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Sotoyome Post participates in Veterans Day Ceremonies



George Sager speaks during ceremony on Veterans Day in Healdsburg.

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DECEMBER SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

CHRISTMAS DINNER Dec. 14th @ 7:00 PM

American Legion: postponed

Legion Board Meeting: Monday Dec. 4th @ 7:00 PM

Sons: postponed

Auxiliary: postponed

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday Dec. 4th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Legion Riders: Tuesday Dec. 5th @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor



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
WHOLESDOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Commander Tim Madura



This December will be a time to reflect and be thankful for all that we have. It will be a time to reach out and be thankful for all that we have. It will be a time to reach out and embrace our families, friends, and brothers and sisters-in-arms, especially those who may not be feeling the holiday spirit. This Christmas and Holiday season will remain in our hearts and minds for years to come. Our friends and families have suffered trauma, loss, and frustration, but have also felt the support and love from our community and beyond. I am proud and grateful to be part of this great community of caring men and women. Always be grateful and enjoy life.

The Boy's and Girl's State appreciation lasagna dinner for the November meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. The high school students shared their great experiences from Sacramento.

Our annual Crab Feed is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2018. Tickets will be \$65.00 each and we are only selling 500 tickets. Buy your tickets early. There is always plenty of delicious crab, salad, and garlic bread. Tickets typically sell out, so buy your tickets soon and sell more tickets to your friends, relatives, and out-laws. Bring your entire family.

Please volunteer some of your time for this, one of our main money raising events. A lot of time goes into making this great Crab Feed a success for the Post. You can volunteer your time setting up, serving, cooking, cleaning up, selling tickets, getting raffle prizes, or just promoting this great Crab Feed. Please show up to help, and dine with your family.

The Board meeting will be held at the annex at 7 PM on Monday December 4, 2017. The American Legion Riders meeting will be held on Tuesday December 5, 2017 at the Windsor Mary's Pizza starting at 6 PM. Come early to eat with happy hour prices.

The regular Post, Sons, and Auxiliary meetings will be postponed until January as Thursday December 14th will be the annual Christmas Dinner. Please plan on attending and bring your family. This will be a potluck dinner so bring items to feed eight. We are all part of the American Legion family and I encourage all to attend our meetings and functions at the Post.

Please have great holidays, a Merry Christmas, and a happy, safe, and great New Year. ~Tim



l to r: Legion members **Ken Cody, Tim Madura, Ron Collier & Dave McAleece** (not pictured) conducting search and removal for fire victim.

Auxiliary 1st Vice Shirleen Perry



After all the uncertainty, fears and devastation of our October Firestorm it was nice to visit with familiar faces at our November Pasta Dinner. Our delegates and their families from Girl's and Boy's State attended. The delegates gave informational reports of their experiences and their gratitude for our support giving them this opportunity.

December 14th at 7 pm will be our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and raffle. Please bring an entree or side dish and a salad serving 8 people to share. Also, for those of you that have items to donate to the evenings raffle we want to thank you in advance as the proceeds from the raffle support the Pathway House in Yountville.

Hope to see you all at our Christmas Dinner. ~Shirleen

PS: Officers don't forget our board meeting December 4th.



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



The Honor Team was busy last month with the Banner Program on November 5th and had to split the team on Veterans Day in order to complete honors at a funeral in Santa Rosa. Myself, **Dave Meyers**, **Linda Clary** & **Dianna Waite** attended the service in Santa Rosa while the rest of the team was in Healdsburg and Windsor.

Military funeral honors for November were as follows: One in Sonoma, one in Healdsburg and two in Santa Rosa.

