



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2012

Post 111, Squadron 111 and Legion Riders Chapter 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448
Unit 111, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Mark Your Calendar/Invite a Father

Father's Day Gin Fizz Breakfast



Sunday, June 17th.

Invite a prospective member. They Eat Free!

7:30am to 11:00pm

Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00

Ladies, you are more than welcome to join us.

Installation Night, June 14th

Incoming Commander Tom Grimes and incoming President Nancy Evers invites to our annual installation night, Thursday, June 14th.



Al Delsid will continue as Commander of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron and Ron Collier will be assuming leadership of the Legion Riders Chapter.

Join us for the beginning of a new Sotoyome year.

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Lownes Honored



Sotoyome Post 111 and Voilture Locale 338 of the 40 & 8, honored Manual "Mike" Lownes for his 64 years of service with Post 111 and 45 years with the 40 & 8, the honor society of Veterans.

He has worked 42 years of flea markets at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. On any given flea market Sunday, May to September, he can be found in the concession stand kitchen. The funds raised by the flea market has supported nursing scholarships at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Manual has also been heavily involved in the Memorial Day programs at Oak Mound Cemetery, including the annual cleaning, placing the flags out before Memorial Day and picking them up early Tuesday morning. He has a depth of knowledge about the Veterans buried there. Among the values he cherishes is remembrance of a fallen comrade.

Thank you Manual, for being a great role model for all of us.



Sotoyome Post 111, The American Legion



From the Top Dave Richey, Post Commander

First of all, I would like to thank all the members of the American Legion Family for your help during this 2011-2012 year. Without all of you, we could not have accomplished everything we did. A commander's job is only as good as the job done by staff and membership. You have all made me proud. It was an exciting and fulfilling year. The fireworks in July last year were the best ever! We honored the Boys' and Girls' Staters and the Scholarship winners with a really nice dinner. Even had three of the Boys' State participants accepted to military academies? Hurray! The Crab Feed in February couldn't have been better under the direction of Ed Leon. Ed will be "retiring" from this position, so we are looking now for someone to take over the leadership of the Crab Feed committee. We have reached 100%-plus membership in the Post, Sons of the Legion, American Legion Riders and the Legion Auxiliary!!! Bet there's no other Legion family in the District that has accomplished that. The Potluck Bingo has been reborn on the fourth Friday evening, thanks to Tom Grimes and Nancy Evers. We have had some really fantastic tri-tip dinners by Master Chef Warren Luke and his cooking staff. We are currently in negotiations with the Healdsburg Prune Packers Baseball Team with regard to support and sponsorship. This should be a great alliance to show our community involvement. There are many other activities and accomplishments to numerous to put here in a short note.

Again, thanks to you all, especially to the members of the Board who have stepped up and stepped in whenever needed. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your commander this year. After the installation of new officers at the June meeting, I will leave the Post in the capable hands of Tom Grimes.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Adjutant's Column Bud Simmons, Post Adjutant

Membership is still at 100%. It is noted that we have several members that have not yet renewed for the year 2013. Now is the time to do so. Please contact me if you have a problem regarding your renewal. Please remember, it is your dues that help support our various programs such as Boys State, Scholarships, Boy Scouts and 4th of July Fireworks.

Our annual scholarship Awards at Healdsburg High School are:

- The American Legion Scholarship Award goes to Max Manoukian, who also attend Boys State.
- The Brent Gibson Vocational Scholarship Award goes to Jacob Alger.

THE HEALDSBURG PRUNE PACKER BASEBALL TEAM IS BACK. Details and pictures on page 4.

