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From the Commander - Gene Plocki

Labor Day 2012 Veterans' Free Picnic and Benefits Lecture. At 9:30 a.m., before an audience of twenty people, Sean Stephens, Marin County Service Officer presented a lecture on very helpful information for veterans. He discussed medical concerns like PTSD, hearing, home and daily help as well as pensions, burial, transportation benefits and help for the homeless.



Sean Stephens and son at the podium.



Gene Plocki, John Farley, David O'Dell & event chair C.J. Carrillo enjoy the Labor Day festivities.

Sean welcomes your calls at the Civic Center (415-473-6193) for further information. Thank you very much, Sean.

At noon, Post 313 hosted a most festive, free picnic which also included the first drink free for vets. We served about 110 hamburgers, 60 hot dogs, and soft drinks. Guests enjoyed the excitement of a large crowd of very friendly people. One guest in attendance was Jack Schipper, our 5th District Commander, who reminded us that our Post will host the district meeting in June 2013. He gave us some good advice on veterans' employment resources and Boys' State issues. He complimented us on many aspects of our post operation. We thank you Commander Schipper for visiting our post on this special occasion.

C. J. Carrillo chaired this event and did an outstanding job. Thank you, C. J. Thank you also to Sean Stephens, Stu Bacon and son Chris, Bill Brennen, Tad and Elena Craig, John Farley, Bob Gonzalez, Will Kaefler, Bob Means, David O'Dell and daughter Olivia, Gene Plocki, Bruce and Margaret St. John, and all others who helped make that day such an enjoyable success.

Veterans Resource Center. This invaluable source provides all veterans with the necessary resources to either make a successful transition or maintain a productive civilian life. They help veterans with computer education, employment resources, veterans' benefits, community support and educational advice and support. They are located at 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 205, San Francisco, CA 94102 and can be reached at 415-926-5090 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. or by email at wmb.sf.vrc@gmail.com. James Small is in charge.

Boy Scouts Help at the Post. We thank three scouts from Troop 43, Jayson Fabre, Jacob Perman and Grayson Spangenberg, for helping with gardening at Post 313. Thank you also to Eric Zarko for organizing the work session. This has been a great help, and we look forward to any more service the scouts can provide for us.

Help Wanted. We greatly need two people to step up to fill the positions of **Adjutant** and **Second Vice-**

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Sons of The American Legion

(A squadron is forming)
Commander Position Vacant

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 |
| 17 | 8:30 am | 10 am | Post Breakfast (Club Room) |
| 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 |

November 2012

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| 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 |
| 10 | | | Marine Corps Birthday |
| 11 | 5 pm | 9 pm | Veterans Day / Fisher House Fundraiser Dinner (Hall & Bar) |
| 12 | | | Veterans Day (Observed) |
| 13 | 12 noon | 2 pm | Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room) |
| 15 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 19 | 9 am | 10 am | Coffee |
| 22 | | | Thanksgiving |
| 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>

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



Post 313 Breakfast

Wednesday, October 17
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 , call Bill Brennen (415-927-0393) or leave message at the Post (415-924-6283).

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Commander in charge of Hospitality. Another very important role needs to be filled by someone who can do **Advertising** work, promoting the use of the Hall and Bar. If you can help, please see Gene Plocki.

Thank You. We are very grateful to Bill Brennen and Bob Gonzalez for cooking and serving a very tasty breakfast on September 19. Your contribution of time and energy provided a wonderful opportunity for many members to get together and enjoy a good morning. Another delicious meal is planned for Wednesday, October 17 at 8:30 am so mark your calendars now.

Thank you also to Tad Craig for the Bar Openings in September – a great way to watch the 49er action.

A Great Larkspur Party/Meeting Venue. Everyone has a birthday or special occasion to mark. Consider holding the celebration at our Hall and Bar, the perfect place at the perfect price for members. Tell your friends or business associates. Help sell this valuable, conveniently located, attractive asset. Our facilities provide a great source of potential income which will support the ongoing work of our Post.

