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

Healdsburg is a Purple Heart City 

Sonoma County is a Purple Heart County

2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
92%%	84.3%	88.5%	89.7%

Villa Update

Apparently the city staff has made their recommendation regarding who will be managing the Villa Chanticleer complex once the City Council approves the plan.

We know that the city staff has selected the group who currently operates the city golf course at Tayman Park will take over the Villa Chanticleer later this year.

We will be meeting with the city staff to review the impact on our use of the Villa and the Annex. Based on earlier discussions we are not anticipating major changes unless the new management team makes a final decision to take over bar operations.

Watch for updates.

Healdsburg: Purple Heart City



Congratulations to our own Goerge Sager and Chapter 0078, Military Order of the Purple Heart. At the Healdsburg City Council Meeting on Monday, February 3rd the City was named a Purple Heart City. Representatives of the Chapter were present and are pictured here with member of the City Council. Sonoma County is a Purple Heart County and California is a Purple Heart State.

Poppy Wreaths: Help Needed

Unit Poppy Chairman Judy Chavez has lead two wreath making sessions. More are scheduled and they need help from all of us. The March sessions are scheduled for

Mar 4 at Nancy's

Mar 31 at Nancy's

No experience is necessary. Bring a sack lunch and join us from 12 noon to 3pm. Call Judy at 894-4636 if you have questions.

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From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Frank and Carol Thescher and their entire crew for the tremendous effort in the successful Crab Feed on February 1st. They had a last minute curve thrown at them but a crew quickly gathered to help process the 2400 hundred pounds of crab as it arrived

Our Boys' State program is well on its way. Harold and company have conducted interviews at the Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools. We have six sharp young men slated to participate this year, with alternates in the wings. It's really amazing that we have so much untapped quality in our young people. The American Legion has a number of youth-oriented programs. Anyone interested in these programs should contact one of the Post Board members.

We have a bunch of activities coming up in the next few weeks. Our annual Commanders and Presidents dinner is Saturday, March 8, 2014 with cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 7pm. Your reservations should be in by now.

There is a breakfast on March 15, from 9-12. These will be held at the Villa Annex.

On Saturday, March 22nd, we will be hold a Memorial for Annabel Kubicka at the Annex. The times are 12 Noon to 3pm. Come and support Jim.

\$8 Country Breakfast \$8

SATURDAY, March 15th

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**



Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Congratulations ladies, we are getting very close to our goal of 159 members. It's not too late to ask someone to join. Thank you to Linda and Melanie and everyone else who has helped.

Our annual birthday party is coming up on March 8th. See the back page. The cost is \$5 if your dues are paid up but \$15 if they are not. You can pay your dues at the din-ner! See you there!

Poppy Chair Judy Chevez is doing a great job. She has organized a series of wreath making sessions. The March dates are on page 1 and on the calendar and are open to everyone, including Legionnaires, Auxiliary members SAL members and Legion Riders. Spouses are welcome. No experience is necessary. We will teach you the process.

Our goal this year is to have 12 wreaths ready for the Memorial Day Ceremonies. This year we want a wreath for each group at each of the three cemeteries.

Seven million memorial poppies are distributed each year by American Legion Auxiliary members across the country to provide a therapeutic activity for veterans, raise awareness and raise funds to help veterans, military service members and their families.

Red crepe paper poppies symbolize the sacrifices made by our military service members.

Two million dollars are donated by people receiving the poppies each year. Up until recently, 100% of the donated funds were used to help veterans. Due to the great needs of today's military families, The American Legion recently voted to expand the use of newly collected funds to active duty service members and their families who demonstrate a financial or medical need. Most of the funds collected stay in the communities where they were collected.

Don't forget to check for unused fabric and yarn. We still have ladies making lap blankets for Yountville. You can bring it to the meeting or call Nancy or Rose. Phone numbers are on page 4.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Post/Unit Board Meetings 7pm	4 Poppy Wreaths at Nancy's Noon - 3pm	5	6	7 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	8 Commanders & Presidents Dinner 6 pm Cocktails 7 pm Dinner
9	10 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	11 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	12	13 Post/Unit 7pm	14	15 Country Breakfast
16 Newsletter Input Due	17	18	19	20 Honors Team 7pm Annex	21	22 Remembering Annabel Kubicka at the Annex Noon
23 5th District Meeting <u>Benicia</u> 30	24 31 Poppy Wreaths at Nancy's	25	26 Yountville <u>Bingo 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	27	28 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following At the Annex	29 VFW Breakfast Windsor Huerta Gym 7 - 11am See Page 4

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27	28	29	30			



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		
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
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Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Warren Luke	332-3843
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	838-9790
Ride Captain	Matt Foreman	894-5603
Chaplain	Ed Howell	292-8033
Jr. Past President	Gary Greenough	837-8384

Healdsburg SOS Program

A thank you to Sotoyome American Legion Family members who have supported the "Healdsburg Supporting Our Soldiers efforts." The 4th Infantry Division recognized the local group for the nearly 1500 care packages sent to deployed troops of the Fort Carson, Colorado, based division. The Division Headquarters Battalion sent a American Flag that flew over their Kandahar base on Christmas Day.

