



# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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## 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%	79.6%	95.4%	100%	98.4%

Our American Legion Family continues to set the pace for the District. A big part of our success has been how well we work together as a team. One example. When Nancy sprained her knee, Warren stepped in and took care of preparing the turkey and ham for the Christmas dinner.

## Santa's Visit and Dinner



Santa made his annual visit at our Christmas Party. Here Teagan Dixon is getting his present from Santa.

Christmas stockings were provided by the SAL Squadron. Dinner followed Santa and nearly 100 people enjoyed a great Christmas dinner.

The Auxiliary raffle followed dinner and raised nearly \$300 for Pathway Home, Yountville.

## Past Presidents Parley Christmas Party

Canasta is the name of the game for the Past Presidents Parley of Sotoyome Unit 111. President Nancy hosted their annual Christmas party.

There are four past presidents who routinely participate

each month. They are Thelma Frey, Bettie Crandall, Rose Sandoval and Past and current President Nancy.

4 equals 1 table so the presidents have invited others to join them. Under Nancy and Roses leadership the group has grown from 2 to 4 tables. Hosting rotates among the members.



Pictured here are Jackie Richey, Dorothy Burgess, Marge Bernard, Bettie Crandall, Rose Sandoval, Ken Sandoval, Art Frey, Ruth Gardner, Betty Stubbs, Evelyn Scherrer, Thelma Frey, Judy Chaves and Nancy Evers. Marie Canale was absent when the picture was taken. Commander Tom has also been known to join them.

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## Working Together!



**In Service To Veterans!**



## From the Top

Tom Grimes, Post Commander

### Welcome Post 1000 Members

In early December we mailed invitations for 50 Post 1000 members residing in the area. So far three have transferred to the Post. Welcome. We hope you become active members of Sotoyome Post 111. Additionally, we have added the other Post 1000 members who live in Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor to our newsletter mailing list. You are invited to attend our meetings and activities. Come and check us out.

Another calendar year has come to an end. We are truly a "pacesetter" American Legion Family. Our membership is rapidly reaching 100% across the board. As of today the Unit needs 31 renewals to reach 100% and the Squadron is down 2. The post is up 25 over last year and the chapter is even. Great job everyone.

Our Honors Team and the American Legion Riders are doing a great job in representing our American Legion Family. Both are being called upon weekly.

I recently had the honor of participating in the service for Serio "Si" Giometti, a 68 year member of Sotoyome Post 111. I had gotten to know Si the past couple of years. For the past several months we had coffee together monthly at Grove Street Senior Living. He was proud of his Army Air Corps service during WWII and loved the American Legion dances.

Missing from our Christmas Party was a majority of the Legion Riders, along with a majority of the Marine members. The Marines were in Occidental, enjoying their own Marine Corps League Christmas Party. The Legion Riders were on a mission welcoming SFC Larry Graham, a member of the Post 111, home from Afghanistan.

ALR VP Mitch Laing forwarded the following message:

Dear Mitch...

Oh wow... I am not even sure where to start ... Larry and I were so touched by everything you all put together. THANK YOU for the warm welcome. We were both in tears in the car while riding behind all the motorcycles. I appreciate everything you all did. It was an AWESOME way of saying thank you to our soldiers.

Thank you again. I appreciate you all.

Larry and Brigitte Graham

## Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, Unit President

At our Christmas party I had of pleasure to introduce Genevieve Evers, our newest junior member of The American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Sotoyome Post 111 members Darren

(US. Army) and Sheila (US Air Force) Evers. She is granddaughter of Unit President Nancy Evers. She is also the granddaughter of Luis A. Rosado, a U.S. Navy veteran and the great granddaughter of our Al (US Navy) and Bernice Jennings and her paternal great-grandfather Stephen Velazquez, US Army. The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary is in her blood.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our American Legion Family Christmas Party a success. A special thanks to Warren Luke, who stepped up and prepared the turkey and ham for the dinner after I injured my knee. It is a pleasure watching the Post, Unit, Squadron and Chapter working together.

### A Note from Unit Treasurer Melanie Taylor:

I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our annual Christmas fundraiser. The Unit raised \$298.00 at the Christmas dinner held December 13<sup>th</sup> for the Pathway Home PTSD Unit at Yountville Veterans Home. Our Executive committee met briefly after the dinner and agreed to put an additional \$202.00 in to bring the total up to \$500.00. A call will be placed to the Pathway Home to ascertain what items they may need for the residents there and they will be delivered for Christmas.

