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THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013

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Unit 111, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Visit our new Website at <http://www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org/>

2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
87.1%	87.1%	54.1%	62.2%

Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their 2014 dues. Let's reach 100% across the board by the November Pasta Dinner! As of the time this Newsletter went to press, 62.2% of our total membership had renewed.

To help promote 100% renewals by December 31, 2013 we have turned the November Pasta Dinner into an "Early Bird Dinner" celebrating and honoring those who have paid their 2013 dues by (or at) the Dinner on Thursday, November 14th. This is our way of saying "thank you" for paying your 2014 dues early. You can pay your dues that night.

We have not received the Unit goal for 2014 from the Department. The above percentage is based on adding one more member over 2013. That may change when the Department finally publishes the 2014 membership goals.

The Sons of The American Legion set a goal of 14,000 (40% increase) members statewide their Detachment Convention in Palm Springs. The SAL goal Squadron 111 is 61 for 2014.

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A HEALDSBURG TRADITION

POLENTA AND BEEF STEW DINNER

A Fundraiser for
Sotoyome Unit 111 and SAL Squadron 111

Friday, October 25, 2013 6 - 8pm

Dinner includes:

Polenta and Beef Stew
Salad and Bread

Adults \$10

Child (6-12) \$6

With advance ticket reservations.

Call Tom and Nancy at
707-481-9169.

Adults \$12 and Child (6-12) \$8 at the Door

Soda, Wine and Beer available for a donation to the
Post's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund.

Desserts available for a donation to the
Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the
Son's of The American Legion
Children's Welfare Fund.

Invite Family and Friends to join you this
fun evening.

Nancy Evers and Matt Foreman, your hosts.

Are you a blood donor?

There is an American Legion Blood Donor Program. Keep track of your donations and let us know at the end of the program year. Each of our programs can report the number of donors and volume of blood donated.





From the Top
Tom Grimes, Commander

ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS



Michael Ottolini
AMVETS Post 40 of Sonoma County
Proudly Presents

LUNCHEON TO HONOR WOMEN VETERANS

October 20, 2013 From 11 AM To 2 PM
AT Veterans Memorial Bldg. In Santa Rosa, CA
1351 Maple Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Free To All Women Veterans
Family members & Significant Others ~ \$8

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Remembering...



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

Ernest Palmieri, Army Air Corps, WWII
58 year member of Post 111

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.



Auxiliary Happenings
Nancy Evers, President

We are looking forward to a large turnout for our annual Youth Recognition night, Thursday, October 10, 2013, starting at 7:00 P.M. Please plan to bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to feed approximately 8 people. We are asking everyone (one dish per family) to help to ensure that we don't run out of food.

Membership renewals have started to come in. Thank you to 1st Vice President Linda Karnstedt and Treasurer Melanie Taylor for all the work they do to process our renewals. Melanie reports that 59 unit members have already renewed for 2014.

On Friday, October 25, 2013 we will be conducting a fundraiser with the Sons of The American Legion. This is our second annual Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner and is a new tradition for us. See the information on Page 1. We need a great turnout and will need help serving and cleaning up. We flipped a coin with the Squadron and we will be serving the dinner. Better luck next time guys. (Ed: that is two years in a row).

On November 14th the Sotoyome American Legion Family will conduct it's second annual Early Bird Pasta Dinner. Those members who have renewed for 2014 and their guests will be free. There will be a nominal cost for those who have not yet paid. Of course you can pay your dues that night. Let's celebrate our success.

Our own Sotoyome American Legion Family Christmas Party will be Thursday evening, December 12th. Santa will be present from 6:00pm to 7:00pm (see The Back Page) and the dinner will start at 7:00pm. Everyone please bring a hot side dish and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people. The post is providing the turkey's and hams that we are preparing.

