

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HEALDSBURG



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Your Sotoyome American Legion Family Leadership

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2013 Annual Crab Feed Saturday, February 2, 2013

Serving fresh crab, salad and garlic bread
No Host Cocktails

ALL YOU CAN EAT

For \$45.00 Per Person

No host bar opens at 3pm

Serving from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg

Contact Frank or Carol Teuschler for tickets

(707)431-2328 or any board member

Frank cell: 707-6952663



Sotoyome Post 111, The American Legion



2013 Membership Score Card

<u>Post 111</u>	<u>Unit 111</u>	<u>SAL 111</u>	<u>ALR 111</u>	<u>Family</u>
105.8%	63.7%	90.7%	100%	94.4%

A big **THANK YOU** to the 500+ members of the Sotoyome American Legion who have renewed for the new year. It's not too late to renew your membership. This may be the earliest that the Post has reached 100% thanks to the groundwork laid by our former Adjutant Bud Simmons and the current efforts of Finance Officer Bob Taylor. We are the pacesetter Post for the 5th District and the Department of California.



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Post Commander

Fall is always a busy time and this year has been no exception. Along with the usual activities this year we are working with the City of Healdsburg as they move toward placing the Villa complex under a private operator. The city has successfully created a public-private partnership for operation of the Healdsburg Golf Club at Tayman Park.

I believe that we have an important role in helping preserving the Villa Chanticleer for future generations.

I continue to be impressed by how well the four pillars of the Sotoyome American Legion Family work together as a team. We help each other with events and support each other's program.

We all need to recruit for the other programs within the family. The National Headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary has developed a tri-fold brochure with membership applications for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. Thank you Melanie for obtaining a supply for us.

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I'm looking forward to our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13th. Don't forget to call and let us know how many children are coming so that Santa will be ready (See Page The Back Page).

American Legion at Healdsburg City Council Meeting - Villa Update



Pictures by Keri Brenner, Healdsburg Patch. Used with permission. You can visit the Healdsburg Patch at <http://healdsburg.patch.com/>

On Monday evening, November 19, 2012, the City Council voted to move forward with a Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to turn management of the Villa Chanticleer complex over to a private operator. The City acknowledged the long term commitment of The American Legion, the contractual arrangements and the contributions and services that have been provided to date. All of the City Council members and the city employees spoke highly of the Post.

Speakers for the Legion included Commander Tom Grimes, Past Commander and VFW Post Commander George Sager, Past Commander and Finance Officer Bob Taylor and member Pete Peterka. Pete is Chairman of the Building Committee for the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building and spoke about their transition to an outsider operator.

The city acknowledged that maintenance and repairs to the Villa complex have been deferred for the past several years because of budget cuts and declining revenue. They also admitted that the current management plan isn't working.

We have the opportunity to play a key part in the solution while retaining use of the Annex and the Villa complex. We need to remain vigilant. Let us know of any rumors or comments you hear regarding the Villa Chanticleer. Call Tom at 707-481-9169 or Bob at 707-953-7242.



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

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 <u>Yountville</u> 40 & 8 Christmas Party 7 pm
9 Yountville Christmas Party 12 Noon	10 Past Presidents Christmas Card Party Noon	11 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	12	13 Christmas Party Santa 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Potluck	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 Annex	29
30	31					

January 2013

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 6pm, Windsor	9 Fallens Memorial Dixon 2pm SVNC	10 Post/Unit Meeting 7pm	11	12
13	14 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	15 Newsletter Input Due	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Bingo at Yountville 10am	24	25 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Bingo following Annex	26
27	28	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
1st 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 a 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

A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



Remembering...

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

Ben McCutchan, Army, WWII, 8 year member

George 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

Our Holiday Party at the Yountville Veterans Home will be on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012.

If you would like to make snacks or bake cookies (no nuts) or want more information, we will be planning what we are doing at the December 5th board meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00pm. Please attend.

Our own Sotoyome American Legion Family Christmas Party will be Thursday evening, December 13th. 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.

Following dinner we will have our annual raffle in support of the Pathway Home at Yountville. Pathway is a men's residential recovery program dedicated to helping war fighters learn to deal with the effects of combat stress or other stress reactions related to their military service. The Pathway Home depends on contributions like ours to survive.

Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner



George and Helen Sager enjoying dinner. Congratulations and thank you to **Nancy Evers** and **Ken Sandoval** for a very successful inaugural dinner for the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion. The unit and squadron split \$413 from the dinner and the dessert donations raised \$53 for both the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the SAL Children's Welfare Fund. The bar generated \$146 for the VA&R Fund. 81 meals were served.

POT LUCK AND BINGO at the Villa Annex!

Friday, December, 28, 2012

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.

Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.

Guests are welcome!

25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!

Notes from 1st Vice Linda

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR AUXILIARY can PAY!!! The Auxiliary membership is at 112 so we are almost 74% of our goal. Thank you to all that sent in their membership renewals. For those that were received from October 2 thru November 1, you were eligible to "win" a \$5 Starbucks gift card. The four lucky winners were **Constance Gren, Gloria Moore, Laurie Brazil, and Linda Clary**. If you know anyone who is eligible for a JUNIOR membership, Linda Karnstedt will cover the cost for the next 10 NEW junior memberships so see her or any of the board members for a membership application. 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 each meeting.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



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

Four unit members have recently been sent "Get Well" or "Thinking of You" cards.

I have also made several phone calls to shut-in members. The Flu season is here so get a flu shot if you haven't already.

Please let me know if you know someone who needs a cheer-up. My phone number is 707-838-4935.

