

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
HEALDSBURG- GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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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>
85.2%	79%	63.5%	79.3%	90.3%



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

Remembering...



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

John (Jack) Cadd, US Army, WWII
Senior Past Commander, Sotoyome Post 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.

From Commander Tom:

The 2014-15 program year is rapidly coming to an end. This year we have seen the Tayman Group take over management of the Villa Chanticleer. The bathrooms in the Annex are being brought up to ADA Code and new front doors are being installed.

We have seen the Junior Shooting program launched. Our American Legion Riders continue their efforts to honor honor our Active Service Military Members, Families and Veterans as well as our Community. The Missing in America Program continues to be a mjr part of their efforts

We no longer operate the bar in the Villa. Our license has been reduced to the Annex. This has resulted in a significant loss in revenue. The car show scheduled for May 31st and we are working with the Tayman Group to introduce a Golf Tournament that should we are help cover some of our revenue losses.

We increased the cost of the Commanders and Presidents Dinner on Saturday, March 14th. We are asking that you make reservations and mail your check to our finance officer, Bob Taylor at 457 Muscat Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425. Please mail by March 3rd so that we can make arrangements and order food and supplies.

Finally, we will soon be nominating officers and board members for the Post, Unit and Squadron. There is so much that we could be doing for the Veterans and their families in the Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor commu-

Squadron 111, Mitch Laing, Commander

From Adjutant Tom. For the first time since we chartered Sotoyome Squadron 111, Sons of The American Legion we face the prospect of not being a 100% Squadron. As of today we are at 64.9% 42 of our members have renewed and 6 new members have joined the Squadron. Our goal, which was set the Detachment of California, is 74 members.

We have 16 members who have not renewed. Two members notified me that they would not be renewing. So, of today (January 21st) we are 26 members short. We are in last place among the 7 Squadrons within the 5th District.

I'm hesitate to recruit new members until leaders step forward from within the Squadron. We need someone to give leadership to the Flag Retirement Program on Flag Day. Other potential projects include providing service projects for older veterans, being involved in the cemetery cleanup at Oak Mound. We also need to help other parts of the Sotoyome American Legion Family.

We will be holding meeting at 6:30pm before the March 12th and April 9th meetings. Call Commander Mitch (707-623-9179), Vice Commander Matt (707-894-5603) or Adjutant Tom (707-481-9169) if you are interested in getting involved.

Our Past Commanders and Past Presidents

*You are Invited to our
American Legion Birthday Dinner
Saturday, March 14, 2015 Villa Chanticleer*

6:00 pm Cocktails & 7:00 pm Dinner

The American Legion's 96th Anniversary and the 95th Anniversary of Sotoyome Post and Unit 111
5th Anniversary of SAL Squadron 111 and ALR Chapter 111

We will recognize our former and current Honors Team members.

*Enjoy a marinated Tri-Tip Dinner
\$10 for members of the Sotoyome American Legion Family.
\$20 for Guests*

Questions: Call 707-894-0857 or Email: sotoyome111@aol.com

**DON'T DELAY MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS! Clip and use the coupon below
And send your payment no later than March 4th. Don't Delay.**

Clip and Mail This Coupon

*American Legion Birthday Dinner
Saturday, March 14, 2015 Villa Chanticleer*

6:00 pm Cocktails and Appetizers & 7:00 pm Dinner

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Sotoyome American Legion Family Members ____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of guests ____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Yes, I am a Current Former Honors Team Member

Please Mail to Bob Taylor, 457 Muscat Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425



**Sotoyome American Legion Family
2014-2015 Leadership**

Post 111 The American Legion

Commander	Tom Grimes	481-9169
1st Vice	Reuel Miller	874-1951
2nd Vice	Steve Bowne	332-3843
Adj/Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Steve Piotter	433-5034
Judge Adv	Doug Newton	217-6309
Sgt. at Arms	Tricia Lay	695-0345
Asst SgtArms	Tony Grado	527-8233
Service Officer	Chris Bingham	565-5960
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	843-4790
Jr. Past Cdr	Dave Richie	568-7278
Executive Board		
	Frank Jerins	
	George Sager	433-2044
	Frank Teuscher	431-2328
	Roy Caporale	894-8954
	Stan Shusda	838-4593

