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Commander Bob Means

Here we are with the Post 313 Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving behind us. Time does fly by. While I was unable to attend our Veterans' Day dinner, I'm told it was well attended and that the crowd enjoyed a fine meal and entertainment. Many thanks to all who helped in making this a success.

Sadly, I must report the unexpected passing of Post 313 Adjutant John Farley. John and his wife Nancy were frequent volunteers at Post events, always willing to do a little extra for us. Many members attended John's funeral service and internment, and the Memorial event held at the Hall on November 23. John, you will be missed by many.

We will soon be directing funds to non-profit organizations that we support. I will publish our annual contribution figures in next month's newsletter. It has been a most productive 2015 for your Post in many areas. Officers and members have much to be proud of as we continue our stated mission.

I wish all of you a most joyous Christmas and holiday season.

First Vice Commander Tom Beck

Veteran's Day Dinner . . . We had a great event! Packed house, some of the younger guys ate in the bar, great food prepared by our in house caterer, and great entertainment with singer Colin Gage. I hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as I did. Thank you to Bill Brennen for coordinating the event.

For membership, we are approaching 80% of goal. We've still got some work to do. Remember, everyone knows a vet that isn't a member of 313. Let's bring them in.

My best wishes to all for the holiday season.

My door is always open.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 World AIDS Day	2	3 9a Coffee (Club Room)	4	5
6	7 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6:15p General Membership Social (Clubroom) 7:15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	8 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	9 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	10 Human Rights Day	11	12
13	14 9a Coffee (Club Room)	15	16	17 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19
20	21 9a Coffee (Club Room)	22 Winter Solstice	23	24 9a Coffee (Club Room)	25 Christmas	26
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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>

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California Veteran Driver's License

Governor Brown has signed legislation that will require the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to offer special driver's licenses to veterans. The license will have a "Veteran" marking indicating service in the United States Armed Forces. This new program is set to go into effect on Veterans Day, 11 November 2015.

To receive your veteran driver's license, you'll need to visit your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) and complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form. You'll need a certified copy of your discharge papers (DD-214) showing you received an other than dishonorable discharge, or that you served in a Guard or Reserve component and were mobilized for federal active duty. The CVSO will verify the documents presented and approve/stamp the application. You can then take it to the DMV beginning 12 November.

If you don't have a copy of your discharge papers, the CVSO can order a copy. You'll also have an opportunity to discuss the many federal, state, and local benefits you may be eligible for. The CVSO can also file an application for any benefits you or your family are eligible for.

The Veteran Status Verification Form for the new veteran driver's license will be available in the CVSO office beginning 2 November. Our office will begin completing forms on that date, but Veterans are reminded that they can't take the form to the DMV until 12 November at the earliest. DMV recommends that you make an appointment for this purpose. There is also a \$5.00 fee for the Veteran designation, along with the normal fee for your driver's license. This new driver's license will mean that veterans will no longer need to carry their discharge papers to show proof of military service.

There are many state and federal benefits and programs available to veterans and their dependents. To find out if you are eligible for any of these benefits, visit or call our office. You can get information on

the Web from the Marin County Veterans Service Office webpage at: <https://www.marinhhs.org/veterans-services>

Membership Renewal

Our renewals are at 80%, a tremendous achievement. Let's mount a final push to get our renewals to 100%. The easiest way to renew is online at: <https://www.members.legion.org/renew> If online renewal isn't possible, send your check for \$35 to the Post. Not sure if you've renewed, leave a



The Marin Highlanders Rugby Club, one of our most frequent renters and partner in several events, has offered to host a 'Rugby for Dummies' event, explaining the rules of rugby and describing their program for youth, middle school, and high school players. The Highlanders are committed to developing each player's skills to their fullest potential on and off the field. The Club fosters pride in individual and team performance, develop a positive team spirit and have fun playing the game. Look for further announcements about this joint event.

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Post 313 Breakfast
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

8:30—10 am in Club Room
\$5.00 (All you can eat!)

Includes fruit juice, scrambled eggs with cheese, pancakes, bacon, sausage & 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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Sunday, December 6th

1:00-4:00 PM

**Come join in for some holiday spirit and good cheer!
Cookies, hot chocolate, and hot cider will be served.**

Where: Log Cabin, 20 Veterans Pl, San Anselmo

Please bring an unwrapped new toy or game.

Hosted by the American Legion Post 179 Legion

**Santa will be there
with a fire truck,**



Crafts for Children

