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2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
75.6%	64.8%	75.4%	72.8%

Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their 2014 dues. Let's reach 100% across the board by the November Pasta Dinner! As of the time this Newsletter went to press, 72.2% of our total membership had renewed. In numbers reported in last months newsletter were incorrect.



Early Bird

To help promote 100% renewals by December 31, 2013 we have turned the November Pasta Dinner into an "Early Bird Dinner" celebrating and honoring those who have paid their 2014 dues by (or at) the Dinner on Thursday, November 14th. This is our way of saying "thank you" for paying your 2014 dues early. You can pay your dues that night.

A big thank you to Bob and Melanie Taylor, Tom Grimes and Linda Karnstedt for all their work in getting our membership renewals in. Bob has focused on the Post. Linda and Melanie are working the Unit membership. Tom is handling the Squadron Membership.

Are your 2014 dues paid? Help us reach 100%

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**SANTA IS
COMING!**



Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party at 6 pm, Thursday, December 12th, Bring your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Call Tom and Nancy at 481-9169 with a count so that we have enough stockings. You also need to bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your young guest.

The regular Christmas program will start at 7pm, including our traditional Christmas dinner. We will be serving Turkey and Ham. Everyone please bring a hot dish and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people.

The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening.

Santa Claus Brought to you by
The Sons of The American Legion

Are you a blood donor?

There is an American Legion Blood Donor Program. Keep track of your donations and let us know at the end of the program year. Each of our programs can report the number of donors and volume of blood donated.





From the Top
 Tom Grimes, Commander

As this newsletter goes to press we are waiting for the City of Healdsburg to finish reviewing the two Requests for Proposal and make a decision who will be managing the Villa Chanticleer complex. Both are organizations we can work with.

There has been a second form of compliments. Members, especially Auxiliary members, are recruiting for the Sotoyome American Legion Family. We are helping each other succeed.

The last three months of the year are busy ones. The annual Youth Recognition Night was held in the Villa due to the classes being held in the Annex. The Polenta and Beef Stew Dinner, Friday, October 20th, is over.

November includes the Sunrise Rotary Veterans Breakfast on Wednesday, November 6th. Our Early Bird Pasta Dinner will be Thursday, November 10th.

The Veterans Day Program will be at 11am on Monday, November 11th. This year the ceremony will be held in Windsor at the Admiral Sparks Pavilion on the Town Green.

We should be proud of our accomplishments and proud of those in our American Legion Family that make our programs successful. It is rare for someone to say no when I ask for help. When it does I understand and know that there is a good reason. We all need to pull together and make sure that no one person is doing too much. That is what leads to burnout in any organization.

I'm very proud to be associated with all of you.



Auxiliary Happenings
 Nancy Evers, President

The Youth Recognition Dinner went well. We had two of our Girl State delegates present (picture on page 6). Thank you Harold.

Linda and Melanie continue to go a great job with the 2014 renewal. 103+ of our members have renewed. That is 64.8% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who already sent in their dues. We are hoping to see you at the Pasta Dinner on Thursday, November 8th. This is our early bird dinner, thanking everyone who has paid their 2014 dues. You can pay that night! You are welcome even if you have not paid. There will be a donation bucket.

We need people to help setup, serve and cleanup after the Rotary breakfast on Wednesday, November 6th. They are honoring our Veterans and we would like to keep them out of the kitchen that morning. SAL squadron members will be joining us. This year we want to fill the annex with Veterans. Call me if you can help.

The Christmas Party is December 12th. See the note on the front page. Santa will arrive at 6pm and the Christmas program will start at 7pm. We will be serving our traditional Christmas dinner. It will be a combination of turkey and ham with the wonderful potluck dishes that we look forward to. Everyone please bring a hot dish and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people.

The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening. Raffle prizes are still needed. You can bring them that night. The funds raised by the raffle go to the Pathway Home at Yountville as part of our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program.



Remembering...

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

Glenn A Dow, Army Air Corps, WWII

Please let your Chaplain know when you become aware of the death or illness of one of our Legion family members.

Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Since my last report I have two "Think of You" card and one Get Well card. I'm also happy to report that Ruth Gardner has a made a good recovery from her fall. She and Dorothy Burgess hosted our September Past Presidents Card Party. Annabel Kubicka is home from the hospital and doing about the same. They have a new phone number: 827-5145

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	2
3 Windsor Banner Program Ceremony 1 pm	4 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	5	6 Rotary B-fast Honoring Veterans 7am - 8:30am	7	8	9 VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony Windsor Fire, Station 2
10	11 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	12 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	13	14 Early Bird Dinner 7pm	15 Newsletter Input Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 6:30pm Honors Team Practice Annex	22 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following Nancy & Tom's	23 District Meetings Healdsburg
24	25	26	27 Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	10 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	11	12 Christmas Party 6pm Santa 7pm Dinner	13	14 40 & 8 Christmas Party
15	16 Newsletter Input Due	17	18	19 6:30pm Honors Team Practice Annex	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27- Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	28
29	30	31				



**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	Jerry Jaramillo	239-1811
Judge Advocate	Doug Newton	217-6309
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay	695-0345
Asst Sgt at Arms	Tony Grado	527-8233
Service Officer	Chris Bingham	565-5960
Historian	Frank Jerins	
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
Jr Shooting Prog	Daryle D. Smith	415-203-7447

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 st Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Warren Luke	332-3843
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	Mitch Laing	975-1541
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	Ron Collier	239-6703



Town of Windsor

Windsor Hometown Heroes

Military Banner Ceremony

Please join us as we honor men and women
of our community who are currently serving our country
in the United States Armed Forces

Sunday, November 3, 2013

1300 (1 pm) to 1400 (2 pm) at the Huerta Gymnasium
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 200
Windsor, CA

Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, October 31, 2013
to the Town of Windsor by phone at 707.838.5382
or email at jmitchell@townofwindsor.com

Got Yarn and Fabric?

