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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

### Free Veterans' Picnic, Monday, September 5, 2011.

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 with more than 140 people served. A great buzz of fun permeated the porch, the bar area, and the hall as guests 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 welcoming of Kurt Birkhahn, home only three days from his Navy service in Afghanistan. Augmented by a 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 generosity in helping people to begin to experience the blessings we Americans understand as basic rights.

We are very grateful to the following who helped make the event a success: Pauline Angleman and the Auxiliary, Stu and Jeanne Bacon, Kurt Birkhahn, Bill Brennen, Dan Brennen, C. J. 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 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 joining. Thank you, Bill, for a job well done.

### USS Hornet Tour. 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, perfect for a tour. The very enthusiastic docent guided us through the ship for over six hours. As a special treat, we had a 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 complicated ships in times of war and in the service of peace making. Members of our Post 313 and Post 179 greatly enjoyed the whole tour.



**Membership Dues.** Members of Post 313, the time is 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](http://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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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 completed 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  
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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