Notes from Will Kaefer, Financial Officer. By now, I hope you have read the recent issue of “California Legionnaire.” The cover article “*Little Cubbyholes Are not for Veterans*” is an example of how facilities dedicated to Veterans, but governed by local governments eventually have failed to uphold their original commitment. For example, what has happened to our County of Marin Veterans’ Facility at the Civic Center? Yes, we can use it, but at the normal rental rate. Word has it that many veterans groups spent several hundreds of thousands of dollars to build that facility. The example in the “California Legionnaire” and what has happened at posts like Ashland, Oregon where they cannot even display anything of a military nature are examples of how our governments “forget” their original contract with Veterans when they take over their facilities.

Many of you will have issues as to how we spend our money at the post. I always have an eye on how we must continue to maintain and grow our financial strength so that we will never have to become subservient to a well-meaning but often forgetful local government as to how they will treat us in the future should we ever consider relinquishing our facility to a local government entity.

I have just returned from a trip east and visited New Hampshire whose motto is “**Live Free or Die.**” Brave words but fitting to our Military and Veterans

American Legion

Post 313

presents:

A VETERANS’ DAY DINNER

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Dinner donation \$20

Dinner catered by Lavier Cuisine

Green Salad

Baked Penne Pasta with Ricotta Cheese, Artichoke Hearts and Spinach with Tomato Sauce

Rotisserie Chicken Thigh Fillets

Grilled Vegetables

Bread & Butter

Dessert (Blackberry Cake)

Coffee

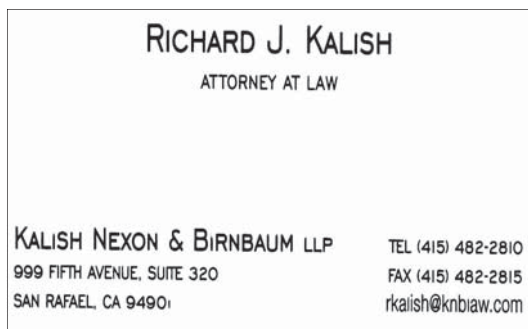
Dinner wine is available
at \$5 per bottle

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TRAVIS A.F.B. FISHER HOUSE, WHICH PROVIDES FREE, TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR FAMILIES VISITING HOSPITALIZED SERVICE MEMBERS.

Join us at 5 p.m. for a hospitality hour in the Post Bar. Dinner will follow in the main hall at 6 p.m.

Prizes will be raffled off. Raffle & monetary donations are encouraged (wine, candy, baked goods, etc.) Make checks payable to A. L. Post 313. Grand prize to be awarded at end of program.

**Mail your check for reservations to
American Legion Post 313,
500 Magnolia Ave. Larkspur, CA 94939
Attn. Bob Gonzalez
by November 5th.**



First Vice Report - Bob Means

Hi Vets- Here's the latest. We've been missing you at Sunday football in our Bar. If anyone has thoughts on what we need to do to get you on board let me or bar manager Tad Craig know.

Another plug for the Veteran's Day/Fisher House fundraiser on 11/11. I have a committee but recent events lead me to reach out once again. I need several guys to set up tables and chairs Sunday afternoon (11/11), say 1 pm. Might take an hour and then I'll need others to set out tablecloths, place settings, etc. Please get in touch with me on this if you can help.

We could also use a very few hours of someone's time to paint the walls of the Hall men's room. I would also like to hear from those of you who might like to identify your branch of service, specialty, etc. so as to get groups of you together with common interests. We have some info from membership apps. but I'm not so ambitious as to go into the records vault alone.

In closing, I'd like to ask you to donate a raffle prize and/or make a cash donation for the Fisher House dinner. Forward info to me at 1stvicelegion313@gmail.com. Get involved, volunteer, come on down for coffee, I hope to see you soon.

Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

Remember Pauline's Birthday celebration October 4. Details below. Our next Auxiliary Unit Meeting will be held in the Club Room at 12 noon on October 9.

Help Celebrate
Pauline's 104th Birthday
Thursday, October 4, 2012



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 this date cannot be honored.

For last minute reservations
call Bob Gonzalez at 415-924-6834.