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THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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Visit our new Website at <http://www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org/>

Memorial Week Schedule

This is a busy time for the Healdsburg American Legion Family. We are looking for help with our Memorial Day Program, getting Oak Mound Cemetery ready for placement of flags, placing of flags Memorial Day morning, and the day after Memorial Day removing of the flags. Your help is needed, contact us if you can spare some time to help us with this annual tribute to those who have served our country;

Sat, May 11 7:30am	Breakfast at Annex prior to Cleanup
8:30am	Oak Mound Cemetery.
Thu, May 23 -	FFA Parade
Sun, May 26 - 8am	Flags out at Oak Mound
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day Programs
10am	Oak Mound Cemetery
11am	Geyserville Cemetery
12noon	Windsor Cemetery
Tue, May 28 - 8am	Pick up flags at Oak Mound

Poppy Wreaths

The Auxiliary has been making Memorial Day Poppy Wreaths for the three ceremonies. They are asking for help. Call Tom & Nancy (481-6169) if you are interested in joining the effort.

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Healdsburg American Legion
Sotoyome Post 111

&

Healdsburg Prune Packers



Healdsburg American Legion
Sotoyome Post 111

Is Sponsoring a

Home Run Tri-Tip Dinner

Sat. May 4th from 5-8 pm

At the Villa Annex - \$35 donation

(1248 North Fitch Mountain Road in Healdsburg - 433-1771 for more info)

Healdsburg American Legion is preparing a wonderful dinner with proceeds going to the 2nd year of the Healdsburg Prune Packer Baseball Team that has been re-created here in Healdsburg with its home games being played at Art McCaffrey Field at Rec. Park which is home of the Clarence Ruonavaara Grandstands, the original home of the Prune Packers. The grandstands are also celebrating their 90th birthday.

We hope to see you there for great food, raffles prizes, and the rebirth of a Healdsburg tradition.



Prune Packers 1951

Healdsburg
Prune Packers
2013

A Return to Glory



Prune Packers 1958

Flame Vine Classics, Car Show

On June 30, 2013 Empire Boat and RV Storage will be host to the 1st Annual Flame Vine Classics Car Show. With the help of Healdsburg Customs and Impala Car Club we will be raising funds for the American Legion to help offset costs for the Healdsburg Fireworks.

Live music, food, vendors and 100+ classic cars will be on site. The event runs from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Have a car you want to show off? A business you want to promote? Vendor Booths are still available.

Entry fee for guests is \$5.00. On-site security will be provided that day to protect your stored items.

A flier will be posted on the website as soon as it is available. If you do not have internet access wire you can contact Tom at 481-9169.



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

As the Legion year winds down, it is time to look at nominations for new officers. The first round of nominations took place at the April membership meeting. Our May meeting will be the second (and final) round of nominations, followed by election of our new slate of officers. PLEASE plan on attending this meeting on May 9th to be a part of determining the new Executive Committee and Board Members. We will have the installation of new officers at the June meeting on June 13th.

Our newsletter does a great job covering on what is happening locally. Our webmaster, Dick Bugarske, has created a new webpage for the Sotoyome American Legion Family. The link is in the masthead and at the bottom of the back page. Check it out and bookmark it.

To remain fully informed, please visit the Department of California and the National websites (just type "American Legion" into your browser). One thing coming up in June (26-30) is the Department Convention in Palm Spring. If you have never attended one of these and would like to, contact the Post 111 Adjutant or a member of the Board. You can get a flavor of how the organization works at levels beyond the post.

There are a number of activities coming up for which we can use some of your help. You can show your support for the Memorial Day ceremonies at Oak Mound Cemetery, Geyserville Cemetery, and Shiloh Cemetery in Windsor with your attendance. We also have lots of room for help on July 3, 4 and 5, when we set up for the 4th of July fireworks, and break down afterwards. Some meals are included. We had a great turnout last year. Let's have even more this year. Keep an eye on upcoming events in this newsletter.



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride



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



Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

The crew making Poppy Wreaths for Memorial Day and other memorials is making progress. A Big Thank You to everyone who has been helping. It is no longer just a women's project. We have had men join us. Call Nancy if you would like to help made the beautiful poppy wreaths. She has been hosting lunch and a work session every couple of weeks. Call her at 473-8124 if you would like to assist.

We want to bring the Poppy Days back, with Unit members educating the public about the poppies. We will invite other American Legion Family members to join us during May. The challenge will be finding businesses or property managers would give permission to distribute poppies. We can also look at other service organizations and churches. Let's get creative.

A thank you also to those who have submitted their reports. It looks like we have 100% of the reports submitted.

The Girls State Luncheon is May 19th at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. This is a ticket event. If you plan on attending you will need to get a ticket from Thelma Frey (707-546-7791).

Got yarn or fabric lying around that you want to find a new home for? We have a few that knit & crochet and make lap robes & scarves for our Veterans at Yountville. So if you or your friends have yarn or fabric that you would like to part with, you can call me at 473-8124 or Rose Sandoval at 838-7068 or you are welcome to bring it to a meeting.

Vet Connect are now taking donations of household items of bedding, towels, kitchen items and miscellaneous furniture. No mattresses can be accepted. All items are used to help our Veterans as they get into housing. You can call John McGivney at 707-570-9201 to arrange for pickup of your items.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Four get well cards and one thinking of you card sent in the last month.

