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 Larkspur & Corte Madera, California  
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# Monthly Times

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"Still Serving America"

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## From the Commander - Gene Plocki

**Sixty-six Years a Member.** Oakley Dexter has been serving this post for over sixty-six years. Despite some medical problems and now a great distance to drive, he is still serving. Because of his invaluable work with recruitment – traveling to Dixon, California to attend a recruitment meeting, learning of our capacity to increase our membership from people in a holding post (Post 1000), - a significant number of members may join this coming year. Wow! That is quite an achievement. We thank Oakley for his service and appreciate the example of steady commitment he continues to demonstrate, thus encouraging others to serve Post 313, its members, the community, and the youth. Post 313 is the best!

**District 5 Meeting, December 8, Yountville.** Post Commander Tony Toppa offered to guide anyone on a tour of this post. Please call to confirm your visit time: 707-945-0781 (home) or 707-486-6455 (cell ). Many items were discussed, including the following.



Donna Ford, Cmdr Plocki & Elena Bartley represent Post 313

At the meeting, Post 313 was awarded a **100% Attendance plaque** for the 2011-2012 year.

**Post 313 will soon have a Disaster and Preparedness and Response Plan.** Members are encouraged to have a plan in effect in their homes. Support will come from city, county, state, federal, and post levels. See [www.getreadymarin.org/](http://www.getreadymarin.org/) The Get Ready Marin training sessions are well worth the time spent. Please take action.

**Recruitment for the next Boys' State** will start in January. Anyone interested in helping on this project, please see Gene Plocki. High school students are thrilled at the opportunity to attend.

**The High School Oratory contest** is another program that Post 313 would like to implement. Please see Gene Plocki if you are interested in helping with this very exciting adventure.

**The Scouting Program**, another Legion activity was discussed. Post 313 is well entrenched with our sponsorship of Troop 43 with C. J. Carrillo as Post Liaison.

**Flood at 313.** On December 2, 2012, following a very heavy downpour meeting a high tide and competing with water flowing from Mt. Tam, our parking lot was flooded. We owe great thanks to David Stainbrook and Bob Means because at 6:00 A.M., they went (swam? rowed?) to the Post and sand-bagged the kitchen thus preventing serious damage. They turned back the flow, and the receding tide later finished their work. Thank you very much, David and Bob, for your thoughtfulness and generosity in leaving warm homes to save this post a lot of trouble.

**Help is Wanted.** The following positions are open:

- Adjutant
- Assistant Finance Officer
- Historian
- Advertising
- Rental Agent (important, immediate need)
- Disaster Team

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**Sons of The American Legion**

(A squadron is forming)  
**Commander** Position Vacant

**January 2013**

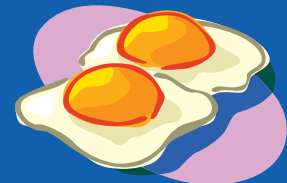
1			New Year's Day
3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
8	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
9	8:30 am	10 am	<b>Post Breakfast</b> (Club Room)
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	10 am	12 noon	<b>General Membership Meeting &amp; Initiation</b> (Main Hall)
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee Martin Luther King's Birthday
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee
31	9 am	10 am	Coffee
31	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)

**February 2013**

4	9 am	10 am	Coffee
4	7:30 pm	9 pm	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> (Club Room)
7	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
13			Ash Wednesday
14	9 am	10 am	Coffee St. Valentine's Day
14	5 pm	9 pm	<b>Valentine's Day Dinner</b> (Hall & Bar)
18	9 am	10 am	Coffee Washington's Birthday
21	9 am	10 am	Coffee
25	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9 am	10 am	Coffee
28	9:30 am	12 noon	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Club Room)

**Post 313 Breakfast**

Wednesday, January 9  
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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**The Nominating Committee** has proposed the following nominees for officers and directors:

- Commander - Bob Means
- First V-Commander - Tom Beck
- Second V-Commander - Bill Brennen
- Third V-Commander - Tad Craig
- 3 Members-at-Large - Jack Dennis
  - Cecil Green
  - Bill Howard

Anyone else interested in placing a name on this slate should contact Cecil Green, Nomination Chairman. Elections will be held April 1 at the General Meeting.

