



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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

2013 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	SAL 111	ALR 111	Legion Family
87.1%	34.4%	48%	100%	69.4%

Thank you to everyone who have sent in their 2013 dues. Let's reach 100% across the board by the end of 2012! As of the time this Newsletter went to press, 69.4% of our total membership had renewed.

To help promote 100% renewals by December 31, 2012 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 8th. This is our way of saying "thank you" for paying your 2013 dues early. You can pay your dues that night.

Sotoyome Post 111 was recognized with and "Early Bird" ribbon at the 5th District Meeting on Sunday, September 23rd.

A NEW HEALDSBURG TRADITION

POLENTA AND BEEF STEW DINNER

A Fundraiser for
Sotoyome Unit 111 and SAL Squadron 111

Friday, October 26, 2012 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.



Fall Membership Breakfast

Sunday, October 28, 2012



This year our Post and
Post 768 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
are joining forces to host the breakfast.

Menu includes Bloody Mary's, Biscuits and Gravy,
Eggs, Coffee, and fresh fruit.

This is a great opportunity to invite prospective
members (veterans, spouses, children) Bring a po-
tential member to any of our or the VFW programs
and the breakfast is free to you and your guests.
Otherwise the cost will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for
children.

Membership information and displays for all of the
programs will be available.

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Sotoyome Post 111, The American Legion



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Post Commander

Good things have been happening here at Sotoyome Post 111. We are leading the district in membership renewal but have stiff competition from Theodore

Roosevelt Post 21 in Santa Rosa. It's good to see the positive things happening there.

We will be very busy between now and the Commander's Dinner in March. I'm trying to have events highlighted in this newsletter for the month prior and the month of the event. That means we have to plan 3-4 months in advance.

One change with the potluck dinners, such as the October dinner and the December Christmas Party. We need more side dishes, salads and desserts. We are now asking everyone (each family) to bring a side dish or salad.

We are continuing to monitor the actions by the City of Healdsburg in regards to the Villa and the Annex. If you have email please consider asking to receive this newsletter by email. You can email sotoyome111@aol.com. That will get you the periodic eblasts that we send out.

I still need some good legionnaires to fill various spots on our Post 111 committees, now is the time to step up and support the Post. My goal is many hands doing a little. We know that a few hands doing a lot has a tendency to burn people out.

We have elderly, fixed income and disabled Veterans and widows in need of assistance in the areas of home repairs, auto repairs and lawn maintenance, etc.. We need to do a much better job of identifying them and then we need to step up and help them. If you need assistance you can contact me or any member of the board. Their phone numbers are listed on page 4. You may have a neighbor who needs help. Remember, pride, commitment and dedication equals

"Veterans Helping Veterans"



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



American Veterans Traveling Tribute - The Wall - is Coming

The Bear Flag VFW Post 1843, Sonoma, will be hosting the *Cost of Freedom Tribute* November 7-11, 2012. The showcase piece is a 360 foot long 80% scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C..

The Cost of Freedom Tribute honors Firefighters, Law Enforcement, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, a special 9/11 tribute, and a Gold Tag wall with the names of all the fallen heroes since the Global War on Terrorism began.

The Wall will arrive Wednesday afternoon, Nov 7th. The Opening Ceremony will be at 1 pm Thursday, Nov 8th. Friday Nov 9th will be Law Enforcement and Firefighter Recognition Day. The Veteran's Day Celebration will be Saturday, Nov 10th and the Veteran's Day Observance will be Sunday, November 11th.

Sotoyome Post 111 is one of the sponsors of the event.

Got Magazines?

Remember, we are collecting magazines for placement in waiting rooms in Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor. Bring them to a meeting or call Tom at 707-481-9169 to have them picked up.

Thank you for your help with this recruiting tool.

Veterans Day Activities (Watch the November Newsletter for Updates)

Wed, Nov 7th, Sunrise Rotary's Annual salute to Veterans. Free Breakfast for Veterans at the Villa. Invite a Veteran to join you.

Fri, Nov 9th, 7am - 10am. Free breakfast for Veterans at the Center Street Cafe, Healdsburg. Be sure to "tip" well.

Sun, Nov 11th 11am. Veterans Day Ceremony in the Plaza by Healdsburg's Sotoyome American Legion Family.

