

**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>
92.9%	94.0%	89.2%	92.7%	93.5%

It looks like we are ending our 2014-15 membership year short of our goals. We came close, being short by 43 members. The Post is short 25 members, the Auxiliary is short 10 members, and the Squadron passed last years membership but missed this years goal by 8 members.

At the June board meeting we voted to honor our Korean War Veterans for their service. We are making them **Honorary Life Members**.

This means we will automatically pay your dues each July. If you receive a Dues statement from National DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO NATIONAL or to the Post. Do nothing right now. We will be sending you your 2016 membership card as soon as the Department releases them to us.

Honors in Cloverdale



On Friday, June 19th, the Honors Team gathered at the Russian River Cemetery, Cloverdale to render final honors for Jerry Collier, a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran and father of our Ron Collier. The flag presentation was made by an U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, seen here folding the Flag. The ALR provided a flag line (picture on Back Page)

Your 2015-16 Leadership Team



Thursday evening, June 11, 2015, a new leadership team was installed for the Sotoyome American Legion. Reuel Miller (on the left) is the new Commander for Post 111. Eddy Sauers was installed as President of Unit 111 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Matt Forman is the new Squadron Commander. On the right is Mitch Laing, President of the Sotoyome Chapter of the American Legion Riders.

2015 Fathers Day Breakfast

Commander Reuel took charge of the 2015 Fathers Day Breakfast. We served 103 customers, plus 9 children and 2 caregivers.

The crew included Nancy Evers, Eddy Sauers, Melanie & Bob Taylor, Harold Bagdonas, Kenneth VanMeveren Dave Price, Tom Grimes, Steve Bowne and Roy Caporale manned the bar.

Commander Reuel sent out a thank you to the crew saying "What a wonderful bunch of people to be associated with. Everyone kept on charging and there was no quit in any of you. I can't thank you all enough."

The Annex looked great. The room has painted and the pictures taken down for the remodel have been rehung.

Sotoyome Post 111, Reuel Miller, Commander

Sisters and Brothers of Post 111

Hope we find everyone enjoying their summer.

We are looking forward to the Paella Dinner Friday September 4 at the Villa put on by the Tayman Group. There will be Live Music and we look to fill the Villa. The proceeds from the Dinner will be going to the Fireworks and Post 111 Scholarship Programs. We will be manning the Beer and Wine Bar similar to the one at the Crab Feed. Put September 4 on your calendar. This event doesn't replace the Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will be held in the Spring.

District 5 news:

Yountville Picnic August 1 and 2.

Saturday Night Tri-tip Dinner \$15.00

Help needed in the snack bar, and pouring beer and **Clean up**

RV Park will be open on Tuesday

Approved \$250.00 to Auxiliary for ditty bags for the Veterans at Yountville

Bob and Melanie Taylor will be representing the 5th District at the National Convention in August.

The vote by post delegate strength to renew the Charter of a Post at San Quentin was defeated handily. 16 yeas- 69 nays

The Junior Shooters will be going to the Ukiah Gun Club July 14. We look to put 150 rounds apiece for each Junior Shooter down range and closer to getting them qualified for their Pro-Marksman Rocker and Small Bore Badge. The Junior Shooters have tickets available for the drawing of a Winchester 280 Rifle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The goal is to sell 600 tickets. We sent \$1500.00 to our fund at the Midway USA Foundation and Midway matches it. The goal is to build the fund up to pay the Club Insurance. We are allowed to take out 5% a year. The remaining \$1500.00 will be used to purchase equipment, make insurance premium payments, and general operating costs.

September 14 marks opening night of the Junior Shooters season. All Juniors ages 11-17 are welcome. September 21 marks the first "Hamburger" night put on by the Junior Shooters. Hopefully we will have the cable hooked up for some Monday Night Football. Check out the Healdsburg American Legion website, click on Jr Shooters and print the Schedule thru the end of the year.

Anyone who would like to be added to my email list please email me at reuelmiller@comcast.net. I forward a lot of email and believe "Sunshine is the Best Disinfectant".

Never Quit, Never Forget, and Keep on Charging.

Reuel Miller

Remembering...

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

Raymond Chavez, US Army, Vietnam

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 know and they will pass the word.



