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2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
93.8%	93.1%	100%	94.2%

Villa Update

The city staff has made their recommendation regarding who will be managing the Villa Chanticleer complex once the City Council approves the plan. The latest word is that the plan will be presented at the May 5th City Council Meeting.

We are now working with the Tayman Group to develop the details of how we are going to work together in the future. The goal is to have the transfer as quickly as possible. The change should have little impact on our use of the Annex. The city is planning to remodel the bathrooms to make the ADA compliant. Other possible projects include additional storage for the chairs and tables and replacing the pocket door.

This has been a long and difficult process and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who has helped. A big part of the credit goes to Frank Teuschler and Bob Taylor. Their knowledge and experience was invaluable.

Farewell Annabel



A small group joined Sotoyome Unit 111 to say goodbye to Annabell Kubica. Pictured(L to R) are Thelma Frey, Marie Canale, Nancy Evers, Rose Sandoval, and Bettie Crandall, as they conduct the Auxiliary Memorial Service for Annabelle on Saturday, March 22nd.

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

Tuesday, April 8th at Nancy's

Monday, April 21st at Nancy's

Tuesday, April 29th 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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Memorial Honors MSgt Aaron Torian, USMC

It started with a phone call about using the Annex on Sunday, March 23rd for a Memorial Service to honor an Active Duty Marine lost in Afghanistan.

MSGT Aaron Torian died from injuries sustained in Afghanistan and received full military burial honors at Arlington in February. While MSGT Torian is not a native of Sonoma County, he has close ties to the area. His wife grew up in Sonoma County and his mother-in-law is one of the founding members of the local M.O.M.S. group.

Everything came together to honor a fallen Marine. The various rider groups, including the American Legion Riders provided an escort for the family of MSGT Torian through Windsor and into Healdsburg on the Old Redwood Highways. Riders from throughout the area came including from Lake county and as far away as Sacramento.

Windsor and Healdsburg Police provided escorts. At Limerick Lane the ladder trucks of the Windsor and Healdsburg Fire Departments, with ladders extended, display a large American Flag across the highway. The Firemen rendered honors at the motorcade passed. At the Villa the motorcade was met by Citizens, American Soldier Freedom Riders and Sonoma M.O.M.S. were waiting for the escort to arrive.

The M.O.M.S. decorated and put on a great dinner and Marine Corp League ran the tributes that included Full Military Honors by our local Honors Team.



Once family was inside all riders, with flags, entered and lined the walls of The Annex and awaited Military Honors including Rifle Salute, Taps and Flag Folding with Presentation to Family.

Thank You All for Honoring MSGT Aaron Torian, USMC and his extended Family.

We can be proud of how our Veteran community came together.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	5
6	7 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	8 Poppies at Nancy's <u>Noon to 3pm</u> ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	9	10 Post/Unit 7pm	11	12
13	14 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	15 Newsletter Input Due	16	17 Honors Team 7pm Annex	18	19
20	21 Poppies at Nancy's <u>Noon to 3pm</u>	22	23 Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	24 Sonoma County Veterans Job Fair Santa Rosa 12 Noon - 3pm	25 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following	26
27 Spring Fling Yountville	28	29 Poppies at Nancy's <u>Noon to 3pm</u>	30			

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				1	2 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	3 Oak Mound Cemetery Cleanup
4 40&8 Flea Market Santa Rosa	5 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	6 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	7	8 Post/Unit 7:00pm	9	10 Windsor Parade
11	12 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	13	14	15 Honors Team 7pm Annex	16 NEWSLETTER INPUT DUE	17
18 Windsor Banner Program ceremony	19	20	21	22 FFA Parade	23	24
25 Flags Out Oak Mound Cemetery	26 Memorial Day Ceremonies	27 Flags Picked up Oak Mound Cemetery	28 Yountville Bingo <u>10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	29	30 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following	31 ALR RIDE/BBQ Honoring CPL Joshua Kynoch