Sun, Nov 11th Breakfast or lunch for Veterans at KC's Downtown Grill, Windsor. Be sure to "tip" well.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	2	3	4	5 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	6
7	8 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm	9 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	10	11 Post/Unit 7 pm	12	13
14	15 NEWSLETTER INPUT DUE	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Yountville Bingo 10am United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	25 Honors Team 7pm Annex	26 Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner 6 - 8 pm	27
28 Membership Breakfast	29	30	31			

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	3
4	5 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	6 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	7 Rotary Veterans Breakfast	8 Post/Unit 7:00pm Early Bird Pasta Dinner	9	10
11 Veterans Day Ceremony Plaza 11am	12 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm	13	14	15 NEWSLETTER INPUT DUE	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Yountville Bingo 10am United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	29	30 Special PotLuck and Bingo hosted by Nancy and Tom	



Sotoyome American Legion Family 2012-2013 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 Officer	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain/ Asst		
Adjutant	Bill Stiles	433-3733
Judge Advocate	Doug Newton	217-6309
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay	695-0345
Asst Sgt at Arms	Tony Grado	527-8233
Service Officer	Steve Piotter	217-6236
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
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

Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary

President	Nancy Evers	481-9169
1st Vice	Linda Karnstedt	529-1243
2nd Vice	Gail Gibson	431-1348
Secretary	Marie Canale	431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Bettie Crandall	838-4035
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chavez	894-4636
Marshall	Eddy Sauers	838-9429
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	Al Delsid	894-5603
1 st Vice	Mark Archambault	292-6746
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Al Delsid	894-5603
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
Sgt at Arms	Ron Collier	239-6703
Jr. Past Comdr	Tom Grimes	481-9169

Chapter 111 American Legion Riders

President	Ron Collier	239-6703
Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
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

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 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

Please call me to report comrades who have passed away, are ill or who are hospitalized at 707-433-3733.



A Rider's Prayer

Father, I give thanks to You for Your gifts and privilege to ride. To experience true freedom of spirit; a oneness with You I feel on the open road. This I thank You for because of the grace You have bestowed upon me. Words cannot describe the beauty and majesty of Your creation as I ride. Help me to humbly appreciate the many blessings You give me and other riders as we travel the paths You set before us. Keep me safe in Your warm embrace and feel the peace of Your presence as I ride through life. As I ride, let me be a beacon as Your humble servant and be an example of what You would have me and my fellow riders be. Only Your grace and glory have gotten me to where I am. And I give glory to You, Father, as my fellow riders give glory. Knowing You, You give Your love and protection to me. And comfort to me as You are always with me through good rides and bad. Our life's roads are strewn twists and turns, and I know You will always guide me to my final destination. This and all things I am grateful for, and I praise and give thanks to You, Father. Amen.

Remembering...

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

Millard Wiedemann, US Navy, WWII, 5 year member
 Norman Smith, US Navy, WWII, 6 year member
 Terrance Tenney, US Air Force, Vietnam. 11 year member
 O.T. Randolph, US Navy, WWII, 17 year member
 Herman Holmes, US Navy, WWII, 46 year member
 George P Sanchietti, US Army, Korea, 59 year member

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

Nancy Evers, President, Unit 111

We are looking forward to a large turnout for our annual Youth Recognition night, Thursday, October 13, 2011, starting at 7:00 P.M. Please plan to bring a hot dish, 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 52 unit members have already renewed for 2013.

On Friday, October 26, 2012, we will be conducting a fundraiser with the Sons of The American Legion. This is the 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.

On November 13th the Sotoyome American Legion Family will conduct it's first Early Bird Pasta Dinner. Those members who have renewed for 2013 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.

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.

Supporting Our Soldiers

Healdsburg has a long history of supporting our troops and the mission continues. Thousands of men and women will remain in harms way and the boxes are still going out. Visit the Healdsburg Supporting Our Soldiers website at <http://www.healdsburgsos.org/> to see what is needed for the boxes

The packing events will be moving because the availability of the Annex has changed and because the packing dates have not been published in this newsletter. I encourage you to continue to support this important program. Call Mary St. Claire at 707-433-9034 or email her at marysthair@sbcglobal.net.

Tom Grimes, Commander

POT LUCK AND BINGO!

Friday, November 28, 2012

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.
Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.
Nancy and Tom will be hosting at 1342
Pinon Drive, Healdsburg

25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!
Note: there is no October Pot Luck and Bingo

Notes from 1st Vice Linda

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR AUXILIARY can

PAY!!! Incentives are being provided this year to get your American Legion Auxiliary membership renewal in "EARLY". The membership fee is going to be reimbursed for three lucky names drawn randomly from those that get their renewal in by October 1, 2012. That is a \$21 "prize". From those that get their membership renewal in from October 2 thru November 1, 2012, four lucky winners will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card. Future incentives will be announced but to get the best ones - renew early. Remember your membership entitles you to a number of discounts and services - the list can be found on the auxiliary website [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE SERVICES OR DISCOUNTS<http://www.calegionaux.org/membership/member%20discounts%20and%20services.pdf>](http://www.calegionaux.org/membership/member%20discounts%20and%20services.pdf) . A sheet showing the discounts and services will be handed out at the next meeting.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Since my last report here I have sent two get well cards, two thinking of you cards, and a sympathy card. I've also made two visitations and a few phone calls. May we pray that the world turmoil will quiet down very soon so that there may be peace.

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.



One way we are showing this is to pay the annual dues for active duty personnel. We also recognize that the members of the National Guard, Air National Guard and the reserve components face frequent deployments and we have included them in the program.

Talk to us if you have a family member on active duty or serving in the guard or reserve.



