

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
HEALDSBURG- GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR



## THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2015

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

Visit our new Website at <http://www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org/>

### 2015 Membership Renewals

Post 111	Unit 111	Sqd 111	Legion Family	ALR 111
91.8%	92.8%	73.0%	87.2%	91.1%

Our 2015 membership year will soon be coming to an end.

The post needs 29 more renewals or new members to join. 1st Vice Commander **Reuel Miller**, Adjutant/Finance Officer **Bob Taylor** have been working membership. **Stan Shusda** has been an effective recruiter.

The Unit is 12 members short.. 1st Vice **Eddy Sauers** and Treasurer **Melanie Taylor** has done a great job.

The Squadron is also down 12 member. Thanks to Post member Bud Simmons renewing five members, the Squadron can reach it's goal of 74 members.

These numbers does not reflect those being worked. We can be a **100% American Legion Family** this year.

### Remembering...

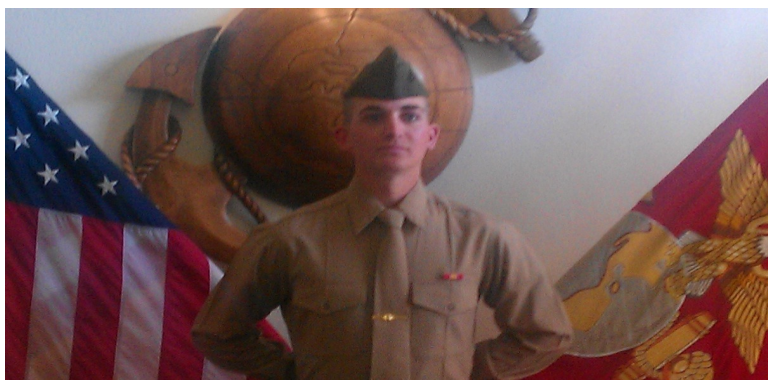
Since the last newsletter we have said a final goodbye to the following members of our American Legion Family.

**Louis A Guglielmino, US Army**  
**Florence Wheeler, WWII WASP (not a member)**

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.

### A Proud Uncle

Private Z. L. 'Zack' Buchanan, a Grandnephew of Marine John Reyes (a member of the post), graduated a United States Marine from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Echo Company, Platoon 2105 at Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, (MRCD) on February 27, 2015. A very proud moment for both the young Marine and his family. Born April 12, 1994 in San Luis Obispo, CA, the youngest of three children, Private Buchanan spent most of his childhood growing up in Atascadero, CA. He and his family moved to Lemoore, CA for a short time, ultimately returning to California's Central Coast, residing in a small beach town in Cayucos where he would graduate in 2012 from Coast Union High School, Cambria, CA. Private Buchanan has a strong desire to serve and protect his country, providing security and safety for his family and the citizens of the United States of America. The realization of his dream, to become a Marine rifleman, continues as he reports to Camp Pendleton for two months of infantry training.



### Revised "Paid Up For Life program" and streamlined application process.

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life program online or can print a personalized application and mail in their payment. Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.

To get your Paid Up For Life membership now, click the link below and get your personalized offer.

Visit <http://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

## 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 2 8:30am	Cleanup, 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 Ceremony
11am	Geyserville Cemetery Ceremony
12noon	Windsor Cemetery. Ceremony
1:00pm	Picnic at the Annex RSVP Tom 707-481-9169
Tue, May 27 - 8am	Pick up flags at Oak Mound

**Unit 111, Linda Karnstedt, President**

I hope everyone had a lovely time at the annual Legion family birthday dinner in March.

We would love to see everyone at our “**Christmas in April**” dinner on April 9, our regular meeting night. Ham and turkey and stuffing are on the menu. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish or salad. We will be providing the dessert.

Don’t forget to bring all those raffle items you were going to bring at Christmas. This is the Auxiliary’s major fundraiser for the year to support the Pathway House in Yountville. If you need a ride, please contact me or any of the officers listed to see if we can get someone in your area to give you a lift.

If you haven’t paid your current dues we will gladly take them that evening as well. Our unit would love to keep us a “100% membership” and we are still shy of that this year. You are part of our legion family so if you need some assistance to pay your dues please let me know. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas”!

## Annual Reports

What have you done to support veterans and their families? Please take a few minutes and let us know what you have done. Have you taken a Veteran shopping, driven to the doctor, cleaned their yard? Spent time talking and visiting with them?

Please take the time to let us know. Mail a note to one of the addresses on the front page. Call your Commander or President (Phone numbers on page 3). Send an email. You can send to [coachtom.grimes@gmail.com](mailto:coachtom.grimes@gmail.com) and I will forward.



## 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	578-4775
Adj/Finance	Bob Taylor	894-0857
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 <sup>st</sup> 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

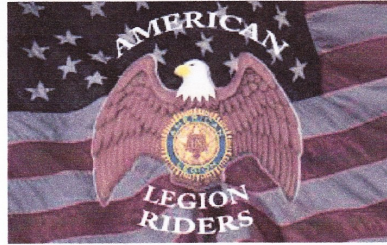
**LEADERS:** Please let me know if I have your phone number is wrong or if there is a better number to reach you.