I'm very proud to be a member of the Sotoyome American Legion Family. Our American Legion family is the first the District and the state to reach 100% across the board (Post, Unit and Squadron) and having an American Legion Riders Chapter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Legion Capital Day EDD Job Fair Santa Rosa	2	3 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	4 Prune Packers BBQ Annex 5-8pm Area 1 Mtg Linda Post 807 Olivehurst
5 40 & 8 <u>Flea Market</u> 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 Mother's Day	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 Veterans Bldg Santa Rosa	20	21	22 Yountville Bingo 10am 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	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 — 5th District Twin Cities Post 313, Larkspur
2	3 Post/Unit Board Meetings 7pm	4	5	6	7 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	8
9 40 & 8 Flea Market	10 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	11 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	12	13 Post/Unit 7pm	14	15 Newsletter Input Due
16 Fathers Day Gin Fizz Breakfast	17	18	19 Yountville Bingo 10am	20 Honors Team 7pm Annex	21 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	22
23 30 Convention Palm Springs	24	25	26 Convention <u>Palm Springs</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	27 Convention Palm Springs	28 Convention Palm Springs	29 Convention Palm Springs



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

An Important Reminder.... Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Make your plans now to honor your favorite mothers. While our mothers may no longer be with us, there are lots and lots of mothers out there who have no one... Adopt a mother this year and make her day!

Wear Your Poppy with Pride...

Sotoyome Unit 111 send out poppies to every member of the Sotoyome American Legion Family. Wear your poppies with pride and support the unit by sending them a contribution.

The unit uses the profits of the poppy sale to support the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. With so many military members returning home with physical and mental disabilities the need for donations received during the Poppy Campaign are more important than ever. Don't forget our veterans in hospitals, homes, and communities. We need to let the public, as well as our members know what we do with the money collected during the Poppy distribution.



Wear your poppy with pride during the month of May and especially on Memorial Day, May 27th.

Did you know that our very own Melanie Taylor is the National Poppy Chairperson for the American Legion Auxiliary? We are proud of Melanie's work at the National level.



Sotoyome Squadron 111, Sons of the American Legion

And the

Firemen of the Windsor Fire Protection District

Presents their

3rd Annual Community Flag Retirement Ceremony

6:30pm, Friday, June 14, 2013

Windsor Fire Station #2, 8600 Windsor Road, Windsor

Across from the Windsor High School

For more information contact:

Tom Grimes at (707)481-9169 or email at coachtom.grimes@gmail.com

Remembering...



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

Americo (Pico) Barrella, Army WWII, former 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



We met on Thursday, April 11th for the first round of nominations for Squadron leadership positions. We will meet again on Thursday, May 9th, at 6pm for a second round of nominations and the election. This is your opportunity to step into a leadership position. Experience is not necessary. We have

great mentors.



A big thank you to Stan Shusda, a member of both the Post and the Squadron for taking the lead to have a pin made to recognize members who participate in flag retirement ceremonies.

There are several service opportunities coming up.

On May 11th we will have a cleanup at Oak Mound Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. We will meet for breakfast at the Annex 7:30am to 8:30am and then move to the cemetery. Bring tools and gloves. RSVP for breakfast at 707-481-9169.

The American Legion Riders annual Memorial Run is Saturday, May 20th. We can help with the bbq. Be at the Villa picnic grounds at 11am. We should be done by 3pm.

Our Flag Day Ceremony is Friday Evening, June 14th. See the notice on page 4.

Help will be need for our annual fireworks show. This year the week will kick off with the starting 1st Annual Flame Vine Classics Car Show on June 30th, and for the fireworks show. Setup will be Wednesday, 3rd, Thursday morning and evening. Cleanup will be Friday morning day. This is one of our major projects for the year and many hands makes the work easier. There will se some meals included.



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 held at Mary's in Windsor on April 9, 2013 and was called to order by President Collier.

Fourteen ALR riders were in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 6PM and officer report were given. A ride was being planned to attend the monthly breakfast at Clearlake AL but was cancelled as they were not having a breakfast this month.

MIAP was discussed and a training will happen for Road Guards before the May 20 event.

Most time was spend on the Patrick T O'Day ride which will be the 18th of May with riders meeting at Bad Ass Coffee at Old Redwood Hwy and River Rd., Larkfield and with cost \$20.00 per rider, \$10.00 per passenger and \$10.00 for just the BBQ. Riders will depart at 0930 for a 2 1/2 to 3 hr ride and arrive at the Villa around 1230 hrs. BBQ by Warren Luke and lots of door prizes that Warren and others have gotten, 50/50 raffle with funds raised to be given to the SEMPER FI FUND.

Doug Newton and Steve Bowne will attend the ALR convention in Sutter Creek CA this weekend with a report to follow.

And lastly, we will be talking about changing or redoing our ALR web site with the AL's web master. You can view the Chapter website at www.legionriders111healdsburgca.org

Meeting adjourned at 1900 hrs until the meeting which is May 7, 2013 at Mary's Pizza Shack in Windsor.

4th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES at the Villa Annex! Friday, May 24, 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.

Join the Fun! Guests are welcome!

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

Patrick O'Day Ride BBQ Lunch

12:30pm, Saturday, May 18, 2013

Villa Picnic Grounds

Join the Legion Riders at the end of their ride and enjoy a BBQ dinner prepared by Warren Luke and Crew.

\$10 per person.



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

The Back Page.....

Mark Your Calendar/Invite a Father

Father's Day Gin Fizz Breakfast



Sunday, June 16th.

Invite a prospective member. They Eat Free!

7:30am to 11:00pm

Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00 (6-12)

Ladies, you are more than welcome to join us.

Allen Losh Family Cancer Fund Climb Over Cancer Event



Join Allen's Support Staff for a fun afternoon of BBQ, beer,
wine, and plenty of good laughs!

Saturday May 18, 2013, 4 to 7 p.m. Bear Republic Brewery,
Healdsburg Tickets are \$30 each and includes dinner and
two drinks.

For Event Information please go to <http://climbingovercancer.eventbrite.com>

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