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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

This event was one of our best in many ways. The weather was gorgeous, providing a perfect background for the many people who came to enjoy each other's company. The attendance more than doubled over previous years joining. Thank you, Bill, for a job well done. with more than 140 people served. A great buzz of fun permeated the porch, the bar area, and the hall as guests USS Hornet Tour. enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, along with potato salad and many trimmings. The beer was cold and expertly served. Many new vets came by, attracted by our expanded advertising.

The event took on a very special aspect with the fect for a tour.

welcoming Kurt Birkhahn, home only three days from his Navy service in Afghanistan. slide show operated by his son Kade, Kurt very generously



shared his experiences working with the Afghani people in developing the infrastructure needed to make their society effective after years of war. Thank you, Kurt, for your blessings we Americans understand as basic rights.

We are very grateful to the following who helped greatly enjoyed the whole tour.

make the event a success: Pauline Angleman and the Auxiliary, Stu and Jeanne Bacon, Kurt Birkhahn, Bill Brennen, Dan Brennen, C. Carrillo, Jack Dennis, Chuck Doolittle, John Farley,



Bob Gonzalez, Cecil Greene, Will Kaefer, Lindsay Laven, Bob Means, David O'Dell, Frank Ortiz, Gene Plocki, Jim Free Veterans' Picnic, Monday, September 5, 2011. Reilly, and Bruce St. John. Most importantly, we thank Bill Brennen for chairing the event. Because of his efforts, the picnic was the best we ever had. We gained two new members and know of several more who are considering

> On Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., several members of our post started our tour

of the *Hornet*. It was a warm, sunny day, per-The very enthusiastic docent guided u s through the ship over hours. As a special treat, we had personal



guided tour of the medical department by Bob Brannick, M.D., who served aboard the Hornet and outfitted the department when it became a museum. Thank you, Dr. Brannick. Although we saw many spaces of importance, it would take many more hours to see the whole ship. Our heartfelt thanks go to the crew of this and similar very generosity in helping people to begin to experience the complicated ships in times of war and in the service of peace making. Members of our Post 313 and Post 179

> Members of Post 313, the time is Membership Dues. here to pay your dues for the 2012 year. To keep your membership current, please make out a check for \$25.00 payable to American Legion Post 313 and bring it to the office or send to American Legion Post #313, 500 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, 94939. You may also renew on line: www.legion.org/renew.

> **Veterans Helping Veterans.** If you've not already done so, stop by Fort Miley with your DD-214 and sign up to get your V.A. care and health benefits. While at Fort

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October 2011

3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
3	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	5 pm	9 pm	Pauline's 103rd Birthday Dinner (Main Hall & Bar)
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	12 noon	2 pm	Member Luncheon (Club Room)
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee

November 2011

3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
8	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	5 pm	9 pm	Fisher House Benefit Dinner (Hall & Bar)
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	10 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24			Thanksgiving
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee
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		room bulletin board & the post	
		website: http://americanlegion313.org	

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Miley, check out the Patriots' Store, where you can buy a complete Italian dress suit, shirt and tie for \$89.00. Be sure to visit with the Veterans from WWII, Vietnam, and Korea.

Living Trust Seminar. If you are interested in knowing more about a living trust presentation, please see Gene Plocki.

Post Rental Agent. This Post is taking over the work of the rental agency. We need your help. If enough people volunteer to help, it will make each person's time commitment very reasonable and more easily accomplished. Please see Gene Plocki.

Electrical System Upgrade. This project was com-

pleted after many weeks of preparation and work. Now we have a sufficient amount of power for the many simultaneous uses of our facilities. We thank Will Kaefer for taking the lead on this project.



Welcome to Post 313. We welcome Ian Kearns and Delbert Lyons, two new members who signed up during our Veterans' picnic.

Free Coffee and Donuts. This great opportunity to enjoy some good fun with your fellow members continues on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Club Room. Come and meet new friends and take an active role in your Post.

Pancake Breakfast Awards. Ann Shores of the Girl

Scouts was our special guest at the September 12 General Membership Meeting. Ann received the Girl Scouts' Pancake Breakfast Award check and offered a slide presentation taken at the breakfast. Thank you Ann; it was great working with you.



College of Marin Job Fair. On Wednesday, September 14, 2011, Post 313 exhibited at the College of Marin Fair. It was a very successful day. We signed up three

Ninth Anniversary Of Pauline's 94th Birthday Dinner

Thursday, October 6
Activities begin at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

\$23 per person

Menu

Warm Dinner Rolls

Organic Salad Greens with Baby Beets, Oranges and Feta Cheese with a Citrus Vinaigrette

-Choice of-

Halibut Filet with Olive-Caper-Parsley Sauce

-or-

Roasted Pork Loin with Fall Apple and Fennel Compote with Fresh Mint

-With-

Farm Fresh Seasonal Vegetables; Medley of Sweet Potatoes, Fingerling and Baby Yukon Gold Potatoes, Jasmine Rice with Black Beluga Lentils

Dessert and Coffee

Send check and menu choice to Post 313 500 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939 Please reserve by, and no cancellation, after Oct. 3, 2011

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new members and have many other prospects. We are trying to get young new vets to become involved with 313 to infuse new ideas and energy and to insure that our work will go on and expand with the next generation. We thank the following for helping at this event: Gene Plocki, Dan Brennen (read his interview in the Marin IJ), Pat Williams, Kurt Birkhahn, and John Weir. We want all members to be recruiters. Ask a vet you know to join Post 313.

Current Membership. We have 165 members with paperwork underway for 4 more. Keep up the recruiting!

Auxiliary News - Pauline Angleman

The Auxiliary year of 2011-2012 was underway with our luncheon and meeting on September 6. It's now time to get your membership dues paid. Let's make quota!

The Auxiliary's Troop Support packages continue to reach our military overseas. Keep up the good work. We send get well wishes to Annie Pirenian and Rita Pinzon.

A special welcome to new member Jenna La Fleur and we encourage her to attend our next Auxiliary Meeting on October 11 in the Club room at the American Legion. Social hour begins at 12 noon with the business meeting beginning at 1 pm.

Do hope to see all of you at the Legion Dinner on October 6. Come and help celebrate my 103rd!

Post 313 Lunch

October 19, 12 noon

\$7.00

Come & enjoy the fine food & fellowship.

Reservations must be firm. No cancellations after October 17.

SAVE THE DATE

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER FRIDAY,NOV 11

FUND RAISER for FISHER HOUSE