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"Still Serving America"

I hope all have enjoyed or made it through the January storms. This looks positive for California's drought situation. We deployed our portable dam in the parking lot in anticipation of flooding from the creek. Water did not get to flood stage as it has in years past.

Rentals of the facility continue to be strong and we have many annual renters on board. Thanks to our volunteers who help keep your Post looking inviting to prospective renters. We can always use more folks to help open up for renters. Check in with me if you can be of assistance.

We have window replacement for Joanie's Hair Salon scheduled and ongoing progress to get the Commercial Kitchen up and running. Thanks Tom Beck and Matt Markham for taking the lead on these important tasks.

Keep in mind Officer positions will be open for fiscal year '17 - '18 and voted on at April's General Membership meeting. Slate of Officers will be published in the March newsletter. Send me a note if you wish to be a part of the cadre.

Care packages to the Troops continue to go out to destinations all over the world where our military is on guard to keep us safe here at home.

First Vice Commander C. J. Carillo

Membership renewals continue to come in. The Post now has 4 HONORARY LIFE, 24 PUFLs, 70 renewals transmitted plus 53 online renewals and 5 new members, for a total of for a total of 138 members, 79% of goal. If you use the internet, please renew online: https://www.members.legion.org/renew

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		~	February 20	17 ~		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day 9a Coffee (Club Room)	3	4
5 Super Bowl	6	7	8	9	10	11
	9a Coffee (Club Room)		8:30a Post 313 Breakfast (Club	9a Coffee (Club Room)		
	6:15p General Membership Social (Clubroom)		Room)			
	7:15p General Membership Meeting (Clubroom)					
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
	9a Coffee (Club Room)	12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)		9a Coffee (Club Room)		
19	20 Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
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				9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)		
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12 Daylight Saving Begins	13 9a Coffee (Club Room)	14 12p Auxiliary Unit Meeting (Club Room)	15	9a Coffee (Club Room)	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18		
19	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 9a Coffee (Club Room)	21	22	23 9a Coffee (Club Room)	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25		
26	27 9a Coffee (Club Room)	28	29	9a Coffee (Club Room) 9:30a Executive Board Meeting (Club Room)	31			

Financial Officer Tom Beck

The Post basically broke even in 2016. The loss of income from the commercial kitchen and the cost to upgrade the kitchen to bring it up to code before we can rent it again weighed heavily on our results. In addition, deferred maintenance in the Joanie's rental space impacted 2016 performance.

Our income derives from rentals, and we will be both raising rates and looking for how to improve marketing. Offer any ideas you might have.



Member-at-Large Kit Kubitz

In the past month, the Post has sent 10 boxes to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Korea.

This work was done with the help of member Vic Seixas. Seixas, a US Army Air Force as a pilot during WW II, is the oldest living Wimbledon Tennis Champion having won in 1952, as well as winning



the Davis Cup in 1954. Thanks for your help, Vic.

Auxiliary President Elena Bartley

Well the holidays are behind us. Now we have 2017 to look forward to. We hope you have a nice Valentines Day this month.

Also, we encourage any and all of our Auxiliary members to join us at our monthly meeting! It's always 12:00 on the 2nd Tues. of each month. It's always nice to have members attend. We'd love to get to know you better!

American Legion: 'We're here to get jobs for the veterans'

About 200 job seekers and over 65 employers participated in a Hiring Our Heroes job fair Wednesday in Austin, Texas, in conjunction with the Department of Texas' Mid-Winter Conference.

Department of Texas Commander Walter Ivie said hiring fairs like the one Wednesday "have had great success."

"We've averaged probably about 70 employers, and we've had a couple hundred veterans attend each of

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Post 313 Breakfast Wednesday, February 8, 2017

8:30 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) or Leave message at the Post (415-924-6283) American Legion Post 313 500 Magnolia Street Larkspur, CA 94939

our job fairs," Ivie said. "The previous job fairs have generated jobs for employers, have generated interviews for employees, and I think in general it's probably the most successful job fair that we have here in Texas." The event included a free workshop for job seekers featuring résumé building and interview tips from American Legion National Headquarters Human Resources Director Rodney Rolland.

"His discussion of the process of interviewing, where he talks about (how) you need to focus on the job that you're seeking, and not necessarily discuss all of your interests, and not necessarily discuss all of your skills, but actually look at the job that you're trying to get from this particular employer and focus on that, present the information that will allow the employer to focus on your skills that are the right fit for his job."

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