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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Free Picnic at 313. Monday, September 3 will be a day full of activity for veterans and their families. The morning begins in the hall at 9:30 with an invaluable talk by Sean Stephens, Marin County Veterans Service Officer. Sean will talk about veterans' benefits and conclude by answering any questions. Following his presentation, from 11:30 to 3:00, veterans and their guests will be treated to a free picnic lunch – barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings. A no host bar will continue throughout the picnic with the first drink free for veterans.

Boys' State California 2012. A l e x a n d e r Ehrenberg, now a senior at Redwood High School, addressed Post 313 members at our August meeting. He told us about his experience at Boys' State in Sacramento in June 2012. We greatly appreciate Alex's graciousness and generosity in spending time with us at our meeting.



Two Larkspur Post Musicians. Rick West started his morning early on the Fourth of July by playing Morning Colors for us at the Pancake Breakfast. He and his brother, David, were then involved in a musical group that put on a pre-fireworks concert aboard the *Jeremiah O'Brien* Liberty Ship Memorial. With about eighteen bandmen, throughout the late afternoon, they played patriotic and Americana music on the deck of that wonderfully preserved ship.

A few days later, on the morning of July 11, with a slightly larger group, they played ceremonial and military music for the change of command and reception at the Coast Guard Air Station in San Francisco. That enormous hangar made quite a concert hall.

Save Mart. As part of the S.H.A.R.E.S. (Supporting, Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education, and Sports) programs, the American Legion received a quarterly check for qualifying purchases made at Save Mart, Lucky, S-Mart Foods, and FoodMaxx. Please continue to patronize those businesses that support Post 313 and the Boy Scouts. Contact me if you need a S.H.A.R.E. card.

Traveling Freedom Wall. A 360 foot, 80% scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., honoring WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq veterans, is coming to Sonoma November 7 – 11, 2012 as part of the Cost of Freedom Tribute. There will also be a special 9/11 tribute and a Gold Tag Wall with the names of all fallen heroes since the Global War on Terrorism began. Additionally, a special observation will be held to recognize Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers on Friday, November 9th starting at 1:00 p.m. These tributes will be presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Sonoma Valley Veterans Memorial Building, 126 First Street West, Sonoma, California. At that time also, Chapter 78, Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 223 will unveil a new exhibit in honor of POW/MIAs.

This extraordinary event, expecting a crowd of 5,000 people, will also include counseling services, computer locator services for the memorials, a mini job fair, and a VA mobile information van to assist and answer questions for veterans in need. Several guest speakers will present throughout the days. For more specific information, please consult the websites: www.vfwpost1943.org and www.avtt.org.

Hall Rental. Please continue to spread the word about our great facility available to rent for parties, receptions, business meetings, lectures, classes, etc. Those who have rented the hall have been very happy with its convenience, the pleasant porch with the best Mt. Tam view, the beautiful bar, and excellent lighting and sound systems.

Participation. We continue to need help in administration, accounting, hospitality, and facilities repair. Please see Gene Plocki to volunteer.

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Sons of The American Legion

(A Squadron is forming)
Commander Position Vacant

September 2012

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| 3 | | | Labor Day |
| 3 | 9:30 am | 11:30 am | Veterans Benefits Information Mtg & General Membership |
| 3 | 11:30 am | 3 pm | Veterans' Free Picnic (Hall, Bar, Club Room Pkg Lot) |
| 6 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 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 | 8:30 am | 10 am | Post Breakfast |
| 20 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 24 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 27 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 27 | 9:30 | 12 noon | Executive Committee |

October 2012

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| 1 | 9am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 1 | 7:30 pm | 9 pm | General Membership Meeting (Club Room) |
| 4 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 4 | 5 pm | 9 pm | Pauline's Birthday Dinner (Hall & Bar) |
| 8 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee Columbus Day |
| 9 | 12 noon | 2 pm | Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room) |
| 11 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 15 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 18 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 22 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 25 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 25 | 9:30 am | 12 noon | Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room) |
| 29 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 31 | | | Halloween |

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

For Veteran's Services, see <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/veterans.cfm>

Post 313 Breakfast
 Wednesday, September 19
 8:30 - 10 am in Club Room
 \$5.00 (All you can eat!)



Includes fruit juice, scrambled eggs with cheese, pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee.

Reservation: signup in Club Room or call Bill Brennen, 415-927-0393 or leave message at 415-924-6283.

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Pancake Breakfast, July 4, 2012. Eric Zarko, Pancake Breakfast Chairman, accepted checks for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League, recipients of the



money generated from this very successful event. The amount total was \$7,068. Both the attendance and revenue exceeded that of previous years. We have great reason to be very pleased

with this contribution to the youth of our community. Thank you very much to all who made this event such a remarkable success.

Post Everlasting. Ray Andrews died on August 5, 2012. Ray and his family were great supporters of Post 313, contributing to many meal programs and sharing ideas through email correspondence.

Ray grew up in the Salinas Valley town of Soledad during the Depression of the 1930's. A member of a family who fed hobos in need, Ray continued his lifetime concern for the marginalized of society. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. Later earning a degree at UC Berkeley in philosophy, Ray retained a lifelong passion for engaging political discourse. Our thoughts and prayers go to Noel, his wife, his daughter Allison and his brother Ron. May he rest in peace.

