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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>
100+%	100%	100%	100%	100+%

Congratulations, you did it! 100% across the board! Our American Legion Family can be very proud of this accomplishment. There are only 46 American Legion Families like ours in the Department of California. We are the first to achieve 100% across the board.

The Post leads the district with 123.38% and is 2nd among the 7 districts that makes up Area 1 (Northern California).

Continuous Membership

50 Years Continuous Membership
Eugene G. Domenchelli

60 Years Continuous Membership
George Bianchi
Samuel L. Wattles

Thank you for your service and your membership in Sotoyome Post 111.

Eugene now lives in El Dorado Hills, CA.
George is in Bandon, OR and **Samuel** lives in Carson City, NV.

Certificates and pins have been mailed to these members.

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One of Our Own Needs Help!



Allan Losh is a member of Sotoyome Post 111, a reserve fire fighter here in Healdsburg, a combat veteran, a husband and a father of a baby girl named Sierra Rose.

Today he is in the fight of his life, battling a rare form of aggressive stomach cancer.

On a website Allan's sister Whitney has written "I never knew what it felt to like have a truly broken heart until this Valentine's Day.

It was the day we learned that my brother, Allen, has cancer. Just one week before my heart had grown so much larger and stronger with the birth of Allen and Laura's first child, Sierra Rose Losh."

Please keep the Losh family in your prayers. You can send a contribution for the family to either the Post or the Unit (addresses above in the mast-head). The unit is also collecting baby clothes for Sierra Rose.



Mighty Fifth District Meeting

We hosted the district meeting on Saturday, March 23rd. 2nd Vice Commander Warren was unable to prepare the lunch and President Nancy stepped in and assembled a crew to provide coffee and donuts in the morning and a wonderful lunch. The great crew included ALR President Ron Collier, SAL Commander Al Delsid, Rose and Ken Sandoval, Mary Southall, Bettie Crandall, Judy Chavez, Jackie Richey, Eddy Sauers and Shannon Peterson.

Roy Caporale and Frank Jerins staffed the bar at lunchtime. Bob Taylor set up the meeting rooms in the Villa Friday night, with help from the Commander and Ken. Nancy, Rose, Mary and Bettie prepared the annex.

Thank you everyone for a job well done.



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

It is the middle of March as I write this and it has already been a busy months for the Post and our American Legion Family.

ily.

There are 46 American Legion communities in the Department of California with all four parts of the American Legion Family. Only a handful of these can match our accomplishments.

However, we still have much to do. If you read your Legionnaire Magazine and the Department of California you know that there are many programs that we do not participation in. We need individuals to champion these programs, to step forward and take the leadership in things such programs as the annual Oratorical competitions or Veterans in School.

Commander Tom is looking for a small team to help put together a community ceremony to honor military Chaplains next year. Army chaplain, Capt. Emil J. Kapaun, will be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, April 11, for his actions leading up to his capture as a prisoner of war in North Korea.

Our bar income has been declining. In February we had two bars. One was our own crab feed and the other was a fraternal organization. We are looking at monthly dinners as a way to replace the bar income. We need volunteers willing to help plan these events.

On Saturday, May 4th we will be hosting a bbq for the Healdsburg Prune Packers. The cost will be \$25 per person. Full details will be in the May newsletter. Mark your calendars.



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



Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Sure signs of Spring includes blossoms and the reminder from Past President Bettie Crandall that our annual reports are due in April. "I'd like to remind everyone who does volunteer work to re-

port your hours and dollars spent early to help make our reports more complete" Bettie does a great job pulling together all the information about what we do.

The Sotoyome American Legion Family Hosted the 5th District on Saturday, March 23rd. We had visitors from the five counties that make up the district. Thank you to everyone who helped.

As you saw on Page 1, we have reached 100% membership for 2013. This represents a combination of members who renewed and new members Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, including special thanks to Melanie and Linda.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2013 it's not too late to send a check for \$21.00 for adult members and \$3.50 for junior members. You can send your dues payment to PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

Annual Birthday Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual birthday celebration a success this year. Just over 100 people, or 20% of our American Legion Family attended. At least two Legion members and one Auxiliary member joined at the dinner.

Second Vice Commander Warren Luke lead the kitchen crew and Marie Canale, standing in for 2nd Vice President Gail, lead the decorating crew.

A special Thank You to Cassius Zapalski. He is a member of Squadron 111 and a 5th grader at St. Eugene's Cathedral School in Santa Rosa. He helped setup, serve and cleanup.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped decorate the room and service the wonderful meal and then return all of the table decorates, flags and other ceremonial material to the Annex.

You are an awesome team! We are proud of you.

