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MIAP funeral escort from Pleasant Hills Memorial Park to Sacramento Valley National VA Cemetery
Pictured l to r, **Dave Meyers, Dick Akright, Ron Collier, Ron Krudop, Tim Madura, and Eddy Sauers**
Photo by Reuel Miller



THE AMERICAN LEGION

WAR-TIME VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS DEDICATED
TO A STRONG NATIONAL SECURITY, COMPASSIONATE CARE
FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; COMMUNITY SERVICE,
AND THE WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S
YOUTH.

**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**

CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Need someone to talk to?
You or someone in the family ill?
Know of a Veteran who needs help?
Start with a phone call to your Chaplain.**

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Sotoyome Post 111 Family,

Don't forget the all you can eat Crab Feed on Feb 6th.

Get your tickets now!

The next General meeting is Thursday February 11th @ 7 p.m. and we will have a presentation on the Oak Mound Cemetery. All members are invited.

The District meeting is in Santa Rosa on February 14th at 10 a.m. at the Vets Building. This is a good opportunity to see what the District is all about. Hope to see some new faces there.

Saturday March 12th is the Legion Birthday Dinner meeting. Put it on your calendar.

We are still in the process of updating our newsletter mailing. You should be receiving a mailing addressing this issue. Please respond so we can keep everyone up to date.

The first Sotoyome 111 Golf Tourney is just around the corner so put Friday April 29th on your calendar.

Junior Shooters CMP practice is at the Annex on Monday February 15th at 6 p.m.

Get your business card in the newsletter. Contact me @ reuemiller@comcast.net.

Stay warm and dry. God Bless.

Never Quit, Never Forget, and Keep Charging.

~Reuel

ALR Chapter President Mitch Laing 707-975-1541



American Legion Riders Chapter #111 was busy honoring our military and veterans again this past month. The annual Veterans without Families at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery was again attended despite the pouring rain. We again escorted Veterans via MIAP and honored others. ALR had a Welcome Home for a 26-year Veteran who is retiring from the US Army and more is planned in the future.

We are planning several rides in upcoming months that will center on Military Installations, Monuments, Museums and more. Plus we are working to schedule rides that will have us stop at homes and site to visit our older Veterans such as Don Clouston and more

World War Two Vets.

ALR participated in a Flag Line, Escort and Military Service for WW-II and Korean War Veteran Clifford deWitt who bailed out of his B17 in 1944 and became a POW for 17 months at the end of World War Two.

Our riders also support events at other Legion Posts in Sonoma County as well as nearby Counties.

ALR Chapter #111 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Mary's Pizza in Windsor. 6 p.m. meeting start, arrive early for Happy Hour Specials. Next meeting is Tuesday Feb 1st.

~Mitch

Four Chaplains Sunday Feb 7, 2016

The Story of the Four Chaplains

Feb. 3, 2016, marks the 73rd anniversary of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester and a very special display of bravery.

On that day in 1943, a torpedo struck the ship reducing its time afloat on the surface of the Atlantic to only an additional 20 minutes. What happened during those few minutes is the reason we remember this day and the acts of courage and sacrifice that took place on her deck every year since.



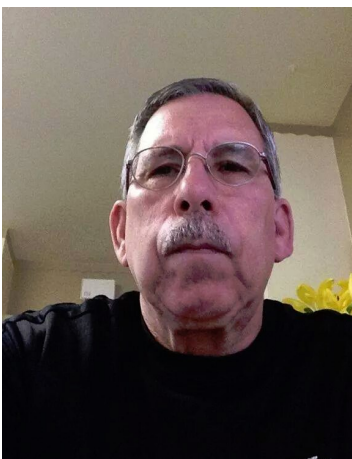
Four first lieutenants gave the supreme sacrifice that day; each one an Army chaplain. They included Methodist minister, The Reverend **George L. Fox**, Reform-Rabbi **Alexander D. Goode** (Ph.D), Roman Catholic priest the Reverend **John P. Washington**, and Reformed Church in America minister, The Reverend **Clark V. Poling**.

Their backgrounds, personalities and faiths were different. They had met at Army Chaplains School at Harvard University where they became friends as they prepared for service in the European theater, all sailing on board USAT Dorchester to report to their new assignments. All having one God as their father.