This year the Department of Defense is marking the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. All Korean War Veterans are eligible for a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. For that you would need to fill out the online form at <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/recognition.html>. If you need help completing the form you can call me or Tom Grimes

There are also many events going on throughout the year that may be of interest to the Korean War Veterans. That information can be found here, <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/events.html>, or on their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/KoreanWar60>.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE AMERICAN LEGION.
WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU**

2012 Sonoma County Veterans Resource & Job Fair

**2 pm to 6 pm, June 14th
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building**

Sotoyome Post 111 is a proud sponsor of this event

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	2
3 District Meeting Post 28 Petaluma	4 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	5	6	7	8 Prune Packers 7 pm	9 Prune Packers Double Header 11 am
10 40 & 8 Flea Market Santa Rosa	11 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	12 ALR Meeting <u>6pm, Windsor</u> Honors Tern <u>7pm Annex</u> Prune Packers 7 pm	13	14 Post/Unit Mtg 7pm Installation <u>Evening</u> Veterans Job Fair 2 - 6 pm Santa Rosa	15 Newsletter Input Due	16
17 Fathers Day Gin Fizz Breakfast	18	19 Healdsburg SOS Packing 2 pm Annex	20 Convention Redding	21 <u>Convention Redding</u> Honors Team 7pm Annex	22 <u>Convention Redding</u>	23 <u>Convention Redding</u>
24 <u>Convention Redding</u> Prune Packers 11 am Double Header	25 Prune Packers 7 pm	26	27 Bingo Yountville 10am Prune Packers 7 pm	28 Flag Retirement <u>Windsor 6:30pm</u> Prune Packers 7 pm	29 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	30 Prune Packers 11 am Double Header

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3 <u>Fireworks Setup</u> Prune Packers 7 pm	4 Prune Packers 5 pm Fireworks Show Sunset	5 Fireworks cleanup	6 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	7
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29	30	31				

The Prune Packers Are Back!

On Saturday evening, May 12th, the post hosted a dinner for the Healdsburg Prune Packers. The Prune Packers were a big part of Healdsburg during the 1920's and the 1950's. Now they are returning to Recreation Park, with a big boost from Sotoyome Post 111.

The first home game for the 2012 season is Thursday, May 29th. The Prune Packers will be playing the Bay Area Warriors at 7:00pm. The games are listed on the calendar, page 3.

A special thank you to Adjutant Bud Simmons for presenting the sponsorship idea and to Warren Luke who pulled the dinner together at the last minute.



Adjutant Bud Simmons with three of the Prune Packers who happen to be grandsons and members of Sotoyome Squadron 111, Sons of The American Legion. Joseph Simmons is on the left, Josh Perez is to the immediate right of Bud and David Simmons is on the right.

Also present at the dinner we hosted for the Prune Packers was great grandson Damian Escarcega, also a squadron member who assisted Prune Packers President Riley Sullivan with the drawing at the dinner.



We are looking forward to a great season of baseball at Recreation Park.

You can visit the Healdsburg Prune Packers website at <http://www.prunepackersbaseball.org/> for more information on the team and their complete schedule.



Healdsburg Prune Packers - A Return to Glory!

Welcome to the Sotoyome American Legion Family

The following new members have joined since the last newsletter

Sotoyome Squadron 111, Sons of The American Legion

Matt Foreman

Mother WWII Army, Father WWII Army Air Corps

Honor's Team

The **Honor's Team** is looking for a few Good Men and Women. Our team is called upon weekly to render the final honors for our fellow Veterans. They also march in local parades and conduct other flag ceremonies.

Practices are held at the annex on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday each month, starting at 7pm.

Call George Sager at 433-2044 for more information or visit one of the practice sessions.

Chaplain's Corner

From Post Chaplain Bill Stiles

Inspire us, O Lord to continue to seek peace
In our world from a position of strength,
Justice, and compassion. May we ever be ready
To serve you our God and our Nation. We make
Our prayer in your Holy Name.

Amen

Remembering...

Since the last newsletter we have said a final goodbye to the following members of our American Legion Family.

Roy Coon, U.S. Army, WWII

Please let your Chaplain know when you become aware of the death or illness of one of our Legion family members. You can also let one of the board members know and they will pass the word.



Sotoyome Unit 111, The American Legion



Auxiliary Happenings Rose Sandoval, President, Unit 111

My year as President is coming to a close and our new President, Nancy

Evers, will be taking office in July. I would like to thank all of my officers and chairmen for a job well done. All of you went above and beyond your duties this past year. I also want to thank you for getting your end of year reports submitted in a timely manner, which meant I was able to get the annual Presidents report in on time.