Unit 111, American Legion Aux,

President	Linda Karnstedt	529-1243
1st Vice	Eddy Sauers	838-9429
2nd Vice	Linda Clary	433-3733
Secretary	Marie Canale	431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain		
Sgt. at Arms	Judy Chavez	894-4636
Marshall	Thelma Frey	546-7791
Jr Pass Pres.	Nancy Evers	529-2271
Executive Board		
	Virginia Hawley	838-6395
	Virginia Wallace	838-8702
	Thelma Frey	546-7791

Squadron 111 , SAL

Commander	Mitch Laing	623-9179
1 st Vice	Matt Foreman	894-5603
Adjutant	Tom Grimes	481-9169
Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
Chaplain	Reuel Miller	874-1951
Sgt at Arms	Steve Bowne	578-4775
Jr. Past Comdr	Matt Foreman	894-5603

Chapter 111 ALR

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 Capt	Matt Foreman	894-5603
Chaplain	Ed Howell	292-8033
Past Pres	Ron Collier	838-3262

LEADERS: Please let me know if I have your phone number is wrong or if there is a better number to reach you.

February 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

1	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3	4	5	6	7 Crab Feed 7-9pm
8	9 Past Presidents Card Party Noon	10 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	11	12 No Mtgs See Below	13 Newsletter Input Due	14
15	16	17	18	19 Honors Team 7pm Annex	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo	28

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POT LUCK AND BINGO ON PINON

Forth Fridays at 1342 Pinon Drive, Healdsburg

Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Bingo.

Bring your favorite potluck dish, a salad or dessert. Guests are welcome!

25 cents per card per game. Bring Quarters!

Call Commander Tom at 707-481-9169 for more information

Unit 111, Linda Karnstedt, President

It was unfortunate we had to miss our annual holiday dinner and

raffle due to the rain storm. However we are considering having a wonderful spring time dinner and raffle for our April meeting on the 9th. So any of those raffle items you were going to bring for December, please bring them in April. All the proceeds from our raffle goes to the residents at the Pathway house in Yountville and they deserve our support. Since the annex is now being renovated (updating the bathrooms and other “fixes”), we have decided to skip the February meeting to allow the construction to be completed. We should be having a brand new space for our March meeting – it was kind of interesting to have the Auxiliary meet in the kitchen this last week while the Post meeting was held in the main room. A gentle reminder, the membership year is half over and there are still several of you that have not renewed. Remember, your dues help support ALL the programs the Auxiliary is known for and directly impacts veterans, active military, and their families. See you in March.

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Post 111, Auxiliary Unit 111, Son's Squadron 111, Legion Riders Chapter
A proud part of the Healdsburg Community since 1920

ALR Chapter 111, Mitch Laing, President

American Legion Riders Chapter #111 is busy planning our Annual Memorial Ride and Showing our Colors by Participating in Events

and Missions that honor our Veterans and Military Families.

Windsor Blue Star Banners was attended by several ALR Members and Funerals for Veterans had Honor Team Members, Flag Lines and Escorts by Riders.

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery had the quarterly Veterans without Families honors with ALR Members in the lead under the MIAP Banner. MIAP Calif State Coordinator Ron Collier is working in outlying counties to identify and honor fallen Veterans, insuring they rest in a place of honor surrounded by brother and sister veterans.

Help on the Home front saw fantastic participation with several Northern Calif ALR making the long ride to Palo Alto to honor a Military Family in Need. This was on the weekend the Golden Gate Bridge was closed so riders literally went extra miles for this.

Legion Rider Chapter Presidents from Area 1 met in Woodland for the very first time and the communication between Chapters will only help strengthen our rides and cooperation. District 5 ALR Chapters are planning to begin Quarterly Joint Rides beginning 1st Q 2015.

ALR is open to Members in Good Standing of the Legion Family who ride a 650cc motorcycle or larger and wish to support and honor our Active Service Military Members, Families and Veterans as well as our Community. ALR Chapter #111 meets monthly at Mary's Pizza in Windsor at 1800hrs, 6pm. The next meetings are Tuesday Feb 3 and March 3 (the first Tuesdays these first few months of 2015).