Our honors team and members of the Sotoyome American Legion family participated in a flag ceremony at the Healdsburg City Hall on Friday, February 14, 2014.

The effort is lead by Blue Star Mother Mary St. Clair. She has assembled a dedicated crew of packers and a network of contributors. It is truly a community effort.

Looking for A New Editor

I have been editing the Sotoyome Newsletter for over 40 months, have been commander last year and this year.

I'm looking for someone to step up and take over the newsletter.

Call me at 707-481-9169 or email me at coachtom.grimes@gmail.com



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Remembering...



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

Pauline Kay Rogers, Unit 111
Annabel Kubicka, Unit 111

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

**FROM POST SAL ADVISOR AND
SQUADRON ADJUTANT TOM**

We are looking for a small team of adults to step up and take over the leadership of the Squadron. We need a Commander, Vice Commander, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms. I'm willing to continue serving as Adjutant unless there is someone out there willing to take the job.

I realize that one of our challenges is that many of the Squadron members are also members of the post and/or the American Legion Riders.

Just think about it and if you have questions you can call me.

Squadron 111 has a proud history here in the Sotoyome American Legion Family. It was first chartered in 1935 and charter members are listed on the Memorial in the Plaza downtown. Our first Squadron Captain (title Commanders wasn't used until later) is listed as Missing in Action during World War II.

Our membership continues to grow and we are within 6 of reaching the goal of 61 set at the Detachment Convention in Palms Springs a year ago May.

Exciting things are happening with the Sotoyome American Legion Family and the Squadron can be an important part of our future, carrying on the traditions and the programs of our great organization.

Thank you for your membership in this great organization.



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride

Windsor Banner Program Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, September 21st, VFW Post 768 will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Huerta Gymnasium 9291 Old Redwood Hwy. Building 200, Windsor, to benefit the **Windsor Hometown Heroes Banner Program**. The hours are 7am to 11am. They are asking for a donation of \$10.00 for a breakfast that includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit plate, coffee, tea and orange juice. Call Stan Shusda 838-4593



Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders met Tuesday Feb 11 at Mary's Pizza in Windsor.

We had another excellent turnout of riders.

Matt Forman was voted to replace Mark Archembault as Ride Captain and will handle his new duties with the assistance of former ALR RC Joe Manning. Mark's business continues to grow and requested this change which we regretfully approved.

The annual California Rider Convention will be in Southern California but should be closer in 2015 so more of our riders can attend.

ALR is planning to honor Hattie Stone Thursday Feb 27 by Showing Colors and with Flags at her Memorial.

We gladly participate when requested to honor Warriors of the Past (Veterans), as well as Welcome Homes for Active Duty Service Members, Dinners and Events for groups like Sonoma MOMS, American Legion, Service Organizations and Others. 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. Saturday May 31, additional 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. We all appreciate Ron Collier's MIAP teams hard efforts to Locate, ID and Ensure our local Warriors of the Past are moved from their temporary holding areas and escorted to SVNC where they will be honorably received and interred amongst their brother and sister veterans.

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 typically meet at 6pm the Tuesday prior to Sotoyome Post #111 Legion Meeting, but special First Tuesday for our next meeting, Tuesday March 4 followed by 2nd Tuesday April 8, at Mary's Pizza Shack in Windsor.



American Legion Riders

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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
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 95th Anniversary and the 94th
Anniversary of Sotoyome Post and Unit 111
4th Anniversary of SAL Squadron 111
and ALR Chapter 111

Enjoy a marinated Tri-Tip Dinner

***\$5 for Paid up Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the
American Legion who have paid your 2014 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***

**DON'T DELAY MAKING YOUR
RESERVATIONS!**

**Memorial Service for Annabel Kubicka
Saturday, March 22nd at the Annex
12 Noon to 3pm**

**POT LUCK AND GAMES
at the Villa Annex!
Friday, March 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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