WE HONOR THOSE



WHO SERVE



Welcome to the Sotoyome American Legion Family

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

SOTOYOME POST 111

Jane Bell, Army, Panama
 Ron Dillow, Army, Viet Nam
 Donald Hiedorn, Army, Korea
 Stephen Landwehr, Army, Viet Nam
 Frank Ortega, Army, Viet Nam
 Joseph Wouters, Navy, Viet Nam

Transfers from Post 1000

Ian Guay
 Jack Martin
 Clifford Reid

SAL SQUADRON 111

Steven Heidorn

ALR Chapter 111

Bill Bothe
 Steven Heidorn

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.

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.

Searching For HAM Operators

Since its inception in May, 2011, The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) has grown steadily to nearly a thousand members. The Club was established in May, 2011 by Resolution 11 to encourage participation in amateur radio licensing and emergency communications. Many club members across the country are participating in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) working with their local emergency management officials.

Any Legionnaire, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who holds a valid FCC Amateur Radio License of any class is eligible for free membership in TALARC. Information is available on the club's website: www.legion.org/hamradio.

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.

Lap Blankets for Yountville

Anne M. Thomas, a 3 year member of Sotoyome Unit 111 and 27 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, likes to knit, crochet and sew. Her latest project was 18 lap blankets for the California Veterans Home, Yountville.

Anne has knitted beanies and makes blankets for Project Linus, national organization that provide new, hand-made, washable blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18.



Anne M. Thomas presenting 18 lapblankets to Sotoyome Unit 111 President Nancy Evers.

Anne is an example of how you can support our Veterans and the programs of the Auxiliary. She continues to honor the service of her late husband Tom, a WWII Navy Veteran. Thank you Anne. Thanks also to Bettie Crandall, who recruited her.

Anne could use yarn, fabric or batting. Please contact Nancy (473-8124) or Rose (838-7068) if you are able to help Anne.



Sotoyome Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander

As many of you know, I have been working with the Cloverdale American Legion Post 293 to organize and charter a Son's of the American Legion Squadron in Cloverdale. I'm currently in the process of trying to recruit new members for that squadron.



I have also been working on the "Wreaths Across America" committee to present a "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the Cloverdale Cemetery. The Cloverdale Riverside Cemetery is one of two cemeteries in Sonoma County that will be participating in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 15, 2012 at 9am. We are expecting the American Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard to escort the wreaths to the cemetery. All are welcomed to attend.

Last year, the ceremony was held for the first time at the Cloverdale Cemetery. At that time, there were 25 known veterans buried in the cemetery. Since that time, several citizens have stepped forward and confirmed family members buried at the cemetery were veterans. There are now 32 known veterans buried in the cemetery. Wreaths will be placed on each veteran gravesite and at veteran memorial sites throughout the community.

Cloverdale's American Legion Post 293 and VFW Post 9268 are once again honored to sponsor this ceremony in Cloverdale. Wreaths will be shipped to Cloverdale at a cost of \$15 each. The cost of this program is paid by donations from individual wreath sponsors, corporate donors and volunteers.

If you are interested in supporting this program by sponsoring a wreath, please send your donation to:

Cloverdale American Legion
PO Box 535
Cloverdale, CA 95425

As a reminder, don't forget about our Christmas Party on December 13th at 6pm. The SAL is sponsoring this event.



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.



Our November meeting was held Tuesday, November 6th.

Ron reported he has tickets for this year's Post Crab Feed, Feb 2. This is always a sell out so get tickets now. Check with Frank T to volunteer. Setup in morning, crab feed is 4-7pm, Cleanup after. Price \$45

Treasurer Steve Bowne reported we have a balance of \$943.31. The State ALR is up-to-date on all back fees paid including delegate fees for the annual meeting (due regardless of attending) ALR Dues are 100% paid although there are a few members who owe for Legion and or SAL membership. One cannot be ALR unless one is Legion, Auxiliary or Sons.

The Traveling Wall was escorted into Sonoma on Wednesday Nov 7. According to Gary there are 56 Sonoma County names on the wall.

We also provided an escort for the Korean War Pilots Symposium Escort Friday Nov 9. We escorted Top Brass arriving for Symposium from Novato Park n Ride to the Petaluma River Sheraton

The Petaluma Veterans Parade on Nov 11th, was viewed by over 30,000 spectators.

MIAP will have an escort of a Veteran was postponed due to the weather. Ron reported there have been changes at SVNC to ensure all Vets brought in under MIAP will be honored at the quarterly service regardless of Family living or not. Next service is in January 2013.

Other rides mentioned in the newsletter input included

-- RKA Food Run Windsor to Sonoma Raceway is Saturday Nov 17.

-- GWTA (Milkman) Marines Toys for Tots Toy Run, Sunday Nov 18. Santa Rosa Armory to Sonoma Chevrolet

--Cloverdale Lions Toy Run mentioned but date unconfirmed
-- Wreaths Across America is Dec 15 in both Sonoma and Cloverdale.



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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!



You have **FOUR** assignments
for the Christmas Party:



1. Plan on bringing your young children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
2. Call Tom and Nancy at 473-8124 with a count so that we have enough stockings. Please bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your young guests.
3. Attend our annual Christmas Party.
4. Everyone please bring a hot side dish and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people.

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party
at 6 pm, Thursday, December 8th,

The regular Christmas program will start at 7pm, including our traditional Christmas dinner. The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening.

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WAR-TIME VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS
DEDICATED TO A STRONG NATIONAL SECURITY,
COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR VETERANS AND
THEIR FAMILIES; COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND
THE WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR
NATION'S YOUTH.

**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US
TODAY!**