



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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2013 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	SAL 111	ALR 111	Legion Family
90.6%	65.8%	65.1%	100%	83.2%

Thank you to everyone who have sent in their 2013 dues. Let's reach 100% across the board by the end of 2012! .



Early Bird

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.

You are welcome even if you have not paid. There will be a donation bucket.

We will celebrate our membership victory at the Commander's Dinner on March 9, 2013! Let's beat the goal of 100%!

Southall Transition's



SAL Member William Southall, now on active duty with the U.S. Navy, attended the meeting on Thursday, September 13th. Here he is seen with SAL Commander Al Delsid and Post Commander Tom Grimes. He was presented with his post cover. Fire Control Technician Seaman Southall is our newest dual member and the first SAL member to join the military services.

We congratulate William upon completing the initial submarine and rate training and wish him well as he reports to his first submarine. He is the son of a proud Past President Mary Southall and is a veteran of the Kiwanis lunch crew and spent many a Tuesday manning the dishwasher.

The photo by Post Historian Harold Bagdonas.

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Working Together!



In our communities



Sotoyome Post 111, The American Legion



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Post Commander

I thought this column would be the easiest part of creating the newsletter. It has turned out to be the hardest. What do I write about?

This morning I was thinking about the compliments that I have received the past few weeks. Members are telling me that they are enjoying the meetings; that they are fun and informative. Great feedback that shows we're on the right track.

There has been a second form of compliments. Members, especially Auxiliary members, are recruiting for the Sotoyome American Legion Family. We are helping each other succeed.

The last three months of the year are busy ones. The annual Youth Recognition Night was held in the Villa due to the classes being held in the Annex. The Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner, Friday, October 21th, is over. We co-hosted a breakfast with the VFW for the first time on Sunday October 28th.

November includes the Sunrise Rotary Veterans Breakfast on Wednesday, November 7th. Our Early Bird Pasta Dinner will be Thursday, November 8th, and the Veterans Day program in the Plaza will be at 11am on Sunday, November 11th. In the same week are the Post and Auxiliary board meetings, the ALR meeting and the Past Presidents Card Party will be on Monday, Nov. 12th. That is a busy week and with everyone working together it will be a successful week.

We should be proud of our accomplishments and proud of those in our American Legion Family that make our programs successful. It is rare for someone to say no when I ask for help. When it does I understand and know that there is a good reason. We all need to pull together and make sure that no one person is doing too much. That is what leads to burnout in any organization.

I'm very proud to be associated with all of you.



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AVTT is an outdoor, handicap accessible event.

November 7–11, 2012

Nov. 7~Welcome Escort, 3–5 PM

Nov. 8~Opening Ceremony, 1:00 PM

Nov. 9~Law Enforcement

& Firefighter Recognition Day

Nov. 10~Veterans Day Celebration

Nov. 11~Veterans Day Observance

Veterans Day Activities

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 and spouses 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, Nov 11th, 7:00pm. Veterans Day Program at the Cloverdale Veterans Building, 205 W 1st Street. The program will include the Healdsburg Community Band. Sotoyome Post 111 member Lew Sbrana will be leading the band that night.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 40 & 8 Meeting 8 pm	3
4	5 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	6 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	7 Rotary Veterans Breakfast 7 - 8:30am	8 Post/Unit 7:00pm Early Bird Pasta Dinner	9	10
11 Veterans Day Ceremony Plaza Healdsburg 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	

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Post/Unit Board Meetings 7pm	4	5	6	7	8 District Meeting Yountville 40 & 8 Christmas Party
9 Yountville Christmas Party	10 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	11 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	12	13 Christmas Party Santa 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm	14	15 Newsletter Input Due
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Bingo at Yountville 10am	27 Honors Team 7pm Annex	28 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	29
30	31					



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	Stan Shusda	838-4593
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



**"God we thank you for commissioning men
and women in the defense of freedom.
We honor those who honor and protect us,
In many cases laying down their lives that we
might live free to pursue our own destiny.
Every soldier takes their oath knowing they
may be called upon to pay the ultimate sacrifice.
Lord, we cannot repay this gift they give us.
For those who have suffered as a result of their sacrifice,
we ask for supernatural healing,
favor, peace, and in some cases, forgetfulness.
Lift from them the cares and burdens of violence.
When they return home, give them opportunities
to fulfill their own potentials and dreams.
Open doors for them, even when some doors are closed.
God, Bless our veterans."**

Remembering...

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

None Reported

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

The Youth Recognition Dinner went well. We had two of our Girl State delegates present (picture on page 6). Thank you Harold.

Linda and Melanie continue to go a great job with the 2013 renewal. 100 of our members have renewed for 2013. That is 65.8% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who already sent in their dues. We are hoping to see you at the Pasta Dinner on Thursday, November 8th. This is our early bird dinner, thanking everyone who has paid their 2013 dues. You can pay that night! You are welcome even if you have not paid. There will be a donation bucket.

We need people to help setup, serve and cleanup after the Rotary breakfast on November 7th. They are honoring our Veterans and we would like to keep them out of the kitchen that morning. SAL squadron members will be joining us. Call me if you can help.

The Christmas Party is December 13th. This will be a potluck and we will also be collecting items for the raffle.

A Future Auxiliary President in Training



Junior member Emma Miner with President Nancy (Grandma) and Past Presidents Rose Bettie and Thelma at the October Past Presidents Card Party hosted by Thelma and Art Frey. Emma is the daughter of member Deborah and Eric Miner.

POT LUCK AND BINGO!

Friday, November 28, 2012

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.

Bring your favorite potluck dish.

Nancy and Tom will be hosting at
1342 Pinon Drive, Healdsburg

25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!