Are you keep track of your service hours, miles and donations? Find a calendar and start keeping notes. It will help at the end of the year. If in doubt, record it.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Since my last report I have two "Think of You" card and one Get Well card. I'm also happy to report that Ruth Gardner has a made a good recovery from her fall. She and Dorothy Burgess hosted our September Past Presidents Card Party. Annabel Kubicka is home from the hospital and doing about the same. They have a new phone number: 827-5145

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	5
6	7 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	8 ALR Meeting <u>6pm, Windsor</u>	9	10 Post/Unit Youth Recognition Night 7pm	11	12
13	14 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	15 Newsletter Input Due	16	17	18	19
20 AMVETS Luncheon to Honor Women Veterans Santa Rosa 11am - 2 pm	21	22	23 Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	24 Honors Team 7pm Annex	25 Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner Annex 6-8 pm	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

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					1 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	2
3	4 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	5	6 Rotary B-fast Honoring Veterans 7am - 8:30am	7	8	9 VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony Windsor Fire, Station 2
10	11 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon at Art & Thelma's	12 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	13	14 Early Bird Dinner 7pm	15 Newsletter Input Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following Nancy & Tom's	23
24 31	25	26	27 Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30



Sotoyome American Legion Family 2013-2014 Leadership

Post 111 The American Legion

Commander	Tom Grimes	481-9169
1st Vice	Ken Sandoval	838-7068
2nd Vice	Warren Luke	332-3843
Adjutant/Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Judge Advocate	Doug Newton	217-6309
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay	695-0345
Asst Sgt at Arms	Tony Grado	527-8233
Service Officer	Chris Bingham	565-5960
Historian	Frank Jerins	
Jr. Past Cdr	Dave Richey	568-7278
Executive Board	Frank Jerins	
	George Sager	433-2044
	Frank Teuschler	431-2328
	Roy Caporale	894-8954
	Stan Shusda	838-4593
Jr Shooting Prog	Daryle D. Smith	415-203-7447

Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary

President	Nancy Evers	481-9169
1st Vice	Linda Karnstedt	529-1243
2nd Vice	Eddy Sauers	838-9429
Secretary	Marie Canale	431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Bettie Crandall	838-4035
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chavez	894-4636
Marshall		
Historian/Junior Pass Pres.	Rose Sandoval	838-7068
Executive Board	Virginia Hawley	838-6395
	Virginia Wallace	838-8702
	Thelma Frey	546-7791

Squadron 111

Sons of the American Legion

Commander	Matt Foreman	894-5603
1st Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Al Delsid	894-5603
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
Sgt at Arms	Mark Archambault	292-6746
Jr. Past Comdr	Tom Grimes	481-9169

Chapter 111 American Legion Riders

President	Mark Exter	478-1975
Vice	Mitch Laing	975-1541
Secretary	Doug Newton	217-6309
QM/Treasurer	Steve Bowne	578-4775
Sgt at Arms	Terry Perry	878-9790
Ride Captain	M. Archambault	292-6746
Jr. Past President	Gary Greenough	837-8384

Sotoyome Chapter 111, American Legion Riders



Thirteen members of the group gathered at Santa Rosa Memorial Park one Sunday morning for a group photo at The Gold Star Bench. After the photo, several members rode to Clearlake VFW for breakfast.

Note from Unit 1st Vice Linda

As we are now well into our new year (started July 1) I wanted to remind everyone to get your renewal in before our November meeting. The pasta dinner is free for members who have paid their 2014 dues by that night. The lucky recipients of the first incentive (a crisp \$5 for renewing by August 31) are Judy Chavez, Jacqueline Richey, Joanne Rist, Maria Rist, and Sally Smith.

We all should be proud to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and all it represents - promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for veterans and active-duty military. In that spirit - remember to attend the potluck on October 10 to recognize the boys and girls the American Legion family sent to Boys and Girls state this year. I am always touched by how impactful that experience has been for these honored students.

So ladies, remember YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT for your renewal letter from National. Our treasurer, Melanie, is more than happy to take your cash or check for \$21 now! You can mail it directly to her. Please include your current mailing address and phone number for our roster. Mailing address for Melanie Taylor is 457 Muscat Dr, Cloverdale CA, 95425.

So why renew now - aside from a free dinner - one lucky renewing member from September 1 through November 1 will receive \$10 cold hard cash - you can't "win" if you don't renew!



