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COMING EVENTS - 2013

Larkspur Flower & Food Festival
 Sunday, May 26
 11 am - 6 pm
 Veterans Bar Open 12 - 3 pm

American Legion District 5 Meeting
 June 1 - 10 am
 Post 313 Hall & Club Room

Annual Pancake Breakfast
 July 4 - 8 am
 Larkspur City Parking Lot

ONGOING EVENTS

Coffee & Pastries
 Mondays & Thursdays
 9 - 10 am (Club Room)

Post 313 Breakfasts
 Second Wednesday
 8:30 - 10 am (Club Room)

General Membership Meetings
 First Monday
 7:30 - 9 pm (Club Room)

Executive Board Meetings
 Last Thursday
 9:30 am - 12 noon



New Commander Bob Means presents plaque honoring the service of Past Commander Gene Plocki at the Commander's Dinner on April 17.

Commander Bob Means

Our dinner on April 17th. was a nice way to honor two fine officers, Gene Plocki and Cecil Green, who have given of their time to make Twin Cities Post 313 the ongoing success it is.

Your new and continuing officers are working hard to bring about positive change to our Post. Most apparent will be new exterior paint and landscaping. Currently we have a crew from Marin Master Gardeners handling the landscape project.

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May 2013

2	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
6	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
8	8:30 am	10 am	Post Breakfast (Club Room)
9	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12			Mother's Day
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
14	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
16	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
23	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee Memorial Day
30	9 am	10 am	Coffee
30	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)

June 2013

1	10 am	3:30 pm	American Legion District 5 Mtg (Hall & Club Room)
3	9 am	10 am	Coffee
3	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Club Room)
6	9 am	10 am	Coffee
10	9 am	10 am	Coffee
11	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
12	8:30 am	10 am	Post Breakfast (Club Room)
13	9 am	10 am	Coffee
16			Father's Day
17	9 am	10 am	Coffee
20	9 am	10 am	Coffee
24	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	9 am	10 am	Coffee
27	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, May 8
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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I wish to reach out to those of you willing to assist with painting. The immediate goal is to complete the front of the Post and driveway wall. Please get in touch with me if you feel you can help. Family members are welcome too. My contact information is listed under "Commander".

The seismic retrofit work under our bar and kitchen is well on track for completion. Thanks David, CJ, Chuck and all the "hands on" crew.

We're going to expand our section in the newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming events. Please take time to have a look and mark your calendars. Input and participation by you is always welcome.

Hoping to see many of you at our General Membership Meeting on Monday, April 6th. at 7:30 pm.

First Vice Tom Beck

April was a transition month due to the leadership change at Post 313. With this said, much has occurred at your post. For starters, the July 4th Pancake Breakfast planning is in full swing headed up by Post 313 member Eric Zarko. Eric has been instrumental in this roll in previous years. There was a meeting April 3rd with major players from many involved organizations, including Post 313 in attendance. So far, everything is on track. If you haven't attended the July 4th Pancake Breakfast in previous years you are missing out. It is a throwback to years past as a small town and guests gather together (1100+), to eat breakfast at long tables outside and then watch a small town 4th of July parade go by. It is truly an event difficult to find in today's world. As a resident of Larkspur, it is by far my family's favorite local event.

We are just starting with small hall upgrades. If you came to the Commander's Dinner, April 17th, you might have noticed that the hall is a little better illuminated. This is due to the complete replacement of the light bulbs in the chandeliers. Formerly, we had probably six different types of light bulbs. Some 40W, some 60W, some clear, some frosted, two different shapes. If you looked at them long enough you might have become a little dizzy. We now have 60W soft white candelabra bulbs throughout all six chandeliers (36 in total). It looks much nicer and more professional. There will be more smaller hall projects like this in the months ahead. These small projects add up and along with the larger projects (landscaping and exterior painting) we hope to have a first class establishment where

our members can gather.

Lastly, what you are reading: this newsletter. I have been on a focused campaign to reduce the paper mailing of the newsletter where possible. This is happening by replacing paper mailing with an email copy. For the March newsletter, we mailed out 115 and for April that number was reduced to 79. We should be around 60 for this newsletter. This saves us almost \$700/ year. If you don't have an email address, maybe a spouse or child does. Feel free to pass on an email address to me. My door is always open.

Member-at-Large Cecil Green

I want to reiterate that the members have a voice in the day-to-day operation of our Post 313.

If you have an idea for something you would like to do, something you would like to see changed, come to a meeting and make your voices heard. The officers of this Post are here to help you, the members. Let us know what needs to be done and how you can help make it happen (we officers don't have enough time to accomplish everything without your help). Attend meetings! . . .from the smallest member at large, Cecil

Post Membership Dues

A reminder that our American Legion national offices operate on a fiscal year of July 1 - June 30. This means that all post membership dues for the coming year (2014) are due July 1. Many of you have been paying your annual dues on the anniversary of the date you originally joined the post and we would appreciate it if you could now make the effort to pay your dues for the coming year each July 1.

Auxiliary News - Elena Bartley

The auxiliary would like to welcome the new Commander, Bob Means as well as Tom Beck, Bill Brennen & Tad Craig, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice. And thanks to the rest of the American Legion members that have volunteered to help in the improvements to the Post. It's looking good!!!

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Saturday
May 18 6 - 9 pm

St. Patrick's
Community Center

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COMMANDER'S DINNER