

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



# **THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER**

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

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l to r: **Pauline & Tom DeWitt, Ron “Campy” Dillow, Steven Bowne  
Ron Krudop & Tim Madura**  
**at Col. James Morehead memorial at the Petaluma Airport on August 20th.**  
Photo by Ashley Collingwood/for the Argus-Courier

### **Chaplains Corner**

Post: Warren Luke, 707-239-1811

Auxiliary: All Officers will take turns

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.**



## **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  
WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION’S YOUTH.**

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

**Commander Lance Ballenger**



August is behind us closing out a relatively quite and uneventful break in the action for our Post. We look ahead to September to our upcoming functions as well as special days marking the calendar.

The MIA/POW event is scheduled to begin 10am September 16<sup>th</sup> at Santa Rosa Memorial Park located at 19000 Franklin St. The planning of this event is shaping up to make quite the occasion. Come out and show your support and respect for the POW/MIA community imparting the creed "Never Forget", which will include local POW speakers as honored guests.

As a side note, the figures given from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Accounting Office for the current unaccounted Servicemen that remain listed as MIA (Missing in Action) are staggering, totaling 82,678 since WW2.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| WW2-                    | 73,113 |
| Korea-                  | 7,802  |
| Vietnam War-            | 1,618  |
| Cold War-               | 126    |
| Iraq & Other Conflicts- | 6      |



We also observe Patriot Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>, memorializing the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 attack which spawned the current War on Terrorism combating 'Islamic Radical Fundamentalism', in the case anyone has become confused who the enemy is with the current and past pandering distractions and political correctness.

Santa Rosa Wings over Wine Country Airshow is September 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> where Sotoyome Post 111 will man a booth conveying our mission as we encourage new member signups. We will be looking for volunteers for alternating timeslots if anyone is interested in getting out, meeting the public and being of service.

September 25<sup>th</sup>, a solemn day, is Gold Star Mother's Day commemorating the unfortunate Mothers who lost sons or daughters in the service of our country. Not only on this special day, but anyone of the days of the year, if you cross paths with one of the thousands of women marked by the banner of the gold star, thank them for their indescribable sacrifice and let them know you will never forget, as they surely never will. ~Lance

## **Sons of the American Legion**

There will be a District 5 meeting of the Sons at Post 111 on Saturday, September 10th beginning at 10:00. District 5 Commander Al Delsid will be presiding. All current Sons are encouraged to attend and to bring a potential member.

Please mail in your dues for 2017 to:

S.A.L., 1956 Gardenview Ct., Santa Rosa 95403.

\$15.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for dual members and those under age 21.

Please contact me for further information and to RSVP 707-578-4775.

**Steven Bowne**, Adjutant





**Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt**



Dear Auxiliary members, I first want to remind everyone that our meeting coming up in October is our traditional Student Recognition Potluck dinner for our Girl's and Boy's State delegates and their families. So I hope you will make the effort to come and acknowledge these students' accomplishments.

Secondly, as a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary are in jeopardy of having to relinquish our charter if we do not have more active participation.

At this past meeting, there were only four of us in attendance and that is just not right given a membership - on paper at least - of over 140 members.

Now I realize for many of you it is difficult to get out to the meetings, however, your voice needs to be heard. If enough of the members want to meet on a different day or time, we can see if that can be arranged. Please call me personally if you have any ideas for what it will take to get us back on track and be an active participant in all the Auxiliary promotes and stands for. Thank you, ~Linda

P.S. Board members we will meet on Tuesday September 6 at 7pm in the Annex.



**ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow**



Well another month almost gone and I can't believe how fast the years go by. That being said, you know that Oct. 8th is coming on us fast, so I hope you all are out there selling BBQ tickets and getting raffle donations. We want to have a good turn out this year. I know that things have been slow and I thank all of you that have been going to the missions that we have had. Keep up the good work.

