313 member Doc Kraft and his band charged the afternoon with lively, festive music, and our bar was open. Jim Reilly and Bill Brennen served the best beer in town. Many people stopped by and checked out the hall; some expressed interest in joining the Post.

**Memorial Day, May 30, 2011.** Many Post 313 members attended the Memorial Day celebration at the Marin Civic Center. Honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that all may enjoy life and liberty, participants appreciated the very stirring music, deeply moving speeches, a parade, and presentation of wreath honors. In Mill Valley, Post 313 performed Color Guard duties. Thank you Bill Brennen, for chairing the Color Guard unit. In the afternoon hours, Post 179 hosted a free lunch, which was well attended by members of our post.

**Monthly Times.** If you wish to see the newsletter in another format, please advise me. We are always open to your ideas and/or suggestions for improvement.

**June Newsletter Correction.** In order to qualify for a property tax exemption, a veteran must have a 100% disability. We inadvertently printed this originally as 10%.

**USS Hornet.** On September 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a two-hour guided tour of this ship followed by a hot buffet lunch. Guests will see historic aircraft, and exhibits of WWII, Vietnam, and the Apollo moon missions. They will walk through Officer's Country, Crew's Berthing, Medical Spaces, and Pilot Ready Room. The cost is \$26.00. Please see Gene Plocki for details.

**Lunch on June 15, 2011.** Our June luncheon was another sell out - plus. People kept coming, and somehow, all were served. The food was excellent and enjoyed by all. The highlight of the day was our special guest, a very young 92-year-old Charles Gavette. Once he was introduced and the members learned of his military assignments, many members asked him questions, and Charlie was very eager to respond. Thank you, Charlie, for your outstanding contribution to our luncheon. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

We also enjoyed hearing from Captain Mark Shafer of the *Jeremiah O'Brien*, who spoke of his four weeks in France this past May where he visited many of the World War II sites. He learned that the French government is making a great effort to find all those service personnel who served in France during World War II. France wishes to recognize them with its highest honor, the Legion of Honor medal. If you or anyone you know served at this time, please contact me as I have all the necessary information for applying for this honor.

Phillip Economon, of our post, is a recipient of the Legion of Honor medal and we salute him.

**Laramie Project.** This was a dramatic production put on in our theater by a dedicated group of actors who did a superb job with the show. Their show ran for three weekends. We thank the Players and manager Robin Hurwitz. We also thank Bill Brennen and Jim Reilly for running the bar and Bob Gonzalez for making all the arrangements for the show, including help with the lighting and sound.

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Begin Your Independence Day Celebration Early!

4<sup>th</sup> 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

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We also give a very special thanks to Bill Brennen for dealing with the security problem that became apparent during this dramatic presentation.

**Color Guard.** One more reminder, we need backup members for our color guard. If you would like to become a member of the Post 313 color guard, contact Bill Brennen. Consider the fame that awaits you. Your photo would often be displayed on the front page of our local newspapers for leading patriotic parades!! How much better can it get??

**Mark Your Calendars.** Scheduled meals and events for the remainder of the year are as follows:

July 20	Breakfast	9 am
Aug 17	Lunch	12 noon
Aug 31	5th Wed Chinese Buffet	12:30 pm
Sept 5	Veterans' Free Picnic	11 am-3 pm
Sept 21	Breakfast	9 am
Oct 5	Pauline's 103rd Birthday	5 pm
Oct 19	Lunch	12 noon
Nov 11	Fisher House Dinner	5 pm
Nov 30	5th Wed Chinese Buffet	12:30 pm
Dec 7	Christmas Dinner	5 pm

**An Exciting Musical Event.** *The Songs and Music of Scotland* featuring Isla St. Clair, The MacIntosh Pipe Band and the San Jose School of Highland Dancing are coming to the Hall Middle School, 230 Doherty Drive, Larkspur on August 31 at 7 pm. Tickets purchased prior to 8/15: \$15 adults, \$10 juniors (under age 16). After 8/15: \$20 adults, \$15 juniors. To purchase tickets by email: [bizmck@comcast.net](mailto:bizmck@comcast.net).

**Marin Veterans Needed for Oral History Project.** Nicholas Elsbree, a Marin high school student and Greenbrae resident, is taking oral histories of Marin veterans to be shared at the annual Marin Veteran's Day celebration hosted by Building Better Citizens for America with a dinner on Nov 10 at Marin Catholic. If you are interested in being interviewed for my project, please contact me with your name, phone number, and email address at 415-925-1393 or [nickelsbree@honoringmarinveterans.org](mailto:nickelsbree@honoringmarinveterans.org).

#### **Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman**

The Auxiliary, lead by President Angleman, will be trying to win another trophy this year with their 4th of July parade entry. Pauline will be leading a group which will be riding in a much decorated vehicle driven by her nephew Marine Corporal Russell Otto.