Sotoyome Son's Update

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

From Adjutant Tom: We continue to process membership renewals and new applications. So far we have had 20 members re-

new their membership for 2014 and have sent in 13 new applications. The new members include:

Steve Bowne - Duel member - Honoring service of father.

Ollie Briggs - Honoring service of Grandfather

Alan Crandall - Honoring service of parents

Michael Duval - Honoring service of father.

Mark Exter - Duel member - Honoring service of father

Adam Grimes - Honoring service of father

Benjamin Grimes - Honoring service of grandfather

Terry Perry - Duel member - Honoring service of father

David L-M Smith - Honoring service of father

Mar-lak Smith - Honoring service of father.

Ya'shar-Sha'Phat Smith - Honoring service of father

Aaron Landwehr, Honoring service of father

Erik Landwehr, Honoring service of father

The Detachment has set a goal of 14,000 members. Our Squadron goal is 61 (set by detachment). We need every member to renew their membership and add 6 new members. We can do it!



4th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES

At 1342 Pinon Drive (Tom and Nancy's)

Friday, November 22, 2013

Dinner at 6:00 pm,

followed by games, including Bingo.

Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.

Grab 3 friends and bring your board or card game and your potluck contribution. Let's turn the night into social night.

Join the Fun! Guests are welcome!

Bingo: 25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!

Please RSVP at 707-481-9169

The Annex is not available on the 4th Friday of November



Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mark Exter, President

The American Legion Riders continue to be active and visible in the community through rides and "Showing Our Colors" via our ALR Vests.

On Friday the 13th, ALR was part of a group of riders that escorted the cremains of fallen veteran Donald Parmer from Daniels Chapel of the Roses to his home. His widow and daughters participated in vehicles as part of the escort.

ALR had a presence at the annual 9/11 Memorial at Windsor Fire Department.

In August, the ALR and others welcomed home two US Marines at Santa Rosa Airport and escorted them home where family was waiting. We participated in a Welcome Home Escort from Santa Rosa to Cloverdale for CWO4 Nathan Tierney, US Army (now Retired). As we passed thru Main Street in Cloverdale many citizens, including Police and Fire, were out to cheer and honor Warrant Officer Tierney. We also had members ride to a special ceremony at the USS Hornet honoring a WWII Veteran.

Thirteen members of the group gathered at Santa Rosa Memorial Park one Sunday morning for a group photo at The Gold Star Bench. After the photo, several members rode to Clearlake VFW for breakfast.

Our long-awaited American Legion Riders Chapter 111 Website is finally getting put together thanks to ALR Treasurer Steve Bowne and Richard Bugarske. We are looking forward to having a useful, active and informative website that will include ride information, calendar of potential events, photos from rides and a gallery of our members. Coming up on October 9th will be an Escort of the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Petaluma and the quarterly service at Dixon National Cemetery for Veterans Without Families on that date. MIAP will escort the cremains of fallen veterans as part of the Dixon ride.

On October 19th there will be a social gathering at Penngrove Park for Riders, Military, Blue Star families and others who have participated in and honored our returning service members, including honoring our fallen heroes and the Gold Star families.

American Legion Riders meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1800 hrs at Mary's Pizza in Windsor. Our next meetings are Oct 8th and Nov 12th. Any member of the Legion Family or their Spouse, who rides a motorcycle 350cc or larger, may join. All riders and passengers are welcome to participate in the majority of our rides regardless of being a member of ALR or the Legion.

Save The Date

Here is a planning tool that several members of the Sotoyome American Legion Family have asked for. Events that are listed on the two months on page 3 of this Newsletter are not included. For example, this month the calendars are for October and November.

Please note that dates are subject the change. Calendars for the next two months are printed in each newsletter.

Regular monthly meeting include

- Post and Unit Board Meeting, 1st Monday
- Past Presidents Card Party, Noon, 2nd Monday
- ALR, Tuesday before second Thursday
- Post, Squadron and Unit Meeting, 2nd Thursday
- Yountville Bingo - 4th Wednesday
- Honors Team Training, 4th Thursday
- Social Potluck and Bingo - 4th Friday

Upcoming Dates

December 10, Thursday, Annual Christmas Party.

