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Larkspur & Corte Madera, California

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### ELENA BARTLEY MEMORIAL HONORS FORMER AUXILIARY HEAD

More than 100 people attended the February 22 Memorial for Elena M. Bartley, former head of the Post 313 Auxiliary, who passed away suddenly on January 29, 2020 at the age of 60. Elena Bartley had served Post 313 and its members and Auxiliary well during the last several years, including organizing Pauline Angleman's birthday and contributing to many other events. With Auxiliary Members Donna Ford and Maxine Cohen, Elena participated in many Marin County Veterans events including Memorial Day and Veterans Day, presenting wreaths to honor Veterans and the fallen and shipping care packages to troops overseas.

Post 313 helped celebrate the life and memory of Elena because, as she understood and as we know, we are a community of service, patriotism and self-sacrifice. When we lose one of our members, whether a Veteran or a member of the Auxiliary, we all feel the loss as part of our community, and we treasure the memory of the good times and the service of our military men and women that we share. See the picture from Elena's Memorial below in this newsletter, and know that she, like our other former members, will not be forgotten.

### POST 313 MEETINGS & FUTURE POST 313 ACTIVITIES

The next Post 313 General Membership and Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and the next Breakfast for Post 313 will be Saturday March 14 at 9 a.m., thanks to Bob Rogers and the other members who help prepare our monthly gathering.

The Post received a certificate from the American Legion honoring 75 years of continuous membership for James Patten, a World War II Veteran born in 1921, and we will be trying as part of the meeting to find a way to get the certificate to Mr. Patten. He formerly lived at the Smith Ranch on Deer Valley Road in San Rafael, but when your Commander attempted to deliver the Certificate there, we were informed that he had moved away two years ago. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of James Patten should inform a Post officer so that we can provide him with this significant 75-year membership certificate. See the picture in this newsletter for the Continuous Membership Certificate for James L. Patten.

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~ March 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom) 9:30a E Board 9:30a General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Begins	<b>9</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>10</b> 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9a Post Breakfast (Clubroom)
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>20</b> Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>24</b> World Tuberculosis Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>31</b>				

~ April 2020 ~						
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<b>12</b> Easter	<b>13</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>14</b> 12p Auxiliary Luncheon (Clubroom)	<b>15</b> Tax Day (Taxes Due)	<b>16</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Administrative Professionals	<b>23</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>24</b> Arbor Day	<b>25</b> World Malaria Day
<b>26</b> World Immunization Week	<b>27</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9a Coffee (Clubroom)		

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

At the next meeting we will also discuss whether to do another Buddy Check to contact all known members of Post 313 to determine whether they need any assistance from the Post and to encourage them to participate in Post 313 activities and renew their membership.

We know the next few months may be difficult for people both in the American Legion and elsewhere, as attempts are made to contain the possible spread of a new disease, the coronavirus. As a reminder, these are the steps recommended for slowing the spread of this disease:

- Wash hands, with soap and water, fully lather and rinse, frequently.
- Avoid touching hands to face after contacting other objects or vehicles.
- Do not cough or spread any possible infection by coughing around others.
- Sanitize surfaces on a regular basis.
- Stay home and avoid contact with others if you are ill.

The Post has a supply of sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer, so if you feel the need for some materials to help prevent infection or spread of any disease, let a Post officer know if you would like to get sanitizing wipes or hand sanitizing liquid. Or come to a coffee Monday or Thursday for your sanitizer.

Post 313 is also in the process of selecting two young men from Redwood and Tamalpais High School to attend California Boys State. We have asked the Boys State staff what the contingency plans are if the disease now being studied affects Boys State. We expect to have plans made for contingencies released in the next two weeks.

The American Legion is also encouraging recognition of Vietnam Veterans in March. But we have many more to find and recognize. Spearheading this effort is the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, which was authorized by Congress under DoD auspices and launched at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 2012. Our goal is to thank and honor America's 6.4 million living veterans of the 9 million who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975 – regardless of location – and the families of all who served. The commemoration is supported by American Legion resolutions.

The Afghanistan War, which has gone on for 19 years, has also been a place where Veterans have served, often multiple tours. The reported cease fire with the Taliban may permit the United States to withdraw, in steps, its troops from that country if progress toward a durable peace is made. We should also recognize the service of the Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans, thank them and seek to include them in the American Legion's mission of patriotism and civic responsibility.

#### NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY & ANNIVERSARY OF WWII

Two years ago, President Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing a National Vietnam War Veterans Day that will be observed every March 29 in perpetuity. Some members of Post 313 and other Marin County Vietnam Veterans will be pictured in a new book, Vietnam Portraits by Thomas Sanders, which will be released in March. It is available from several sources and contains pictures of Veterans, Vietnamese, and those who objected to or observed the war.

We are also observing the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of World War II. The Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco had a Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima with Colonel Peter Underwood, USMC (RET) giving a talk. He described the dual thrusts of General McArthur and Admiral Nimitz across the Pacific and the heavy price paid in Marine casualties to take Iwo Jima. But within days of securing the island, American bombers were landing on Iwo Jima and thousands of air crew were saved by having a closer place to land when returning damaged from Japan. The Marine Corps foundation is having a 75-mile run challenge to celebrate the anniversary of Iwo Jima and you can still sign up for this run to be completed by March 19.

**Post 313 Breakfast**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**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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*Certificate of Continuous Membership*

Issued in grateful appreciation for faithful and dedicated allegiance to the ideals of The American Legion. Be it known that

**JAMES L. PATTEN**

a longtime and dedicated member of American Legion Post 313, Department of California has been certified to have been a member in good standing continuously for

**75**  
Years

And be it further known that such record of consistent loyalty to The American Legion merits the honor of being cited as an outstanding contributor to the programs of The American Legion.

In witness thereof, this testimonial of personal gratitude is given under the hand of the National Commander, and duly attested by the National Adjutant, this 15th day of March, 2020.

Attest:

*James W. "Bill" Oxford*  
National Commander  
James W. "Bill" Oxford

*Daniel S. Wheeler*  
National Adjutant  
Daniel S. Wheeler

*JLP*  
Post Officer

**ELENA MARIE BARTLEY**  
01/15/1960 – 01/29/2020



**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2020**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 313**  
**LARKSPUR, CA**