

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
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# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2014

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### 2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
96.3%	93.1%	100%	96.0%

### Villa Update

We continue to work with the City of Healdsburg and the Tayman Group as the Tayman Group prepares to take over management of the Villa Chanticleer complex once the City Council approves the plan.

We will retain our current bar license and will operate the bar in the Villa until the Tayman Group obtains their license. At that time our license will be restricted to the Annex. The change should have little impact on our use of the Annex, which is covered by a long term lease.

Our biggest challenge will be replacing the income from providing bar service to events in the Villa. We will be looking at different alternatives, including a golf tournament.

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.

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### Memorial Week Schedule

This is a busy time for the Healdsburg American Legion Family. We are looking for help with our Memorial Day Program, getting Oak Mound Cemetery ready for placement of flags, placing of flags Memorial Day morning, and the day after Memorial Day removing of the flags. Your help is needed, contact us if you can spare some time to help us with this annual tribute to those who have served our country;

Sat, May 3	8:30am	Oak Mound Cemetery, Healdsburg
Thu, May 22	-	FFA Parade
Sun, May 25	- 8am	Flags out at Oak Mound
Mon, May 26		Memorial Day Programs
	10am	Oak Mound Cemetery
	11am	Geyserville Cemetery
	12noon	Windsor Cemetery
Tue, May 27	- 8am	Pick up flags at Oak Mound

### Poppy Wreaths: Help Needed

Unit Poppy Chairman Judy Chavez has announced the wreath making sessions for May. This year they are planning four wreaths per cemetery and could use help. Legion members, SAL members and ALR members are invited to join us.

Tuesday, May 6th at Nancy's

Tuesday, May 13th at Nancy's

No experience is necessary. Nancy and Tom will be providing lunch. Join us from 12 noon to 3pm at 1342 Pinon Drive, Healdsburg. Call Judy at 894-4636 if you have questions.



### From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

As the Legion year winds down, it is time to look at nominations for new officers. The first round of nominations will take place at the May membership meeting. The second round of nominations and the election will take place at the beginning of the June meeting. Installation will immediately follow the election.

Our newsletter does a great job covering on what is happening locally. Our webmaster, Dick Bugar-ske, has created a new webpage for the Sotoyome American Legion Family. The link is in the mast-head on page 1. Check it out and bookmark it.

To remain fully informed, please visit the Department of California and the National websites (just type "American Legion" into your browser). One thing coming up in June (20-22) is the Department Convention in Santa Clara. If you have never attended one of these and would like to, contact the Post 111 Adjutant or a member of the Board. You can get a flavor of how the organization works at levels beyond the post.

There are a number of activities coming up for which we can use some of your help. You can show your support for the Memorial Day ceremonies at Oak Mound Cemetery, Geyserville Cemetery, and Shiloh Cemetery in Windsor with your attendance. We also have lots of room for help on July 3, 4 and 5, when we set up for the 4th of July fireworks, and break down afterwards. Some meals are included. We had a great turnout last year. Let's have even more this year. Keep an eye on upcoming events in this newsletter.

The Healdsburg City Council has approved the Banner program. The next step is to get brochures printed and to start promoting the program. Let me know if you have an active duty member in your family. Applications will be available soon.



### Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

The crew making Poppy Wreaths for Memorial Day and other memorials are making progress. A Big Thank You to everyone who has been helping. It is no longer just a women's project. We have had men join us. Call me if you would like to help made the beautiful poppy wreaths.

We have been hosting lunch and a work session every couple of weeks. Call me at 529-2271 if you would like to assist.

Our Poppy Chairman Judy Chavez has been working on organizing our 2014 Poppy campaign. We want to bring the Poppy Days back, with Unit members educating the public about the poppies. We will invite other American Legion Family members to join us during May. The challenge will be finding businesses or property managers that will give permission to distribute poppies. We can also look at other service organizations and churches. Let's get creative.

A thank you also to those who have submitted their reports. It looks like we have 100% of the reports submitted.

The Girls State Luncheon is May 18th at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. This is a ticket event. If you plan on attending you will need to get a ticket from Thelma Frey (707-546-7791).

**Got yarn or fabric** lying around that you want to find a new home for? We have a few that knit & crochet and make lap robes & scarves for our Veterans at Yountville. So if you or your friends have yarn or fabric that you would like to part with, you can call me at 529-2271 or Rose Sandoval at 838-7068 or you are welcome to bring it to a meeting.



### Chaplain's Corner

Auxiliary Chaplain Bettie Crandall.

Send a card to Linda Clary, wishing her a speedy recovery. A card was also sent to the Losh Family.

