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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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As Post 313 looks forward to 2019, we realize that while we accomplished much in the last year, there is still much to do going forward. Many members of the Post contributed to our achievements. We can discuss these, as well as future activities, at our General Membership and Executive Committee meeting January 7 at 9:30, or at our next Post 313 Breakfast Saturday, January 12 at 9 am. Some highlights of our year are featured below.

BUILDING AN OFFICE. Bill Howard and others helped us to design, build, and find stable tenants for a new office on the South side of our buildings. This project rebuilt walls and windows. Then Bob Gonzales, Chuck Heusser, Tom Beck, Tom Berns and others assembled interior furnishings. The rent from the new office helps restore Post 313 to financial stability.

MAINTAINING THE BUILDING. Tom Berns, assuming the position of Third Vice, rapidly took on the challenge of maintaining and improving the rest of the building. He looked into fixing the walkway in front of Joanie's and with help from Gonzalez and Howard, repaired it. Much of the work was done by a workman found by Bob Gonzalez with Bill Howard expediting the permits. He also assures our compliance with the fire department requirements.

EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP. While we lost some members during 2018, we also found ways to involve new members. Gary Nilssen came to breakfast and joined 313. Bill Baeza was a neighbor of Don Turi and will join us for coffee when golf is not in the works. The District 5 revitalization reached out to members of Post 1000 to transfer into local Post 313, and we have some new members through that avenue. Remember, always have an application for membership, because you don't know where you will run into a Veteran who may want to join American Legion Post 313.

BREAKFAST AND COFFEE. Bill Brennen has been doing monthly breakfasts for a quarter-century and announced his inten-

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~ January 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day New Year's Day (United States)	2	3 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	4	5
6	7 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E-Board Meeting 9:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	8 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	9	10 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	11	12 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
13	14 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	15	16	17 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Martin Luther King Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	22	23	24 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	25	26
27	28 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	29	30	31 9a Coffee (Clubroom)		

~ February 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day Groundhog Day (United States)
3 Super Bowl	4 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E-Board Meeting 9:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	5	6	7 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	8	9 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
10	11 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	12 Lincoln's Birthday (United States) 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	13	14 Valentine's Day Valentine's Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day Presidents' Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	19	20	21 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	22	23
24	25 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	26	27	28 9a Coffee (Clubroom)		

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

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

tion to retire at the end of 2018. THANK YOU, BILL, for all the breakfasts you have put on for Veterans. Fortunately, Bob Rodgers stepped up to help manage the monthly Post 313 Breakfast, and with help from Bob Gonzalez and Tom Berns, we will continue providing food and the warmth of a shared community the second Saturday of each month. Thanks also to the wives and friends like Terry Graham who attend breakfast, help with clean-up, and make the time more festive with information about other Veterans events and organizations in Marin County.

We continue coffee Monday and Thursday at 9. Sometimes visitors attend. We had a Veteran and American Legion member from Louisiana visiting Larkspur join us for coffee for a few weeks in 2018.

FINANCIAL STATUS AND CONTRIBUTIONS. Post 313 made steady progress toward more stable financial status, with the help of Chuck Heusser as Financial Officer. With multiple sources of rental income, we are slowly, but steadily, paying down the Bank of Marin credit line used to finance the office renovation. Because of our good payment history, the Bank of Marin has waived liquidity requirements which previously required a larger cash balance.

Post 313 also made contributions to good causes supporting the military and community. We support the Little League, the Fort Miley VA Volunteers, and the Marines Memorial Association of San Francisco's Gold Star parents support gathering.

AMERICAN LEGION AND THE COMMUNITY. On the 4th of July, Post 313 provided the location and facilities for the Pancake Breakfast and Gin Fizz

booth before the Larkspur Corte Madera 4th of July Parade, along with members of the American Legion Color Guard for the Parade, and members of the Auxiliary including Pauline Angelman in a motorcycle sidecar. Tom Berns has worked to have Post 313 and its Hall included in the San Francisco Visitors and Convention Bureau website of facilities available for community rental and use, and we expect this effort to provide future rental occasions.

We should think about opportunities to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the American Legion in 1919 by reaching out to the surrounding community and talking about the founding principles of the Legion, service and citizenship. In the era of the volunteer military, we must seek ways to break down the divide between civilians and service members, and to restore the ideals of sacrifice and common defense which formed the American Legion.

And finally, we provided over 140 boxes of demonstrated support and supplies to American women and men serving overseas, from Korea to Jordan, from Kuwait and Bahrain, to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, and to all the ships at sea. Post 313 never forgets the troops - Because we've been there. Salute the American Legion Post 313, the end of the rainbow and the beating heart of Larkspur, moving forward in 2019.

Auxiliary President Elana Bartley

I hope everyone's Holidays were happy for you and your loved ones. 2018 has come to an end, and it's time to get started on 2019!! " Happy New Year " and " Best wishes " to all, and especially our brave and dedicated Military men and women who have served and are serving our great Country! Please keep them in your hearts and in your prayers. We hope to see more of our Legion and Auxiliary members as well as their families and friends at our many events in this New Year. Stay healthy and happy.

Post 313 Breakfast **Saturday, January 12, 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)



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Elena & Kit, Veterans' Day
November 11, 2018



Ray Mullen & Pauline Angleman
Veterans' Day Nov. 11, 2018

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