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	Steve Piotter	217-6236
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	Thelma Frey	546-7791
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
1st Vice	Mitch Laing	623-9179
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
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

Note from Sotoyome Unit 111 1st Vice Linda

We are close – really close – our membership is now at 148 – 93% of our goal of 159. If you haven't gotten your renewal in yet please do so this month. With the support the auxiliary provides to veterans and their families at both a national and our local level, you should be proud to be a member of this organization. To date, we have selected our young ladies for Girls state, are in the process of selecting the winner for the the "Americanism" essay contest, and several of our members are making the poppy wreaths that will be used for the Memorial Day ceremonies. WE would love to see all of you at our next meeting. 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

Six Star Banner Presented



Commander Tom presents a Six Star Banner to Doris Phillips of Windsor at the dinner on Saturday, March 8th. She was honored at the dedication of the Windsor Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The banner was custom made for Doris and her husband John. They have three children and the children's spouses on active duty with the our armed forces.



Remembering...

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

Robert E. Stritzel

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

Congratulations to Sotoyome Squadron 111. We have reached 100% with a total of 61 members. That is a 40% increase over our membership last year.

We are doing great with membership but need to develop programs to engage and involvement our youth members. We need to have a Squadron meeting on Thursday, April 10th. We will met at 6:00pm and will keep the meeting short. We can discuss program ideas and we will need to nominate officers for the 2014-15 membership year. The elected officers are:

Commander	Chaplain
Vice Commander	Historian
Finance	Sgt at Arms

The Adjutant is appointed by the incoming Commander. We will then met again on Thursday, May 8th. Installation will be at the meeting on Thursday, June 12th.



Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride



From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

Just in. For several months we have been talking about the Junior Sports Shooting program. It is now a reality. Our Finance officer, Bob Taylor, reports that we are receiving a grant from the National Rifle Association. The next step is training for the adult leaders and then we can start recruiting youth members.

We are very close to being a 100% American Legion Family for the second year in a row.

The changes coming to the Villa has taken a lot of our time over the past year. Now it is time to think about what we should be doing. If you read your Legionnaire Magazine and the Department of California you know that there are many great programs that we do not participation in. We need individuals to champion these programs, to step forward and take the leadership in such programs as the annual Oratorical competitions or Veterans in School.



Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Aloha. Did you miss me at the March membership meeting. I dragged July along and we attended my 50th high school reunion in Hawaii. We had fun!

Thank you to Eddy and those to helped make our birthday dinner a success. This year we had 102 participants.

Frank Teuschler, George Sager and their crew did an excellent job. It is so enjoyable watching our people working together.

We need more poppy wreath makers. Anyone can help. Even you men can help. We are hoping to have 4 wreaths for each of the services on Memorial Day, so that each component of the Sotoyome American Legion Family can participate in the wreath laying ceremonies.

Sure signs of Spring includes poppies and the reminder that our annual reports are due in April. I'd like to remind everyone who does volunteer work to report your hours and dollars spent early to help make our reports more complete.



Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.



Two get well cards were sent out in the past month. One to our President Nancy and another to Dorothy Burgess.

I'm sure there must be some who have the flu or have had it, but I haven't been told of anyone. Please let your me know when you become aware of someone who needs a card. My phone number is 707-838-4035.



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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

Healdsburg Hometown Heroes

The Healdsburg Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program will be presented to the Healdsburg City Council at their meeting Monday evening, April 7. The meeting starts at 7pm.

The sample banner to the right shows how the banners may look. The proposal is that they be placed on Grove Street and on Foss Creek Circle here in Healdsburg.

The program is modeled after the one in Windsor. Fund raising (each banner will cost around \$200) and recruiting honorees will start after approval by the Council.

Commander Tom is currently chairing the steering committee.

Healdsburg Hometown Hero



**William
Southall
Navy**



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Call me at 707-481-9169 or email me at
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POT LUCK AND GAMES at 1342 Pinon Drive Friday, April 25, 2014

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

Guests are welcome!

Call 707-491-9169 for more information

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