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Legionnaire's attend Wreaths Across America ceremonies throughout Sonoma County



Ron Krudop at Cloverdale Cemetery on December 17th

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Chaplains Corner

Post: Reuel Miller, 707-874-1951

Auxiliary: All Officers will take turns

Squadron: Reuel Miller, 707-874-1951

Riders: Ed Howell, 707-292-8033



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FAMILIES; COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THE
WHOLESALE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

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

Commander Lance Ballenger



2016 is coming to a close and we look back to what was another successful year for our Legion Family here at Sotoyome Post 111. I am always struck and extremely impressed by the continued hard efforts, sweat and tears poured into our functions and events by the Volunteer Corps of our groups. Those selfless efforts make a very big impact on our Communities, our local Veterans, the Active Duty members serving here and abroad and the progress of spreading Americanism throughout a Community where dissent against our Flag is sold as a respectable fashion to embrace. Unfortunately it has become an ongoing battle,

especially in our tattered and often repressive area of California, where our efforts are more so required to display Patriotism, Freedom and Democracy displaying our love, admiration and respect of what the United States embodies.

We at the American Legion and the Veterans that have chewed on blood stained mud, salty seas and smoke laden skies of Foreign Land battle fields do not subscribe to being ok with anyone taking a knee. Yes, it is their right, and we did also fight for those rights, but in the end we do not have to respect it, like it, appreciate it or admire that line of dissent. Be it as it may, Lions do not lose sleep over the actions and thoughts of Lambs.

I want to personally thank the Crew that worked diligently to bring together another successful Cioppino Dinner Event for the benefit of our Junior Shooters Club. Reuel Miller, Frank and Carol Teuschler, Frank Jerins, Roy Caporale, Eddy Sauers, Dave Meyers, Ron Collier, Steve and Sharon Bowne, Kim, Christine, Tim Madura, Steve Ridder, Jim Shoberg, Jim Campbell, our Junior Shooters and the Lytton Springs 4H Club. A 'Yuuuge' success netting the club around \$2,500 to continue teaching our up and coming 2A kids safety, marksmanship, respect and Americanism. Thank you all. I want to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year. The Ballenger Family, all participating Members of either the Legion, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary, will be traveling to Washington DC to participate in the upcoming Inauguration of our newly elected President Elect. We plan to visit each of the War Memorials in DC and spend a good amount of time at Arlington Cemetery as well to pay our respects while being proud representatives of our Post #111 Legion Family. Till next year....

~Lance



Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



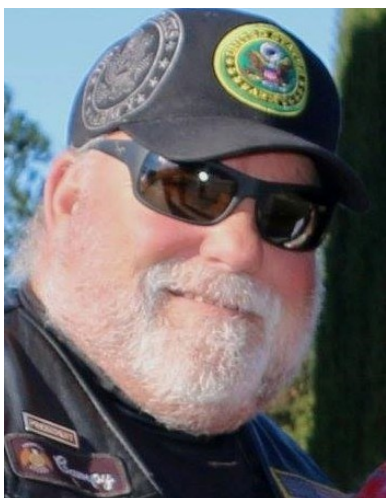
Well in spite of the rain, our Christmas potluck with turkey and ham was a cozy evening and our raffle to support the Pathway House in Yountville brought in almost \$300. So after 3 months of eating, we now get down to regular meetings and work on the coming year's events.

We will be doing interviews for our Girl's State delegates, planning for a lucrative poppy sales push for May next year, continuing to support the Americanism program with the essay contest, and other activities to support the key reason we exist - support veterans and active military and their families.

I would love to see more members at the meeting so if you need a ride please call one of your board members. **To the board:** We will meet at 6:30pm on Thursday January 12th prior to the regular meeting at 7pm. ~Linda



ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow

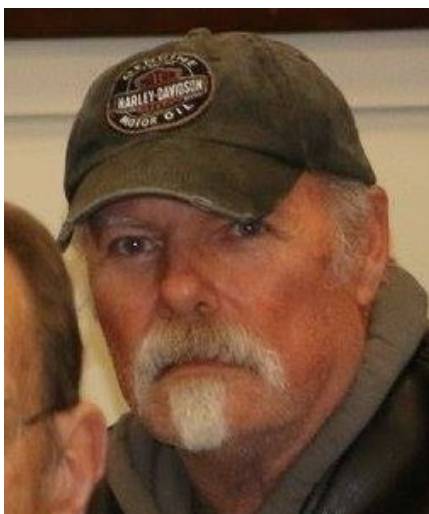


Well here it is December, I can't believe it. Not a lot going on but we had a good turn out in Sonoma for Wreaths Across America. I thank all of you that came out and helped with that. I know it was cold as only three bikes showed up. But all and all really nice. The Cioppino dinner was a big hit and we gave away the Mini 14 and Ruger 10-22 through the raffle. Just wanted to say thanks to all the volunteers that made the dinner successful. Can not do it with out you. I hope every one has a good Christmas and a safe New Year.

