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Events and Opportunities.

Our next General Membership and Executive Committee meeting will be Monday February 4 at 9:30 AM, and our next Post 313 Breakfast will be Saturday February 9 at 9 AM. We congratulate Bob Rogers, Bob Gonzales and Tom Berns on the success of the last Breakfast under their new regime and look forward to the continued camaraderie and nutrition to come in the rest of 2019. All Veterans and guests are welcome to attend. We continue to have coffee on Monday and Thursday at 9 am and have enjoyed good attendance recently.

We received notice of several potential new members from the American Legion District 5 revitalization effort, and we hope that these members will actually join and be welcomed into the American Legion Twin Cities community. Remember always to carry a membership application with you, because you never know when you will run into a Veteran who may be interested in joining Post 313.

We will be electing a new slate of officers in April, and there are opportunities for any member seeking to take on a leadership role. As noted in the past, we also could use members interested in being part of an American Legion Color Guard for participation in civic parades and other commemorative events such as Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Anyone interested in being a Color Guard member should contact a member of the Executive Committee or indicate interest at a membership meeting.

We should also consider, rapidly, whether to initiate participation in Boys State as Post 313 has done in the past. And we may want to develop more expertise in the form of a Post Veterans Service Representative who can assist our members and local Veterans with benefit, medical, and financial support in relation to VA benefits and care. And we may want to consider whether or what kind

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~ 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)		

~ March 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 Daylight Saving Begins	11 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	12 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	13	14 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	15	16
17 Saint Patrick's Day Saint Patrick's Day (United States)	18 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	19	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)	21 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	22	23
24 World Tuberculosis Day	25 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	26	27	28 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	29	30
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For calendar updates, see the club room bulletin board & the post website, americanlegion313.org
website: <http://americanlegion313.org>

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)

of event to have in commemoration of the American Legion Centennial.

In the last month we have sent 14 care packages to serving troops in Somalia, Syria, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Thanks to Chuck Heusser for contributing to the postage on these boxes.

We continue to have active interest in renting the Post 313 Hall, Clubroom and bar for community events, veterans service functions, and other local gatherings. The combination of existing rentals and intermittent use of other Post facilities is helping to restore the financial stability of our Post.

We have received a number of flags which are no longer display worthy and thank Jackie Tribolet for transferring them to members of the Marin United Veterans Council for proper disposal.

History-American Legion Centennial

The American Legion is celebrating and commemorating its founding after World War I. The Legion recently sent around the first issue of the American Legion Magazine, which was published July 4, 1919 by George A. White. General Black Jack Pershing wrote an introductory column which said:

“It gives me much pleasure to extend to the American Legion my hearty good wishes for success on the occasion of the first issue of the official paper of the Society of Veterans of the Great War. The Legion is destined to be of tremendous value in fostering the ideals and purposes for which we fought, and in spreading among our people the lessons learned in the war.”

Post 313 Breakfast

Saturday, February 9, 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)

Those two purposes, fostering the ideals and purposes for which Veterans have fought and served, and communicating with society the lessons learned from our wars, continue to be important functions of the American Legion. The American Legion also advocates for Veterans and serving troops. The American Legion provided more than \$1 million to Coast Guard families with minor children affected by the government shutdown. The Legion has also commented on Veterans Administration Access standards which will go into effect in June, with proposed wait time standards of 20 days for primary care and 28 days for specialty care from the date of request. Standards also propose an average drive time of 30 minutes for primary care and 60 minutes for specialty care.

If anyone wants to report on their Veterans Health experiences, there will be a town hall Feb 4 at American Legion Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave, Santa Clara, Ca, with National staff, California legionnaires, and VA officials on hand. In addition, a recent court ruling may provide disability benefits to ‘blue water’ Vietnam Veterans. A federal court has ruled that the Department of Veteran Affairs cannot deny disability benefits to thousands of Vietnam veterans who claim exposure to cancer causing chemical defoliants simply because they served in the waters off Vietnam’s coastline. Up to 90,000 blue water veterans could now see disability benefits.

Auxiliary President Elana Bartley

Happy February everyone, I hope you all got through January without incident. We had such a variety of weather last month. We had sunny days, windy days, rainy days, cold days and a pretty heavy, but brief, storm mid month. What a way to start the new year! February should be interesting, too. And, we have Valentine's Day to look forward to! Take time to appreciate your loved ones, and send your thoughts and prayers, cards or boxes to those who have bravely served and are currently serving our Great Country! God Bless America !! God Bless Us All !!

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IN MEMORIAM

Post 313 mourns the loss, and expresses our condolences to the family of, James L. Hanratty, former principal of both Tamalpais and Redwood High schools and Veteran. As a member he refinished the bar in Post 313. Jim Hanratty, who served in the United States Marine Corps in WWII, fought on Iwo Jima and received a Purple Heart for wounds on Okinawa. He also served in the Korean Conflict. He passed away on January 8th. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patricks Church in Larkspur.

Mint hosts first strike of American Legion commemorative coin, By Matt Grills

The first American Legion commemorative coins came off the press Thursday during a ceremonial striking at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Set to go on sale March 14, coinciding with The American Legion's 100th birthday, the silver dollar pays tribute to the organization's Paris founding. The coin's heads side, or obverse, has the American Legion emblem surrounded by oak leaves and a lily; the reverse has crossed U.S. and American Legion flags under a fleur-de-lis, with the dates 1919-2019 and the inscription 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.

In addition to the American Legion silver dollar, the Mint will sell a \$5 gold piece and a clad half-dollar. The gold coin's obverse features the Eiffel Tower and a V for Victory in World War I, with LIBERTY and 1919-2019 encircled by the outer ring of the Legion's emblem. On the reverse side is a soaring bald eagle and the American Legion emblem. The heads side of the half-dollar has two children, one wearing her father's American Legion cap, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; the reverse shows a billowing U.S. flag and American Legion emblem above the words ... OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Passed by Congress on Oct. 6, 2017, Public Law 115-65 allows the Mint to strike and issue 50,000 of the gold coins, 400,000 of the silver dollars and 750,000 of the half-dollars.

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<https://www.legion.org/centennial/244694/mint-hosts-first-strike-american-legion-commemorative-coin>