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# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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## Poppies at City Hall



Unit President Nancy Evers and our newest Junior member Gabrielle Peterson, a 6th grader at Healdsburg Middle School, distributed poppies at the May 6th City Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Jim Wood presented the Unit with a Proclamation naming May "Poppy Month" in Healdsburg.

We got off to a late start this year. President Nancy has a plan for a much more visible Poppy Month next May with Proclamations from both the City of Healdsburg and the Town of Windsor. There were limited distribution points this year, including one market, a restaurant, a coffee shop and a church. All four worked with the poppies being very well received. Next year we will start earlier and identify more locations.

## Cemetery Cleanup

On Saturday, May 11th, the Sotoyome American Legion Family and members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church joined forces to clean Oak Mound Cemetery. The day started at the Annex with a breakfast prepared by Carol and Frank Teuschler. Then it was to the cemetery, where a crew of 24 spread out to clean the graves of our veterans.



On June 30, 2013 Empire Boat and RV Storage will host to the 1st Annual Flame Vine Classics Car Show. With the help of Healdsburg Customs and Impala Car Club they 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

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## From the Top

### Tom Grimes, Commander

This has been a busy month with several major events, starting with hosting the fundraising dinner for the Healdsburg

Prune Packers on May 4th. George Sager and his crew did an excellent job preparing the meal. The team raised nearly \$2,000 that evening.

Our cemetery cleanup was moved from a weekday evening to Saturday, May 11th. Article on page 1.

On May 18th the Legion Riders held their annual ride. Warren Luke and crew put together a wonderful bbq. Then on May 19th we hosted our Boy's State contingent and their parents at a district luncheon.

The Missing in America event was held on Monday, May 20th. See the article on page 7.

Monday evening, May 20th, Harold Bagdonas and I had the honor of awarding the Post scholarships at Healdsburg High School. See the picture on page 5. This was Harold's rookie year as Boys State/Scholarship chair and he did an excellent job.

Once again the Sotoyome American Legion Family lead off the annual Future Farmers Parade. The color guard included post, auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion riders. Frank Teuschler build a beautiful trailer to display our 50 state flags. Beautiful job Frank.



The Memorial Day weekend was busy, with the flags out Sunday morning, the three ceremonies on Monday and the flags picked up Tuesday evening. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The 2012-13 program year is coming to an end. The 2013-14 leadership team will be installed Thursday evening, June 13, 2013. Please join us at 7pm at the Annex for the ceremony and a light meal afterward. There will be very few changes in leadership so we should have a smooth transition.

Don't forget the Flag Day Ceremony on Friday, June 14th and the Fathers Day Gin Fizz Breakfast on May 16th.

Thank you for a great year! I look forward to an even more successful year in 2013-14.



## Auxiliary Happenings

### Nancy Evers, President

Our 2012-13 year is winding down but the transition to 2013-14 will be nearly seamless as the most of the leadership team remains in place.

I want to thank those who came to our poppy sessions. This year we added a wreath for the Sons of The American Legion. I hosted several sessions at my home and we had the men helping, including Commander Tom, Stan Shusda, Art Frey and Al Delsid. The wreaths looked beautiful at each of the ceremonies on Memorial Day.

We started May with a proclamation from the Healdsburg City Council and that was followed by the "We Remember" Poppy cookie created by Costeaux French Bakery. They sold the cookies for \$3.50 with \$2.00 going to the unit for the Pathway Home fund. The next step was to find places to distribute poppies. Bettie Crandall went to Pohley's Market and KC's Downtown Grill in Windsor. Melanie Taylor went to Costeaux French Bakery and Tom and I went to the Bean Affair Coffee Shop in Healdsburg. We also distributed poppies at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All together we raised \$250.00

**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.



A get well card was sent to Rose Sandoval, who is recovering from major surgery on May 8th. She will be slowed down for awhile and everyone is wishing her a speedy recovery.

I was able to reconnect with Christine Coon who moved from Cloverdale back to Windsor after her husband passed away last year. A poppy donation gave is her current address and we have been able have a nice telephone chat and I hope to visit her soon.

I have also made phone call to a couple of members who have not been feeling well.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Fireworks Setup	<b>4</b> Fireworks Show Sunset	<b>5</b> Fireworks <u>Take down</u> 40 & 8 Meeting	<b>6</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			





### Sotoyome American Legion Family 2013-2014 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	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	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	Eddy Sauers	838-9429
Secretary	Marie Canale	431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Bettie Crandall	838-4035
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chavez	894-4636
Marshall		
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	Matt Foreman	894-5603
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Al Delsid	894-5603
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
Sgt at Arms	Mark Archambault	292-6746
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
Jr. Past President	Gary Greenough	837-8384

## Poppy Cookies

Melanie Taylor contacted Will Seppi at Costeaux French Bakery and asked if he would consider making Poppy Cookies during the month of May. May is national poppy month and we honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



The sugar cookies are frosted white with the red American Legion Auxiliary Poppy on them and written in blue is "We Remember". Costeaux sold the cookies for \$3.50 with \$2.00 going to Sotoyome Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary who will in turn donate 100% of the proceeds to The Pathway Home at the Yountville Veterans' Home. These veterans suffering from PTSD need our help.

