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Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to All

As we count our blessings this year, we remember to give thanks for the comradeship and support of our fellow members of American Legion Post 313, their families, and the Auxiliary. Thanks to Bob Rogers and Bob Gonzalez for the breakfasts along with Tom Berns and Bill Brennen when necessary. Thanks to Tom Beck as 1st Vice for taking over meetings when necessary and helping move toward membership goals. Thanks to Don Turi for taking out the recycling and scaring off intruders. Thanks to Office Manager Leslie Barker and Auxiliary President Elena Bartley. We are up to 102 members, or 81% of our goal of 126, so thanks to all members who have renewed. Remember you can renew on line if you haven't done so already. And anyone who has put on the uniform and sworn to defend the Constitution since December 7, 1941 is eligible for membership, so remember we can enroll some new members who might not have been eligible in the past. One of our newer members, Bill Denler, brought his daughter Brooke to breakfast last month, where she met Pauline Angleman, as seen in the photo below.

Upcoming Events include the December 2 General Membership Meeting and the December 14 Breakfast. We may have a good turnout December 14 because Tom Allen, the 43-year bartender at the Silver Peso, may come down from Petaluma and bring a friend. And, of course, December 14 is the Army / Navy game so we will have Bob Rogers signs for ARMY and NAVY up and everyone can choose a side of the room to sit on and a team to root for.

Thanks again to the 3rd Grade Students from Neil Cummings School and Teachers Mathews and Mattos who made all the great We Love Our Vets and We Appreciate You signs. Andy Guralas visited the school and gave our Thanks from Post 313 to some of the students. Thanks, Andy, for responding on behalf of the American Legion to these young people.

And the handwritten letters from the students about their thanks to Veterans and the meaning of the colors on the American

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E Board 9:30a 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 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	17	18	19 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	20	21
22 Winter Solstice	23 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	24	25 Christmas	26 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	27	28
29	30 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	31				

~ January 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	3	4
5	6 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E Board 9:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	7	8	9 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	10	11 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
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19	20 Martin Luther King 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	21	22	23 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	24	25
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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)

Flag are special. We have been including copies of those letters in the boxes going to the Troops overseas. Post 313 sent 18 boxes in the last month to Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, Kuwait and Norway. Those Marines in Norway are training in really cold conditions. We sent handwarmers, gloves, caps, baby wipes, drink mix and local newspapers to these fighting men and women. But we know from the Post 313 Marines that Marines are tough enough and ready for a fight, No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy.

As always, we give thanks for all the troops deployed downrange in austere conditions far from their families and loved ones in this holiday season. Thanks to all the members who have contributed funds to pay for these care packages to our troops. The Veterans Administration has a site that links to programs for service members and Veterans; check it out at <https://nrd.gov/>

We will hold a Post Everlasting ceremony for all our departed members at the January 2020 Post meeting. We were advised recently that Paul Stevens, a 32-year member of Post 313, had died in early November. If you know of a Post member who passed away during the last year, please advise a member of the Post leadership so that he can be properly remembered.

In early 2020 we will begin the selection process for two boys sponsored by Post 313 to attend California Boys State next summer, one each from Redwood High School and Tamalpais High School.

December in History

There are many lessons to be learned from the month of December. December 7, a day that will live in infamy, reminds us that we must always be on our guard, have our forces dispersed, and be prepared for a major conflict. In the Battle of the Bulge, December 16, 1944, the Germans launched a final offensive in the west in an attempt to re-conquer Belgium and split the Allied forces along the German border. By January 1, 1945, the Germans were again in retreat. American troops are always ready for infantry weather.

The Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, from 27

November to 13 December, 1950 when 30,000 United Nations command troops (later nicknamed "The Chosin Few") under the field command of Major General Oliver P. Smith were encircled and attacked by about 120,000 Chinese, demonstrates the need for unit cohesion and determination. Bill Brennen knows all about the Chosin Few.

There will be a Korean War Commemoration at The Marines Memorial Club Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Registration at 5:30 pm, Program at 6:00 pm. The speaker, Bruce E. Bechtol Jr. (Ph.D. Union Institute), is professor of political science at Angelo State University and a retired Marine. He is the current president of the International Council on Korean Studies and serves on the board of directors of the Council on U.S.-Korean Security Studies. Dr. Bechtol is the author or editor of six previous books, including *The Last Days of Kim Jong-il* and *Confronting Security Challenges on the Korean Peninsula*.

We had the Marine Corps Birthday celebration last month at San Rafael Joe's, and Bill Brennen, as the oldest Marine present, helped cut the birthday cake to give a slice to the youngest Marine. See the picture in the newsletter below.



Post 313 Breakfast
Saturday, December 14, 2019

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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