



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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

2013 Membership Score Card

<u>Post 111</u>	<u>Unit 111</u>	<u>SAL 111</u>	<u>ALR 111</u>	<u>Family</u>
119.1%	80.0%	95.4%	100%	104.2%
+53	-30	-2	Even	+21

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who renewed prior to December 31st. The Post received a 2013 100% ribbon at the December District meeting. We are the first post to reach this milestone this year in the 5th District. The banner is on the post flag.



We are welcoming 23 more transfers into the American Legion family from Post 1000. We have made a effort to contact every member of Post 111 who did not renew the past couple of years and we have reached out and invited Active Duty military members and men and women of our Guard and Reserve Forces to become members.

The Sotoyome American Legion Family is alive, vibrant and growing. Thanks to you.

Yountville Bingo Crew



For over 40 years members of the Sotoyome American Legion Family have been traveling to the Veterans Home in Yountville to lead a bingo game in the Hospital Recreation Center. Here is the current crew (minus Commander Tom) standing in front of the tree donated by Nancy Evers in memory of Auxiliary members Bernice Jennings and Mildred Gallerado. Pictures (L to R) Rose Sandoval, Jackie and David Richey, Judy Chevez, Eddy Sauers, Helen Sager and President Nancy Evers. So far this year they have traveled 4390 miles and contributed 200 hours. They distributed \$1372 VA&R funds to 403 players, served 41 dozen donuts and gallons of coffee.

The Yountville Bingo Team is a great example of the Sotoyome American Legion Family working together to serve the Veterans, spouses and widows residing at the California Veterans Home.

There is always room for more volunteers and there is a need closer to home. We have veterans residing in local care facilities who could use a visit. For the past year Commander Tom has been having coffee each month with the men residing in the Grove Street Senior Living Memory Care unit.

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From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

We have focused on the 2013 renewal effort and it has paid off big time for Sotoyome Post 111. We lead the 5th District and Area 1 at this point. That is something to be proud of.

Now we need to focus on our programs. If there is one challenge that we have, it's that we have too few people trying to do too many different things. There are great American Legion programs that we are not doing and there are programs that we are not doing well because we don't have the necessary volunteers.

To learn more about the American Legion consider taking the American Legion Online Extension Course at <https://www.legion.org/alei>. The cost is \$4.95 and if you complete the course the post will reimburse you. Become a proponent of one of the American Legion programs and champion it within the post.

The Crab Feed is nearly here. Frank and Carol Teuschler are doing a fantastic job this year and it is another sell out.

The American Legion Birthday Dinner is next month. Join us as we honor our past Commanders and Presidents and celebrate the 94th anniversary of the American Legion. See below.

Keep reaching out to Veterans and invite them and their families to join the Sotoyome American Legion Family.



Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Congratulations to the Post for exceeding their membership goal for 2013. The unit is getting close thanks to the efforts of 1st Vice Linda and our Treasurer Melanie. Please take care of your 2013 dues if you haven't.

Got fabric or yarn? We have unit members who are making blankets and caps for our active troops and Veterans. They need your help. If you have extra yarn, fabric or bunting material, please call Nancy at 473-8124 or Rose at 838-7068 or just bring it to a meeting.

Time is going by fast. By the time those that this newsletter by mail the Crab Feed will be history and planning is underway for our annual American Legion Birthday celebration on Saturday, March 9th.

The year is rapidly moving along. At the January meeting we worked on prepping the poppies for the Memorial Day Wreaths.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.

I hope everyone has had their flu shots so that you don't get hit with the "nasty" bug. In early January I sent out five get well cards to unit members with various ailments.

Please let your 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.



The Sotoyome American Legion FamilyPost 111, Unit 111, Squadron 111 and Chapter 111

American Legion Birthday Dinner

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Villa Chanticleer

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner

Join our Past Commanders and Past Presidents in celebrating
The American Legion's 94th Anniversary and the 93th Anniversary of Sotoyome Post and Unit 111
3rd Anniversary of Squadron 111 and Chapter 111

Enjoy a marinated Tri-Tip Dinner with all the fixings.