So, if you get this newsletter before May 31st stop by Costeaux Bakery at 417 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg (707) 433-1913 and purchase these delicious poppy cookies.

Thank you Melanie for taking this idea and running with it. We are very proud to have you part of the Sotoyome American Legion Family.

## 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](mailto:coachtom.grimes@gmail.com)**

## Remembering...



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

**Phil Rice, US Navy, WWII**

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.

## Pictures from around the Sotoyome American Legion Family



Chapter 111 members Doug Newton (left) and Steve Bowne (center) at the 2013 American Legion Rider Convention in Sutter Creek



Members of Cub Scout Pack 21, chartered to Sotoyome Post 111, preparing to lead the honors team to the Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Mount Cemetery. They also marched in FFA Parade.



President Nancy delivering a poppy to post member John Reyes.



Jim Ambrosi in the FFA Parade.



Bob Taylor and Grant Noah fold the flag that had been covering the 35 small boxes of the cremations on the table. Each box was covered with a flag.



Christina Basurto, recipient of the Brent Gibson Vocational Scholarship and Kenneth Evans, recipient of the Sotoyome Post 111 Scholarship with Commander Tom. Christina also received the Sotoyome American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, which was presented by Mary Southall



Sotoyome American Legion Family Color Guard preparing to lead off the 2013 Future Farmers Parade.

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### 1st Annual Flame Vine Classics Car Show

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.



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THAT THE PROTECTED  
WILL NEVER KNOW!**



## Sotoyome Son's Update

Al Delsid, Squadron Commander



May has been a busy month for all branches of the Sotoyome Post 111 American Legion Family and as we near the end this fiscal year and prepare to change the leadership in July, we look forward to the new challenges and events of the upcoming year.

This month will complete my 2-year tenure as commander of our SAL Squadron. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be part of the American Legion Family and especially the Sotoyome Post 111 family. As many of you know, I will be making a transfer to the Cloverdale American Legion Post and the newly formed SAL Squadron 293 in Cloverdale.

I look forward to the challenge of organizing the new Squadron and reaching out to have the Cloverdale and Healdsburg Squadrons work together toward a common goal. I will continue to participate and offer my services to the Sotoyome American Legion Family whenever possible. I cannot express how much I appreciate the support and kindness all of you have given me and I thank you all for that. I have made many friends in this post and I plan to continue showing up at meetings and events to maintain that friendship. Please don't scratch me off the mailing list.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Matt Foreman for stepping up and accepting the position of Commander of the Squadron for the upcoming year. I offer my assistance and look forward to working side by side with the Sotoyome American Legion Family

### 3th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES

at Tom and Nancy's,

1342 Pinon Dr, Healdsburg 481-9169

Friday, June 21, 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!



## 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

The following was written by Commander Tom:

On Monday, May 20, 2013, the months of work that Ron Collier put into the Missing In America Project paid off. Over 120 motorcycles assembled at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park, also with politicians, Veterans, a large contingent from the Sotoyome American Legion Family. During a short ceremony the cremations of 35 veterans and two spouses were transferred to the custody of Ron, servicing as the Sonoma County Veterans Remains Recovery Officer. With police and Highway Patrol escort, the motorcade de-



parted for the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, where these veterans, including six from World War I, received their final honors. This Christmas they will have a flag and a Christmas wreath on their graves for the first time. Some have been waiting for over 50 years to be laid to rest among their comrades.

This event came about because Ron brought the MIAP to the post board and the board endorsed his efforts and encouraged Sonoma County to adopt the program and appoint Ron to his volunteer position.

Please keep Ron in your prayers as his father continues to decline. Ron is not a Veteran, rather he is a Son of an American Legion member.

Chapter website at [www.legionriders111healdsburgca.org](http://www.legionriders111healdsburgca.org)



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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.....

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.

## 100% District!

The Sotoyome American Legion Family congratulates District Commander Jack Schipper (Post 28, Petaluma), his district officers and the other Posts of the District for reaching 100% Membership Renewal. This is a major accomplishment. As of May 15, 2013, only 5 of the 30 districts of the Department of California has reached this goal.

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