

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
HEALDSBURG- GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR



# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2013

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

### 2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
81.8%	73.0%	85.2%	79.7%

### Veterans Day 2014

At 10am, we conducted a small ceremony at the Memorial on the Plaza, we recognized three charter members of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 111 in 1935. Frank Meisner, Robert Harris and Larry Phillips were lost during WWII.



We then moved to Windsor. Where we thanked the veterans present and rendered honors. Bill Stiles and Linda Clary, our first father/daughter pair on the Honors Team, at the Veterans Day

Program on the Town Green in Windsor.



## 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

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### Men of Faith, Men of Honor

Commander Tom has been working on a program to honor the Four Chaplains and the 21 Chaplains who have been awarded the Medal of Honor. He is looking for volunteers to assist with planning and implementing the program. He is also looking for former military chaplains and ministers who are veterans living in the Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor area. This will be a community program held in one of our local churches.



### From the Top

#### Tom Grimes, Commander

Fall is always a busy time and this year has been no exception. Along with the usual activities this year we are working with the City of Healdsburg as they move toward placing the Villa complex under a private operator. We are waiting to hear if they have made a selection. There are two groups bidding and we feel that we can work with either one. I believe that we have an important role in helping preserving the Villa Chanticleer for future generations.

I continue to be impressed by how well the four pillars of the Sotoyome American Legion Family work together as a team. We help each other with events and support each other's program.

We all need to recruit for the other programs within the family. The National Headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary has developed a tri-fold brochure with membership applications for The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. Thank you Melanie for obtaining a supply for us.

I'm looking forward to our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th. Don't forget to call and let us know how many children are coming so that Santa will be ready (See Page 1).

On Saturday, November 23rd we hosted the District Meetings. Department Commander Joe Garcia and his wife Ester were surprise guests. E Paul Ball, Vice Commander for Area 1 and Janet Wilson, Vice Commander for Area 2 were also present. .

Thank you to everyone who assisted Warren Luke with the event. Warren prepared an excellent pork loin lunch.



### Auxiliary Happenings

#### Nancy Evers, President

Our Holiday Party at the Yountville Veterans Home will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013. If you would like to make snacks or bake cookies (no nuts) or want more information, we will be planning what we are doing at the December 5th board meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00pm. Please attend.

Our own Sotoyome American Legion Family Christmas Party will be Thursday evening, December 12th. Santa will be present from 6:00pm to 7:00pm (see Page 1) and the dinner will start at 7:00pm. Everyone please bring a hot side dish and a salad or a dessert to feed approximately 8 people. The post is providing the turkey's and hams and we are preparing.

Following dinner we will have our annual raffle in support of the Pathway Home at Yountville. Pathway is a residential recovery program dedicated to helping combat veterans overcome problem related to their military service. The Pathway Home depends on contributions like ours to survive.

On Saturday, November 23rd we held a memorial service of Ruth Gardner at the Annex following the district meeting. Past Presidents Bettie Crandall and Thelma Frey conducted the memorial service. Over 50 family members, friends and auxiliary members enjoyed a tea in her memory. Ruth will be missed, especially at our monthly card parties.

The crew included Rose Sandoval, Eddy Sauers, Marie Canale, Judy Chavez and Ron Collier, who helped with the transition from the district meeting lunch to the memorial service. Mary Southall, who moved to Santa Fe this past summer, showed up to help and honor Ruth. Commander Tom was also a big help with the event.



### Remembering...

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

**Doris Enos, Unit 111**  
**Ruth Gardner, Unit 111**  
**Charles Bacigaiupi, USN, 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.

### Chaplain's Corner

**Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.**



In November sympathy cards were sent to the family of Doris Enos who passed away in Mid-October and also to the family of Ruth Gardner, who will be missed at our card parties. Get well cards were sent to Virginia Hawley and to Linda Clary (both had pneumonia), also to Phyllis Johnson, who is recuperating after heart surgery.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 Yountville Christmas Party	9 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	10 Legion Riders 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 No Honors Team Practice	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27- Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	28
29	30	31				

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			1	2	3 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	4
5	6 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	7 Legion Riders Meeting 6pm, Windsor	8	9 Post/Unit/SAL Meeting 7pm	10	
12	13 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	14	15	16 6:30pm Honors Team Practice Annex (Confirm with George)	17	18
19	20	21	22 Yountville Bingo 10am United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	23	24 Sotoyome Bingo 6 pm dinner Bingo following	25 5th District Meeting Post 28 Petaluma
26	27	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 <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	Mark Exter	478-1975
Vice	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

### From the Unit 1st Vice President:

As of this writing, the unit is 70% to our membership goal. By the time you read this the November pasta dinner will be a distant memory and I hope all of you who attended "free" because your dues were paid enjoyed one of the benefits of membership - free food! Ok on a more serious note, if our unit reaches 100% of our goal before the end of the year, the unit is put in for a cash prize. I am sure we would find a worthy cause for the money. And to incentivize the rest of our membership "holdouts", one lucky member who renews between November 1 and December 31, 2013 will get their dues reimbursed. Winner of the \$10 prize for getting membership renewal in by November 1 is Evelyn Scherrer. Congratulations.