Welcome to the Sotoyome American Legion Family

The following new members have joined or transferred in since the last newsletter

Sotoyome Post 111

Leroy Danhausen US Air Force, Korea
 Claudio Calvo, USMC, Vietnam
 Ronald Arata, US Army, Vietnam
 Peter Jesella, US Air Force, Vietnam
 Scott Smith, US Air Force, Vietnam

Sotoyome Squadron 111

Dan Stiles
 Steven Taylor
 Jake Wilcox
 Robert Wilcox
 Timothy Wilcox

Adjutants and Secretaries, please send the editor the names of new members by the 15th of each month. Please include the service information (Branch and period if service) if applicable.



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Paid up for Life (PUFL)

Members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have the opportunity purchase a Paid Up for Life membership. This eliminates the annual dues and the risk of the dropped if you forget to pay. Other benefits include not having to worry about any future dues increases. The program automatically covers any future dues increases.

Members of the Post can get additional information for Finance Officer Bob Taylor at 707-894-0857. Auxiliary members should contact Linda Karnstedt at 707-657-4416.

Sotoyome Youth Recognition Night

Thursday, October 11, 2012

7:00pm at The Villa Chanticleer Annex,

Join us for dinner as we honor our youth

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS Healdsburg HS

Kimberly McKeinan - Nursing Scholarship
 Sophia Angell

ANALY HIGH SCHOOL

Nathan Kuhn - Boys State

CLOVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Jaclyn Richardson - Girls State

GEYSERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Emily Sloma - Girls State
 Orlando Castro - Boys State
 Luis Gonxalez - Boys State

HEALDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Luci Garcia - Girls State
 John Bursick - Boys State
 Kenneth Evans - Boys State
 Stefan Masselink - Boys State

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

Brianne Logasa - Girls State
 Armando Cruz - Boys State
 Mason Holt - Boys State
 Bradley Scheiner - Boys State
 Zachary Schneider - Boys State

POST SCHOLARSHIPS - Healdsburg HS

Scholarship Award - Max Manoukian,
 who also attend Boys State. In 2010.
 Brent Gibson Vocational Scholarship Award - Jacob Alger.

Sonoma County Veterans Service Office

3725 Westwind Blvd, Suite 101, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
 (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.



Sotoyome Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2013. We are at 48%. Adjutant Tom reports that we should be at 65% following the Post board meeting on Monday, October 1st. He will be turning in a transmittal with 5 new members (see page 6) and with six or more 5 renewals.



That will put us at 70% renewal. We are one of the leading squadrons in the 5th District (Lake, Sonoma, Napa, Marin and Solano Counties) and Area 1 (Northern California).

On Friday, October 26, 2012, we will be conducting our first major fundraiser with the Auxiliary. This is the 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 Unit President Nancy and we have cleanup after the event.

What can top that? Look who is coming in just a few weeks:

SANTA IS COMING!

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party at 6 pm, Thursday, December 13th,

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. 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



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride



Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Ron Collier, President

We are an association, a group of American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members who ride for a cause.



What is the purpose of American Legion riders?

For god and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purpose of the American Legion; to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members with the same motorcycle interest. As an authorized Program of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders will be an asset in promoting and supporting all programs within the American Legion.

We are always looking for new riders who have served in our military or who has had parent or grandparent who served our country and have a common interest in enjoying the open air and freedom a motorcycle will provides. We meet once a month at Round Table Pizza in Windsor and our meetings start at 6PM on the Tuesday before the regular meeting of the American Legion Post 111.

At our last meeting, we agreed to add to our vest on the right side a POW/MIA and KIA with this being a option to the rider. In addition, we offered to the rider's a program from REACH for life which would reduce the cost of the bill should you ever need to be flown from an accident site and the cost would be \$35.00 per year per family. Many riders were ready to sign on the dotted line as we all know their is always that chance that accidents will happen.

We also attended the showing of "The Long Ride Home" on Sept. 16th. This was put together for Sgt Jesse Williams which was a KIA we escorted home.

We also will be attending and helping with the Traveling Wall which will be in Sonoma for a week and will arrive on Nov 7, 2012.

Thats all for now, ride safe.



**Still Serving...
And Riding!**

American Legion Riders

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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

Duke Callahan and **Ben Gibson**, both members of Post 111 and the American Legion Riders, taking part in the dedication ceremony for the 9/11 Memorial on the Plaza. The ALR. Under the leadership of Chapter President **Ron Collier** and Vice President **Mitch Laing** they showed up with flying colors and backdrop to the ceremony.

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Plaza Tuesday evening on 9/11.

I apologize for the errors in the September newsletter. Apparently I failed to save the document after making all the corrections that Nancy caught. Thank you to everyone who pointed out the errors. I know it is frustrating for the readers and it is frustrating for me to, especially when I make a dumb mistake. It's a new month. Let's hope you had better reading this month.



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MEMBERSHIP Is our Lifeblood
INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US
TODAY