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Commander Kit Kubitz

BE SAFE, BE PREPARED

It's Spring in California, and that means Spring Break, longer days, and apparently Atmospheric Rivers of rain that have filled California's snowpack and Marin's reservoirs to overflowing. Fortunately, the creek next to Post 313 has not overflowed and required sand bags next to the kitchen, and equally fortunately, recent repairs to the upper corners of the kitchen and roof by Bob Rogers and Tom Berns have kept the kitchen dry. Thanks Bob and Tom. During this heavy rain, we remember several rules for safety: Turn around, don't drown; don't drive through flooded streets. Be prepared for emergencies; have food, batteries and charged cell phones; generally; have a family plan for emergencies - where to meet, how to have a local or out-of-state contact; have supplies including walking shoes in cars and at work. Be Prepared, a motto not just for Boy Scouts. We remember, even though C. J. Carillo has gone back to Hawaii for the next several months and will not be attending our coffee and meetings for a while.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There will be a Post 313 Twin Cities American Legion General Membership and Executive Committee meeting on Monday March 4 at 9:30 am. First Vice Tom Beck may run the meeting in the absence of Commander Kubitz. We may make a decision on how to replace the water heater in the kitchen at the lowest reasonable cost, given the relatively low level of need for hot water. The Post 313 Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9 at 9 AM, for all members, veterans and guests. Thanks to Bob Rogers and Bob Gonzalez and Tom Berns in advance for another opportunity for community consolidation and nutrition.

We will also consider having a Post Everlasting in the near future. This is an American Legion ceremony to remember those, like Jim Hanratty and others, who have departed from us in the last year. If anyone has notice of a deceased Post 313 member in the last year, please notify one of the Executive Committee members including Bill Brennen so that we can remember all our departed members.

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~ March 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E-Board Meeting 9:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	5	6	7 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	8 Int'l. Women's Day	9 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
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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~ April 2019 ~						
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14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Tax Day (United States) 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	16	17	18 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Easter Day (United States)	22 Earth Day 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	23	24 Administrative Professionals Administrative Professionals Day (United States)	25 World Malaria Day 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	26 Arbor Day	27
28	29 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	30				

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](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ag/veterans.cfm)

On the issue of social affiliation for Post 313 members, the American Legion has suggested a program of Buddy Checks to call Post members and remind them of the Post, its activities, and check on their wellbeing and membership status. Post 313 may consider undertaking such a Buddy Check program in the future. What do members think about having such a checkin system?

The Hall at Post 313 has also been rented for a meeting of Veterans assistance organizations on Wednesday, March 27. Terry Graham has invited organizations that aid Veterans with employment, housing, mental health, medical services, and other issues to attend, present their areas of work, and discuss how to move forward with aid to Marin County Veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION IN WASHINGTON

American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad addressed House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs on Feb. 27 and described the Legion's efforts to aid Coast Guard members and families during the government shutdown. He also called on Congress to adhere to their constitutional responsibilities to support the armed forces. During the shutdown, the American Legion provided more than \$1 million in aid to Coast Guard families. The Coast Guard continued to deploy more than 2,000 members during the shutdown. Post 313 has had members of the Coast Guard at recent breakfasts, and remember, when you see a member of the Coast Guard, let them know they are eligible to join Post 313 as an American Legion member. Reistad also brought attention to the problems of suicide among veterans, and the rate of suicide among post 9/11 Veterans. He said, “

It must be the mission of every Legionnaire, every veteran, every employee of the DOD and VA, and I might add, every member of Congress, to stop such national tragedies.” Reistad also reiterated support for maintaining the Veterans' Administration, opposing any plan that would gut VA health care. The American Legion also supported gender specific treatment for women veterans, childcare services at VA facilities, and the privacy female veterans need when they come to VA facilities.

History - Before the American Legion Centennial

The Grand Army of the Republic (**GAR**) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), Union Navy (U.S. Navy), Marines and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service who served in the American Civil War. The GAR was founded on April 6, 1866, on the principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," in Springfield, Illinois by Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson and the first GAR Post was established in Decatur, Illinois. The GAR promoted voting rights for Negro veterans, as many white veterans recognized their demonstrated patriotism and sacrifices, providing one of the first racially integrated social/fraternal organizations in America.

In his General Order No. 11, dated May 5, 1868, first GAR Commander-in-Chief General John A. Logan declared May 30 to be Memorial Day (also referred to for many years as "Decoration Day"), calling upon the GAR membership to make the May 30 observance an annual occurrence. Although not the first time war graves had been decorated, Logan's order effectively established "Memorial Day" as the day upon which Americans now pay tribute to all their war casualties, missing-in-action, and deceased veterans. Every state (even those of the former Confederacy) fell within a GAR "Department," and within these Departments were the "Posts" (forerunners of modern American Legion Halls or VFW Halls). At the 1949 GAR final encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, the few surviving members voted to retain the existing officers in place until the organization's dissolution; Theodore Penland of Oregon, the GAR's Commander

Post 313 Breakfast
Saturday, March 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)

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at the time, was therefore its last. In 1956, after the death of the last member, Albert Woolson, the GAR was formally dissolved.

Auxiliary President Elana Bartley

What a winter we've had this year!! Lucky for us, the rain should be letting up soon. Rain is necessary but enough already! March should bring spring like weather . We are hoping to see more of you out and about enjoying the dryer days to come. Enjoy the sunshine!



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