\$5 for Paid up Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion who have paid your 2013 dues.

\$15 for Guests and members who have not renewed for 2013.

RSVP to Bob Taylor with the number of members and guests attending.

Call 707-894-0857 or Email: sotoyome111@aol.com

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
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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

Greg Nelson, US Air force, Vietnam
Anthony Fass, US Army, War on Terrorism

Transfers into Sotoyome Post 111

Cody Andrade	James Bailey	Edward Baker
Burton Barnes	Philip Chiminello	Gerald Christenhusz
Daniel Conway	Don Corzine	Richard DeMaria
Jerry Evans	Paul Goodley	Kenneth Marshall
Bruce Meinberger	John Pender	John Reinero
Arthur Magill	Mario Lucchesi	

Notes from Unit 1st Vice Linda

CALLING ALL NEW JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS. The Auxiliary membership is now at 122, a whopping 80%. Thanks to all that have sent in your renewal. I know we have some new junior members in the works so remember the next 10 NEW junior members will be paid for by Linda Karnstedt. 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 [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE SERVICES OR DISCOUNTS](#). 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.

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 Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander



This month Adjutant is writing this column.

In a couple of months it will be time for the Squadron to elect new officers. The current officers are listed on page 4. We need volunteers who are willing to step up into leadership roles within the Squadron.

President Al continues to work with the post in Cloverdale to create a Squadron there. We knew this was coming when he joined Sotoyome Squadron 111.

At this point the Squadron is down two members from a year ago. Please consider renewing if you have not. Also be looking for potential members who are the male descendants of an American Legion member or a deceased Veteran who was eligible for Legion membership by serving during one of the eligible periods. Let me know if you need applications. I will also send out an update with a application.



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride

4th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES at the Villa Annex!

Friday, February 22, 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!



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.**

The American Legion Riders now has a new meeting location for it's monthly meetings. We will start meeting at Mary's Pizza in Windsor at 9010 Brooks Road South on the Tuesday before the regular monthly meeting of the Legion at 6:00 PM or 1800 hrs for those who like 24 hr time.

At the present time we have \$797.31 in our bank balance and have paid ALL dues to the state assoc. for 2013. All back dues have been resolved and our chapter is current.

We started discussion on our next annual ride for our fallen from Sonoma County and at this point, Patrick O'Day who was the first KIA from Sonoma County to fall in the Iraq war was chosen and will be confirmed by Doug with the family before we move forward. We also selected May 18, 2013 as the date for the ride and BBQ and will again ask Warren to be the head cook.

We had another MIAP escort on Jan 9th which went well except we got a little wet on the way back but as our Commander has said, we are a tough bunch of bikers and we all made it just fine. We escort a Veteran from the Navy who served from 1948 until 1957 and no known relatives. We also attended the "HONORS OUR FALLEN HEROES" on the same day as we also had 2 of our MIAP's folks that were give their final services.

Remember, we serve all that wish to ride regardless of Chapter or Squadron and have a 650cc or larger motorcycle that enjoy riding.

Lets all have a safe new year.



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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.....

Sotoyome Post 111 continues to lead the 5th District and Area 1, which includes the six district of Northern California. The secret to our success is asking: asking people to join, asking members to renew their membership, asking past members to rejoin, and asking Post 1000 members to transfer to our post. We have been successful in all of these efforts.

Now it is time to look at the programs that we are providing and not providing. There are many things that we could be doing. Just look at your latest issue of the monthly magazine. The problem is people or the lack of people. Our active members can not take on additional duties. It is not fair to them and their families.

We need people to step forward and champion programs, such as Veterans in the classroom and the Oratorical Program for high school age youth in Healdsburg, Windsor and Geyserville. These are just two examples. Call Commander Tom for additional information (707-481-9169).

Our 4th Friday social night is growing. You can join in the bingo game or start a new game. The potluck starts at 6pm. See the ad on page 5.

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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!