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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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I hope all the Veterans of Post 313 and their families had a good Thanksgiving. Northern California got needed rain which helped stem the wildfires around Chico. Marin County United Veterans Council had a great Veterans Day Celebration November 11, including a wreath placed by the Post 313 Auxiliary and the playing of Taps at the 11th hour of the 11th day of November. See the picture of Bill Brennen, Terry Graham and Andy Guralas below. Veterans Day occurs in November, which is Military Family Month. Our troops could not perform their missions without the support of families. We recognize the service and sacrifice of Veterans, Active Duty service members, families and spouses, and Blue Star families.

We also attended a United States Marine Corps Birthday celebration in San Rafael on November 10, with Bill Brennen, Jim Newman, Cornille Church and Chuck Heusser among the attendees. Post 313 member Jim Hanratty cut the USMC birthday cake and handed a slice to the youngest Marine, a relative of Jimmy Duke whose family has organized these Marin county USMC celebrations

The November Post 313 Breakfast was also well attended with Bill B. being assisted by Bob Rodgers and Tom Berns learning the ropes to assure this Veterans' community event continues into the future. Thanks to all the Ladies who helped clean up after breakfast. New member Gary Nilsen also attended.

We also completed the renovation of the walkway outside Joanie's on Magnolia Salon, Thanks to Bob Gonzales for organizing the work and Bill Howard for expediting necessary permits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next General Membership and Executive Committee meeting will be held Monday December 3 at 9:30 am after coffee. Please attend if you can. We may discuss a proposal to rent the Post 313 Hall on a continuing basis to a Veterans outreach organization, as well as future activities for 2019 and charitable activities.

The next Post 313 Breakfast will be Saturday, December 8, at 9 am. December 8 is the day of the ARMY-NAVY GAME, so don't be

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~ January 2019 ~						
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For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board & the

For Veteran's Services, see

afraid to wear your team's favorite colors to breakfast.

There will also be an American Legion District 5 meeting at Yountville on December 2.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND DEPLOYED TROOPS

Marin County Veterans Service Officer Sean Stephens passed along information on ways to donate to help other Veterans. Please consider donating to help local veterans. Below are 2 organizations who help our veterans at the very local level:

Warm Wishes. This organization brings backpacks from the Marin County Veterans Office for us to hand out to veterans who are living on the streets, in shelters and in jail. Please follow the link below and consider donating.

<http://www.warmwishes.org/>

Homeward Bound. Another local program that helps veterans is Homeward Bound of Marin. Homeward Bound reserves 16 beds for veterans. In a typical year, approximately 10 percent of homeless adults served by Homeward Bound of Marin are veterans. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, 93 veterans received services at Homeward Bound. Stephens' office is working with Homeward Bound to create permanent supportive housing for up to 25 homeless veterans on property adjacent to Homeward Bound.

Please contact Deputy Executive Director – Paul Fordham if you have questions Paul Fordham

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<https://hbofm.org/about-homeward-bound-of-marin/homeless-veterans/>

Post 313 Breakfast Saturday, December 8, 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: Sign up in Club Room or Call Bill Brennan (415-927-0393)

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

No donation is too small or too big !

We also support our troops around the world. There have been at least 4 casualties in recent weeks, so we know US troops continue to face danger as they support freedom and peaceful countries.

Post 313 has sent about 20 boxes to US troops in the last month, including a batch just sent out to arrive before Christmas, with decorations, cards, and jingle bells. At the last breakfast, we had people sign cards for the troops and sent about 20 individual Christmas cards, including one by Ava, age 8, and Pauline, age 110. See their photo below.

We received the following note from an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company in Iraq. "Hello, We received the wonderful package that you sent. My Soldiers and I are extremely grateful and appreciative for the package. I have attached a newsletter we sent out that explains what we have been doing. Thanks again! Respectfully, 1SG Wells"

You can also support Post 313 through donations, enabling us to continue our activities providing care packages to overseas units, assisting other American Legion Posts affected by disaster, and providing community support. Donations are welcome for all of these causes and don't forget to include Post 313 in your estate planning.

AMERICAN LEGION CHANGES POSSIBLE

If you received the American Legion Magazine for December you may already know this; there are changes proposed for Legion membership. Resolution 1 passed by the National Executive Committee calls on Congress to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from Dec. 7, 1941 to the present, and any active service member during that period would qualify to VA as a wartime veteran. Resolution 2, once Resolution 1 was approved by Congress, would allow membership to all Veterans from Dec. 7, 1941 to the date of cessation of armed hostilities as determined by the US Government.

What do you think of these proposals? Should we expand American Legion Membership to all who have served since December 7? It would increase the potential membership base, but all recent Veterans since 9/11 are already included.

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Happy Holidays to all from the American Legion Auxiliary. We hope you all have a joyful and safe holiday season!! We look forward to seeing more of our Auxiliary ladies in the New Year!

**Elena Bartley, President
ALA Unit 313**

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