~Campy



**ALR Vice President Ron Krudop**



On Saturday August 20th four members of Post 111 ALR, Ron (Campy) Dillow, Ron Krudop, Steven Bowne, and Tim Madura rode to the Petaluma Airport for the 100th birthday of Colonel Morehead. The weather was sunny with a cool breeze. Campy gave a short speech about veterans and the role of the PGR and the ALR activities in the community. After the ceremony the group of riders rode down East Washington to Petaluma Blvd S. to the Petaluma Veterans Building to honor his life and enjoy a barbecue. On another important subject, we need donations for our Memorial Run. We have already received some nice gifts, but more are needed.

~Ron

**NOTE:** The Executive Board Meeting has been moved from Monday September 5th to Tuesday September 6th due to Labor Day

September 2016

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|  |  |  |  | <b>1</b><br><b>VFW</b><br><b>7 PM Annex</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br><b>Labor Day</b>                                       | <b>6</b><br><b>ALR Meeting</b><br><b>6 PM Windsor</b><br><br><b>Board Meeting</b><br><b>7 PM Annex</b> | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br><b>Post meeting</b><br><b>7 PM Annex</b><br><b>Honors Team</b><br><b>5:30 PM Annex</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br><b>POW/MIA</b><br><b>practice</b><br><b>SR Memorial</b><br><b>Park 10:00</b> |
| <b>11</b><br><b>Patriot</b><br><b>Day</b>  | <b>12</b><br><b>Jr. Shooters</b><br><b>Annex</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br><b>POW/MIA</b><br><b>Recognition</b><br><b>SR Memorial</b><br><b>Park 10 AM</b> | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b><br><b>Air Force</b><br><b>Birthday</b>                                 | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br><b>Newsletter</b><br><b>Input due</b>   | <b>21</b><br><b>United Vet</b><br><b>Counsel</b><br><b>7 PM SR</b> | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br><b>Air Show</b>  |
| <b>25</b><br><b>Gold Star</b><br><b>Mothers</b><br><b>Day</b><br><b>Air Show</b> | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  |   |

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| Service Officer | Chris Bingham   | 707-565-5960 |
| Historian       | Harold Bagdonas | 707-843-4790 |
| Chaplain        | Warren Luke     | 707-332-3843 |
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|                 |                    |              |
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| Chaplain        | Ed Howell          | 707-542-1135 |
| Road Captains   | Matt Foreman       | 707-340-0315 |
|                 | Joe Manning        | 707-501-9880 |

## Sotoyome Junior Shooting Sports

Did you all see the first Gold Medal winner for the USA? Congratulations Virginia Thrasher 10-meter Air Rifle Champion. Read about it on the Healdsburg American Legion Facebook page.

Monday August 12, 2016 CMP Practice Villa Annex 6pm

Saturday October 15, 2016 Ukiah Gun Club Back Range 9 – 1pm

Monday December 17, 2016 Crab Cioppino Dinner. Dinner tickets \$45.00 and Mini 14 Rifle Drawing. Rifle drawing tickets \$5.00.

Please support the Junior Shooters program and our Second Amendment rights.

New members always welcome. Bring a friend with their parent. We encourage parental participation.



**Junior Shooters and parents at Ukiah Gun Club**

### Adjutant News

Get your membership dues in. Let's get to 100% this year and take home the award at next year's convention. Mail membership dues (\$35.00) to:  
Sotoyome Post 111, P.O. Box 281,  
Healdsburg, CA 95448.

**~Reuel**

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### **Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride & BBQ**



**SAT OCT 8, 2016**

for Ceasar Viglienzone  
KIA Feb 1, 2006

**BBQ \$10**

SAMPLE TICKET  
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**Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds**  
**1248 N. Fitch Mtn Rd, Healdsburg**

**BBQ Picnic and Raffle Open To All, 12noon-3pm!**

American Legion Riders Chapter #111  
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**Contact Mitch Laing**  
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**Steven Bowne**  
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**further information.**

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