**Marin Catch-a-Ride.** *Over 60 or Over 80.* Marin residents who no longer drive can get a taxi subsidy based on age and circumstance. To check eligibility call 415-473-2943 or 415-457-4636.

**Hall and Bar Rentals.** Tell your friends about our hall and bar. It's a great place for any occasion. See our web site, [americanlegion313@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion313@gmail.com). Members can rent the facilities at a special rate. See Gene Plocki for more information.

**Free Coffee and Doughnuts.** Come on down on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 and get to know your fellow members and see what is going on. If you cannot come and have information you would like to share with the post, send me an email at [americanlegion313@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion313@gmail.com) Attention, Commander.

## Post 313 Valentine Dinner

Thursday, February 14

5 pm Hospitality Hour

6 pm Dinner

\$25 per person

### MENU

Choice of Grilled Flank Steak  
or Chicken Scampi

Rice Pilaf/Roasted Vegetables

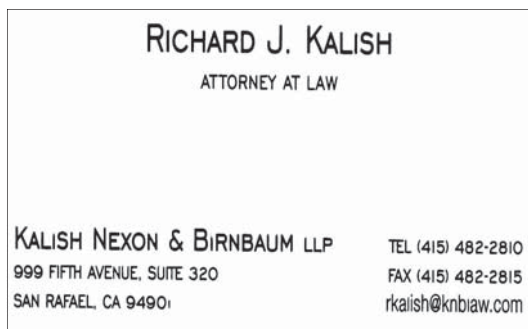
Bread/butter/dessert/coffee

Table wine \$5 per bottle

Your check is your reservation. Send check payable to Twin Cities Post 313 with choice of entrée by February 11 to Post 313, 500 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur 94939. No cancellations after this date. Questions: call Bob Gonzalez, 415-924-6834.

## 2012 in Review

- January 5 new members initiated.
- February Boys' State Program begins.
- March "Cabaret" show at Post 313. Post member Jackie Tribolet works with medical team in Guatemala. Post member runs as candidate for California State Assembly District 10. Post members Cecil Green and Will Kaefer deliver flag lecture to St. Peter's School in San Francisco.
- April Gene Plocki elected Commander for 2012-2013.
- May Post received 100% Membership Goal Award for 2012. Post 313 Auxiliary installed Elena Bartley as President. Flag Lecture at St. Patrick's School in Larkspur by Gene Plocki and Cecil Green. Memorial Day Ceremony at Marin County Civic Center. Post Bar open during Larkspur Festival.
- June Post member Pat Williams saves hiker's life on Mount Tamalpais.
- July Pancake Breakfast held on July 6 for over 1100 guests.
- August Gone Fishing!
- September Free Picnic at Post 313 for veterans and their guests. Benefit lecture for Post 313 members.
- October Pauline Angleman's 104th Birthday celebration.
- November Fisher House Dinner chaired by First Vice Bob Means
- December Post 313's charity giving for 2012 totaled \$16,800.



## First Vice Report - Bob Means

Post members visited Fisher House at Travis AFB December 12. On behalf of Post 313, Jackie Tribolet and I presented Jane Hassanieh and Charlene Hall with a check for \$4,275. Thanks to all who made our Fisher House Dinner the success it was.



The officers and members of Post 313 invite all members who joined us in 2012 to an Initiation Ceremony at the Post Hall, 500 Magnolia, Larkspur at 10 am on Saturday, January 19.

Following a brief Business Meeting and your initiation ceremony, we will have pizza, beer and wine in the Vet-

erans Bar. And, no football. There are no games on the 19th! Please be prepared to give members a brief bio including branch of service and service dates, and any other information you would like your fellow vets to know about. If I have not given you a Post 313 baseball cap during the year, please provide me with your hat size. These are nicely fitted caps from our National organization, not one size fits all!

Please RSVP to me: [firstvicelegion313@gmail.com](mailto:firstvicelegion313@gmail.com) or 415-924-5644. We look forward to your participation and input to assist in furthering the mission of the American Legion.

## Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

On behalf of the ALA Unit 313, we hope you all had a great holiday season and want to thank you for your support in 2012. 2013 is a new year with new horizons. Happy New Year to all; I hope 2013 is good for all!

Pauline paid a visit to the Special Education Class at Redwood and also visited a friend in a care facility. She talks to many of the patients as all enjoy seeing a different face. We all should put forth more effort to visit our shut-ins.