

**SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
HEALDSBURG - GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR**



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American Legion Riders Convention, San Luis Obispo April 22nd-24th 2016

l to r: Tim Madura, Mitch Laing, Ron Dillow, Steven Bowne, & David George



\$2,500.00 Brent Gibson Scholarship winner.

**l to r: Harold Bagdonas, Reuel Miller,
Rene Canto Adams and Ken Cody.**



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 TODAY!**

Commander Reuel Miller 707-874-1951



Sotoyome Post 111 Family:

Spring has sprung and things are heating up at the Post. Remember that 22 Veterans end their own life every day. It is one of our missions to see that these men and women suffering get help before this occurs. If you know of a Veteran dealing with issues, give us a call so we can reach out and help. Our Honors Team have been working overtime. We truly have the best Honors and Color Guard around. The dedication to practice, and performing at an exceptionally high standard is commendable. Remember these Men and Women do this all voluntarily. Get out and watch them perform and thank them for their service.

Get your old flags to the Post or your local Fire Department for the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Cloverdale Airport on May 22nd @ 10AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the \$2,500 Gibson Scholarship winner **Rene' Canto Adams** from Windsor High School. The entire group competing for the Scholarship were great. Thanks to **Harold Bagdonas, Ken Cody, and Frank Teuschler** for conducting the interviews and choosing the winner.

Our Boys State representatives are from Geyserville HS: **Grey Chandler**; Healdsburg HS: **Andrew Nunez & Anthony Merlo**; Windsor HS: **Kyle Hoff, Trae Petruska, Sean Manni & alternate, Robert Kramer**.

Remember, these programs are all paid for by the Post. It is with your generous donations we are able to finance Boys & Girls State, our Cub Scout donation, Fireworks, and all other Veteran programs with funds. Please solicit donations. The increasing cost of everything is having an impact on our checkbook.

The general meeting is Thursday May 12 @ 7pm. We will proceed with the second round of nominations for next years Officers. Here's where we stand after the first round: Commander – **Lance Ballenger**, 1st Vice – **Ken Cody**, 2nd Vice – **Tim Madura**, Finance Officer –

Bob Taylor, Sgt. at Arms – **Tony Grado**. There are 7 nominees for the Board. Five will be elected. Memorial Day is approaching quickly and Thursday May 26 is the FFA parade.

You may have noticed a couple of new additions up at the Post. Thanks to the generous donation of one of our Sons of the American Legion, **Ron Collier**, we have a new Flag Pole complete with Ball, Eagle, and Solar lighting. It looks fantastic! Thanks to **Ken Cody** for installing it and **Dave McAleece** for building the locking mechanism.

Ken Cody has been working hard to get the steps, railing, Flag Pole, and upgrades at the Memorial site at Oak Mound Cemetery. Again, thanks to **Ron Collier** for being our “sugar daddy” on this project. Also a thank you to Lance Ballenger and Ahlborn Steel for fabricating and providing the hand railing.

Junior Shooters CMP practice at the Annex is Monday May 9, 2016 @ 6pm. Look for the Jr. Shooters tickets for the next fund raiser with the prize drawing to be held at our annual Cioppino Dinner in December. Our next shoot at the Ukiah Gun Club is scheduled for July 30, 2016.

Reminders: Fireworks July 4, Car Show July 10, POW/MIA Day September 16, Air Show September 17, and the ALR Memorial Ride has been moved to October.

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

God Bless. Never Quit, Never Forget, and Keep Charging

~Reuel

Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers. 707-838-9429



Well May is just peeking around the corner. We have a lot of things coming up this month.

Before we end April, I want to remind everyone about the WINDSOR PARADE on April 30 @ 10 :00 o'clock a.m. in downtown Windsor. Our American Legion Honor Team will be leading it off with the VFW.

Now into May events. Healdsburg FFA PARADE IS MAY 26 @ 7 p.m. Then there is Memorial Day, which we will be doing the Healdsburg, Geyserville and Windsor Ceremonies. Haven't a time on this but I know the POST will have that information.