Per request from **Dave Richey**, the Honor Team assisted the Sebastopol Rotary Club by performing a Color Guard for their Veterans Day program on November 10th. It was a very nice program they put on and also asked us to stay for lunch. That afternoon, I received a call from **Beejam Roohian** who is involved with the Hero Program along with Manly Honda in which Burial Flags and medals that were lost in the fire are replaced. The Honor Team was provided with eight flags and cases at the November 15th practice. **George Sager**, **Dave**

Meyers and myself folded all eight flags and placed them in the cases provided

The next day I delivered them to the Manly Honda dealership. Beejam was so pleased for us doing this and said he will have more to complete when he receives more names. He also told me they have Veterans discount for all Veterans.

December 7th is the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building in the Club Room starting at 9:00 AM. We were asked by **Harold Bagdonas** to do the Color Guard that morning for the program. Of course I said YES and the ones that volunteered are ready to go. I will send out an email to remind everyone. Be advised that everyone is invited to this event.

Reminder: Practice is on the 20th of December for flag folding at 15:00 at my house and rifle practice is on the 21st at 15:00 at the Annex. We need a better showing for each practice. Don't forget, Santa is watching you. ~Eddy

SAL Commander, Duke Callahan



While I know you relish our past achievements, I hope you also appreciate the challenges ahead. It is only with your with continued support that we can continue our important work. We have a donation box at two restaurants, one at Lumberjacks in Petaluma and one at Marvin's Breakfast Club in Novato. The donations benefits US Army Rangers Veterans at Pathway Home in Yountville.

I am inspired by all Vet's that respect our fallen and their patriotic families who attend these memorials everywhere.

~Duke



"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."



Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program
Huerta Gym Windsor, November 5th



Boys and Girls State Dinner

On November 9th, six boys and one girl who were delegates at Boys and Girls State this year along with their friends and family, were honored at a dinner provided by the Post. The delegates were representatives of Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale and Windsor High Schools. Each delegate shared their personal experience with the program much to the delight of all in attendance.



l to r: Girls State Delegate **Jacqueline Sandoval**, Girls State Coordinator **Melanie Taylor**, & Commander **Tim Madura**. Absent were **Annapurna Johnson**, **Paloma Velasquez** & **Hannah Bireschi**.



l to r: Boys State Delegates: **Mathew Markell**, **Bryant Sommer**, **Liam Lopez**, **Jacob Wilcox**, **Trevor Lorence**, & **Brett Stibi**.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1st—*Michael Wilson*

2nd—*Robert Kramer*

4th—*Perry Plattus*

6th—*James Ambrosi*

7th—*Larry Kilcullen*

8th—*Tim Madura*

9th—*Orville Boots, Craig Cochrane,
Susanne Steenvoorde*

12th—*Sheila Evers*

13th—*Jim Arnold*

14th—*Lee Spieller*

15th—*Harry Verwer*

16th—*Donald Lengel*

18th—*Asher Bugarske, Arthur Frey*

21st—*Randy Slay*

22nd—*Marjorie Barnard*

24th—*Paul Chappell*

27th—*James Taylor*

30th—*Tom Grimes*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7 PM	5 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	6	7 VFW 6 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Post meeting 7 PM Annex	15	16
17	18	19	20 Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24/31	25 Christmas	26	27 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	28	29	30

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEARS	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3	4 VFW 6 PM	5	6
7	8 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7 PM	9	10	11 Post meeting 7 PM Annex	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17 Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19	20
21	22	23	24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Top left: l to r: Honor Team members **Linda Clary, Dave Meyers, Eddy Sauers, Dianna Waite** at Santa Rosa Memorial Park providing ceremonial honors for funeral.



Top right: l to r: Honor Team members **Frank Jerins, Ken Cody, Frank Teuschler, Bob Taylor** at Healdsburg Plaza during Veterans Day ceremony.

Bottom right: Veterans Day ceremony at the Town Green in Windsor. Legion Commander **Tim Madura** and VFW Commander **Julia Sutton** presiding.



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Toys for Tots Run Sonoma November 19th



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Gary Greenough
at Healdsburg
Plaza during
Veterans Day
Ceremony.

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