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Commander Bob Means

Our Appreciation dinner was a success. Thanks for your attendance and to singer Colin Gage and Lavier for yet another fine meal. Further, thanks to all of our volunteers who pitch in to make events at your Post happen. Tad and Elena did a fine job of bartending.

Officer elections were held on April 4th. Please note changes as posted in this newsletter. Many thanks to all who have committed to serve our membership and continue on with our stated mission.

Fisher House Dinner is approaching. Post 313 has a table for 10. Seats are filling up fast and please let us know if you plan on attending. If we have enough interest, we'll add an additional table. Come join in and support member Jackie Tribolet as she has put together another fine event for a good cause.

Post 313 is hosting the District 5 meeting in early June. We can always use volunteers to help set up the Hall. I'd also like to ask for a couple of members to step forward to help out with facility rentals. It involves opening up for renters 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Doesn't take much. Currently, we're down to three of us handling the chore. We rotate on a weekly basis but could use some relief. Contact me if you can pitch in.

Our on site caterer Lavier Fusion Cuisine will be leaving on May 16th. As their business continues to expand, they require a larger space. We wish them all the best in the future.

Looking forward to your input and willingness to help as volunteers.

First Vice Commander C.J. Carillo Membership

91% of our 2015 members have renewed this year. Only 19 remain who have not renewed. Our goal is to surpass last year's membership.

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Monthly Times

~ May 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9a Coffee (Club Room) 6: 15p General Membership Social (Clubroom) 7: 15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo 9a Coffee (Club Room)	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 9a Coffee (Club Room)	10 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	11 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	12 9a Coffee (Club Room)	13	14
15	16 9a Coffee (Club Room)	17	18	19 9a Coffee (Club Room)	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23 9a Coffee (Club Room)	24	25	26 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9: 30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 9a Coffee (Club Room)	31				
~ June 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9a Coffee (Club Room)	3	4
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19 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22	23 9a Coffee (Club Room)	24	25
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For Veteran's Services, see <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/veterans.cfm>

<http://americanlegion313.org>

If you have not yet renewed for this year, send in a check or renew online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>.

Financial Officer Tom Beck

I am happy to report the Post is again well above our stated reserve minimum of \$70k. We had a decent 1st quarter with enough money to pipe cold air into the Bar. However, storm clouds are on the horizon as we will be pumping considerable money in to the Commercial Kitchen. It is long over due and frankly, we don't have a choice. Health Dept says it has to be done. We are well positioned to take on the expense as we have a line of credit open.

VA Disability Rating

There are many benefits available to veterans from both state and federal agencies. Many of these benefits are only available to veterans with service-connected disabilities. The Veterans Administration (VA) determines the level of disability using a rating system. Veterans are rated at 0% to 100% disabled depending on the severity of their disabilities.

You must file a claim to receive a disability rating. You can file a claim for disability at any time. It is recommended that service members file within the first year of discharge so all reasonable medical conditions that occurred during service can be identified as service-connected. These medical conditions may be rated at 0%, or may be considered a serious disability and receive a higher rating. Either way, they are now service-connected and if you have problems later in life, VA will provide medical care and possibly increase the disability rating.

If it has been more than a year since separation from military service, the task of establishing service-connection is a bit more difficult. We have had veterans come into our office that were separated over fifty years ago and are able to build a case for benefits, and get it approved. We can and will assist you with your claim.

To get the claim completed as soon as possible, we need a copy of your discharge papers (DD214), a

copy of your medical records if you have them and any additional statements from your doctor about your current medical conditions. If you don't have copies, we can order them. As an example, a 0% disability rating for a mild hearing loss qualifies the children of a veteran for the California College Fee Waiver Program.

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, call our office for an Appointment. 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 webpage at: [Https://Veterans-Services.org](https://Veterans-Services.org).

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Post 313 Breakfast
Wednesday, June 8, 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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