

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
HEALDSBURG- GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR



# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2014

Post 111, Squadron 111 and Legion Riders Chapter 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448  
Unit 111, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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

### 2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
86.9%	73.0%	85.2%	81.8%

### Wanted, Poppy Wreath Makers

Unit Poppy Chair Judy Chavez has announced a series of Poppy Wreath making sessions. No experience is needed - will teach the fundamentals.

The Wreaths are for the services at the three cemeteries on Memorial Day and for funerals. 12 wreaths are needed for the cemeteries alone. This year we want each part of the Sotoyome American Legion Family to lay a wreath at each cemetery.

Everyone is welcome to join the crew, regardless of what group you belong to. Each session will run from 12 Noon to 3pm. Bring a sack lunch, join the fun and stay as long as you can. Feb 15 at the Annex.

Feb 18 at Nancy's 1342 Pinon Drive Healdsburg

Mar 4 at Nancy's

Mar 22 at the Annex

Mar 31 at Nancy's

### Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

- No more renewal notices.
- No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, "Did I renew my membership?"
- Join the other 200,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, "I believe in The American Legion and what it's doing. I'm in this for the long haul."
- Avoid future dues increases.
- Lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine!

You can sign up for the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) online. American Legion members interested in the discounted Paid Up For Life program will be able to easily join online: [www.legion.org/join/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl). It just takes few minutes to join the 26 other members of Sotoyome Post 111 who are taking advantage of this great program.

Legionnaires who become a Paid Up For Life member will avoid any future increases to membership dues and will never have to pay annual dues or receive renewal notices. Other benefits include a lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine.

Once registered, members can either pay in full or pay in 12 monthly installments. Members may also print a personalized Paid Up For Life application from the web page and mail in their payment. Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year. After a member signs up, his or her respective department and post will be notified either electronically or by mail.

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**From the Top**  
Tom Grimes, Commander

We have focused on the 2014 renewal effort and we are rapidly approaching 100%. If you have not paid your 2014 dues please do so now.

Now we need to focus on our programs. If there is one challenge that we have, it's that we have too few people trying to do too many different things. There are great American Legion programs that we are not doing and there are programs that we are not doing well because we don't have the necessary volunteers.

To learn more about the American Legion consider taking the American Legion Online Extension Course at <https://www.legion.org/alei>. The cost is \$4.95 and if you complete the course the post will reimburse you. Become a proponent of one of the American Legion programs and champion it within the post.

The Crab Feed is nearly here. Frank and Carol Teuschler are doing a fantastic job this year.

The American Legion Birthday Dinner is next month. Join us as we honor our past Commanders and Presidents and celebrate the 95th anniversary of the American Legion. Keep reaching out to Veterans and invite them and their families to join the Sotoyome American Legion Family.



**Auxiliary Happenings**  
Nancy Evers, President

The unit is getting close thanks to the efforts of 1st Vice Linda and our Treasurer Melanie. Please take care of your 2014 dues if you haven't. See Linda's column on page 4 for more information on membership.

**Got fabric or batting?** We have unit members who are making blankets for Veterans. They need your help. If you have extra yarn, fabric or batting material, please call Nancy at 481-9169 or Rose at 838-7068 or just bring it to a meeting.

Interviews for Girls State have started. This year we will be doing interviews at the high schools in Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor. Additionally we are assisting William Russell Ledford Post 293, Cloverdale and Martin Slobodnik Post 338, Rohnert Park with interviews. They do not have Auxiliary units and are funding Girl State scholarships. Thank you Thelma Frey and those assisting with the interviews.

**\$8 Country Breakfast \$8**

SATURDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>

9am to Noon

Join us at the Villa Annex

Invite your neighbors and friends.

Non member Veterans are FREE

\$4.00 for children under age 12

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, BISQUITS & GRAVY, Orange Juice & Coffee

Support the programs of the Sotoyome Post 111, The American Legion

**Chaplain's Corner**

**Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.**

I hope everyone has had their flu shots so that you don't get hit with the "nasty" bug.



Since my last report (missed last month) cards were sent to Dorothy Burgess, Phyllis Johnson, who doing much better and even got permission to drive again, and to Ken and Rose Sandoval. Ken broke his wrist and Rose is manning his salon chair as well nursing Ken. I've also made phone calls to several members who are recovering from various ailments. Please let your me know when you become aware of the death or illness of one of our Legion family members. My phone number is 707-838-4035.

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### 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	Mitch Laing	975-1541
Vice	Ron Dillow	753-0575
Secretary	Doug Newton	217-6309
QM/Treasurer	Steve Bowne	578-4775
Sgt at Arms	Terry Perry	878-9790
Ride Captain	M. Archambault	292-6746
Chaplain	Ed Howell	292-8033
Jr. Past President	Gary Greenough	837-8384

## Note from Sotoyome Unit 111 1st Vice Linda

I am wishing a Happy New Year to all our past, present, and future auxiliary members. As of this writing, the unit is at 76% to our membership goal.