Happy 90th Birthday, Jimmy Dukes. A member of the American Legion, Lyons Club, Sons-in-Retirement, and many other organizations, Jimmy was a Marine who fought on Guadalcanal and, when wounded, he was sent to New Zealand to recover. After serving the nation, Jimmy served California as a CHP officer. He will be 90 on September 24, and we wish him a Happy Birthday. Now recovering from a stroke, Jimmy will be honored by SIRS at their September 6 luncheon.

SFVA Medical Center. The San Francisco Veterans Association Medical Center has a new program called MyHealthVet. It has information about health and many veterans' benefits. To learn more, visit the website at www.myhealth.va.gov or contact Stephen Chapman, MHV Coordinator, at 415-221-4810 x3706 or write StephenChapman2@va.gov.

Some veterans may be eligible for an in-home messaging device called 'Healthy Body,' educating and monitoring weight management issues for TeleMOVE, a very successful weight loss program. For specific information, call TeleMOVE Program Coordinator D. Catherine Brady, RN, at (415) 221-4810 ext. 3092.

Sean Stephens, Marin County Veterans Services Officer. If you missed the front page IJ article August 6 on Sean, you may want to look it up at www.marinij.com. This article highlights the life and times of this veteran of four tours of duty in Afghanistan as well as his new mission where he helps veterans help themselves by clarifying their eligibility for health, pension and related benefits.

Marin Alliance for the American Spirit. Join MAAS, a newly formed organization at the Marin County Veterans Memorial Auditorium for a national POW/MIA recognition day in the U.S. "You Are Not Forgotten" will be held Saturday, September 15, 11 am to 1 pm. For more information, contact Keith Woodcock at 1-800-438-8988.

Letter from Afghanistan. *"Dear Post 313, I wanted to say thank you for your support on behalf of all of us here at FOB Fenty Afghanistan. We got a package in the mail from Barb Fugate and she told us you guys helped out. It means a lot to know all of the former warriors back at home haven't forgotten what it's like to be away. When you see people and they thank you it feels good. Regardless, I would rather shake the hand of someone that has tied on his boots, lived the life and knows how it feels. At the next meeting, drink a beer for us; we'll be home soon."* Daniel Kapalin

First Vice Report - Bob Means

Wow, we're already reaching the end of summer. This brings on my favorite sport - NFL Football. Second Vice/Bar Manager Tad Craig has mentioned opening up our Vets bar for us to enjoy some games and friendship. I hope you and your friends will check the Post Calendar and find time to join in.

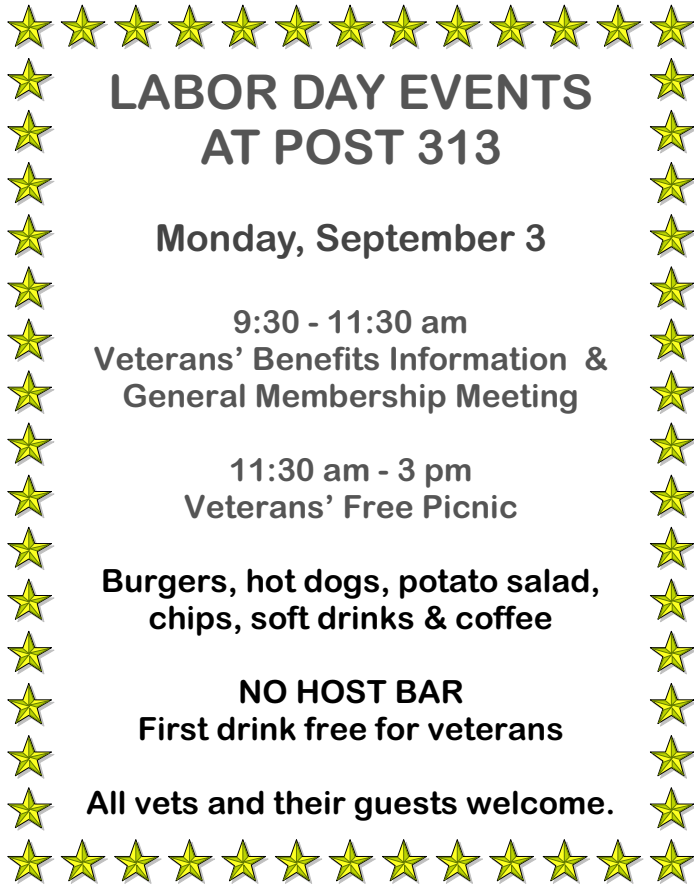
The Post 313 Veteran's Picnic is right around the corner. Chairman C. J. has been working hard to make this a fine family and friends event to honor our past and present service members.

We're still looking to fill two key positions, 2nd Vice Commander and Adjutant. We can bring any members with interest up to speed on responsibilities.

Thanks to those who gave me their cap sizes. I'll be looking for dates to hold installation for new members.

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LABOR DAY EVENTS AT POST 313

Monday, September 3

9:30 - 11:30 am

**Veterans' Benefits Information &
General Membership Meeting**

11:30 am - 3 pm

Veterans' Free Picnic

**Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad,
chips, soft drinks & coffee**

NO HOST BAR

First drink free for veterans

All vets and their guests welcome.

Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

Time to Celebrate. Please join us for Pauline's annual birthday celebration as outlined below.

Dues Increase. At National Convention it was determined that our annual dues are now \$20.

Help Celebrate Pauline's 104th Birthday Thursday, October 4

Activities begin at 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm
\$25 per person

Dinner features choice of salmon or prime rib.
Salad, sides and birthday cake included.

Your check is your reservation and must be in by **October 1**. Cancellations after that date cannot be honored.

Checks made payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 313 along with your entrée choice can be mailed to

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