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# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2014

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### 2014 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family
96.3%	100.6%	103.3%	97.9%

### Villa Update

By the time this newsletter is published it is anticipated the Healdsburg City Council will have approved the Tayman Group taking over management of the Villa complex.

The major change for us will be loss of the bar in the Villa upon approval of a license for the Tayman group. The footprint for our license will be reduced to the annex. We will be able to provide bar service for events we host in the annex. However, this will mean a significant reduction in income.

The City of Healdsburg has offered us a golf tournament. This is a new opportunity for us that means pulling together a committee of golfers and friends of golfers who are willing to help us. See back page.

Fathers Day Breakfast has been cancelled due to staffing problems.

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### 2014 Poppy Proclamation



Unit President Nancy Evers and Poppy Chairman Judy Chavez after the Healdsburg City Council meeting on Monday, May 5th.

E-Blast Coming....For updates between Newsletter Issues. We need your email address so that we can reach you by email. Send an email to [sotoyome111@aol.com](mailto:sotoyome111@aol.com) and put "EBlast" in the subject line.

If you receiving this newsletter by mail you will continue getting it via U.S. Mail. By the way, are you tired of boring black and white pictures? The email newsletter has colored pictures. Nancy and Judy above look much better in color. Consider asking for the email version. It saves us production and postage costs.



### From the Top

Tom Grimes, Commander

The following is from Reuel Miller. Reuel is a American Legion Rider, a member of Sotoyome Squadron 111 and a member of Sotoyome Post 111. At the meeting on May 8th me was elected 1st Vice Commander for the Post.

Sisters and Brothers of Sotoyome Post 111,

I wanted to thank all for their support in electing me 1st Vice for this coming year. I will do my best to represent the American Legion and carry out my assigned duties.

I served in The US Navy from 1973 - 1977 as an Operations Specialist. My core duty after boot camp (San Diego) and "A" school(Great Lakes) was assigned To Tactical Air Squadron One(TACRON ONE Unit Alpha) home based at the Amphibious Base in Coronado. TACRON One was known as the "Wings of PHIBPAC") We were attached to Flag Command Amphibious Naval Forces Pacific Fleet under the direction of Rear Admiral Donald B. Whitmire. While deployed we successfully coordinated the safe evacuation of the US Embassy in Saigon April 29, 30, 1975, under "Operation Frequent Wind" named for the use of helicopters in the evacuation. After Vietnam I served the remainder of my service aboard the USS Carpenter DD825 Pearl Harbor. Shortly after my assignment the Carpenter was sent to Alameda where it became a Reserve Tin Can where we trained the "weekend warriors".

After my service I attended Santa Rosa JC then on to Graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a BS in Engineering Technology. I worked for a large Mechanical Contractor for 7 years in Santa Rosa, received my contractors License in 1988 and have been self employed since. My significant other is Sandy Negri. We have a 20 yr old daughter Tori and my 31 yr old Step-daughter Amanda. They all work at the family restaurant "NEGRIS" in Occidental.

Reuel brings fresh energy to the group. I look forward to working with him over the next year.

Just added: I regret the lateness of this issue of our newsletter. Computers do crash and it is never on our schedule. I have been able to recover my documents and have a replace computer on line. It's a small netbook and I'm learning to use a much smaller key board.



### Auxiliary Happenings

Nancy Evers, President

Wow, June already. That means my year as your President is coming to an end.

We have accomplished a lot this year, thanks to the efforts of an outstanding leadership team.

Thanks to the efforts of 1st Vice President Linda and our Treasurer Melanie, we hit 100% on your membership campaign again this year. Thank you to everyone who renewed and to all of you who brought in new members.

2nd Vice Eddy has done a wonderful job this year. Not only is she busy with auxiliary activities, she serves on the Honors Team, along with Linda Clary, and Hazel Kirk-Brumley. We are proud of you ladies.

Judy Chavez has taken over the poppies and lead the effort to make wreaths. We had a series of lunch and work parties. Commander Tom suggested we place only one wreath at each Memorial Day ceremony representing all four components of the Sotoyome American Legion Family. The wreath makers included Judy, Linda Farley (a friend of the Auxiliary), Bettie C., Betty Watson, Gail, Eddy, Linda Clary, Phyllis Johnson, Rose, Ray Chavez, and Commander Tom.

Rose, as my historian and Junior Past President, did an excellent job documenting our activities and serving as a mentor to me.

Our secretary, Marie, has also done an excellent job. I enjoy getting the minutes without a short period and she also helps with many of our activities, especially those that involve baking pies. Marie also brought in several new junior members that helped us reach 100% this year. She has also signing up grandsons in the Squadron.

Bettie has done a great job calling and sending cards to unit members facing illness or loss in their families. We really appreciate that Bettie.

Thelma handled the Girl State and Scholarship programs with her usual efficiency. Thank you Thelma.

Thank you Virginia Hawley and Virginia Wallace for keeping us on track.

Melanie, we know that you were busy as a National Officer and as a past Department President, but you always had time for the Unit and you will always be remembered for the wonderful hamburgers at our Memorial Day picnic.

Thank you Commander Tom for your loyal support throughout the year.

Thank you everyone for making this a great year for Sotoyome Unit 111 and the Sotoyome American Legion Family..