We elected our 2012-2013 officers at the May meeting. See page 6 for the 2012-2013 Sotoyome American Legion Family Leadership Team

We also elected delegates and alternates to the Department Convention in Redding this coming June 21-24. Sotoyome Unit 111 will be well represented.

Our unit installation will be Thursday, June 14th, starting at 7pm. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please attend and your support to the incoming officers.

We will be giving out Year Pins at the installation. Please be there if you have a year pin coming.

Please support our June events:

The District Meeting will be June 3rd in Petaluma at the Veterans Memorial Building. This is an excellent opportunity for both officers and chairmen to meet their counterparts in the other units

The Past President's Card Party will be at Betty Stubb's home on Monday, June 11th, at 12 noon. Dessert will be served.

Fireworks Help Needed

We will be needing help on July 3rd, the morning of July 4th, the evening of July 4th and the morning of July 5th. A complete schedule will be published in the next newsletter. Contact Tom (481-9169) if you are able to help.

POT LUCK AND BINGO!

Friday, June 29, 2012

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.
Bring your favorite potluck dish and a salad or dessert.
Guests are welcome!

25 cents per card per game. 100% paid out.

Note, this is a date change due to the 94th Department Convention, June 21-24

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.

A sympathy card was sent to Christene Coon, who lost her husband Ron.

I was blessed with a wonderful April weekend "Honor Flight" to see the memorials in Washington, DC. All expenses were paid for us WWII veterans. The group I started with were from the Eureka area and was totally funded by residents on the North Coast. I was the only woman veteran with 33 men, three women guardians and two great leaders.

At the WWII Memorial we met Congressman Mike Thompson. At the Women In Military Service for America Memorial I had the honor of having Brigadier-General Vaught, President of the memorial as my guide. She was a very gracious lady.

Other highlights including see the precise perfection of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. There were numerous other memorial and government buildings. While at Dulles Airport we were able to see the space shuttle sitting piggy-back on her 747. They were impressive even sitting on the tarmac.

We got cheers and hugs everywhere we went. It was a very tiring but heart-warming experience.



**FOR THOSE THAT FOUGHT FOR IT
FREEDOM HAS A FLAVOR
THAT THE PROTECTED
WILL NEVER KNOW!**

Sotoyome American Legion Family Leadership 2012 - 2013

Post 111 The American Legion

Commander Tom Grimes

1st Vice	Ken Sandoval
2nd Vice	Warren Luke
Adjutant	Bud Simmons
Finance Officer	Bob Taylor
Judge Advocate	Doug Newton
Chaplain	Bill Stiles
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay
Asst Sgt at Arms	Tony Grado
Service Officer	Steve Piotter
Historian	Harold Bagdonas
Junior Past Cdr	David Richey
Executive Board	Frank Jerins
	George Sager
	Frank Teuschler
	Stan Shusda
	Roy Caporale

Squadron 111 Sons of the American Legion

Commander Al Delsid

1 st Vice	Mark Archambault
Adjutant	Tom Grimes
Finance	Bob Taylor
Chaplain	Al Delsid
Historian	Harold Bagdonas
Sgt at Arms	Ron Collier
Junior Past Cdr	Tom Grimes

Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary

President Nancy Evers

1st Vice	Linda Karnstedt
2nd Vice	Gail Gibson
Secretary	Marie Canale
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor
Chaplain	Bettie Crandall
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chaves
Marshall	Thelma Frey
Junior Past President	Rose Sandoval
Executive Board	Virginia Hawley
	Virginia Wallace
	Thelma Frey

Chapter 111 American Legion Riders

President Ron Collier

Vice	Mitch Laing
Secretary	Doug Newton
Treasurer	Steve Bowne
Ride Captain	Mark Archambault
Sgt at Arms	Terry Perry



Post 111, Auxiliary Unit 111, Son's Squadron 111, Legion Riders Chapter
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Sotoyome Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander



As my first year as the squadron commander draws to a close, I look forward to my second term as commander. Tom Grimes has been a great mentor and I really appreciate all the help he has given, not only to me but the squadron. Tom, Congratulations on your selection to the Post Com-

mander.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, there was a scheduling conflict with our annual June 14th Flag Retirement Ceremony. Flag Day, June 14th happens to fall on the same day as our Installation Dinner Meeting. The Flag Retirement ceremony has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Windsor Fire Station #2 at 8600 Windsor Road.

