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Past President Nancy Welcomes Newest Sotoyome Family Member

Brennan Evers Ison of post member Darre3n Evers)was born August 7th and his membership application for Squadron 111 was submitted the same day. Nancy is continuing a tradition started by her mother.



Unit 111 Secretary has brought in 4 new members for the Sons of The American Legion.

Thank you Nancy and Marie for your recruiting efforts.

Shooting Program Launch

Junior Shooters Registration and introduction is September 13, 2014 at the Annex, 9:33am. We plan on shooting that day for those who have all there paperwork signed. We will be there for 3 or 4 hours. Some refreshments will be set up. There are 3 pages to be filled out and signed prior to being able to shoot. We strongly suggest both parents sign and attend the introduction. We will be offering classes for the adults also. If you are a grandparent and bringing your grandchildren get a hold of me and I will get you the forms. We have been working to get everything ready and we are ready for the challenge.

Congratulations to Ken Sandoval for receiving his Range Safety Officer qualification to go along with his Pistol and Rifle instructors certificates.

Special thanks to Steve Bowne, George Sager, Bob Taylor, and Ken Sandoval for meeting regularly and getting everything ready for the start of our new exiting program.

Call Shooting Sports Chairman Reuel Miller at 707-874-1951 if you have questions.

**DUE TO LABOR DAY FALLING
ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF
THE MONTH, THE POST and
UNIT BOARD MEEINGS WILL
BE ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

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Remembering...



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

Adelbert Lewis, USAF, Korea

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.



Linda Karnstedt,
President



Tom Grimes
Commander



From the PRESIDENT,

A heartbreaking story!! – did I get your attention? It was a sad sad meeting this month as besides the officers and board members there was only one member who attended the unit meeting. Ladies we are 160+ strong yet only a handful of members come to the meetings. What can we do differently to make our monthly meetings something you want to attend? Are your circumstances such that you need a ride? We can find car pool options. Would you like to learn more about the specific programs the American Legion Auxiliary promotes? We can have speakers to discuss the exact program you are interested in. Just let me know what we can do better.

Eddy (your 1st vice) and I attended the Department Workshop on August 2nd and it was very beneficial to learn about ALL the programs ALA participates in. One of the biggest changes this coming year is that ANY hours you volunteer for outside of supporting veterans, active military, can be counted for the “community service” report (prior to this year those hours that could be tied back to supporting veterans somehow could be counted). So we don’t forget to count them, I will have blank sheets at each meeting so you can record your hours then.

Please come to the meetings to show how much your auxiliary unit means to you and then let us know what we need to do more of, or less of, or differently.

Sincerely, Linda Karnstedt, President

**October Youth Recognition Night
7pm, Thurs, October 9th**

Join us as we honor our 2014 Boy State and Girl State Delegates and our scholarship recipients.

Please plan to bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to feed approximately 8 people. We are asking everyone (one dish per family) to help to ensure that we don’t run out of food.

Observations from the First Vice

We are in full swing getting our membership signed up and paid for 2015. Presently we are over 100 short of what will be our goal. I will be calling soon. Take off the call screening and let's chat. If there are any hardships we can talk, keep it private and resolve any complications.

Running my 1st Post Board Meeting and Regular Meeting went pretty good. No hitches as I can tell and haven't had any complaints. If any of my procedures or protocol needs some correction please let me know. I have learned not to take things personal and after my initial defensive stance, I usually come around to reality.

Color/Honor Guard to meet Sept 21st for training. Please attend as you are our front line of optics to the public.

Special thanks to Eddy Sauers and Nick Weathers for standing Color guard with me at the Prune Packers Game. Ltjg. Nate Southwick of the US Air Force presented the team with an American flag that flew with him on 9 missions over Afghanistan in his C-130. Nate rose thru enlisted ranks before becoming an Officer. Nate is a graduate of Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa and has served for 10yrs. We presented him with an American Legion Patch.

Never Forget, Never Quit, & Keep on Charging
Reuel Miller 1st Vice Commander

Note from Tom: Thank you Reuel for running the two meetings I missed.

**Annual Early Bird Pasta Dinner
7 pm, Thurs, November 13th**

Sotoyome American Legion Family will conduct it’s 3rd annual Early Bird Pasta Dinner. Those members who have renewed for 2015 and their guests will be free. There will be a nominal cost for those who have not yet paid. Of course you can pay your dues that night. Let’s celebrate our success.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Past Presidents Cards NOON Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	9 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	10	11 Post/Unit 7 pm	12	13 Shooting Program Launch Annex 9:30am
14	15	16	17	18 Honors Team 7pm Annex	19	20
21	22	23	24 Yountville Bingo 10am United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	25	26 Sotoyome Social 6pm potluck Games following	27
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By the time you receive this, management of the Villa Chanticleer will have shifted to the Tayman Group, who also operates the golf course. We continue to have a 20 year lease on the annex and have retained the bar license for the annex.

Loss of the bar service in the Villa will have an impact on our revenue and the board will be working on this over the next several months.

There is currently a project underway in the annex to upgrade the bathrooms to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. We have been working to (CONTINUED BELOW)

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consolidate storage and create an armory for the shooting program. Frank Teuscher and helpers have been doing a great job.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the RFP process with the city. It has been a long process. It feels good to put this all behind us. Now we can move forward, serving the Veterans of Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor.

Commander Tom

POT LUCK AND BINGO

at 1342 Pinon Drive

Friday, Sep 26, 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