

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



THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

MAY 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

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2015 Membership Renewals

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

The current membership year is rapidly coming to an end.

Sotoyome Post 111 Short 25
Sotoyome Unit 111 Short 11
Sotoyome Sqd 111 Short 11

Note: these numbers are as of when this newsletter went to press. The mail version was updated just prior to sending

Surely we can find 25 veterans in the Geyserville, Healdsburg, Windsor area. A friend, a relative, a neighbor, someone you work with. The friend of a friend. Ask them to come to our May 14th meeting. We pay the first year dues!

Post members, is your spouse a member of the Unit? Are your children a member of the Unit or the Squadron. Make your family a true American Legion Family.

Male post members can honor a veteran ancestor by joining the Sons of The American Legion.

Women veterans are also eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Let's be a 100% American Legion Family!

Remembering...

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

Sven Bostrom, USN, WWII
Robert Rawlins,

Also remember
Jerry Collier, WWII Army Air Corps
And Father of Ron Collier

Please let us 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

Ready, Aim.....



The Sotoyome Shooting Sport has been a great addition to the Sotoyome American Legion Family.

Rendering Honors



Mitch Laing (left), Commander of SAL Squadron and President of our American Legion Riders Chapter 111, render honors with two other North Bay Patriot Guard Riders. We are proud of our American Legion Riders and the services they provide throughout the Bay Area and Northern California.

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. We will gather at 8:30am at Oak Mound. Bring weed whackers, gloves, racks
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

Unit 111, Linda Karnstedt, President

Our "Christmas in April" dinner on April 9 was a success from the standpoint that we had lots of good food, turkey, ham and all the fixings, and a huge variety of raffle items. So if you weren't there you missed a great night and if you were there, and got the raffle items I was wanting, you SCORED! All the proceeds from the raffle that night will go to support the Pathway House in Yountville. If you notice on the front page, our 2015

Membership renewal is just over 90%. We have until the end of June to make goal so if you haven't paid your current dues, please send as soon as possible to Melanie Taylor, 457 Muscat Dr, Cloverdale CA 95425-3649. Also if you have any family members or friends you'd think would like to join – invite them to a meeting. We'd be happy to discuss the programs the Auxiliary supports to see if they are interested in participating.

Speaking of participating, we have a member that would like to start the coupon program again. So everyone can participate even if you can't come to a meeting. Do you get grocery coupons in the mail or your Sunday paper? Yes? Well, US military families stationed overseas are able to use them on the base commissary for up to SIX MONTHS after the manufacturer's expiration date (only manufacturer's coupons are accepted - brand names only – no local in-store or internet coupons). So just clip them and either bring to the May meeting (or any meeting), give them to one of your officers, or mail them to me or Nancy Evers. We'll take care of the rest.

Hope to see you on May 14. Sincerely, Linda Karnstedt, President



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 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.

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 Girl State Luncheon Villa Boy State Luncheon Santa Rosa	18	19	20	21 FFA Parade	22	23
24 Flags Out 31 Car Show	25 Memorial Day Programs	26 Flags Picked up 8 am	27 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	28	29	30

June 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	2 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	3	4	5	6 ALR Memorial Ride
7 5th Dist Mtg San Anselmo Post 179	8 Past Presidents Card Party 1pm Shooting Sports 7pm Annex	9	10	11 Sotoyome Installations Post, Unit and Squadron	12 Newsletter Input Due for Jul/Aug Newsletter	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Breakfast	22	23	24 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

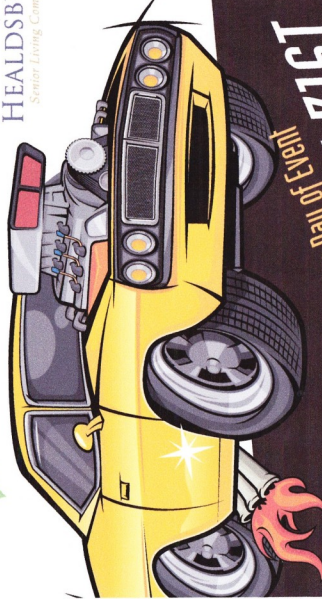
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American Legion Riders #111 6th Annual **Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride** **Christopher's Ride** **SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015** **BBQ**

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

INFO: 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 are busy hitting the streets soliciting Great Raffle Donations for our upcoming Memorial

Ride and BBQ.

This will be our 6th Annual Ride and this year we honor US Army Ranger Christopher Gathercole, KIA 26 May 2008 in Afghanistan.

The BBQ is Saturday June 6 at The Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds and is open to all! We will have a wonder meal prepared by USCG Chef Warren Luke and will be selling Raffle Tickets and you can choose the prizes you would like to receive.

Proceeds go to the Education Trust of Emily Gathercole Baxter, the young daughter born just before Chris's final deployment.

This year we will register riders at Cafe NOTO at the Windsor Town Green, take a nice 2 hour ride thru Sonoma County and arrive about 1230 at The Villa for the BBQ and Raffle Festivities.

See any Legion Rider for PreSale \$10 BBQ Tickets, to make a Donation or if you have any questions.

Raffle Prizes (so far) include SF Giants Tickets, Golf with Cart, Bowling, Wine Tasting, Hair Cuts, Auto Service, Alignment, Case of Synthetic Oil, Motorcycle Gear, Numerous Gift Cards, Petaluma Speedway Tickets, Tattoos and Piercings, Chocolate, Premium Wine... and we are just starting to collect!

ALR's main goal is to honor our Veterans and Military. MIAP escorted 5 Veterans to their final resting place at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery plus we honored Fallen Veterans at Graveside Services this month and most every month.

The April Group Ride was to Cazadero Fire Station where 11 participated in the Pole Mountain Lookout Breakfast Benefit.

Plan to attend the Memorial BBQ, or to Volunteer contact Mitch Laing, Steve Bowne or Eddy Sauers. American Legion Riders meets the first Tuesday of the Month at Windsor Mary's Pizza at 6pm. Show early for Happy Hour Prices.

Ride Safe, Mitch Laing, President, American Legion Riders Chapter #111

**An Open Letter to the
Sotoyome Post 111 Legion Family,**

At the District meeting it was proposed and passed to establish a Post inside San Quentin Prison.

I was one of a handful that opposed it and have written an email addressed to the State Commander, District Commander, our Post Commander, our Board, and our membership. I will have copies of my response at the next meeting. One of my concerns is that Felons once released would have access to our youth programs. Another concern for me is that a convicted Honorably discharged veteran such as Eddie Ray Routh who murdered Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield in theory could become Post Commander if incarcerated at San Quentin. I don't see how this is for the "Good of the Legion".

I have been nominated to be your next Commander. Please attend the next meeting and make your voices be heard. I was told by the District Commander I need to learn more about Legion politics. The last I checked I volunteered to be a Legion member to promote the 4 Pillars of the Legion. I am not stepping forward to play politics. Agree or disagree I will vote at District based on the collective will of our membership.

Reuel Miller 1st Vice Commander

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Squadron 111, Mitch Laing, Commander

The first round of officer nominations were made at the April meeting. We will repeat the process at the May meeting, followed by the elected. This meeting will start at the 6:30pm. The new officers will be installed at the June 11th meeting.

So far no one has stepped forward to give leadership to the Flag Day Ceremony next month. We will discuss at the May meeting.

We are 11 members short of our 2015 membership goal of 74 members. Membership is open to the male decedents of American Legion members and deceased Veterans who served during one of the eligibility periods.

Remember,

It's not the price you paid to become a member

It's the price a veteran paid to make you eligible for membership!

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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