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Commander Kit Kubitz

IN MEMORIAM. We lost a long time member last month, Tom Tachis. Tom was a Veteran of both World War II and Korea, definitely a warrior. His family had requested Marines to stand watch during a viewing in San Rafael but they were unable to provide an Angel Watch. So Post 313 stepped up. Thanks to Post Members Jim Newman and Bill Brennen who were able to provide an honor guard for four hours, for which his family was very grateful. Because Mr Tachis was associated with the Marine Corps for a long time, a retired BG also attended. BG Michael M. Brogan spoke about meeting Tom at a reunion of amphibious marines, and thereafter having him attend numerous ceremonial occasions, from promotions to change of command. Marines remember their own, and Post 313 remembers its members.

MEETINGS. We will have a combined General membership meeting and Executive Committee meeting on April 2 beginning at 9:30 after coffee. We have a slate of officers for 2018-2019; thanks to all who have agreed to serve Post 313.

Commander – Kit Kubitz
First Vice – Tom Beck
Second Vice – Bill Brennen
Third Vice – Tom Berns
Adjutant – Bob Gonzales
Finance – Chuck Heusser

Anyone else who would like to run for one of these positions should notify me or another member of the Executive Committee and attend the April 2 meeting. If there are no other nominations, we will have a simple vote at that meeting.

ACTIVITIES. We tried having a Happy Hour for Veterans the third Thursday, and it was a success, because it enabled two younger Vets to attend. The picture below shows Jonathan and Mike, one

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~ April 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Easter Day (United States)	2 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E-Board Meeting 10a General Membership Social Time (Clubroom) 10:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	3	4	5 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	6	7
8	9 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	10 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	11	12 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	13	14 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
15	16 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Tax Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	17	18	19 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 6:30p Happy Hour	20	21
22 Earth Day	23 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	24	25 Administrative Professionals Administrative Professionals Day (United States)	26 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	27 Arbor Day	28
29	30 9a Coffee (Clubroom)					
~ May 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	4	5 Cinco De Mayo
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13 Mother's Day Mother's Day (United States)	14 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	15	16	17 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	22	23	24 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Memorial Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	29	30	31 9a Coffee (Clubroom)		

For Veteran's Services, see [http:// www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ ag/veterans.cfm](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/veterans.cfm)

For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board & the post website, americanlegion313.org

a member of 313 and one a potential member, enjoying pizza with Bill B., Andy G., and other friends of the Post. Coincidentally, like Tom Tachis did, they work at Corbett's Ace hardware, so if you're buying something there, say hi. Jonathan also attended College of Marin and set up a Veterans student organization there, so we may contact more younger Vets through them.



We also sent about 12 Boxes to American troops deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Niger, Korea and Cuba.

We will have a breakfast on Saturday April 14 at 9 am and another Happy Hour on April 19 at 6:30.

FACILITIES. After extensive renovation of the previous kitchen space, we have executed lease agreements for the new office rental. The lease provides a

Post 313 Breakfast Saturday, April 14, 2018

9:00 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)

Leave message at the Post (415-924-6283)

steady source of funds for Post 313 for the next 3 years, with a possible extension after that. You will also note the striping which provides 5 parking spaces in the rear of 500 Magnolia.

UPCOMING. As noted elsewhere in this issue, Pauline Angleman will be selling poppies in the Twin Cities, so be sure to stop by and buy some. Poppies remind us of all the sacrifices of Veterans, beginning with the First World War. Also coming up is July 4, and Tom Beck has agreed to continue to coordinate the pancake breakfast.

Auxiliary President Elena Bartley

It's Spring! A wet one at that! We can sure use the rain to help the spring flowers grow. We've been busy lately. We have selected our Girls State Delegates! We are supporting Redwood High School and San Rafael High School. We are also sponsoring Petaluma High School for Post 28 in Petaluma. Come join us at our meetings and hear more about what we've been doing. Our meeting this month is April 10th at 1:00, come early for coffee and snacks!

May is Poppy month! Our Auxiliary's Poppy Chairman, Pauline Angleman, has received the poppies we've ordered to offer to the public in hopes of collecting donations to help not only the Veterans who have made them but also many other Veterans and their families. Starting May 7th, please come see us at C.M. Safeway, or Pauline near the C.M. Post Office and help support our Veterans.

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An embrace of sovereignty. (<https://www.legion.org/landingzone/241529/embrace-sovereignty>)

President Donald Trump has released a new [National Security Strategy](#) (NSS) outlining his views on the security challenges facing the United States – and how his administration plans to address them. Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the document is its emphasis on and commitment to U.S. sovereignty.

Trump’s NSS mentions some variant of “sovereignty” 24 times (most related to U.S. sovereignty and the sovereignty of U.S. allies). President Barack Obama’s first [NSS](#), by comparison, mentioned some variant of “sovereignty” just nine times (many related to postwar Iraq’s sovereignty); President George W. Bush’s first [NSS](#), only twice.

In an age characterized by integrated international trade, multinational corporations, transnational terrorism, supranational organizations (the United Nations, European Union and International Criminal Court), and global information networks that are oblivious to borders, sovereignty – the notion that a nation-state has the right, responsibility, capacity and will to determine what happens within and on its borders – seems almost quaint. But it pays to recall that sovereignty has served as the very foundation of international order for centuries. Trump seems intent on reasserting the importance of sovereignty in the defense and promotion of U.S. interests – and in the maintenance of some semblance of international order...

Yes, Americans have looked beyond borders to pursue close bonds with people of goodwill – witness America’s friendships with such diverse places as Israel and India, Germany and Japan, France and the Philippines, Canada and Korea, Britain and Bahrain – but always in a state-to-state context. And yes, the United States helped found the United Nations. But according to the U.N. Charter, the main goal of its founders was not to encroach upon the sovereignty of members-in-good-standing or to create a supranational government, but rather to protect the “sovereign equality” and “political independence” of nation-states – something Trump has emphasized. The United States was born into the nation-state system, raised in it, grew to master and shape it, and today benefits from it and thrives in it. If the nation-state ceases to be the main organizing structure for the world – if the rights and responsibilities of sovereignty continue to be eroded – there is no guarantee the United States will have the same position it enjoys today.

Trump’s NSS seems alert to that danger.

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