Notes from 1st Vice Linda

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR AUXILIARY can PAY!!! Linda had announced an incentive to get your membership to the American Legion Auxiliary renewal in "EARLY". The membership fee is going to be reimbursed for Virginia Buell, Renee Escarcega, and Sandra Passot for getting their renewal in by October 1, 2012. That is a \$21 "prize". REMEMBER you don't have to wait for the renewal notice to come from National as our treasurer, Melanie Taylor, will always take your money! For 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 available at the next meeting.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Since the October Newsletter I have sent 3 get well cards and 4 thinking of you cards. I have also made several phone calls checking up on members.

Please let me know when you become aware of the death or illness of one of our Legion family members. My phone number is 707-838-4035.



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. Now we could use help in contacting doctor's offices and other places with waiting rooms and in distributing the magazines. Contact Tom if you can help. Thank you for your help with this recruiting tool.



Inviting All Veterans
Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise
HONOR OUR VETERANS BREAKFAST
7am - 8:30am, November 7, 2012



**Breakfast and live performance of Patriotic Songs
Including the Star Spangled Banner and songs of the
Military Services**

Guest Speaker:
Col Pete Peterka, U.S. Army (Retired)
Member of Sotoyome Post 111

**Veterans and active duty military invited to attend as
guests. Others: contribution of \$10 is suggested.**

All proceeds will benefit the Pathway Home Yountville

2012 Youth Recognition Dinner

Post Historian Harold Bagdonas was able to capture the 3 Boy's State and 2 Girl State participants who were at the dinner on Thursday, October 11th.



Welcome to the Sotoyome American Legion Family

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

ALR Chapter 111
Bill Bothe

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.



From left: Madison Holt; Breanne Logasa; Zachary Schneider; Lucelina Garcia; Bradley Scheiner. The girls are from Healdsburg High School and boys are from Windsor High School.

Sacramento Update

Our **Legislative Chairperson** Lorraine Plass reports that Governor Brown has signed 56 of 131 of the Veteran Bills that were passed by the Legislature. All of these bills were supported by The American Legion.

Lorraine could use help. She needs volunteers who are willing to write letters in support of bills before the legislature. You can call her at 707-953-6016 for more information.

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Sotoyome Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander

A couple of months ago, I mentioned that I was going to meet with the Cloverdale American Legion and talk to them about starting a Sons of the American Legion squadron in Cloverdale. I attended their executive board meeting and was told that they were interested and we have started the process of forming the new squadron. I have already begun the process and hope to have the SAL squadron 293 chartered by April 2013. I'm excited about this new venture and hope that both squadrons can work side by side for the betterment of The American Legion.



At this time, our squadron is well over 50% on our 2013 membership renewals. Please get your dues in if you haven't paid. Dues are only \$10 per year. We'd like to make our 100% squadron membership goal by the end of this year.

We have several events coming up and hope to see great participation from everyone. Of course we have the Polenta and Beef Stew dinner on Friday, October 26th from 6 to 8 pm. Our squadron is co-hosting this event with the Auxiliary.

We can't forget the Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11th at 11am at the Plaza, Healdsburg.

Our Christmas Party is December 13th at 6pm. This is a very popular and fun event. Hope to see you all there.

SANTA IS COMING!

6 pm, Thursday, December 13th

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party.

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 and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people.

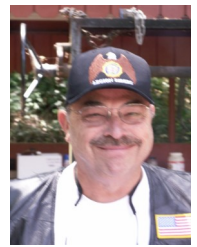
The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening.



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.



Article 2 of the preamble states that following:

Section 1. The American Legion riders (ALR)is a civilian organization; membership therein and does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the American Legion Riders; No member shall be addressed by his military title in any conversation or meeting of the American Legion riders.

Section 2. The American Legion riders shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principle or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment. No candidate for, or incumbent remunerative elected public official shall hold any office in the American legion riders, Department of California, for subdivision thereof.

Section 3. The American Legion riders, Department of California Shall be absolutely non-sectarian.

Section 4. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen.

At our last meeting held on October 9, 2012 we have a balance of \$877.31 in the bank and all but 6 members have paid their dues with some of them dropping out of the ALR. We are just about current with our pass State dues problem and Steve is working very hard to bring us current.

A report was given on the MIAP program with one veteran who will be escorted as soon as the paperwork can be cleared up.

Work is also being done on the Web site with Doug working on some problems and should done by the next meeting.

A new member has joined us from Southern California and his name is Bill Bohte and has also joined the post so if you get a chance, please say hello.

DON'T FORGET THE THE TRAVELING WALL ON NOVEMBER 7 WILL BE IN SONOMA AND WILL BE LED BY OUR OWN MET TEAM.



American Legion Riders

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THE BACK PAGE

Are the words of the preamble just words that you recite in meetings, or are they words that you take to heart and strive to follow? "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes ... to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

"You" have the opportunity to share your thoughts, your time and your effort in many ways. You can help accomplish the many programs that the Sotoyome American Legion Family supports every year. "You" can make your skills and talents known and share them. If "you" are concerned about something, work to make it happen. Don't expect someone else to do it for "you". "They" won't. "You" do it. "You" be a part of it. "You" make a plan. "You" involve others. "You" get it done.

"You" think you have no skills or talents, then write a check to support one of the programs. For example, we need financial help with the Fireworks this year. Send in your contribution and then ask your neighbors to support this Healdsburg tradition.

Attend meeting and functions when you can and just say "thanks" once in awhile. Let us know when you are unable to attend. You can still share your thoughts and encouragement. You can call me at 707-481-9169 if you have cannot make a meeting...

Thank you for your service, Commander Tom

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