

SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
HEALDSBURG - GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR



## THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

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### 2016 Membership Renewals

<u>Post 111</u> 74.2%	<u>Unit 111</u> 41.3%	<u>Sqd 111</u> 60.8%	<u>Legion Family</u> 62.4%
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The 2016 membership goals have been released by The American Legion (341 Post Members) The American Legion Auxiliary (184 Unit Members) and the Sons of The American Legion (74 Squadron members). The combined goal for the Sotoyome American Legion Family is 599 members.

The Early Bird Dinner is Thursday, November 11th. Pay your dues and enjoy the Early Bird Dinner as our guest.

I have been asked why we push the "Early Bird Dinner"? Your 2015 membership expires as of December 31, 2015, After that date you are no longer a member in good standing.

This January 1st there is a another reason not to wait. The per capita for The American Legion goes up to \$33.50

SOTOYOME JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

## Annual CIOPPINO DINNER

Monday Dec. 14 at 6pm • The Villa Annex  
AMERICAN LEGION POST III, HEALDSBURG

*Villa Chanticleer Annex*  
900 Chanticleer Way, Healdsburg, CA 95448

**\$45.00 donation for dinner.**

You can pay with credit card if you go to  
[www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org](http://www.healdsburgamericanlegion.org)  
click the tab under Junior Shooters.

**No Host Bar**



### THE AMERICAN LEGION

WAR-TIME VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS DEDICATED TO  
A STRONG NATIONAL SECURITY, COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR  
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND  
THE WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE  
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
TODAY!**

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**Sotoyome Post 111, Reuel Miller, Commander 707-874-1951**

Good Day Post 111

Air Show, Wings over Wine Country. We had a few flaws but nothing catastrophic. Show was great, and we touched a large number of people. We need to do a better job of signing people up to our Legion Family. We signed up 2 Legion Members. We also got 5 new Junior Shooters and sold about \$200.00 worth of Rifle raffle tickets.

Youth Recognition Night. Great pot luck dinner and even better talks about their experiences at Girls and Boys State by 3 young women and 7 young men. What an amazing group. One of our students won a \$20,000.00 scholarship. This couldn't be possible without the tireless work of our respective chairpersons Thelma Frey and Harold Bagdonas and their committees that choose these students.

November 1, Windsor Hometown Heroes Ceremony on the Town Green at 1pm. Practice 10am on Oct. 31.

Veteran Drivers License designation begins in November. Get to the Veterans Service Office and pick up your paperwork needed. If you are not registered with the VSO remember to bring your DD-214

**Veterans Day November 11, 2015** 7am- Breakfast provided by Rotary at the Annex. Our very own Captain Cliff Stewart WW2 to speak. Also Dallas Caroline will be singing the Star Spangled Banner and the Service Branches respective Hymns.

10am – Ceremony at Healdsburg Town Square

11am – Ceremony at Windsor Town Green Bud Sparks Pavilion

5:30 pm – Veterans dinner at St Johns, Healdsburg

Early Bird Dinner Thursday November 12 Pasta by Roy Caporale Pay your dues and have a nice dinner.

Honors Team practice 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Annex at 1830hrs

Get your Cioppino Dinner Tickets on line at [healdsburgamericanlegion.org/jr-shooters](http://healdsburgamericanlegion.org/jr-shooters)

Keep up on all Legion events at our Facebook page: Healdsburg American Legion Post 111

Keep an eye out for Hamburger Nights in November.

Never Quit, Never Forget, and Keep Charging

**Squadron 111, Matt Foreman, Commander, 707-894-5603**

From Adjutant Tom Grimes (707-481-9169). Membership renewals have stalled. So far we have gained 5 new members and 40 members have renewed for 2016. That puts us at 60.8%. We still have 26 members who have not responded to one of the membership renewal reminders sent. Please contact me if you have not received a reminder. Let me know also, if you do not plan to renew your membership.

Traditionally the Squadron provides the Santa for the annual Christmas Party and puts together the small gift pages. We need a Santa and someone to handle the gift bags this year. If no one steps forward by November 15th (newsletter deadline) we will have to cancel Santa.