~Campy



ALR Vice President Ron Krudop



On December 17th, on a very cold Winter morning, members of Chapter 111 American Legion Riders Ron Collier, Al Simao, Matt Foreman and myself met at Bad Ass Coffee to ride to Cloverdale for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Upon arriving at the Cloverdale Veterans Building, we were escorted to the cemetery by two mounted riders, two fire trucks, two police cars and a pickup truck loaded with boxes of wreaths. At the cemetery, we met two other ALR riders, Dave Meyers and Gary Greenough. Following the ceremony, volunteers laid 53 wreaths on marked veteran's grave sites.

~Ron

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SAL Commander Matt Foreman



Let me start off by wishing you and your families a very Merry Holiday season! The Sons of the American Legion participated in a few gatherings this year. Our annual visit to the Yountville Vet's home was a big success as we distributed gift cards, hosted and served lunch for the residents of the

Polk House. Thanks to all members and their families who helped make this event a continued success. Shout out to Steve Bowne and AL Delsid. We just recently participated in Wreaths Across America in which we laid 53 wreaths on the grave's of the service members at Coverdale Cemetery. Hope to see all of you at our future meetings at SAL Post 111 and SAL District 5 meetings. Happy Holidays.
~Matt



Pearl Harbor Ceremony December 7th

Many veterans and their families, along with widows and families standing in for veterans who have since passed away, took part in a Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building.



Wreaths Across America December 17th



**Mitch Laing and Tom Garske at
Sonoma Veterans Memorial Cemetery**



Matt Foreman at Cloverdale Cemetery



**Tim Madura and Dave George
Area I VP at Yountville
Veterans Home Cemetery**



**Eddy Sauers at
Sacramento Valley National VA Cemetery**



Yountville Veterans Home Cemetery

Editors Note:

Six members of Chapter 111 American Legion Riders attended the ceremony at the Cloverdale Cemetery. Two Chapter 111 ALR participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Veterans Home Cemetery in Yountville; and two Chapter 111 ALR participated in the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Cemetery ceremony. Eddy Sauers proceeded to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon as the lone representative of our Post.

Sotoyome Junior Shooting Sports Club

The Cioppino Dinner and Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle raffle was a HUGE success. Advertising, Mini 14, Ruger 10-22, and food cost were roughly \$2000.00. We took in \$2500+ at the door on December 17 at the dinner. Raffle ticket sales and Dinner ticket sales prior to event were roughly \$2000.00. Therefore ; we netted over \$2500.00, leaving us with a balance of over \$3500.00 in our checkbook. Yearly insurance is \$750.00+ and at the Dinner/Meeting the Board approved the purchase of a “short stock” 12 gauge shotgun for the club. Our FFL, Jim Shoberg, is working with our Treasurer Steve Ridder on this purchase. John Reyes, Marine, and Sotoyome Post 111 American Legion member was the winner of the Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle.

Matt Kemper, one of our Junior Shooters was the winner of the Ruger 10-22.

Many thanks to all for their support. Also; many thanks to those of the Sotoyome Post 111 “Special Operators” (you know who you are) that turn out at every event and volunteer their time and hard work to make all Legion events successful. Without all of you, we could not provide our support to our local Youth and Veteran community.

Submitted by **Reuel Miller**:

Team Leader – Sotoyome Junior Shooting Sports Club

Adjutant – Sotoyome American Legion Post 111

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Christmas Dinner December 8th

The dinner was a success thanks to a moderate attendance highlighted by cook Tim Madura’s entrée of baked turkeys and ham. The Auxiliary’s raffle netted \$300.00 which will be donated to the Pathway Home. The Pathway Home is a residential learning environment that provides educational, professional, and clinical support for post-9/11 Veterans pursuing academic or vocational endeavors while transitioning back into civilian life following military deployment.



Sotoyome Junior Shooters Cioppino Dinner December 17th



January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting 7 PM Annex	3 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	4	5 VFW 7 PM Annex	6	7
8	9 Junior Shooters Practice 6:00 Annex	10	11 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	12 Post meeting 7 PM Annex Honors Team 5:30 PM Annex	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

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