



# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2013

Post 111, Squadron 111 and Legion Riders Chapter 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448  
Unit 111, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

## 100% Membership Across The Board!

### 2013 Membership Score Card

Post 111	Unit 111	SAL 111	ALR 111	Family
121.6%	100%	100%	100%	112%

Congratulations to the entire Sotoyome American Legion Family for a very success Membership campaign. We continue to set records. As of Thursday, February 14, 2013, the post continues to lead the 5th District (Lake, Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Solano Counties) and Area 1 (Northern California).

We will celebrate our success at our Birthday Party on Saturday, March 9th. Be sure to RSVP to Bob Taylor with the number of members and guests attending. His phone number and email is listed on the back page.

Would you like to participate in the FFA Parade on the evening of Thursday, March 23, 2013? We are looking for 50 members and friends of the American Legion Family to carry the 50 state flags. There will be practice sessions before the parade. Please email [sotoyome111@aol.com](mailto:sotoyome111@aol.com) with "FFA Parade" in the subject line or call Commander Tom at 707-481-9169. We need to know rather quickly if we have enough participants.

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### Successful 2013 Crab Feed



Early reports indicate that we had a very successful 2013 Crab Feed under the leadership of **Frank and Carol Teuschler**. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves again this year as they consumed 2500 pounds of crab and over 12 gallons of sauce. A big "Thank You" goes to those who stepped up to help make the evening the success it was.

### Poppy Wreath Makers at Work



President Nancy hosted a group of Unit 111 members to put together poppy wreaths that will be used for Memorial Day and throughout the year. The poppies are made by Veterans living at the California Veteran Homes. Let Nancy know if you would like to participate in future work sessions.



### From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

On Sunday, February 3rd, I had the honor of presenting a Blue State Banner to Phyllis and Brian Maurer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Healdsburg.



Their son Evan is one of our newest members.

We would like to present the Blue Star Banners to other Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor families with sons or daughters on active duty. You can call or email Commander Tom.

At the February board meeting it was decided that the post would stop furnishing official American Legion hats to new members. As our bar revenue continues to drop and our expenses continue to rise we need to take a closer look at how we spend our money.

We will be hosting the 5th District Meeting on Saturday, March 23rd. Post and Unit leadership from Lake, Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Solano Counties will gather at the Villa. Our very own Ron Collier, President of the Sotoyome American Legion Chapter 111, will be making a presentation on the Missing In America Program.

Doors open at 9am and the meetings will start at 10am. There is a lunch break and the meetings are usually over by 3pm. Please call Commander



### Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Congratulations ladies, there is a good chance that by the time you receive this newsletter we will have reached our goal of 152 members. Thank you to Linda and Melanie and everyone else who helped.

Our annual birthday party is coming up on March 9th. See the back page. The cost is \$5 if your dues are paid up but \$15 if they are not. You can pay your dues at the dinner! See you there!

Don't forget to check for unused fabric and yarn. We still have ladies making lap blankets for Yountville. You can bring it to the meeting or call Nancy or Rose. Phone numbers are on page 4.

### Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



During the past month I have sent these cards: congratulations to Bud Simmons and his new bride Phyllis who were married in New Zealand; a "Welcome Home" from Afghanistan card to Jessamyn Sobecki-Eagle, a former Unit member; and Sympathy cards to Edie Pressey (Unit 21) and Wenonah Angier Fifth District Secretary. Both lost their husbands. I have also made phone calls to several members who have been ill or had surgery to check on their well being.

I'm sure there must be some who have the flu or have had it, but I haven't been told of anyone. Please let your me know when you become aware of someone who needs a card. My phone number is 707-838-4035.

### From the Top Continued

Tom or email if you plan on attending. There will be coffee and pastries before the meeting and lunch will be served. The cost is normally around \$10.00.

I could use raffle prizes. As the 2nd Vice Commander for the district I conduct the raffle, which is one of their only fundraisers. Call me at 707-481-9169 if you can donate a prize or you can bring it to the March meeting on the 14th.

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FREEDOM HAS A FLAVOR  
THAT THE PROTECTED  
WILL NEVER KNOW!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Commanders &amp; Presidents Dinner</b> 6 pm Cocktails 7 pm Dinner
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Past Presidents Card Party Noon	<b>12</b> ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Post/Unit Mtg 7pm	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Input Due</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Honors Team 7pm Annex	<b>22</b> Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following Annex	<b>23</b> District Meeting 10am - 3pm Annex
<b>24</b> <hr/> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## April 2013

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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

Hazel Kirk-Brumley USAF Lebanon/Grenada  
James Stickney USMC VN  
Evan Maurer USMC-Active Duty

#### Transfers into Sotoyome Post 111

Henry Cornelissen USA Korea  
William Philips USN VN  
Charles Kilgore USA VN  
John Erla USN VN

#### Sotoyome Unit 111

Marge Pardini  
Nieves Fernandez  
Sharon McMicking

### 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



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all SAL members who helped out at our annual crab feed on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I think everyone did a good job and helped make the event a great success.

As many of you know, I have been working on organizing a new squadron in Cloverdale. At this time, I have recruited seven new members and have three to go to make the necessary 10 to form the new squadron. I am hoping to have everything submitted by the end of March. I am hoping to have the squadron chartered by July 1.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended a SAL leadership training session in Rio Linda, Ca. In attendance were the California SAL Detachment Commander; Mark Smith, Senior Vice-Commander; Chris Affolter, Detachment Adjunct; Ned Fox and Area 1 Commander; Wayne Bean. This training session was a great resource in materials and contacts to help with the formation of the new squadron.

Once again, Thank you to all who participated in the crab feed. I would like to make a special mention of one of our younger SAL members, Cassius Zapalski for being a hard worker with a great attitude. Cassius has been at most of our events and has been a great helper...Thank You Cassius.



## 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, March 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.

At our February 12, 2013 meeting the following items were discussed:

- Missing in America Program (MIAP). Progress with everything moving along.
- Started talking about the upcoming election of officers. No action was taken.
- ALR Convention which will be held in Sutter, CA, April 12-14. We have 3 delegate positions that are paid for. We have two people interested in attending. If you are interested in attending please let us know. Attendees are responsible for their transportation, room and meals.
- We discussed the need for a Safety Officer. At this time we will not appoint one.
- The FFA Parade was discussed and no one volunteered to march in the Parade and carry a State Flag.
- The upcoming Prune Packers BBQ on May 4, 2013, was discussed.

Planning continues on our annual ride dedicated to the fallen from Sonoma County. This year's event will be held on May 18, 2013 and will be dedicated to Patrick O'Day, who was the first fallen from Sonoma County. We will again start at Bad Ass Coffee Shop at Old Redwood Hwy and Mark West Springs Road at 9am. The ride will leave the Coffee Shop at 9:30am and the ride will be 2 to 2 1/2 hours and will end at the Villa picnic grounds for a BBQ. Patrick's bother and friends will be riding from 29 Palms to attend the event.

On Saturday, February 16th 11 of us had a 116 mile ride to the coast for lunch. We could not have picked a better day. There was no traffic, 60 degree weather and ocean was flat. In March Road Captain Mark is planning another ride to Cash Creek, Hwy 16, for lunch. This will be a 225 mile ride.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2013, Until next time - keep the wheels upright.



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## The Back Page.....

***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 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 93<sup>th</sup> An-  
niversary 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](mailto:sotoyome111@aol.com)

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TODAY!**