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Post 313 News

April 2021

Spring is here, and it finally feels like there is some "normalcy" in the air. Marin is steadily opening back up, and the vaccination rate is on the rise. With this renewal, Post 313 is making solid plans to return to holding meaningful events and more regular meetings adhering to updated COVID recommendations.

We have filed for a liquor license so that we can offer the space to the community in addition to holding our own time-honored veterans' events. This will allow us to bring in revenue so that we can complete long overdue building updates as well as to highlight the American Legion as a positive influence organization.

We intend to restart our post breakfasts for members in addition to planning some type of Memorial Day event to honor service members who have sacrificed all for this country. At the very least, this event would be structured like our successful drive-up Veteran's Day celebration, although we are hopeful that the county will be in a place where we can have more personal and interactive contact with our veterans. Additionally, we are looking to hold our annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast to connect with the community in a way that has been restricted over the past year. Along those lines, the following is a poem that the post feels resonates with the challenging time we have all experienced during the pandemic.

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See It Through

By Edgar Albert Guest

When you're up against a trouble,
 Meet it squarely, face to face;
 Lift your chin and set your shoulders,
 Plant your feet and take a brace.
 When it's vain to try to dodge it,
 Do the best that you can do;
 You may fail, but you may conquer,
 See it through!

Black may be the clouds about you
 And your future may seem grim,
 But don't let your nerve desert you;
 Keep yourself in fighting trim.
 If the worst is bound to happen,
 Spite of all that you can do,
 Running from it will not save you,
 See it through!

Even hope may seem but futile,
 When with troubles you're beset,
 But remember you are facing
 Just what other men have met.
 You may fail, but fall still fighting;
 Don't give up, whate'er you do;
 Eyes front, head high to the finish.
 See it through!

As we forge ahead through continued uncertainty, we are mindful that the pandemic is not over, and we will be diligent in keeping with safety standards. We look forward to seeing you soon at the post!

Post 313 Breakfast Resumed
Third Saturday in May
And future third Saturdays

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)
 Leave message at the Post (415-924-6283)
 Call in a reservation so we can plan for the
 May breakfast

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)

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The California State Guard: Ready to Respond

by CPT (CA) May Whitaker

The volunteer service members of the California State Guard (CSG) train year-round to be ready-to-respond to state emergencies, both natural and man-made. Since December's newsletter article, the CSG has been busier than ever before.



In February, the CSG activated its new Emergency Response Command (ERC) (unit patch, photo left). The ERC is a rapid-response command currently consisting of wildland fire-fighting crews and fixed-point installation security forces. Unlike the National Guard, which is unable to train together as a unit year-round for wildfire response, the ERC wildfire detachment is continually CalFire-certified and ready to respond at a moment's notice. Similarly, the ERC security forces provide an additional relief valve for the National Guard to maintain their federal readiness by freeing up federal resources that might otherwise be needed at the state emergency response level.

Each weekend in March was filled with CSG training activities. First, our Operations Group (OPS Group) held a training exercise at Camp San Luis Obispo (CSLO). Using their new Remote Piloted Aircraft, OPS Group practiced sending live aerial footage to Joint Force Headquarters in Sacramento as well as to their Tactical Operations Center setup in the field for the exercise (photo right). OPS Group Search and Rescue teams also practiced their ground game with time-tested pace counting and other techniques to help navigate backcountry rescue without technological assistance.



Meanwhile, some three hundred miles south, our Maritime Component (MARCOM) were able to outfit their inflatable rescue boats with brand new motors to conduct water rescue training at Dana Point Marina (photo left). The CSG stands poised to deliver a unique synergy of search and rescue response capability from air, sea, and land.

At the end of March, the next generation of CSG officers received their first phase of basic instruction at our training facility in CSLO. Students learned basic drill and ceremony, military customs and courtesies, and military doctrines in leadership, command, and followership. The author, newly promoted since the last article, was excited to be a part of this majority-female class for the first time (photo right).



Finally, the Commanding General of the CSG, MG (CA) Jay Coggan, recorded his first podcast interview with Morning Briefing on behalf of the State Guard Association of the United States, highlighting the groundbreaking and important work being done across the country for greater recognition and resourcing of state defense forces. Nearly all of the equipment featured in this article was purchased through private donations to the California State Guard Foundation.

If you are Ready to Respond, visit <https://stateguard.cmd.ca.gov/> or email the author for more information: may.whitaker@stateguard.cmd.ca.gov.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 0900 Coffee	2	3
4	5 0900 Coffee 0930 Meeting	6	7	8 0900 Coffee	9	10
11	12 0900 Coffee	13	14	15 0900 Coffee	16	17
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25	26 0900 Coffee	27	28	29 0900 Coffee	30	

May 2021

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June 2021

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