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From the Commander . . .

Four Chaplains' Day, February 4, 2012. A Four Chaplains' Ceremony on February 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco will mark the sixty-seventh anniversary of four military chaplains of different faiths, who gave up their life jackets so that others might live. They linked arms and prayed as the *USS Dorchester* sank after being torpedoed. Post 313 on several occasions in the past conducted a ceremony honoring these generous, courageous men of God. Now, the American Legion Office in California conducts this ceremony. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

A Day Full of Activities for Post 313. On January 14 our General Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The agenda included a briefing of our Post activities and the initiation of new members. We welcomed aboard Scott Kimsey, Tad Craig, Forest Morphew, Eric Zarko and Robert Branick. After the short ceremony, each new member told us about his military service. One person had

A special guest that day was Marvin Schmitz, Commander of District 5. We welcomed him aboard and he participated in our meeting. He talked about membership, protocol, and emergency preparedness. He suggested that we start a short wave radio center at our Post; David Stainbrook is looking into this project. Commander Schmitz marveled at the work our members did to the hall and bar to make it an attractive place for meetings and rentals. Thank you, Commander Schmitz, for coming to our meeting. We hope to see you again soon.

At around 1:00 p.m. we started watching the 49er game in our Veterans Bar. What a game! Many people came.



Even vets visiting Larkspur saw our sign - Pop-In - had a sandwich, some drinks, and great moments cheering the 49er victory. And what a victory! The game was won by the 49ers in the last seconds of play. We thank Tad Craig and his helpers, Bill and Dan Brennen, who took care of the food.

So, you see it was a big day at 313 and all who attended had a very enjoyable time. Other events are in the mill. Keep reading the newsletter and checking your email for future events. If you want to participate, please see Gene Plocki, or for bar activities, see Tad Craig. We have the best bar in town.

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written a book about his military service and presented it to the Post Library. You are welcome to check this book out for home reading.

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February 2012

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
5	3 pm	8 pm	Super Bowl Sunday - Post Bar
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	10 am	12 noon	General Membership Mtg. & Post Everlasting (Hall)
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14			Valentine's Day
14	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room))
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20			Washington's Birthday
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee

March 2012

1	9 am	10 am	Coffee
5	9 am	10 am	Coffee
5	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room))
8	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club room)
15	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17			St. Patrick's Day
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
22	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee
29	9 am	10 am	Coffee
29	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)

For Calendar updates, see the club
room bulletin board & the post
website: <http://americanlegion313.org>

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The Post 313 Hall for Celebrations. Please encourage all those you know to consider renting our great hall for parties, concerts, meetings. The more we all play a role in promoting it, the more good we will be able to accomplish for our Post. Remember the special price for members.

National Army Museum. The Army Historical Foundation is seeking donations to build a state-of-the-art museum outside Washington, D.C. If you are interested in helping, please visit their website: www.armyhistory.org.

District 5 Meeting. On Sunday, January 23, a very rainy day, Commander Gene Plocki attended the district meeting at Post 129 in San Anselmo. Pauline Angleman and Elena Bartley represented the Auxiliary. The morning sessions consisted of reports from various people and committees. After a noon lunch, District 5 Posts presented their reports. The Post 313 report included activities from the past three months as reported in the Post newsletters. The District 5 Adjutant gave Post 313 the paperwork for two potential new members. Thank you, Robert Safreno.

Super Bowl Sunday. Post 313 will host a Super Bowl party at our Veterans Bar from 3:00 until the end of the game. Tad Craig will add to the cheer of the occasion with libations, food, and a great display of the festivities on our giant television. See the ad opposite for further details. This is a great way for members to get together and I hope to see you there.

Membership. 102 members have paid their dues for 2012. There are six honorary members, thirty-seven PUFs, and five transferees, giving us a total of 150 paid members. Our goal is 165 and we've reached 90% of the goal. If you have not paid your dues for the year 2012, please send or bring in a check for \$25.00. Once you've paid, your card will read 2012.

Mysterious Water Use. Recently, an unexplained increase in water use as noted on the meter pointed to a leak. Several of us went to work investigating every possible source. After discounting all of the usual culprits, Will Kaefer suggested that the swamp cooler may be at fault.

On Saturday, January 28, I noticed a steady stream of water at a down spout. After putting the ladder up to investigate, a voice came out of nowhere saying, "Gene, what are you doing?" It was Bob Gonzalez offering to do the climbing. Tracing the flow, he found that it in-

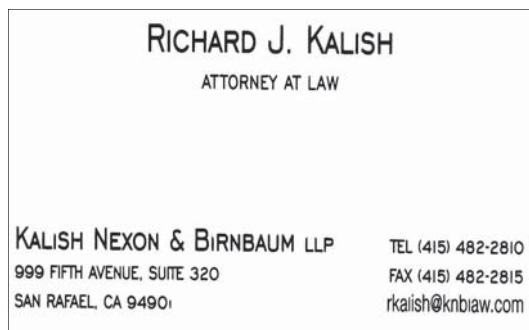
American Legion Post 313
 Super Bowl Party

February 5

Post 313 Veterans ' Bar
 Bar opens at 1500
 Kickoff at 1530

\$15 cover charge for food
 (Wings, chips, dips, pizza,
 & assorted baked goods.)
 Drinks sold separately.

Come down and enjoy
 the game with
 veterans & their guests.



deed led to the swamp cooler, whose valve he immediately shut off. The flow stopped and the meter was no longer spinning. No more leak. Thank you Bob, Will, CJ, and David. This is one more great example of community cooperation and generosity helping to solve a problem and also providing a good story to take home.

Fundraiser Ideas Needed. In order to continue and expand on the very good work our post is doing, we need constant attention to upgrading and repairs in our very old facilities. It seems that every month something significant needs our attention like heaters, water leaks, window repairs, etc. This all takes large amounts of money and offers an opportunity for your most creative ideas. Please take a few minutes to brainstorm some new ideas for effective fund-raising. Maybe it will be a new idea; maybe it will be a new way of doing some activity we've done for years. We need everyone's input to make ourselves far more effective money raisers. Please email your brainstorms – no matter how wild they may at first seem to be – to americanlegion313@gmail.com.

Some of us have been wondering about the feasibility of hosting a Comedy Show at our post. If you are interested in seeing one, there is a Comedy Shop at the Petaluma Elks Lodge at 7 pm (meatloaf dinner at 6 pm) on February 10. Cost is \$20 per person and the Post will pay for one person

to attend. We are interested in your critique of the event and whether it might be a successful fundraiser for us.

Superior Court, Marin. Each year, Marin judges seek persons to be members of the Civil Grand Jury. The interview will be conducted in two phases, one in April and the other in May. The new Grand Jury service begins on July 1, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Commander Plocki for an application and more information about the process.

Auxiliary News - President Pauline

We have all welcomed the arrival of the New Year 2012. Together with Elena Bartley we attended the District 5 Meeting of Units and Posts held at the Log Cabin, Legion Post 179 in San Anselmo. Members were asked to extended a hand of welcome to prospective members.

For the upcoming Poppy Days in May our Unit has ordered 1,000 poppies for distribution throughout Marin. Hospitalized veterans are making the poppies at this time of year as part of their rehabilitation program.

Our next Unit Meeting is scheduled for Valentine's Day on February 14. Do come and join us for our Social and Business Meeting at 12 noon. A Happy New Year to all!