## April 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	7 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	8	9 SAL: 6:30pm Post/Unit 7pm	10	
12 District Meeting Konociti Post 437	13 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	14	15	16 6:30pm Honors Team Practice Annex	17	18
19 Spring Fling Yountville	20	21	22 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	23	24 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo	25
26	27	28	29 Legistrative Day Sacramento	30		

## May 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Oak Mound Cemetery Cleanup 8:30 am
3	4 Post/Unit Board Meetings 7pm	5 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	6	7	8	9 Windsor Parade
10	11 Past Presidents Card Party Noon Job Fair Double Tree Rohnert Park	12	13	14 Post/Unit 7pm	15 Newsletter Input Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 FFA Parade	22	23
24 Flags Out 31 Car Shnn/ow	25 Memoral Day Programs	26 Flags Picked up 8 am	27 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	28	29 Sotoyome Social Pot Luck 6:00pm Bingo follow- ing	30 Girl State Boy State See note Page __



**American Legion Riders #111 6th Annual**  
**Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride**  
***Christopher's Ride***  
**SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015**

**&  
BBQ**



**Christopher Gathercole** was born in Santa Rosa and spent most of his youth in Sonoma County. After graduating in 2005 he enlisted in the US Army and became a Ranger. Shortly before his last deployment his daughter Emma was born. Chris was KIA 26 May 2008 by small arms fire while serving in Afghanistan.

Daughter Emma is now 7 years old.

***This Benefits Emma's Education Trust Fund***

**BBQ Picnic and Raffle Open To All. Be there 12 noon to Welcome Riders as they arrive!**

**All Motorcycle Riders are Welcome on the Ride. Wear your Colors -- and Never Forget!**

**[www.healdsburglegionriders.org](http://www.healdsburglegionriders.org)**

**INFO: [madmitch55@gmail.com](mailto:madmitch55@gmail.com) or 707 975-1541**

**NEW Check-In:** Cafe  
NOTO McClelland & Market  
Windsor Town Green

**Registration:** 8:30am

**Ride Departs:** 9:30am

2-1/2 Hour Ride

**\$20 Rider, \$10 Passenger**

**Tri-Tip BBQ:**

Villa Chanticleer

Picnic Grounds

1248 N Fitch Mountain Rd,

Healdsburg, CA

\$10 BBQ Only

**Donated Raffle Prizes**

**Benefit:** Emma Gathercole  
Baxter's Education Fund



**ALR Chapter 111, Mitch Laing, President**

American Legion Riders Chapter #111 voted to hold our remaining 2015 meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The calendar will be changed to reflect this alteration.

Meetings will continue at Mary's and they have update their reservation book.

ALR #111 will be nominating officers at our next meeting. Step Up if you wish to become involved as an officer.

At this time a Statewide ALR Resolution was passed March 13-15 session in Santa Maria concerning patches, pins and other items allowed on the California ALR Vest. This has become a major item of discussion and will be big at State ALR Convention in April. We will have Three Attendees representing our chapter.

ALR #111 Vest is 99.9% in compliance with the regulations posted in the resolution as we do not have any patches or pins in support of M/Cs etc. I will review the items of concern with our Riders and if anyone has something that is not approved by the State ALR they will be asked to remove it. Of Note: RANK is not allowed and that is the one item I can think of that is not approved.

ALR #111 has honored several veterans this past month with flag lines at memorial or graveside services. MIAP will escort Fallen Warriors of the Past to SVNC and attend the Quarterly Honors April 8. Our 6th Annual Memorial Ride and BBQ is Saturday June 6, D-Day, at Villa Picnic Grounds. Please join the Ride or Attend the BBQ and Participate in the Raffle! Proceeds to go the education trust fund of a Gold Star Daughter who lost her father, US Army Ranger Christopher, KIA Afghanistan in 2008.

**Squadron 111, Mitch Laing, Commander**

I wish to thank all Sons who attended our March Meeting at 1830 hrs (6:30pm).

We don't hold many meetings and it was good to see the chairs filled with my brother SAL Squad #111 Members.

We discussed Future Officers and Nominations will be held on Thursday April 9 again at 1830 hrs.

Plan to Attend and Please Step Up to become an Officer in Sons of American Legion Squad #111.

We are looking for an SAL member to work with brother Stan Shusda and take over the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. Please contact myself or Post Commander Grimes if you wish to become involved.

It was good to see SAL Members at the Legion Birthday Dinner and whenever possible step up to assist in Post Events.

Again thank you for attending the March Meeting and see you Thursday April 9 6:30pm at The Villa Annex.

***Christmas In April!***

**Our annual Christmas Party will be Thursday, April 9th!**

**Yes, Christmas Dinner in April!**

**Our traditional Christmas dinner will follow a short program. 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.**

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## **3rd Annual Car Show, Sunday, May 31, 2015**

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

***Empire Boat & RV Storage 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.**

**[info@flamevineclassic.com](mailto:info@flamevineclassic.com) or visit [www.flamevineclass.com](http://www.flamevineclass.com)**

**Car entry fee: \$25 advance \$30 at the door-Vendor booth \$75**

**Mark Your Calendar/Invite a Father**

**Father's Day Breakfast Sunday, June 21st**

Invite a *prospective* member. They Eat Free!

7:30am to 11:00pm. Adults \$10.00 Children \$4.00 (6-12)

**Ladies, you are more than welcome to join us.**

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