As you know one of the benefits of membership is free (or really low cost) meals. With our American Legion "Birthday" Dinner coming up on Saturday March 8, the cost will be \$15 for guests or members who have not renewed. The cost for members will only be \$5. If you do renew that night, the cost to you will be the \$21 for your dues and then \$5 for the meal. Wouldn't you rather only have to pay \$5 in March?? And how would you like to eat for free that night? If you are planning on attending the dinner and renew and have your money in to Melanie between now and February 20, I will randomly select 4 names and pay for your dinner. Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch!

Congratulations to Susan Sheber who "won" the November to December membership renewal incentive and had her dues reimbursed.

All right on the more professional side, the American Legion Auxiliary is a worthy organization that supports many programs for our veterans and active-duty military. Aside from the work we do specifically for veterans, another key area our unit supports is youth development by providing the means for young women to attend Girl's State. Our Auxiliary provides scholarships for selected girls to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship and love for God and country. Students are assigned to mock cities where, divided into the "Federalist Party" and "Nationalist Party," they are immersed into learning about our political process from dedicated volunteers, making sure the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic and civic objectives are carried out with intense learning along with some fun.

We recognize those selected young women at our October Meeting. One other program our unit supports is the "Americanism" essay contest at a local school. Thelma Frey chairs these two committees so if you want specific details of the selection process for either girls state or the essay contest or want to be part of the selection process please contact her. Thank you Thelma for all you do for our unit.

So remember to renew today to keep our auxiliary strong to allow us to play a part in supporting our youth as well as our veterans. 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**

## Remembering...



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

### John Bertozzi, WWII Air Corps

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

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

FROM POST SAL ADVISOR AND SQUADRON ADJUTANT TOM

Thank you the members who have joined over the past year and to the Squadron members who have renewed their membership for 2014. Currently all but two of our 2013 members have renewed and we added 14 new members. With 54 members we are at 88.5% of our membership goal. We need six new members to reach our 2014 membership goal of 61 members.

We have passed last year's membership. The goal set by the Detachment (state level) is part of an effort to reach 14,000 members in California this year. The latest report on the Detachment website is dated Dec 19, 2013 and showed the Detachment at 38.34%



### Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders met Tuesday Jan 7 at Marys Pizza in Windsor. We had another excellent turnout of riders. Reports were given on Missions and Events that Riders participated in and will be participating in. This is Showing The Colors where we are visible in our Vests.

Funeral Honors for Veterans, Welcome Homes for Active Duty Service Members, Dinners and Events for groups like Sonoma MOMS, American Legion, Service Organizations and Others.

Riders participated in Escort and Flag Honors for our own Post #111 Member John Bertozzi on Jan 21.

ALR VP Ron "Campy" Dillow rode to Lake County and participated in two services for veterans. It was on our one wet Saturday but he was there in full colors to honor these Vets, carrying the cremains of one vet on his bike into Hartley Cemetery for the service.

Legion Riders Chapter #111 is planning our annual Memorial Ride this year in Honor of US Army Cpl Joshua Kynoch. Josh was KIA Iraq October 1 2005. The Ride is open to all riders and the BBQ is open to all and will be at the BBQ Picnic Grounds at The Annex. Tentative date Saturday May 11, info to come next month.

MIAP Sonoma County will have one last larger escort from Santa Rosa Memorial Park to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon on Monday May 19, the Monday prior to Memorial Day. This will mark MIAP's and more directly Ron Collier's hard efforts to Locate, ID and Ensure our local Warriors of the Past are removed from their temporary holding areas and escorted to SVNC where they will be honorably received and interred amongst their brother and sister veterans.

Ron announced he is now California State Coordinator for MIAP and will begin efforts to locate and obtain due honors in other counties in the state,

Please connect to our Legion Rider Web Site, and make suggestions or comments. <http://www.healdsburglegionriders.org/>

American Legion Riders is open to any member of the Legion Family who rides a motorcycle 350cc or larger or is a spouse. We meet at 6pm the Tuesday prior to Sotoyome Post #111 Legion Meeting, next meeting is Tuesday Feb 11 followed by Tuesday Mar 11, at Mary's Pizza Shack in Windsor.



### Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride

### POT LUCK AND GAMES

at the Villa Annex!

Friday, February 28, 2014

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!

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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

**The Back Page.....**

Our Past Commanders and Past Presidents of

*The Sotoyome American Legion Family invite you to our  
**American Legion Birthday Dinner***

**Saturday, March 8, 2014 Villa Chanticleer**

**6:00 pm Cocktails 7:00 pm Dinner**

The American Legion's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sotoyome Post and Unit 111  
4th Anniversary of SAL Squadron 111 and ALR Chapter 111

*Enjoy a marinated Tri-Tip Dinner with all the fixings.*

*\$5 for Paid up Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion who have paid your 2013 dues.*

*\$15 for Guests and members who have not renewed for 2014.*

**RSVP to Bob Taylor with the number of members and guests attending.**

**Call 707-894-0857 or Email: [sotoyome111@aol.com](mailto:sotoyome111@aol.com)**

-----Clip and Mail-----

**CLIP and mail to Sotoyome Post 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448**

Yes, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the *American Legion Birthday Dinner*, Sat-  
urday, March 8, 2014

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_