February 1, 2104, Saturday, Crab Feed

March 8, 2014, Saturday, American Legion Birthday Dinner

March 15, 2014, Saturday, Country Breakfast

April 20, 2014, Sunday, Spring Fling, Yountville

May 3, 2014, Saturday, Oak Mound Cemetery Cleanup

May 10, 2014, Saturday, Windsor Parade

May 12, 2014, Sunday Mothers Day

May 22, 2014, Thursday, FFA Parade

May 25, 2014, Sunday, Flags Out at Oak Mound

May 26, 2014, Monday, Memorial Day Programs

May 27, 2014, Tuesday, Flags picked up at Oak Mound

June 15, 2014, Sunday, Fathers Day Breakfast

July 3, 2014, Thursday, Fireworks Setup

July 4, 2014, Friday, Fireworks setup and show.

July 5, 2014, Saturday, Fireworks Cleanup

Dec. 12, 2014, Yountville Christmas Party

The following need to be scheduled:

TBD 2014 Vine and Flame Car Show

Please send an email to coachtom.grimes@gmail.com if events are missing from this schedule.

Sotoyome Youth Recognition Night

Thursday, October 10, 2013

7:00pm at The Villa Chanticleer Annex,

Join us for dinner as we honor our youth

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Healdsburg High School

Christina Basurto

CLOVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Sarah Ragan - Girls State

GEYSERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Shaina Meier - Girls State

Oscar Quezadas- Boys State

HEALDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Jasmin Rodriquez - Girls State

Christian Guerrero - Boys State

Daniel Schroeder - Boys State

Alex Wood - Boys State

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Haley - Girls State

Brayden Cleland - Boys State

Nicholas Kimball - Boys State

Benjamin Taylor - Boys State

Derrick Osbeck - Boys State

Joseph Bergeron - Boys State

POST SCHOLARSHIPS - Healdsburg HS

Scholarship Award - Kenneth Evans ,

Brent Gibson Vocational Scholarship Award -

Christina Basurto

Got Yarn and Fabric?

Thank you to **Judy and Marilyn Wagner** for a large donation of fabric and yarn. **Steve Piotter** helped pull the donation together. In addition to 14 bags of yarn and fabric, they donated a knitting machine. Does anyone have any experience with a Toyota Knitting Machine.

Tom and Nancy's neighbor, **Laura Berringer** also donated three bags of fabric.

Someone brought two large boxes of yarn. We have forgotten who that was. Please call Tom or Nancy (707-481-9169) and refresh our memory.

All this fabric and yarn will be turned into lap quilts and blankets for the residents at Yountville.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise

Honor our Veterans Breakfast



Wednesday November 6th / 7am

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Green, WWII Vet

Villa Chanticleer Annex

128 North Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg



Hot Breakfast and live performance of patriotic songs
including the Star Spangled Banner,
and the songs of the military services
as well as a POW/MIA table ceremony.

Veterans and active duty military members are invited
and encouraged to attend as guests.



The Event is open to all members of the community.
A contribution of \$10 is suggested
All proceeds will benefit The Pathway Home-Yountville

Donations and contributions can be mailed to
the American Legion Post 111-Veterans Breakfast
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If you know of a veteran and his/her family in need, please call Commander Tom Grimes at 707-481-9169 or Service Officer Stan Shusda at (707)838-4593

The Back Page.....

SANTA IS COMING!

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party

at 6 pm, Thursday, December 12th,

Bring your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Call Tom and Nancy at 473-8124 with a count so that we have enough stockings. You also need to bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your young guest.

The regular Christmas program will start at 7pm, including our traditional Christmas dinner. We will be serving Turkey and Ham. Everyone please bring a hot dish, salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people.

The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening.

Santa Claus Brought to you by
The Sons of The American Legion

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NATION'S YOUTH.

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