Again, thank you all very much.



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 District Meeting Benicia
20	21	22	23 Bingo at Yountville 10am	24	25 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Bingo following (Annex)	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	2 Crab Feed
3	4 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	12 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	13	14 Post/Unit Mtg 7pm 4 Chaplains Memorial	15 Newsletter Input Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 Honors Team 7pm Annex	22 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Bingo following Annex	23
24	25	26	27 Bingo Yountville 10am	28		



### 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



### Welcome to the Sotoyome American Legion Family

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

#### SOTOYOME POST 111

Ralph Angelesco, US Navy, Vietnam

#### Transfers into Sotoyome Post 111

Keith Fogel	George Dondero
Doug Boaz	Philip Chiminello
William Bohte	Jacqueline Nelson

#### SOTOYOME UNIT 111

Sharon McMicking Genevieve Evers

#### SAL SQUADRON 111

Tyler Miner

#### ALR Chapter 111

Ron "Campy" Dillow

### Notes from Unit 1st Vice Linda

**CALLING ALL NEW JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS.** The Auxiliary membership is now at 118, almost 77% of our goal of 152. Thank you all that have sent in your renewal and to our new members for 2012 (see page 5), 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. Also if you know anyone who may be interested in joining our auxiliary, invite them to a meeting and they can see what a great group we are. And hey, all you Legion men, you know that the women in your lives are probably eligible to belong to the auxiliary too. Remember your membership entitles you to a number of discounts and services – the list can be found on the auxiliary website [http://www.calegionaux.org/membership/membership\\_benefits.pdf#zoom=75%](http://www.calegionaux.org/membership/membership_benefits.pdf#zoom=75%) A sheet showing the discounts and services will be available at each meeting.

### Remembering...

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

**Serio Giometti., Army Air Corps, WWII, 68 year member**  
**Edward Broderick, US Marine Corps, Vietnam, 2 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 Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander



As the holiday season ends, I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. This last month, I have been busy trying to recruit members for the new SAL squadron in Cloverdale and I was busy as a committee member for the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the Cloverdale Riverside

Cemetery. I know the work would be more involved and time consuming but hopefully some day we can bring the Wreaths Across America program to Healdsburg. I think it is important that we honor and remember those veterans who are no longer amongst us. The Wreaths Across America program also strives to teach our youth about the sacrifices made by all veterans to preserve the freedom we enjoy today.

On another note, those of you who have not paid your dues, please remember to get that taken care of as soon as possible. We are close to making our membership goal of 100%.

## Warren and Santa



**Was Santa caught off guard?**



## 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.**

As we close out 2012 year, ALR's membership has grown to 30 and we have caught up on our State dues so as of now we are current. This time of the year is about toy runs and trying to stay ahead of the cold wet weather and we do not attempt to schedule to many events.

Napa Post 113 has been trying to form a local ALR chapter for a number of years but in the Counties of Napa and Solano ONLY one motorcycle group is allowed to form and therefore it doesn't look like we will see a fellow chapter from that area.

Most active this month has been MIAP (Missing in America Program) with one escort to Dixon and are currently working on 350 death certificates. At this point we know of seven that will be moved to Dixon with one being a WWI veteran that has been sitting on the shelf for 62 yrs. I could not have done this without the help of Steve Bowne (Treasurer ALR) and Dave Meyers (A Marine not with the Post and I have tried very hard to get him in) who helped me fill out the request for a Death Certificate on every one before I can get copies.

After the first of the year we will start planning our next event to honor one of our Sonoma County fallen which should be in May and this will be our 4th event.

That's all for now, have a happy NEW Year and a safe one.

## POT LUCK AND GAMES

**at the Villa Annex!**

**Friday, January 25, 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.

Guests are welcome!

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

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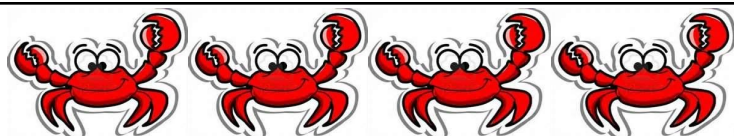
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in need, please call Commander Tom  
Grimes at 707-481-9169 or Service Officer  
Stan Shusda at (707)838-4593



## 2013 Annual Crab Feed

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Serving fresh crab, salad and garlic bread  
Beer and Wine

**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

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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!**