The torpedo knocked out the Dorchester's electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship and helped guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

"As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets." — Grady Clark, survivor

Chaplain Jerry Jaramillo 707-239-1811



Junior Shooters update.

Campy, did an excellent job running the range insuring that safety was number one, while Shooters handled guns and firing.

Four Jr Shooters attended the training and showed interest in the Program. Shooters were instructed on the correct kneeling position and practiced firing.

Sick call.

Thanks to all the Members who visited **Stan Shusda** during his hospital stay,

Our prayers will continue for his good health. If you know of any Member or family needing a visit, please contact Chaplain Jerry.

Visits are very important for healing. **~Jerry**



Here we are in the New Year of 2016. Many members missed out on the great Turkey Soup and French bread dinner we had after our meeting on January 14th.

Thank You to **Nancy Grimes** for making the soup , it was delicious. Thanks to the Post for getting the French bread and dessert (chocolate eclairs & cream puffs).

Don't forget about the great Crab Feed on February 6th. There is still time to call for tickets.

March 12th is our Commander and President Dinner. The time, price and place will be announced.

Don't forget our District Meeting on February 14th at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. No lunch will be served, but there will be coffee and donuts between 9 & 10 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. sharp.

Also ladies, let's get your dues in for your membership. There are still a lot of dues that haven't been paid. Get your membership up to date. Thank you.

Well, I shall sign off for now Wishing everyone HAPPY VALENTINE DAY.

As always, your President ~ **Eddy**



Auxiliary 1st Vice Shirleen Perry 707-838-9790



Just a friendly reminder that Auxiliary dues each year is due between September and December for the following years membership.

So Please stay in Good Standing with your American Legion Auxiliary.

That being said, we have 115 paid members out of our goal of 184 members for 2016. That's 62.5% of the goal.

Please mail your renewal dues of \$21.00 to our Auxiliary Treasurer **Melanie Taylor** at 457 Muscat Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425.

Thank you.

See you at our meeting on February 11th at 7 p.m. ~**Shirleen**

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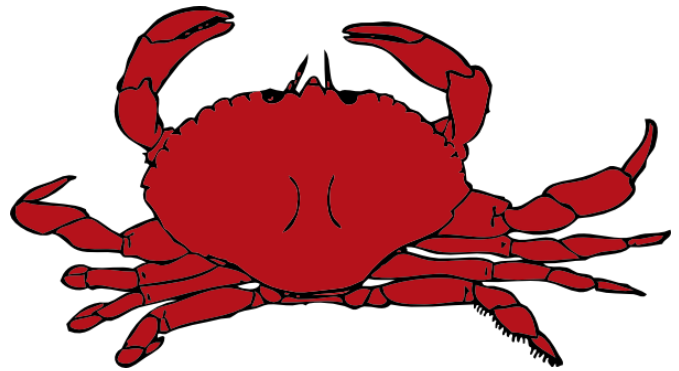
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2016 Annual Crab Feed



Saturday February 6th

Serving Fresh Crab, Salad & Garlic Bread

No Host Cocktails

ALL YOU CAN EAT

\$60.00 per person

No Host Bar Opens at 3:00 PM

Serving from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Contact Frank or Carol Teuschler
for tickets (707) 431-2328 or any Board Member
Frank's cell (707) 695-2663

Flag Retirement Ceremony

There will be a flag retirement ceremony at
the Cloverdale Airport this Spring.

The Son's will take the lead on this event in
cooperation with Post 293.

Start collecting retired flags now.



Dr. Steven Heidorn Son's and ALR member

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------|----------------------------------|
| | 1 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7 PM | 2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor | 3 | 4 VFW 6 PM | 5 | 6 CRAB FEED |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Post meeting 7 PM | 12 | 13 |
| 14 District 5 meeting Santa Rosa Vets Hall 10:00 | 15 Jr Shooters 6-8 PM | 16 Newsletter Input due | 17 | 18 Honors Team 7 PM Annex | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | | | | | |

March 2016

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| | | 1 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor | 2 | 3 VFW 6 PM | 4 | 5 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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