Squadron 111, Matt Foreman, Commander

As Commander of SAL Squadron 111 we are all looking forward to another successful year. We will continue honoring, aiding and supporting military men and women and their families, thru our collaborative efforts with Post 111.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Fire Works Setup	4 AM Fire Works Setup Evening Fireworks Show
5 Fire Works Cleanup	6 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	7 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	8	9 Post/Unit 7pm	10	
12	13 Past Presidents Card Party 12 Noon	14 Jr. Shooters at Ukiah Gun Club 9am—1pm	15 Newsletter Input Due	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Aug 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Post/Unit Board Mtgs 7pm	4 ALR Meeting 6pm Windsor	5	6	7	8
9	10 Past Presidents	11	12	13 Post/Unit 7pm	14	15 Newsletter Input Due
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

Sep 2015 Sotoyome American Legion Family, Healdsburg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	2	3	4	5
6	7 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	8	9	10 Post/Unit 7pm	11	12
13	14 PP Card Party 12 Noon Jr Shooters New Season General Meeting 6 - 8 pm	15 Newsletter Input Due	16	17	18	19
20	21 Jr. Shooters Hamburger Night public invited 5:30pm - 8:30pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Jr Shooters Basic Rifle Lesson 1 CMP 50 rds 6pm - 8pm	29	30			

Sotoyome American Legion Family 2015-2016 Leadership Team

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ALR Chapter 111, Mitch Laing, President

Legion Riders held our 6th annual Memorial Ride and BBQ June 6th.

We had 60 riders and 95+ at the BBQ, down from last year.

150 Great Raffle Prizes were gathered by all members including several key ALR riders Ron K, Jim C, Lance/Angela and others. Temple hit the service organizations in Cloverdale and solicited great cash donations. Post Member Warren did his BBQ Tri Tip and Beans and Auxiliary President Eddy was Volunteer Coordinator and we had many from The Post, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR including spouses do a great volunteer job. Matt, Campy, Reuel, Milkman lead a great ride that made a pass by our honoree's grave where Ron C, Tony, Mark and Gary were at Attention in MET Uniform. (MET lead the escort of US Army Ranger Christopher Gathercole home).

Thank You All!

With all Cash/Check Donations going to the benefit, splitting proceeds from Riders, BBQ and Raffle, we were able to donate over \$3750 to the Emma Gathercole Baxter Trust for the education of Chris's daughter.

Weekend after the Memorial Ride we rode to Lake County for a Breakfast to benefit the family of a fallen veteran, and riders honored Post Member Chavez at his service and rode to Ukiah to honor Ron Collier's Father, WWII US Army Air Corp Veteran who passed away last month.

Future ride to Hollister is planned to witness ALR/Post Member do his Parachute Jump from an Airplane that was won at the Raffle... we will take photos!

American Legion Riders meets the first Tuesday of the Month at Marys Pizza in Windsor at 6pm. Arrive early to get Happy Hour Prices.

Sotoyome Unit 111, Eddy Sauers, President

Special HELLO to all Auxiliary members, now that I'm unit President for 2015-2016. It is so hard to be-

lieve after only 31/2 years I'm President and on the Honor Team since 2012.

I have a great group of new officers that I know will work with me. Shirleen Perry stepped in to be 1st. VICE. Rose Sandoval move into 2nd. VICE. Both of these ladies will work well here. Our continuous and gunho SECRETARY stayed at her position, Thank You Marie Canale. Our TREASURER Melanie Taylor also stayed at her position, which I'm very happy about; being my back-up for questions and help. Linda Clary has agreed to be CHAPLAIN, Which I understand she is familiar with this position, Thank You, Linda. Nancy Ever will fill in SG. at ARMS and Thelma Frey will stay as MARSHALL. Very appreciate both of you ladies for taking these position. Of course not but least is our faithful EXECUTIVE BOARD, Virginia Hawley, Virginia Wallace, Thelma Frey; don't think you will have it easy, I'll be calling on your help. Thank you ladies

I'm looking forward to doing some exciting things for the unit to help our veterans and their families. Also hopping to get more our members back at our meeting or participate. I've worked with the Post, Squadron and ALR, they are great members I know I can get help from them and likewise from auxiliary. I'll do my best as your auxiliary unit President.

I have talk to few more members about their membership dues. Please try to get your membership dues in, if you haven't. Remember if you like to come to any event or just a meeting. Please call one of our officers, we will arrange to bring you. Remember mail membership to: Melanie Taylor, 457 Muscat Dr., Cloverdale, Ca. 95425.

Oh yes ladies, remember our 4th of JULY FIREWORKS is just around the corner. If we don't do anything, at least we can give our POST a helping hand.

Don't forget those grocery coupons for our U.S. Military families overseas. They can use them. So clip and mail to one of our officers or mail them directly to Nancy Evers.

As always, Eddy

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I want to thank all my officers and you the membership for making this past year a truly rewarding one for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the American Legion Auxiliary unit 111 and will provide my whole support to the new officers for 2015-2016. Please join me in making this coming year one where the programs and purposes of the Auxiliary are fully supported. Thank you all again for this wonderful fun year.

Linda Karnstedt

Flag line for Jerry Collier, father of Ron Collier,



Mark Your Calendar:

Jr. Shooters Hamburger Night

Monday, September 21, 2015

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Invite Family and Friends - A New Sotoyome Tradition

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