Thank you to **Judy and Marilyn Wagner** for a large donation of fabric and yarn. **Steve Piotter** helped pull the donation together. In addition to 14 bags of yarn and fabric, they donated a knitting machine. Does anyone have any experience with a Toyota Knitting Machine.

Tom and Nancy's neighbor, **Laura Berringer** also donated three bags of fabric.

Someone brought two large boxes of yarn. We have forgotten who that was. Please call Tom or Nancy (707-481-9169) and refresh our memory.

All this fabric and yarn will be turned into lap quilts and blankets for the residents at Yountville.



Sotoyome Son's Update

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

At this time, our squadron at 75.4% on our 2014 membership renewals. Please get your dues in if you haven't paid. Each of you have received a renewal notice. If you have questions on the dues please call Adjutant tom Grimes at 707-481-9169.

The Detachment (State) has set a membership goal of 14,000 for this program year. Our quota is 61 members. This is a stretch but we can do it. Right now we have 9 members who have not renewed. If they all renew we will be at 55 members, 6 short of our goal. Blank membership forms have been sent out with the 2014 membership cards. You all know potential SAL members.

Thank you to everyone who turned out and helped make the polenta dinner a success. President Nancy also thanks you. The Auxiliary knows that they can depend upon the Squadron!

We can't forget the Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11th at 11am at the Admiral Sparks Pavilion on the Windsor Town Green.

Our Christmas Party is December 12th at 6pm. This is a very popular and fun event. Hope to see you all there.



Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders Chapter 111 held their first meeting after the unexpected change in leadership and Mitch Laing has stepped up as President.

ALR riders continue to be out in public, at events and Show The Colors several times monthly

During the meeting upcoming rides and events were discussed including an MIAP Escort to Dixon and Escort of The Traveling Wall to Petaluma.

Both events held Wednesday Oct 9 were well attended and riders participating in the MIAP Escort were able to meet and escort the AVTT Vehicle to Petaluma Elks Lodge where nearly 50 bikes, vehicles and jeeps were staged ready to escort the procession to Lucchesi Park where The Wall was on Display thru Sunday Oct 13.

Discussed at the meeting was putting together a monthly ride option and on Oct 12 Four ALR riders and a spouse did the new monthly ride, this one from Bad Ass Coffee to Ukiah where the group visited the grave of Sgt Jason Buzard, KIA 21 June 2006, The Post 111 M.E.T team escorted Jason home to his family shortly after he was killed. He left behind a wife and two children. While paying respects to this local hero, a USA stick flag along with a signed ALR group photo indicating "we remember" was left at the grave site. We hope to visit additional graves and memorials on future rides, leaving behind similar mementos to carry on the tradition of "Never Forget" & "You Are Not Forgotten".

Saturday Oct 19 a gathering was held at Penngrove Park open to all Riders, Parents, Active Military, Veterans, Supports and others. This was attended by 5 or 6 ALR riders as well as others from Post 111 and AmVets 40. ALRs Gary Greenough had the KISS Tribute Bike on display and over \$200 was collected to donate to Wounded Warriors Project.

November 4 another MIAP escort to Dixon will take place for additional Veterans who were placed on the Shelf and never Honored. They will receive Full Honors and finally have a final resting place at SVNC Dixon.

Veterans Day November 11 ALR will participate in the annual and growing Veterans Day Parade in Petaluma.

American Legion Riders is open to members of the Legion Family and their Spouses who ride a motorcycle 350cc or higher. ALR Chapter 111 is open to all Riders in District 5 or nearby regardless of which Post they belong to. ALR Meets at Marys Pizza Windsor on the Tuesday prior to Post 111 monthly meeting at 1800hrs (6pm). The next meeting is Tuesday Nov 12 followed by Tuesday Dec 10.

4th Friday POT LUCK AND GAMES

At 1342 Pinon Drive (Tom and Nancy's)

Friday, November 22, 2013

Dinner at 6:00 pm,
followed by games, including Bingo.
Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.
Join the Fun! Guests are welcome!
Bingo: 25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!

Please RSVP at 707-481-9169

The Annex is not available on the 4th Friday of November

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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.....



Pasta Dinner
Thursday,
November 14, 2013



7:00pm at the Villa Annex

Dues paid - you eat Free
Paid Up for Life Members (PULF) will be at
the head of the line!
You can pay your dues that night and eat FREE

Cost for others is \$5.00



Help us celebrate a
successful 2014 membership
campaign



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