Each Squadron member who has renewed has been sent a SAL Handbook. In addition you received a quarterly newsletter from the National office. Both publications are full of ideas for programs and activities. If you see something you like, bring it to the officers.

### **Chaplains Corner**

Post: Jerry Jaramillo, 707-239-1811

Unit: Linda Clary, 707-433-5800

Squadron: Reuel Miller, 707-874-1951

Riders: Ed Howell, 707-292-8033



**Need someone to talk to?  
You or someone in the family ill?  
Know of a Veteran who needs help?  
Start with a phone call to your Chaplain.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit board mtgs 7pm	3 ALR Meeting 6pm, Windsor	4	5	6	7
8	9 PP Card <u>Party 12 Noon</u> Jr Shooters Meeting 6 - 8 pm	10	11 Veterans Day Programs Healdsburg & Windsor Veterans Dinner at St Johns	12 Early Bird Dinner 7pm Annex	13 Newsletter Input Due	14
15	16 Jr. Shooters Hamburger Night public invited 5:30pm - 8:30pm	17	18	19 Honors Team 7pm Annex	20	21
22	23 Jr Shooters Meeting 6 - 8 pm	24	25 United Vet Cncl 7pm SR	26	27	28
29	30					

## December 2015

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 Sotoyome Christmas Dinner	11	12
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## Our Sotoyome Family Members Out and About in the Community

### Healdsburg Standout Runner



Photo courtesy  
Healdsburg Tribune.

**Gabrielle Peterson**, a Healdsburg High School Freshman Cross Country runner, is a Junior Member of Sotoyome Unit 111 of the American Legion Auxiliary. She routinely finishes in the top 20 runners. For the past three years she has helped with the Oak Mound Cemetery cleanup for Memorial Day and assists with a team that provides one of the Sunday meals at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Healdsburg. She is the daughter of Jim and Shannon Peterson (also a

Unit 111 member). Her grandfather, Leigh Mateas, is a member of the Post.

### Windsor Football Standout

**David Escarcega** a Windsor High School Junior, is a Charter Member of Sotoyome Squadron 111. Sons of The American Legion.

When he is not playing football is a member of the Healdsburg Fire-fighting Explorer program

He is the son of David and Renee Escarcega and the grandson of Bud Simmons, member of Sotoyome Post 111.



Photo courtesy  
Windsor Times

### Missing in America Program



Pictured here are Ron Krudop (Post 111 and ALR Chapter), Trish Lay (Post 111), Randy (PGR) Ron Collier (Squadron 111 and ALR Chapter), Vince (PGR), Steven Bowne (Post 111, Squadron 111 and ALR Chapter) and David Meyers (Post 111 and ALR Chapter)

The Missing In America Program (MIAP) is a nationwide effort to identify the unclaimed cremations of veterans. Locally the cremations are transported to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery where is a quarterly ceremony with them receiving their final honors.

### 2015 Youth Recognition Night



### Annex Bar



**Roy Caporale and Frank Jerins** man the Annex Bar. They are both members of the Honors Team and serve as Sotoyome Post 111 Executive Board members. Thank you Roy and Frank. Picture by Steven Bowne.



## ***SANTA IS COMING!***

Santa will kick off our annual Christmas Party at 6 pm, Thursday, December 10th,

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

## **An invitation to our Post and Auxiliary Members**

You are invited to join us as the  
Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise  
and the  
Sotoyome American Legion Family  
as we Honor our Veterans on  
Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the  
Villa Chanticleer Annex.  
860 Chanticleer Way, Healdsburg  
Doors open at 7am,  
Programs ends at 8:30am  
Patriotic Music Performed by  
Dallas Caroline.

Veterans will be recognized and Honored with their service song. There is no charge for Veterans and Auxiliary members. Others are being asked to make a \$10 donation.

Our Keynote Speaker is Captain Clifford Stewart,  
USN, Retired  
Proceeds will benefit  
The Pathway Home - Yountville.

Call Reuel Miller 707-874-1951 or  
Tom Grimes 707-481-9169  
For additional information.



