

**SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
HEALDSBURG- GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR**



**THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2014**

Post 111, Squadron 111 and Legion Riders Chapter 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448
Unit 111, American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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2015 Membership Renewals

<u>Post 111</u>	<u>Unit 111</u>	<u>Sqd 111</u>	<u>Legion Family</u>	<u>ALR 111</u>
75.9%	58.7%	51.4%	68%	80.6%

Thank you to everyone who attended our Early Bird Dinner. It was a fun evening with good food and fellowship.

A question has come up regarding the American Legion Riders are not listed on the score card. That is a good question. Riders must be a member of a Post, Unit or Squadron. We have riders who come from other posts in the area and they are counted on their post membership rolls.

We have revised the scorecard above. As of 11/14/14 80.6% of the ALR members have paid their Post, Unit or Squadron dues. Thank you to Mitch and Steven for pointing out this omission and helping with a solution.

**First Annual
Cioppino Dinner and Raffle
to benefit the
Sotoyome Junior Shooting Sports Club**

Monday, December 15, 2014
Villa Chanticleer Annex
860 Chanticleer Way, Healdsburg, CA 95448
www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org

\$35.00 donation for dinner

**Make checks payable to:
American Legion Sotoyome Post 111
Mail to: 3440 Joy Rd, Occidental, CA 95465
No Host Bar 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm
Raffle/Door Prizes**

\$20.00 donation for Shotgun raffle
SKB RS300 Semi-automatic shotgun
Adjustable comb & length of pull. Chrome lined back bored barrels. Competition choke system.
Oil finished stock & forend. Shim assortment for variable cast & drop dimensions.

For further information contact:
Reuel Miller 707-874-1951 or
reuelmiller@comcast.net
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steven5382@comcast.net



SANTA IS COMING!

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party at 6 pm, Thursday, December 11th,

Bring your children, and grandchildren. Call Tom and Nancy at 481-9169 with a count so that we have enough stockings. You also need to bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your young guest.

The regular Christmas program will start at 7pm, including our traditional Christmas dinner. We will be serving Turkey and Ham. Everyone please bring a hot dish and a salad or a dessert to feed 8 people. The famous Auxiliary Raffle will end the evening.

Santa Claus Brought to you by
The Sons of The American Legion

Honor Team Uniforms Do you have a Honors Team Uniform hanging in your closet and you are no longer serving on the Honors Team? Please return the uniform so that they can be shared with new members of the Team.

Remembering...



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

Christian Scalse, US Navy, WWII

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.

Unit 111, Linda Karnstedt, President

I am sorry to have missed our annual November pasta dinner to support those that renewed their membership or thank those

that had already renewed. This holiday season came upon us way too soon however it is a time to be with friends and family and celebrate all the goodness in the world. I am so honored to be part of the American Legion Auxiliary and to be able to participate in the activities we do in support of our veterans and their families.

Our wonderful Christmas celebration will start out with Santa arriving at 6 pm. Please let Nancy or Tom know how many children you will be bringing so that there will be a stocking for each child and be sure and bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it for Santa to hand out. We will have turkey and are asking for everyone to bring a side dish and or salad to share. We will be having our raffle again with the proceeds going to the Pathway house. We'd like to make this the best raffle ever so to be able to know how much space we need and to be able to stage the items better, if possible please bring your items to the annex on Monday December 1 at 7 pm, or you can take them to Nancy's in Healdsburg or Eddy Sauers in Windsor up until the day before our dinner on December 11. If that isn't possible then yes bring them to dinner that evening. Also, in the past, people who had bought their tickets before dinner and already selected their items were disappointed when new items were brought in just before dinner. So this year we will still sell tickets before and during dinner, but are suggesting you wait until after dinner to make your selections. We will give you 10 minutes after dinner to complete your choices and then we will hold the raffle. I am looking forward to having lots of kids running around, a delicious meal, and lots of raffle items to get a jump start on Christmas shopping – I know for me, I have always found one or two items that made perfect gifts. See you in December.

ALR Chapter 111, Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders participated in two Honors for Fallen Veterans who recently passed away.

We escorted the Military Coffin Flag of Jack Page, an original SeaBee who enlisted in the US Navy Feb 1942 and served as a Construction Battalion Engineer thruout the Pacific Campaign. Mr Page passed away just 6 weeks shy of his 100th birthday and honors were held on his birthday at Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

We also had the sad duty of escorting the cremains of a 27-year young USMC Veteran who grew up in Forrestville to a memorial service at Santa Rosa Veterans Building. Cpl Cyle Rippey had three tours in Afghanistan and was honorably discharged in 2012. He was killed in an automobile accident in Tennessee.

ALR colors are to be present at the annual RKA Food Drive Charity Ride to Sonoma Raceway and at the Toys for Tots Toy Run that goes from The Armory in Santa Rosa to Sonoma Chevy. ALR along with SAL will be volunteering at the Cioppino Dinner to benefit the Jr Shooters Program.

We will also be working in conjunction with SAL from Sotoyome, Cloverdale and Napa presenting Christmas Presents to 36 Residents of Yountville.

American Legion Riders meets at Marys Pizza in Windsor at 1800hrs 6:00pm on Tuesday Dec 9. and Jan 6 2015.

Squadron 111, Mitch Laing, Commander

From Adjutant Tom. We all joined The Sons of The American Legion to honor a family member, a veteran who served our nation during a period of war. For me it was a step grandfather, Clarence H. Barnett. A native of South Dakota. I knew he had been a veteran of WWI. It was not until we organized Squadron 111 that I learned he went to France with the 342 Field Remount Squadron in October 1918. Each member of the Squadron has a similar story. We need to record and share these stories.

Let's wrap up our 2015 renewals. Notices have been sent to those who have not renewed. Please that a few minutes and mail in your renewal. Call me at 707-481-9169 if you have any questions. Here are a few facts about the Squadron:

- At the present time we have 69 members. 5 are new this year. 33 of our members have renewed their membership for 2015.
- 52 (75%) of our members are adults. 12 of the adults are dual members (members of Sotoyome Post 111).
- 54 of our members (78%) of our members live locally in Sonoma County. This includes 43 adults and 11 youth members.
- 10 members of the Squadron fill a leadership position in the Sotoyome American Legion Family



Sotoyome American Legion Family 2014-2015 Leadership

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Commander Tom Grimes 481-9169
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**LEADERS: Please let me know
if I have your phone number is
wrong or if there is a better
number to reach you.**

December 2014 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm Shooting Sports 7pm Annex	9 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	10	11 Sotoyome Christmas Party 7 pm	12 Newsletter Input Due	13
14 Yountville Holiday Party 11am	15 Cioppiono Donner 6 pm No Host Bar 7 pm Dinner	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	6 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	7	8 Post/Unit 7:00pm	9	10 Windsor Banner Program 1 pm
11	12 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm Shooting Sports 7pm Annex	13	14	15 Honors Team 7pm Annex	16 NEWSLETTER INPUT DUE	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo following	24
25	26 Shooting Sports 7pm Annex	27	28 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	29	30	31

Sotoyome Shooters at First Competition



scored a 230/600. According to Reuel, a score of 550 would get a shooter in the nation competition. You can contact Reuel at 707-874-1951 for additional information.

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Two of our Shooting Club members, their parents and leaders traveled to Lincoln for a shooting competition. Brenden

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2015 Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Serving fresh crab, salad and garlic bread. No Host Cocktails

ALL YOU CAN EAT

For \$50.00 Per Person
No host bar opens at 3pm
Serving from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg

Contact Frank or Carol Teuscher for tickets
(707)431-2328 or any board member
Frank cell: 707-695-2663