Let everyone know that May is POPPY MONTH. Please wear your poppy all this Month. We will be setting up a table @ WALMART in WINDSOR to sell our POPPIES. The dates are May 6th, 7th, 20th, and 21st. from 11:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m. Please contact **Judy Chavez** or **Eddy Sauers**. We need some help from the POST, AUXILLARY, SONS, AND RIDERS.

It would be very appreciated if you can donate a little of your time. The money goes to help VETERANS. Well I shall sign off and hope everyone has a great month. Oh yes, want to wish every mother a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

As always your President, EDDY



Auxiliary 1st Vice Shirleen Perry 707-838-9790



There has been no change in membership since we reached 76% of our national membership goal for our Auxiliary.

Those that had not renewed their membership for 2016, please do so now. Spread the word to our friends and families to recruit new members to make this years goal.

Auxiliary Membership dues for Adults is \$21.00 Juniors is \$5.00 payable to Sotoyome Auxiliary.

Mail to Melonie Taylor at 457 Muscat Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425.

Thanks, ~Shirleen

May 30th

**Oak Mound Cemetery
Healdsburg 10:00**

**Olive Hill Cemetery
Geyserville 11:00**

**Shiloh Cemetery
Windsor 12:00**



Junior Shooters Update

News flash!

Junior Shooter Grant approved!!!!

\$9,500.00 total including a \$3,100.00 check to buy Air Force Edge air Rifles, Chronograph, and Orion Scoring System.

The Orion Scoring System is a revolutionary blend of tools, designed specifically for the shooting sports, encompassing the scoring, match management, and result systems.

Thanks to Bob Taylor for submitting the grant request to the Friends of the NRA.



**Junior Shooter Travis Origer at the Ukiah Gun Club
4/16/2016**

1st Vice Commander Lance Ballenger-707-396-1331



Please join Post #111, the Squadron, Sons, Riders and our Auxiliary members as we honor our fallen comrades on Memorial Day at our three designated locations. Dating back to the end of the civil war in 1866, Union Army Major General John A. Logan instituted what was first known as Decoration Day to honor those who died in the armed forces. At the Generals inauguration of the observance he stated **“with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades”**. By which the date has been a long standing order this year marking the 150th anniversary.

Honors begin May 30th at Healdsburg’s Oak Mound Cemetery located at 601 Piper St with the opening remarks beginning at 10 a.m. Followed by the Chaplains prayer, observance speech, Post #111 Honors rendering a 21 gun salute followed by the playing of Taps.

Immediately following the conclusion similar Honors will be given at Olive Hill Cemetery on Canyon Rd in Geyserville beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Lastly we will finish with Honors given at Shiloh Cemetery in Windsor at the junction of Shiloh Rd and Windsor Rd. at 12:00 p.m.

~Lance

**American Legion Sotoyome Family
Leadership Team 2015-2016**

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Chapter 111 American Legion Riders

President	Mitch Laing	707-975-1541
Vice Pres.	Ron (Campy) Dillow	707-753-0575
Secretary	Doug Newton	707-217-6309
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Sgt. at Arms	Terry Perry	707-838-9790
Chaplain	Ed Howell	707-542-1135

**Sons of the American Legion
Flag Retirement Ceremony**

**Sunday, May 22, 2016
10:00 am**

**Cloverdale Airport
220 Airport Rd., Cloverdale**



Hosted by:

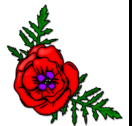
**Sons of the American Legion - Squadron 293
Sons of the American Legion - Squadron 111**

**Contact individuals, businesses and
organizations such as fire and police
departments and other city, county, state
and federal agencies for retired flags.**

**SAL District 5 Meeting
April 30th @ 10:00
Benicia Veterans Hall**

Chaplains Corner

Post: Warren Luke, 707-239-1811
Unit: Linda Clary, 707-433-5800
Squadron: Reuel Miller, 707-874-1951
Riders: Ed Howell, 707-292-8033



