

**SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
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THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

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Auxiliary Officers Installed



Auxiliary Officers l to r: **Nancy Grimes** Sgt at Arms, **Melonie Taylor** Treasurer, **Linda Karnstedt** President, **Judy Chavez** 2nd Vice. Not pictured, **Shirleen Perry** 1st Vice.

Photo by **Sharon Bowne**

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**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.**



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
WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

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

Installment Meeting & Dinner



Photo by Terry Perry

l to r: Auxiliary Officers: **Nancy Grimes, Judy Chavez, Linda Karnstedt, Shirleen Perry, Melanie Taylor**



l to r Post Officers: Finance Officer **Bob Taylor**, Chaplain **Jerry Jaramillo**, Adjutant **Steven Bowne**, 2nd Vice **Terry Perry**, 1st Vice **Ken Cody**, outgoing Commander **Lance Ballenger** standing in for **Tim Madura**.

Commander Tim Madura



FROM ABOVE



Thank you to **Lance** for his year as Commander of American Legion Post 111 and to the other officers for their year of commitment to our post. It has been a great year. Please accept my apology for my absence from the installation dinner. It was due to a work commitment which required my presence.

This is the beginning of our new year at Post 111 with newly elected and returning officers. I look forward to this year as your commander, working with all the new and returning officers. We have a great post and we want to keep it great. Please reach out to me by email or phone if you have any issues or ideas to make us even better.

There was a flag retirement ceremony at the Cloverdale Airport on June 10, 2017, led by **Al Delsid** from the Cloverdale Post. We had good showing

from Healdsburg Post 111 with the Sons, Auxiliary, and the Riders attending. They retired approximately 470 flags this year.

Our 4th of July fireworks show in Healdsburg is a large event that requires many volunteers to help with set up the morning before, the day of the event and into the night, and taking down everything the morning after on the 5th. The set up and cleanup goes very well with lots of help, which we all need.

The 4th of July day and night, help is required to make the show the great success that it always is.

Volunteers are needed for security and collecting donations for the fireworks from the crowd.

More people with buckets, equals money collected that goes towards the show and money for Veterans.

Please volunteer to help and enjoy some great fireworks, the best in Sonoma County.

The Car Show will be held July 9th at the Post. **Ken Cody** volunteers a great deal of his time, probably more than you can imagine. Thank you, **Ken**, for your dedication to this event. The money that is raised from this event is for the Post to help Veterans. The Sons will be selling ice cream adding to the proceeds. Thank you to the Sons. Volunteers are needed at this event, too. Please contact **Ken Cody** or just show up in the morning to help in any way. We always need raffle prizes to bring in donations for the event. Bring a raffle item that can help with the cause. Thank you, in advance, to the cooks who will be doing the BBQing of hot dogs and serving other foods. Come out and enjoy some beautiful cars and motorcycles.

A thank you to **Eddy** and **Dave** for stepping up to handle all the scheduling of the Honor Guard events. The Honor Guard is always looking for new members. You wear a great uniform and get to carry a rifle that shoots blanks, plus provide a final honor to a Veteran.

We need to reduce the number of newsletters, approximately 270, that are mailed out every month.

A lot of you have email and can receive the newsletter, in color, electronically and help save on printing and postage and time to put them all together. Please reach out to **Steve** or myself with your email address if you are receiving the newsletter by mail.

Membership is always important to the survival of our post. Keep the renewals coming and always look for new members.

Remember to promote that we also have the American Legion Riders, the Sons, the Auxiliary, and the Honor Guard. Let's see some new faces and some new volunteers.

~Tim

SAL Commander Ken Cody



The Sons of the American Legion had a Squadron meeting at the Annex on June 15th to discuss potential fund raising activities and projects. New officers for 2017-18 were introduced. The Sons will assist with the All-American BBQ and Car Show on July 9th and also serve up ice cream to raise funds for Veterans activities.

During the American Legion Convention in Riverside, the Department of California Sons of the American Legion bestowed the Son of the Year award to outgoing Area I Commander Bill Bryant. Bill has worked tirelessly with the SAL as Area Commander for the past three years and his leadership and compassion to assist veterans has not gone unnoticed by this Squadron. Someone will have big shoes to fill.

Sotoyome Squadron 111 has the Annex reserved the third Thursday of each month for meetings. There will be times when a meeting is scheduled prior to the regular Legion meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Ken Cody or Steven Bowne prior to those days to know if a meeting will be scheduled.



ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow



While the weather has been conducive to riding, the ALR has not conducted any group rides since Memorial Day.

Now that we have two Road Captains, more schedule rides should occur. Many of the riders have been on vacation with families and the extremely hot weather has limited long-distance riding.

The Road Captains along with the officers, will be determining the route for the upcoming Memorial Ride and also appointing committees for specific

functions such as the BBQ, raffle, sign-up, and Road Captains. We anticipate another successful event this year and invite everyone in the Post to come out and support this event. The family has requested that proceeds be used to benefit the Pathway Home at Yountville. The Riders meet the first Tuesday of each month at Mary's Pizza in Windsor at 6:00 PM. Come early for Happy Hour. Because of the 4th of July holiday, the next meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at Mary's.

The Riders are open to all members of the Legion family.



Dave McAleece, Ron Collier, Doug Newton and Gary Greenough

Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



Your new slate of officers for 2017-2018 want to welcome you to a new year.

Myself, as president, 1st Vice president, **Shirleen Perry**, 2nd Vice president, **Judy Chavez**, Treasurer and acting secretary, **Melanie Taylor**, and Chaplin, **Nancy Grimes**.