<b>1</b> Flame & Vine Car Show 11am - 4pm	<b>2</b> Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Past Presidents Card Party Noon	<b>10</b> Legion Riders Meeting 6pm, Windsor	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Post/Unit /SAL 7pm Annex	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am Flag Ceremony on <u>Plaza</u> 11am Flag Retirement Windsor Fire Station 2
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter Input Due	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Honors Team 7pm Annex	<b>20</b> Convention	<b>21</b> Convention
<b>22</b> Convention	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bingo <u>Yountville 10am</u> United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	<b>26</b>	<b>27-</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Fireworks setup	<b>4</b> Fireworks Show	<b>5</b> Fireworks Cleanup
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	<b>8</b> ALR Meeting <u>6pm, Windsor</u>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SAL/Post/Unit 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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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	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

## Flag Day Programs

At 9am on Flag Day, June 14, 2014 there will be a flag raising ceremony on the Plaza downtown Healdsburg. The flag was presented to the Healdsburg SOS group, lead by Mary St.Clair, who supported deployed troops of the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson Colorado. We would like as many Sotoyome American Legion Family member present as possible. Wear your cap! Show your support for this community effort.

Editors Note: This event is over, but I wanted to still include this. Thank you to Empire Boat and RV for a great show. Lois and her team put a lot of effort into this, to benefit the fireworks show!



**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.**

## Remembering...



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

Dorothy Rosenblad, 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

Matt Foreman, Squadron Commander

From Adjutant Tom. Another program year is rapidly coming to an end.

Wearing my Post Commander's cap I would like to thank the members of the Squadron who stepped forward and helped wherever needed this past year. Many of us wear more than one cap and it is sometimes hard to spot the members of the Squadron but the Post is well aware of who you are.

We have exceeded the membership goal set by the Detachment (State) with 63 members (103.3%)

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

- Jun 14 Participate in Flag Day program on the Plaza at 9am,.
- Jun 14 Flag Retirement Program at Windsor Fire Station #2 at 11am. Our local VFW post has a great program.
- 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

ALR Column Continued From the Right Column>>>>>

Cemeteries, Oak Mound at 10am, Geyserville at 11am and Shiloh at 12noon. AmVets is sponsoring The Wall Of Remembrance at Santa Rosa Memorial Park over Memorial Weekend. This wall lists the casualties from The War On Terrorism since Lebanon USMC Barracks. Riders under the lead of ALR Past President Gary Greenough will escort the wall into SR Memorial Park on Fri 23rd, and Gary will be a speaker during the opening ceremonies on Saturday.

American Legion Riders is open to all members of the Legion Family in Sonoma County who ride a 650cc bike or larger. The group normally meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm at Mary's Pizza in Windsor. We participate in most all events honoring our Active Military, our Veterans and Families. We Never Forget!



## Sotoyome Chapter 111, ALR

Mitch Laing, President

May has been a busy month so far for American Legion Riders Chapter #111.

May 4th we had flags at The Villa to honor Veteran and Post #111 member Allen Clayton Losh who passed away from cancer. Allen just started his family when he found out he had cancer and fought a valiant fight until the end. When we got word of his passing ALR riders Ron Collier, Dave Myers and Joe Manning hustled to Ft Miley and escorted Allen home to Eggen and Lance Funeral Home.

Saturday May 10 ALR had bikes and walkers with flags with Sonoma M.O.M.S. in the Windsor Days Hometown Heroes Parade. Tuesday May 13 we had a Welcome Home for Army National Guard Sgt Ruffin Romes (Rohnert Park) who returned with a group of Quartermasters handling relocation or dismantling of equipment as things thankfully wind down.

Sonoma County MIAP had a milestone escort May 19, concluding the identification and escort of our Veterans who have been held at mortuaries waiting for their final honors. Under the lead of Ron Collier, ALR members Frank Coster, Dave Meyers, Steve Bowne and others have been very instrumental in making this honor happen. This will bring the total escorted to 69. You Are Remembered!

Right now all our efforts are being put forward to our Annual Memorial Ride plus the BBQ held at the Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds Saturday May 31 at 12noon. This year we honor Joshua Kynoch, US Army, killed by IED 1 Oct 2005 in Iraq. The ride is open to all riders and BBQ is open to everybody. Our Riders and Associates have amassed over \$3500 in raffle prizes so far and buying BBQ and Raffle Tickets is a great way to show support for Josh's daughter Savannah's College Trust Fund. If you have something to donate for the raffle or wish to buy BBQ tickets in advance contact ALR Treasurer Steve Bowne at [707-322-9245](tel:707-322-9245). You can also contact ALR President Mitch Laing at [707-975-1541](tel:707-975-1541). This will be a great Warren Luke Tri-Tip BBQ complimented by Salad and Beans. Sodas and Waters provided.

Before The Memorial Ride and BBQ is Memorial Day, and our Riders have been busy helping with the clean up of Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg. Riders are planning which events they will participate in as Memorial Day is celebrated throughout Sonoma County. Traditionally several Riders do the Three

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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.....

We have cancelled the  
**Father's Day Breakfast**  
Scheduled for  
Sunday, June 15th.



**Looking for Golfers  
and friends of Golfers  
who will help us  
organize our first  
annual  
tournament.**

**Call Commander Tom at 707-  
481-9169 or email at  
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### Looking for An Assistant Editor

Call me at 707-481-9169 or email me at  
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### POT LUCK AND GAMES Have gone dark until Fall.

Call 707-491-9169 for more information

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