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## From the Commander . . .

**Post Member Jackie Tribolet Serves With Medical Team in Guatemala.** American Legion Post member **Jackie Tribolet** (daughter of John Lippett) just returned from a two week medical mission to Guatemala. Helping the villagers prepare for and care for themselves after surgery is a deeply satisfying experience Jackie has participated in many times. She loved her experience there this March.

She and her team of 30 medical personnel repaired cleft palates and other facial abnormalities, repaired hernias, and performed gall bladder and hysterectomy surgeries, 104 procedures, and 118 evaluations. Radiant smiles greeted the team whenever they visited their patients at



Casa de Fe, where they go to recover before returning to their villages.

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, this medical team is one group of more than 300 world-wide *Faith in Action* volunteers who travel to Guatemala to help those who otherwise have no access to medical care. The organization pays for transportation for patients and family  
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## CABARET! Special Veterans' Price \$25.00

Just for our local veterans and your friends and family - we are inviting you to come to "Cabaret - The Musical." The show plays Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 7pm, until April 15th. (No show on Easter).

Bob Means plans to attend the show on April 14 at 8 pm and would like to get a group of veterans together to see the show on that date. Remember, veterans and all of their guests qualify for the special \$25 admission. Contact Bob at [ofdcaptain@hotmail.com](mailto:ofdcaptain@hotmail.com) if you can join him, but contact the Cabaret Show at 415-381-1368 for your tickets.



Shows are at:

American Legion Post 313  
 500 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur CA

Call 415-381-1638 for \$25 Veteran's tickets.

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(A squadron is forming)**

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**April 2012**

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
2	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting (Club Room)</b>
5	9 am	10 am	Coffee
8			Easter
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)</b>
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee

**May 2012**

3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting (Club Room)</b>
8	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13			Mother's Day
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28			Memorial Day
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee
31	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)</b>

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

members; they provide a place for them to stay in Casa de Fe before and after surgery, and they provide financial assistance to those who need additional specialized tests.

Prayer is very much a part of their experience, and one doctor commented on the state of being a doctor in Guatemala as being a calling rather than a business. One result of the work done by this group is that 600 Guatemalans now regularly volunteer for this group as well, one very necessary job being the provision of excellent meals for all the surgical team members.

Jackie is planning to return for another mission in May. Our thanks and prayers go with her.

**Post Officer Election.** Remember to attend the General Membership Meeting on April 2 for election of officers. The nominees are:

Commander: Gene Plocki  
 First Vice: Bob Means  
 Second Vice: *Position Open*  
 Third Vice: Tad Craig  
 Member-at-Large: Jack Dennis  
 Member-at-Large: Bill Howard  
 Member-at-Large: John Farley

**Boys' State.** Post 313 is sending a student from Redwood High School to Sacramento to learn about and observe state government. We interviewed six students and chose the delegate and two alternates. All of the students were very impressive and gave promise of some very solid leadership in the years to come. We greatly enjoyed the experience of meeting and talking with such fine young people. Information about our delegate's experience will follow his time in Sacramento.

**Assembly Candidate.** Our very own member **Connie Wong** is running for California State Assembly District 10, Marin and Sonoma. She came to our coffee one recent Monday and told us that she considers veterans' benefits of prime importance, especially the medical care available at VASF. Her website is [www.connie4assembly.com](http://www.connie4assembly.com). Check it out. Thank you, Connie, for coming to our coffee hour; please bring us progress updates.

***The American Legion is prohibited from endorsing any candidate or party.***

**Post 313 Flag Lecture.** Cecil Green and Will Kaefer visited the second grade class of St. Peter's school in the Mission District, San Francisco, on February 28. This was an opportunity to teach the children about the American Flag and its history. Each student was given a small

flag, a ruler with pictures of all the presidents on it, and a flag pin. Will was about to share the story of how the words for the National Anthem were composed. He asked, 'Does anyone know the words to the 'Star Spangled Banner'?' All at once, in a very spontaneous mo-



ment, the children stood on their chairs and started singing it – waving their flags! After some questions about the meaning of the stars and stripes, the children sang "God Bless America." Then Cecil put on his magic sombrero and sang a few songs in Spanish. It was a wonderful experience to see these young citizens with such a good understanding about their county and its heritage.

**Rent the Hall.** Community members are showing a lot of interest in renting our hall. As you know, this is the best place in town for any event, and we must keep the momentum going. Tell your friends that on Monday through Thursday the price is \$350.00 for a rental from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The newest addition to this excellent facility is our control booth for the lighting and audio systems. We thank C. J. Carrillo and David Stainbrook for doing a superior job with this construction.

Some recent interest in the hall has included a violin re-

cital, the *Cabaret* production, a Larkspur Street Fair gathering, bar mitzvah parties, a women's band presentation, and many others.

**Novato Group Wins Air Force Award.** A U.S. Air Force evaluation team has awarded the highest possible rating to Marin County's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program in Novato.

The Air Force's evaluator concluded that Novato High School Principal Mr. Rey Mayoral, Lt. Col. Hiroshi Yamaguchi, USAF and Master Sgt. Richard Muench, USAF have created a supportive learning environment coupled with excellent community outreach. In particular, the evaluator gave favorable ratings to the program's after-school tutoring efforts, morning fitness club and addition of Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, a college readiness program.

JROTC students are establishing a "Hornet Squadron" at San Jose and Hamilton middle schools. The program aims to help middle school students' transition to high school by having a big brother / sister cadet meet with each of them twice a month. The Hornet Squadron will hold an information session at 6 p.m. March 29 at the Hamilton School. Marin Independent Journal, 3-20-12

#### **Auxiliary News - President Pauline**

Members have been contributing to our community by volunteering in Thrift Shops, visiting schools, and furnishing rides when needed. The Auxiliary has distributed "Need a Life" booklets to high schools in our area; this is material that will help students as they plan their futures.

A reminder that reports are due in April. Members need to total number of hours, miles, money and anything else needed to assist in completing reports.

Our next meeting is April 10 when the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year.

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