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Commander Kit Kubitz

Post 313 will be hosting the 65th Annual Pancake Breakfast in Larkspur before the 4th of July Parade, with the Boy Scouts making and serving the breakfast and volunteers from the Post offering both gin fizzes with the secret recipe and hospitality to community members and membership to Veterans.

The Pancake Breakfast begins with the raising of the American flag at 0745, and the Mayor of Larkspur, Kevin Haroff, will make remarks. Let us use this opportunity to increase understanding of the Twin Cities Post, the American Legion, and the men and women who defend the United States of America on its birthday. There will be an American Legion color guard marching in the Larkspur parade, but it will be from Post 179. We could use some Veterans to re-form a color guard for our Post 313. Please contact me or other officers if you would like to be a member of the color guard. Last month we remembered D-Day and the generation, including Richie Guetter and Ralph Cole who served in World War II. What do we celebrate in July?

This country was founded in July, but as other historical moments in July remind us, America has always had to defend the Constitution, freedom and union which resulted from the events of July, 1776.

July 2, 1776 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

12 years later, **July 2, 1788** - Congress announced the United States Constitution had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day
2	3 9a Coffee (Club Room)	4 Independence Day 8a July 4th Pancake Breakfast	5	6 9a Coffee (Club Room)	7	8
9	10 9a Coffee (Club Room)	11 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	12 8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club Room)	13 9a Coffee (Club Room)	14	15
16	17 9a Coffee (Club Room)	18	19	20 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22
23	24 9a Coffee (Club Room)	25	26	27 9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	28 World Hepatitis Day	29
30 Int'l. Friendship Day	31 9a Coffee (Club Room)					

~ August 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	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 9a Coffee (Club Room)	11	12
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Of course, on **July 1, 1863** - The Battle of Gettysburg began during the American Civil War. That great battle preserved the Union that began in 1776 and was formally adopted in 1788.

We celebrate this whole process on **July 4, because on that date in 1776**, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

American Leadership also shows itself during July.

July 16, 1945 - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico. A strong defense helps us keep from having to use such weapons ever again.

July 16, 1969 - The Apollo 11 Lunar Landing mission began with a liftoff from Kennedy Space Center at 9:37 a.m.

July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

And a couple of wars appeared to end, but continued to simmer

July 20, 1954 - An agreement was signed in Geneva, Switzerland, ending hostilities between French forces in Vietnam and the People's Army of Vietnam.

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years. A number of Post 313 members served during the Korean War, and continue to serve the Post and community today.

These events remind us that we must always be on guard, and find people willing to serve and defend

this country, from the time of Washington to today. Post 313 also supports the troops deployed down-range with care packages sent in the last month to Afghanistan, Iraq, and a Navy vessel based in Bahrain. We have recently had a spell of warm weather in Larkspur, with temperatures into the 90's. Where our men and women are serving in places that get these boxes, the temperatures have been from 112 in Kandahar to 119 in Baghdad and 115 in Bahrain. So when we complain about the heat in Marin, think about what its like to have your combat fatigues, weapons sling, and helmet on in 112-119 degrees.

Enjoy your pancakes and your Gin Fizzes. Thanks to Tad Craig and Elena for the fizzes, Tom Beck and Matt Markham for clearing the brush, and all the others who are helping put on this Pancake Breakfast celebrating our country on its birthday.

Auxiliary President Elena Bartley

The Auxiliary wants to thank you all for your attendance at the Civic Center ceremony on Memorial Day. There was a big turn out this year and included a wreath presentation from Post and Auxiliary 313. Now it's summer and festivities continue. Don't forget to attend the Twin Cities 4th of July parade. The Color Guard from Post 179, the Auxiliary, and of course, Pauline will all be participating.

General Meeting Update

Because of 4th of July setup, there will be No general membership meeting in July.

Membership

The 2017 – 2018 membership year begins July 1. You will all be receiving a letter from National asking that you renew your membership. As voted by Post membership, dues for the year will be \$45. If you use the internet and have a credit card, **please renew online**. The process of notifying the National of a member's renewal by check is very labor intensive, involving the creation of a paper-based transmittal and generation of a check to National for each member renewing by check. You can also use the opportunity to confirm and update all information held in the National membership database. With appreciation and thanks, **please renew online at <https://www.legion.org/renew>**

Post 313 Breakfast
Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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 or Call Bill Brennen (415-927-0393)

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65th ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:45 am Flag Raising, with Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts

8 - 11 am Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit, Coffee, OJ & Milk

\$10 Adults/\$5 Kids

Famous 1928 Legion Recipe Gin Fizzes \$5

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