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Commander Bob Means

Time is running out to reserve your spot for our Veteran's Appreciation Dinner on April 9th. Last day to have your payment in hand is April 5th. This is like a cabaret show - dinner, song, friends - all for \$25.00. Get on board.

Officer elections will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Monday, April 4th. Please plan on attending. Social Hour w/pizza begins at 6:15p.

Your officers are prioritizing those issues that will best benefit the Post and our mission this year. I thank you all for your continued support.

First Vice Commander Tom Beck

As I write this, I am realizing this will be my last newsletter input as 1st Vice Commander. I have been doubled up with 1st Vice and Finance Officer for almost three years. CJ Carrillo will be stepping up in my place and I will remain on as Finance Officer. I want to thank everyone that has helped the Post over the last three years. We have accomplished so much and still have more to do to bring our facility up to a level where we can truly say it is the best venue in Larkspur.

Again, thank you everyone!

Membership

As I turn over the responsibility for membership to CJ, I'd like to again thank those who have renewed. Post 313 is at 89% of its 2015—2016 goal. Only 22 of last year's members have not renewed. If you are one of those, please consider renewing soon. Our 2016—2017 membership year begins July 1.

Medical Care vs. Claim

Most veterans have a lot of misunderstanding with how the VA functions and thus are confused when dealing with the VA for both compensation claims and/or getting medical treatment. Hospitals, clinics,

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~ April 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6: 15p General Membership Social (Clubroom) 7: 15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	5	6	7 World Health Day 9a Coffee (Club Room)	8	9 5p Member Appreciation Dinner (AL Post 313)
10	11 9a Coffee (Club Room)	12 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	13 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	14 9a Coffee (Club Room)	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16
17	18 9a Coffee (Club Room)	19	20	21 9a Coffee (Club Room)	22 Earth Day	23
24	25 9a Coffee (Club Room)	26	27 Administrative Professionals' Day	28 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	29 Arbor Day	30
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29	30 Memorial Day 9a Coffee (Club Room)	31				

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

<http://americanlegion313.org>

Vet Centers and such provide treatment. They work under their own guidelines, regulations, and budgets. The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) confers compensation/service connection for military related illnesses and injuries, and other commonly known benefits such as home loan guarantees and education. As an example - Going to the Fresno Vets Center for PTSD does not automatically request service connection for PTSD, nor does it automatically guarantee service connection and compensation.

A formal claim for compensation and service connection of a medical problem must be made in order to receive compensation. This is a service our office provides. In order to have a medical problem service connected and compensation paid, there must be evidence of a chronic medical issue being linked to a veteran's active military service. Evidence most frequently comes from military service records, especially medical records. When these are missing, evidence can come from other sources such as witnesses, photos, news stories, and letters to home.

Generally, a claim for benefits or an increase in benefits specifically must be made by the veteran. A visit to a medical facility should not be considered by a veteran to be a claim of any sort, even if a staff member/employee states there is one. Medical treatment at a VA treatment facility does not confer the status of service connection on a medical problem. Service connection is the legal status conferred on a claim that is made only by the VBA and only after a rating decision has been completed.

DMV Veteran Status Verification

The Marin County Veterans Service Office can complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form for the new California Veteran Designation on your driver's license. 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. We can and will assist you in completing all required application forms. You can get information on the Web from the Marin County Veterans Service Office web page at <https://www.marinhhs.org/veterans-services>

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American Legion Post 313 Members' Appreciation Dinner

Saturday April 9, 2016

All veterans and guests welcome

Entertainment by Colin Gage Catering by Lavier.
Bar opens at 5 pm Dinner served at 6 pm.

\$25 per guest

Reservations with advanced payment are required NLT April 5th.

**Make checks payable to A.L. Post 313
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Your Post officers are looking forward to providing an evening of good entertainment, good food, and

Post 313 Breakfast

Wednesday, April 11, 2016

8:30 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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