**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.**

Post Everlasting

**World War II Navy Veterans
Clifford Stewart
Jack Zanzi**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7 PM	3 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	4	5 VFW 6 PM	6 Poppies @ Walmart 11-2 Windsor	7 Poppies @ Walmart 11-2 Windsor
8	9 Jr. Shooters Annex 6:00 PM	10	11	12 Post meeting 7 PM Annex Honors Team 6 PM Annex	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Poppies @ Walmart 11-2 Windsor	21 Poppies @ Walmart 11-2 Windsor
22	23	24 Newsletter Input Due	25 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	26 FFA Parade	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Ceremonies	31				

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 VFW 6 PM	3 Golf Tournament	4
5	6 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7	7 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	8	9 Post meeting 7 PM Annex Honors Team 7 PM Annex	10	11
12	13 Jr. Shooters Annex 6:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Newsletter Input due	22 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	23	24 AL Convention Fresno	25 AL Convention Fresno
26 AL Convention Fresno	27	28	29	30		

ALR President Mitch Laing 707-975-1541



Steve Bowne, Tim Madura, Ron "Campy" Dillow and myself attended the State American Legion Riders Convention in San Luis Obispo April 22nd to the 24th as Delegates for ALR #111.

Post #66 did an excellent job hosting the event and like Post #111, they have the full compliment with Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. On a personal note my father was a

member of Post #66 so I spent a bit of time there as I grew up.

This years convention went smooth and had no controversies or major Challenges, aside from all three elected officers having two candidates each so we had a floor vote that took quite a bit of time.

Unfortunately for Northern California we had major rain on Friday so most riders traveling that day opted to "cage" to SLO, which is drive their car. Both Steve and Myself agreed to assist the Area 1 Vice President in one way or another for this upcoming year.

The convention was well attended and remaining funds earmarked for donation was unanimously voted to go to State VA&R (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation) services.

The State ALRs new Jr Past President, new President and another rider challenged all Chapters to donate to a 1500 mile Ultra Iron Butt run (non-stop 24 hour ride) they will be doing from Oxnard to Dallas. Well over \$1,500 was donated on the floor and "passing the hat" collected over another \$2,100 toward their \$12,000 goal. Everything collected will go to State VA&R.

The location for next years convention location should be in Northern California, but the Post planning to host it had to back out, so at this time the exact location is To Be Determined. It's quite a chore to host this event and again Post #66 did a fantastic job and we thank them and the other Posts who assisted.

Locally, our Chapter is looking at October for the annual Memorial Ride and BBQ. As always, our riders are out in public honoring veterans who have passed away, again participated in the quarterly Veterans Without Families event at Dixon as well as ride in the annual Windsor Days Parade.

We will vote on our new slate of officers in May and I look forward to becoming Jr Past President after three years as ALR #111 President.

Ride Safe All!

~Mitch

Note: The Chapter will be conducting a pistol raffle. More information to follow.



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SOTOYOME JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

**3rd Annual Rifle raffle
to benefit the Junior Shooters program**

**RUGER MINI 14 RANCH RIFLE
.223 CALIBER**



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1st Annual Healdsburg American Legion Post 111 Golf Tournament

Supporting the 4th of July Fireworks Night,
Boys State & other Legion Sponsored Programs



Friday, June 3rd 2016

Check in at 12:30pm

9 Hole Shotgun Start at 2:00pm

Healdsburg Golf Club at Tayman Park

**\$75 PER PLAYER
\$300 PER FOURSOME
Green Fees & Cart
Lunch and After Party
Raffle - Silent Auction**

PRIZES:
- Hole-In-One for Car
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- Beat the Pro

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Post 111 Honors Team practice at the Annex.



Pictured l to r: **Linda Clary, Roy Caporale, Frank Zak, Lance Ballenger, Ken Cody, Frank Jerins, Dave Richey, Dave Meyers, Trisha Lay.**

Cal-Vet College Tuition Fee Waiver Program

One of the most generous State of California Veteran benefits is the Cal-Vet tuition fee waiver program. This program benefits the spouse and children of Veterans with a service connected disability. Students meeting the eligibility criteria may have system-wide college tuition fees waived if they attend a California Community College, a California State University, or University of California campus. This benefit can be used in conjunction with other available grants, scholarships, student loans, etc.

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