Tom and Nancy

Past President Mary Southall is preparing to move to Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has the material for four blankets: one Air Force, one Marine, one Navy and one Saturday Evening Post cover with a Marine, Sailor and Soldier. Her cell phone number is 707-332-6948. The price is the cost of materials plus a donation of at least \$50 to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 111 Scholarship Fund.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



The latest cards sent were sympathy for a sister-in-law who died and get well for Rose and Nancy, both had sinus problems. Soon it will be allergy time. Then I'll probably have more to report.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	2	3	4	5 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	6
7	8 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm	9 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	10	11 Post/Unit 7 pm	12	13
14	15 NEWSLETTER INPUT DUE	16	17	18 Honors Team 7pm Annex	19	20
21 Spring Fling Yountville 11:30am	22	23	24 Yountville Bingo <u>10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	25	26 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following	27
28	29	30				

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Legion Capital <u>Day</u> EDD Job Fair Santa Rosa	2	3 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	4 Prune Packers BBQ Annex <u>5-8pm</u> Area 1 Mtg Linda Post 807 Olivehurst
5 Area 1 Mtg Linda Post 807 Olivehurst	6 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	7	8	9 Post/Unit/SAL Meeting 7pm	10	11 Oakmount cleanup 7:30am Breakfast At Annex 8:30am Cemetery
12	13 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	14 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	15	16	17	18 Patrick O'Day Memorial Ride
19 Boy and Girl State Luncheons	20	21	22 Yountville Bingo <u>10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	23 FFA Parade	24 Sotoyome Bingo 6 pm dinner Bingo following	25
26 Flags Out 8am	27 Memorial Day <u>Programs</u> Opening Day Prune Packers vs SR Rose Buds 2-5pm Rec Park	28 Flags Pick Up 8am	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

Flag Dedication Ceremony



Members of the Sotoyome American Legion Family gathered at the Windsor Mobile Country Club park to dedicate new flags and a flag pole. The color guard included Linda Clary, Eddy Sauers, Cassius Zapalski, Frank Zak

and Craig Williams. Craig is a member of Post 111 and Quartermaster for Windsor-Healdsburg VFW Post 768 and held the VFW Flag. 1st Vice Commander Ken Sandoval and Unit President Nancy Evers presented to new US and MIA/POW flags to members Bettie Crandall and Manual Lownes. Bettie and Manual are country club residents and they raised the new flags. Commander Tom presided and Stan Shusda played Colors. Thank you to Stan for taking the lead to organize the ceremony and thank you to Ed Knudsen for inviting us and for hosting coffee and cookies after the ceremony.



Consolidated Report Time

The Post, Unit and Squadron will each be submitting their report to the National Office in May. These will be combined into the Annual Report to Congress. Let us know that you have done since April 1st last year. Have you helped a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran? If you have questions call:

Unit: Bettie Crandall at 707-838-4035

Post and Squadron: Tom Grimes at 707-481-9169

Remembering...



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

Leroy Danhausen, USAF, Korea

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 say Thank You for a job well done at the Commanders Dinner on Saturday, March 9th. Everyone did a great job and it was especially nice to see that several SAL members were working

the serving line. As usual, Warren did a great job heading up the kitchen staff and cooking a great tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings. Thank you to all.

June 14th will be quickly approaching and we will need to begin preparations for our annual flag retirement ceremony at the Windsor Fire Department. As many of you have already heard, we can no longer burn nylon flags during the retirement ceremony. We still need to decide how we can retire the nylon flags in a way that meets the new law and satisfies the flag code requirements.

It's time to step forward and volunteer for one of the leadership positions for the Squadron. We need your help to keep our charter and to continue providing support to the Sotoyome American Legion Family.

Call or email our adjutant if you are willing to service. Call 707-481-9169 or email him at coachtom.grimes@gmail.com.



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 meeting was called to order by President Collier at 6PM with 16 Riders present and all stood for the pledge to the flag.

Officers reports were given with MIAP being the longest one as President Collier reported the transfer of all veterans will take place on the 20th of May and should be a very large event with over 30 veterans to the National Cemetery at Dixon. Their should be a very large turn out of motorcycles and public members as we our starting the event at Santa Rosa Memorial Park on Franklin Ave at 10 AM.

The National Cemetery will be waiting our arrival and will have a full military funeral service with all branches represented. This will be a first every event for Dixon and it is hopeful that the Governor will be in attendants for this very special event.

At this point in time I have 4 - WW I, 13 - WW II, 2 - Vietnam and others including one dependent wife. In the group their are 15 Army, 9 Navy, 2 - USMC and 1 - USAAF.

Other business included:

1. Election of Officers was discussed and Mark Exter has agreed to become the President.
2. A discussion about the March ride and where it was going. About 10 riders rode for lunch and rode on Hwy 128, Hwy 16 and returned via Hwy 20, 53, 29, 175 and have been told it was a great ride.
3. Our main event for the year was discussed and we our progressing with everything including posters. This event is scheduled to occur on May 18, 2013 in honor for Lance Cpl Patrick T O'Day.
4. Two members will be attending the ALR Convention in Sutter Creek which is held on April 12 thru the 15.
5. Also discussed was a ride to the Clearlake American Legion for a Breakfast in the near future.



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, April 26, 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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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.....

Prune Packer Baseball...

Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser to support the team, Saturday, May 4th. 5-8pm. Mark your calendar and watch the May Newsletter for full details.

The high school and college baseball teams are playing. The Giant's and the Athletics' are in Arizona Spring training. Soon Healdsburg's boys of summer, the Prune Packers will take the field at Recreation Park for their second season. Visit their website at <http://www.prunepackers.org/> for a complete schedule. Their first home game is on Memorial Day, May 27th from 2pm to 5pm. They will be hosting the Santa Rosa Rose Bud's. Come out and enjoy baseball at Recreation Park.

May Events: May is rapidly approaching and is a busy month for us, focused around Memorial Day. A schedule will be in the next issue of this newsletter. We are moving the cemetery cleanup to a Saturday and will have a break-fast before starting the work.

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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!