Lee Morton  
President,  
Rotary Club of  
Healdsburg Sunrise



Reuel Miller  
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## Sotoyome American Legion Family

### 2015-2016 Leadership Team

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**ALR Chapter 111, Mitch Laing, President 707-975-1541**

American Legion Riders Chapter #111 assisted Missing in America Project (MIAP)

with quarterly services at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon Oct 14, first transporting three Vets to their final resting place then honoring the Veterans without Families interred the previous 3 months.

The next Quarterly Honors will be January 13, 2016 and all are encouraged to attend.

ALR #111 participated in Petaluma Elks annual Purple Pig Poker Run with ALR Vice President Ron "Campy" Dillow leading riders and Past President Ron Collier riding Sweep. BPOE supports Veterans so we were happy to participate.

ALR, along with PGR will participate at Windsor Hometown Banners program Sunday Nov 1st, Nov 11 Veterans Day Festivities in all of Sonoma County, and also on the horizon is annual Wreaths Across America at 9am December 12 at selected locations.

At our last meeting we discussed the opportunity to identify and assist a Veteran affected by the fires in Lake County who needs some work done or something built, to offer our services and try to organize donations for any supplies needed for the project. At this time this is a future work in progress and will be discussed further in our November meeting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Nov 3 at Mary's Pizza Shack in Windsor. The meeting starts at 6pm and as always arrive early to partake in Happy Hour Specials!

**Sotoyome Unit 111, Eddy Sauers. 707-838-9429**

We had a great Recognition Night Dinner with the Boy's and Girl's States 2015 Delegates. Sure would

love to see more members that night. It was very enjoyable listening to the boys and girls experiences they had. Our Commander Reuel Miller gave a great Benediction. SPECIAL THANK YOU for the Post Boy's State Chairman's Harold Bagdonas and the Unit Chairman Thelma Fry doing a great job.

We had various potluck dishes brought to the dinner. Want to Thank the ladies for stepping in to help Rose Sandoval with this event. Special thank you to Sue Aguilar for organizing the food table, Judy Chavez setting up the refreshments, Marie Canale for great Decorations. Also plus our Post, Sons and Riders setting up the tables and little odds and ends for Auxiliary. YOUR GREAT ! Thanks to everyone else who step in to help and stayed to cleanup. What great AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY in my book.

VETERAN'S DAY IS coming up November 11. Hope to see alot of our members and family at this event in Healdsburg at 10 a.m. and in Windsor at 11o'clock. Our AMERICAN LEGION HONOR TEAM are performing on these events.

It is just around the corner is our EARLY BIRD PASTA DINNER @ 7p.m. at the Annex on the 12th. of November. Get your membership dues in or pay at the door of the dinner. You are doing great getting your membership in early. Keep up the good work, Very proud of everyone doing this.

Haven't heard about the Historian job from anyone. I know there are ladies out there that will be very good at it. Think about it LADIES.

We been thinking about doing a BAKE SALE in December. We would like some ideas or suggestion from our members on this. Please call Rose Sandoval on your ideas to make this a great BAKE SALE.

I know it is early to be thinking about Christmas but keep in mind our raffle at the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 10. So keep its in mind if you have things to donate. Call now and don't wait. Thanks.

Shall close and Thank You all for getting your membership in. Also again THANKS to the POST, SONS, RIDERS AND AUXILIARY for great job you did at our EVENT.

AS ALWAYS YOUR PRESIDENT, EDDY SAUERS

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### **Early Bird Pasta Dinner**

**7 pm, Thurs, November 12th**

Sotoyome American Legion Family will conduct it's 3rd annual Early Bird Pasta Dinner. Those members who have renewed for 2016 and their guests will be free. Pay your dues at the dinner or pay \$10.00 for the dinner and pay your dues later. Let's celebrate our success.

### **St John the Baptist School Veterans Day Dinner**

**6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

The following was sent me by a Unit Member and neighbor. The dinner is Wednesday Nov 11 at 6:00 PM with music, performances and color guard by the cub scouts and an all American Dinner. Veterans free if they wear any part of their uniform and [\\$5.00](#) for everyone else. It will be in the Parish Activity Center. Call St. John's School at 433 2758 or email [anne.seppi@sjshbg.org](mailto:anne.seppi@sjshbg.org) for tickets and or info about the evening. I assume tickets will be available at the door...as in the past.

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