I am planning on attending my first Sons of the American Legion - Detachment of California Convention on June 21 - 23. I expect this to be a good opportunity to learn about the organization and different programs the Sons of the American Legion has to offer.

I look forward to my second year of service to the Post as Commander of the Sons of the American Legion.

Sotoyome Squadron 111
Sons of the American Legion
And the
Firemen of the
Windsor Fire Protection District

Presents their
2nd Annual Community
Flag Retirement Ceremony
6:30pm, Thursday, June 28, 2012

Windsor Fire Station #2
8600 Windsor Road, Windsor
Across from the Windsor High School

For more information contact:
 Tom Grimes at (707)481-9169 or email at
 coachtom.grimes@gmail.com



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride

Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Gary Greenough, President



The Legion Riders meet on the Tuesday PRECEEDING the General Meeting, which is always held on the second Thursday of every month. Riders meet at the Round Table Pizza, Windsor Palms Center, at 5:45pm. For Marines, that would be: the little hand is on the, oh never mind, they wouldn't get it anyway.

By the time of this printing, the 3rd Memorial Ride for a Fallen Hero, Michael Ottolini, will have been completed. At the time of this writing, all things are in place, and we hope for a good turnout to remember one of our fallen Sonoma County soldiers.

It has been a great pleasure being the Legion Riders Prez/ Director for this last two and a half years. I took over when Brent Gibson left our ranks so that continuity would be maintained. From a handful of initial members, membership is now close to 30. The Legion has elections every year, and people who are doing a good job can hold positions for two years, or more sometimes, depending on the specialty of the position. But it is always good to have new blood, new ideas and new faces to bolster the activities of any organization. Our new slate of officers promises to be a good one, with Ron Collier, a SAL member, at the helm.

I want to thank the Legion Riders for the support and being a part of this great, and growing organization. Ride safe, ride often, and ride with pride in your service, or being a member of the Sons.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: President Gary with the Ottolini family at the bbq. 54 riders/passangers participated and 66 meals served.

WELL DONE ALR



Sonoma County Veterans Service Office

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(707) 565-5960

PO Box 4059, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Westwind Blvd is located near the Main Terminal at the Charles M. Schulz (Sonoma County) Airport From Hwy 101: exit Airport Blvd. Left on Westwind Blvd and right into the parking lot.

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If you know of a veteran and his/her family in need, please call Adjutant Bud Simmons @971-0523 or Service Officer Tom Grimes @ 481-9169,

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Healdsburg Supporting Our Soldiers. Healdsburg has a long history of supporting our troops. Today our very own Mary St. Clair continues that tradition and her mission is not over. Yes, thousands of troops are still coming home, but thousands of men and women will remain in harms way and the boxes are still going out. Visit her website at <http://www.healdsburgsos.org/> to see what she needs for the boxes. Future packing dates will be listed on the calendar page. She needs the support of the Sotoyome American Legion Family.

From the Editor: Did you notice something different about this issue? That's right, there was two extra pages. I had too much to include and I didn't want to reduce the size of the print or edit down the columns. I admit that I decided to beg forgiveness. I hope you like it and if you do, let me know.

Right now we send out 345 newsletter via mail and 142 via email, which saves us the cost of printing a postage. We will be looking at ways to reduce our printing and mailing costs without reducing the quality of our newsletter. That will be my challenge as your editor and Commander.

If you receive your newsletter by email, please print and share it with other family members.

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