Please let your me know when you become aware of someone who needs a card or a phone call. My phone number is 707-838-4035.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 40 & 8 Meeting 8pm	3 Oak Mound Cemetery Cleanup
4 40&8 <u>Flea Market</u> Alan Losh Memorial Annex 1-4pm	5 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	6 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	7	8 SAL 6:00pm 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 Santa Rosa Rose Parade
18 Boy/Girl State <u>Luncheons</u> 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Flame & Vine Car Show 11am - 4pm	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	10 Legion Riders Meeting 6pm, Windsor	11	12 Post/Unit /SAL 7pm Annex	13	14
15 Fathers Day Gin Fizz Breakfast	16 Newsletter Input Due	17	18	19 Honors Team 7pm Annex	20 Convention	21 Convention
22 Convention	23	24	25	26	27- Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	28
29	30	July 2014 1	2	3 Fireworks Setup	4 Fireworks Show	5 Fireworks cleanup



### 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
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Service Officer	Chris Bingham	565-5960
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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. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Linda



**2nd Annual Car Show, Sunday, June 1, 2014**

**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (PDT)**

**Empire Boat & RV Stroage is helping to support funding  
for the American Legion to help support the  
Healdsburg Fireworks.**

**The event will offer several food vendors, beer & wine,  
live music, raffles and silent auction, lots of cool cars  
and vendor booths.**

**Cost of entrance is \$5.00 per person  
children 10 and under are free.**

**Any questions or to register a vehicle or set up as a  
vendor please email us**

**at [info@flamevineclassic.com](mailto:info@flamevineclassic.com)**

### Remembering...



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

**Alan Losh, Army, Persian Gulf  
Jeffrey Truitt, Air Force, Vietnam**

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 Adjutant Tom. Thank you to everyone who showed up at the meeting last month. We were able to complete the first round of nominations. At the meeting on Thursday, May 8th, we will do a second round of nominations and hold the election. The meeting will start at 6pm. Installation of the new officers will be at the June 12th meeting.

Welcome to a returning member, Dennis Gary.

The two months has some great opportunities to assist The American Legion.

- May 4 Oak Mount Cemetery Cleanup.
- May 25 Assist with putting flags out at Oak Mount
- May 26 Attend Memorial Day Ceremonies
- May 27 Assist with picking up flags at Oak Mount
- May 31 Assist at ALR bbq
- Jun 1 Assist at Flame and Vine car show
- Jun 15 Participate in Flag Day program on the Plaza
- Jul 3,4,5 Assist with the annual fireworks show.

Watch for your next SAL update.



## Sotoyome Squadron 111

Sons of The American Legion

By Their Side with Honor and Pride



## Memorial for Alan Clayton Losh

Sunday, May 4th, 1pm



The Sotoyome American Legion Family, the Losh family, local firefighters, and friends will assemble at the Villa Annex to celebrate the life of Alan Losh.

In his 29 years Alan has worn many hats starting with son; Fire Explorer; Firefighter; Air National Guard with a deployment to Iraq; U.S. Army Medic with another combat tour to Iraq; college student; husband; father; and American Legion Member.

Join us Sunday afternoon, May 4th, as we say goodbye to one of our own.



## Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders Chapter #111 is busy as usual.

Participating in Welcome Homes for our Active Military, Honoring Veterans every chance we get, participating in rides to Show Our Colors around the Community.

Ron Collier and Frank Costner lead MIAP to the quarterly honors to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery where Fallen Veterans Without Families are Honored. After a year-long process MIAP has a final mission Monday May 19 to escort cremains of the last known Sonoma County Veteran who have been "On The Shelf" for years patiently waiting for these honors. Some have waited patiently for 60 years, including honored WW-I Veterans!

The Big happening is our 5th annual Memorial Ride, this year honoring Cpl Joshua Kynoch, KIA Iraq on Oct 1, 2005. Josh left behind a 5-1/2 month old daughter and this ride will benefit Savannah Kynoch's (now age 9) College Education.

Save the Date, Saturday May 31. Riders register at Bad Ass Coffee in Santa Rosa at 8:30am with departure at 9:30am. The Ride is Open to All Riders! The route will take us past Josh's grave where we will stop and pay respect, then continue on ending at Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds for a great Warren Luke BBQ and More! All are welcome and encouraged to be at Villa Chanticleer at 12noon to welcome riders as they arrive and participate in the BBQ and Raffle.

Legion Riders is open to anyone in the Legion Family who rides a 650cc motorcycle or larger.

Meetings are typically the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Mary's Pizza in Windsor but always the Tuesday prior to Post 111 Meeting. The next meetings are May 6, June 10 and July 8.



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in need, please call Commander Tom  
Grimes at 707-481-9169

## The Back Page.....

Mark Your Calendar/Invite a Father

## Father's Day Gin Fizz Breakfast



Sunday, June 16th.  
Invite a *prospective* member.  
They Eat Free!

7:30am to 11:00pm  
Adults \$8.00 Children \$3.00 (6-12)

Ladies, you are more than welcome to join us.

## Looking for A New Editor

Call me at 707-481-9169 or email me at  
[coachtom.grimes@gmail.com](mailto:coachtom.grimes@gmail.com)

## POT LUCK AND GAMES at 1342 Pinon Drive Friday, May 30, 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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