Unfortunately we only had a handful of Legion and Auxiliary members in attendance for our installation and those of you not there...**YOU MISSED A GREAT DINNER**. We had a salad bar with all the fixings, bread, homemade cheese and meat raviolis with a meat sauce, and various pastries and cookies for dessert. **NO** one went home hungry. For our next meeting on July 13, we will be looking into having our meetings in a separate building on the villa property. So come and give it a look to see if it will be suitable for us to not have to be meeting in the kitchen.

To the board, we will meet at 6:30pm -before the regular meeting on the 13th. I look forward to seeing a lot of faces that haven't been coming to the meetings to kick off this new year. Sincerely, ~**Linda**



From the Adjutant

It is almost time to renew your membership to the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders. And it is also time to get involved with the Post even if only to make a meeting. The American Legion's main focus is to assist our Veterans and their families and we cannot complete this mission without the support of everyone. If you know of a Veteran that needs assistance, please let someone at the Post know so we can help and/or refer them for other needed services.

As membership is the key to our survival as an organization, ask people to join and find out what they would like to accomplish for Veterans.

~**Steve**

Flag Retirement Ceremony Cloverdale Airport June 10, 2017

Squadron 293 of Cloverdale hosted another flag retirement ceremony in conjunction with the Healdsburg Sotoyome Honors Team, Post 293 Honors Team, American Legion Riders, Cloverdale Fire Department and **Barbara Black** of the Freedom Riders. Members of the general public also participated in the ceremony.

One of the highlights of the morning was skydiver **Tyler Wareham** of NorCal Skydiving parachuting over the ceremony carrying an American Flag. 476 flags were retired with honor and respect.



Photo by Reuel Miller

American Legion Convention June 23-25, 2017

Six delegates attended the Legion Convention at the Marriott Riverside representing Sotoyome Post 111. Commander **Tim Madura** headed up the delegation which included 2nd Vice Commander **Terry Perry**, Adjutant **Steven Bowne**, Finance Officer **Bob Taylor**, former Adjutant **Reuel Miller**, and board member **Lorraine Plass**. **Melanie Taylor** also attended as a Department of California representative of the Auxiliary.



l to r: **Reuel Miller**, **Tim Madura**, & **Terry Perry** deep in thought.



Commander **Tim Madura** was presented an award for 100% Post membership by District 5 Commander **Steven Bartley**, but it was quickly taken back. According to Commander Bartley, the award will be presented during a District meeting in Dixon at a later date, possibly in September. Commander Madura and the other Post 111 Delegates were not amused. Fortunately, a Certificate of Recognition awarded to Chaplain **Jerry Jaramillo** was secured and brought back to the Post.

It's Time!

All-American BBQ & Car Show



July 9th at Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg 9am to 3pm

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Healdsburg fireworks show, youth and other veterans programs sponsored by the Sotoyome American Legion Post 111 Healdsburg.

In addition to the BBQ and Car Show, there will be raffles and car show awards.

As there is limited room available for vehicles, please pre-register.
Entries are limited to American made 1978 and earlier vehicles.

Contact **Ken Cody** for further information and to volunteer at 707-536-5562.
Be there at 6:00 AM if you'd like to help.





American Legion Riders #111 8th Annual Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride *Timothy's Ride*

SATURDAY SEPT 9, 2017

& BBQ

Cpl Timothy M Shea was born and raised in Sonoma, attending St Vincent's in Petaluma. Enlisted in US Army 2003 becoming a Ranger assigned to 3rd Battalion 75th Regiment at Ft Benning GA. Tim was deployed 5 times during his 2-1/2 years, serving as rifleman, grenadier and machine gun team leader. Tim and two others were Killed In Action by an IED during Operation Iraqi Freedom August 25, 2005.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY

This Benefits US Army Ranger Veterans
at Pathway Home in Yountville

Check-In: Cafe Noto
650 McClland, Windsor
Windsor Town Green

Registration: 8:30am
Ride Departs: 9:15am
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: Pathway Home at
Yountville Vets Home

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

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Terry Perry, Steve Bowne and myself had the pleasure of having a conversation with **Kurt Hiete**, managing director of the Never Forget Our Veterans Foundation, at the American Legion Convention in Riverside on June 22nd. He talked about his time with Post 111 American Legion Riders at the PFC John Saini escort to Healdsburg, how emotional it was and how he was very impressed with the amount of people that showed up and the organization that was done. He mentions our escort to many other American Legion Posts around the country and how they should do this honor like we did it. He mentioned that many posts do not get the information of someone coming home. He is encouraging other posts to seek out who may be coming home and when. He is trying to get the National American Legion to recognize this great honor of providing the escort to welcome home our lost and fallen veterans.

Submitted by **Tim Madura**



l to r: **Bob Taylor, Terry Perry, Lorraine Plass, Tim Madura**

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Fireworks	5 United Vet Counsel SR	6 VFW 7 PM Annex	7	8
9 All-American BBQ/Car Show Villa 6:00 AM	10 Board Meeting 7 PM Annex	11 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	12	13 Post meeting 7 PM Annex Honors Team 5:30 PM Annex	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 SAL meeting 6:00 PM Annex	21	22
23	24	25 Newsletter Input due	26	27	28	29
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Healdsburg 4th of July Fireworks Show

For 2017, celebrate the **Fourth of July in Healdsburg** with bang by watching the fireworks light up the night sky.

At night, catch a fireworks display at the Healdsburg High School Football Field. **Fireworks start once it gets dark.** Bring a blanket and a picnic for this fun, small town Fourth of July celebration.

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