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COMING EVENTS - 2013

Commander Bob Means

Labor Day
Monday, September 2
 11:30 am - 3 pm
Veterans' Free Picnic
All vets and their guests welcome.

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

No Host Bar
First drink free for veterans.

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)

Note: August Mtg. changed to Wed, 8/7,
 7:30 pm. See page 3 for details.

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

As Emeril Lagasse would say, "BAM!" Our Post, along with Boy and Girl Scouts and volunteers young and old pulled together to feed and water over 1100 guests on Independence Day. This was our 61st annual Pancake Breakfast and so well run that all I needed to do was smile. As Commander, it was most gratifying to watch the show orchestrated by assistant scoutmaster Eric Zarko. Preparation began early this year and cooperation between Post 313 and Scouts couldn't have been better. I'm looking forward to Pancake Breakfast #62 next year. Anyone enjoy a famous fizz?

If you were here July 4, you surely noticed the fresh paint on the building and the landscaping improvements to the grounds. We continue to enjoy positive comments on what we're doing to enhance what we present to the community.

We have a core group working paint, landscaping, carpentry, mechanical and other issues needed to make Twin Cities Post 313 more inviting to our members and others who rent from us. I have had the opportunity to observe performances by Academy DeTurk in the Hall and the Fashion Camp conducted in our Club Room. It is inspiring to watch our local youth perform and learn skills which will prepare them for the years ahead.

We have received some generous donations for our Post upgrade projects. I have proposed a Memorial Plaque to include names of all those who donate \$100 or more. Display location yet to be determined.

In closing, there is never enough space to honor our volunteers individually. Whether it is marching in the July 4 parade, taking charge of the famous fizz booth, working the Pancake Breakfast or any of the many necessary tasks to make Post 313 the success it is. **I know who you are -- we all know what you do! My thanks to all.**

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August 2013

1	9 am	10 am	Coffee
5	9 am	10 am	Coffee
7	7:30 pm	9 pm	General Membership Meeting (Vets Bar) Pizza & Beverages
8	9 am	10 am	Coffee
12	9 am	10 am	Coffee
13	12 noon	2 pm	Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)
14	8:30 am	10 am	Post Breakfast (Club Room)
15	9 am	10 am	Coffee
19	9 am	10 am	Coffee
22	9 am	10 am	Coffee
26	9 am	10 am	Coffee
29	9 am	10 am	Coffee
29	9:30 am	12 noon	Executive Committee Meeting (Club Room)

September 2013

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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, August 14
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).

August General Membership Meeting Change.

The General Membership Meeting for August has been moved from Monday to Wednesday, August 7 in the Vets' Bar. Pizza and beverages will be available at 6:30 pm followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm. This meeting will include the reading and discussion of bylaw changes which were proposed at the July Executive Board Meeting and have been posted on the bulletin board in the Club Room.

Belated Thanks to Jack Dennis. Post 313 thanks Jack Dennis for his many years of service and for accepting responsibility for all insurance related matters.

Boys' State Report. Past Commander and Boys' State Chairman Gene Plocki reports that the Post's candidate, Matthew Friend, will give a presentation at the Monday coffee on August 5 at approximately 9:15 am. Matthew will talk about his week-long course in Sacramento and his learning about California state government.

First Vice Tom Beck

Although we still haven't received the final membership numbers for 2013, for sure we are at 183 members and I suspect maybe another one or two will be added. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, please re-up for 2014 as soon as possible. There is more going on at the Post right now than in quite a while and we would rather be spending time making the Post better for you vs chasing down delinquent members.

For the Hall, the climate control return vents have been cleaned as promised and we are now turning our eyes towards upgrading light switches and outlets. This will be about it for minor upgrades to the Hall. Next, probably off to the bathrooms. My door is always open.

On-Line Membership Renewal. All Legion members may renew their membership on-line through www.legion.org/renew. Members can renew using a credit card and print a temporary card. Post 313 receives confirmation of your on-line renewal via monthly reports from National and your 2014 membership card will be mailed to you at that time.

You also have the option of setting your online account for annual automatic renewal. Your dues will automatically be charged to your debit/credit card on or about July 15th of each new membership year.

Auxiliary News - President Elena Bartley

A huge crowd turned out for the 4th of July Parade. It was nice to see all the happy faces! Thanks to those of you who came to the pancake breakfast that day; the Boy & Girl Scouts did a great job!

The Auxiliary welcomes a new member, Catherine Horl Beatrice. Catherine and her husband and Post 313 member Brian meet when they were both stationed in Viet Nam. Welcome aboard!

The rest of the month went by very quickly. I'm sure August will, too. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Rent the Post 313 Hall & Bar

Every Post member can act as an advertising agent for our outstanding facilities.

Celebrate an occasion
Convene a meeting
Sponsor a fundraiser

Post members receive a discount.

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Independence Day
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