Membership in our American Legion Auxiliary means more than just supporting veterans and active-duty military. Remember there are many benefits and services we can personally take advantage of for things like travel, health and wellness, insurance, technology, and more. You bring untold value to the ALA and America's veterans through your service to our mission and now the ALA has greatly expanded the member benefits to you. Your membership now brings you access to a much wider array of discounts, products, and services.

It's easy! Go online at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) (go to Resources > Member Benefits), where you can learn about the expanded array of benefits for American Legion Auxiliary members and their family members through our partnership with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. and their associated companies, including the ability to receive and compare quotes from competing companies. You can either call TOLL-FREE 855-461-6500 or visit the ALA website <http://www.legion-aux.org/Resources/Member-Benefits/>. You can also join the Auxiliary Member Benefit Discount Program by registering online at <http://ala.memberdiscounts.co> (Registration Code: ALADiscounts).

So renew today to take advantage of the new services and discounts. You can mail your \$21 to Melanie Taylor is 457 Muscat Dr, Cloverdale CA, 95425 and please include your current mailing address and phone number for our roster.

Thank you. 1st Vice - Linda







## Sotoyome Son's Update

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

Squadron members Cassius Zalaski and Ya'shar-Sha Phat Smith at our first annual Veterans Day Program on the Town Green in Windsor.



## Sotoyome Post 111 Junior Sports Shooters

We are pleased to announce that the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is now part of the Sotoyome Post 111 family! Since early this summer, we have been busy putting the administrative infrastructure in place for a program that focuses on gun safety, marksmanship, and competition.

One of the goals for our Shooting Sports program is to help young people develop leadership, discipline, concentration, sportsmanship, self-reliance, individual esteem, and responsibility. We have recently submitted a grant application for \$50,000 to the NRA foundation that will provide the essential resources needed to get us started. We are now entering the recruitment phase of our program which is open to young boys and girls ages 8 -17. (Some 7-year olds may be considered based on level of maturity.)

For more information, you may contact Daryle D. Smith by phone at 415-203-7447 or by email at [juniorsportshooters111@gmail.com](mailto:juniorsportshooters111@gmail.com). Stay tuned each month for more details!

## POT LUCK AND GAMES at the Villa Annex! Friday, December, 28, 2012

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.  
Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert.  
Guests are welcome!

25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!



## Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

It's Fall but the opportunities to Ride and Show Our Colors remains High.

American Legion Riders participated in the Nov 4 MIAP Ride that escorted the cremains of 7 Veterans and 1 Spouse to Sac Valley National Cemetery in Dixon and Many ALR Members participated in the Many Veterans Day Ceremonies and Events including Honors in Windsor and the Petaluma Parade.

For our ALR November Ride we decided to participate in RKA-Luggage's Annual Ride to Sonoma Raceway that is a Food Drive for Needy. This ride collects and delivers canned goods and staples to be donated.

The Ride from Windsor to Sonoma Raceway (Sears Point) concluded with 3 Laps around the Track and followed by an optional Lunch.



On November 9th we responded to a last minute request to welcome Petty Officer Andres Contreras home.

The Sat Nov 16 ride was well attended and we had several in ALR Colors there.

Sunday Nov 24 we participated USMC Toys for Tots Ride from Santa Rosa Armory to Sonoma.,

Other rides coming up:

Sunday Dec 1 ALR will participate in the Annual Cloverdale Lions Toy Run/Ride with Santa and BBQ.

Saturday Dec 14 ALR can choose between Cloverdale or Sonoma for the Annual Wreaths Across America Escort and Ceremony.

American Legion Riders is open to Any Member of the Legion Family and Spouses who ride a 350cc bike or larger. We meet at 6pm Marys Pizza in Windsor, arrive early for Happy Hour Prices. The next meetings are Dec 10 2013, Jan 7 (1st Tues) and Feb 11 2014.

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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.....



## 2014 Annual Crab Feed Saturday, February 2, 2014

Serving fresh crab, salad and garlic bread  
No Host Cocktails

### ALL YOU CAN EAT

For \$50.00 Per Person  
No host bar opens at 3pm  
Serving from 4:00pm to 7:00pm  
Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg

Contact Frank or Carol Teuschler for tickets  
(707)431-2328 or any board member  
Frank cell: 707-695-2663

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