

**SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
HEALDSBURG - GEYSERVILLE - WINDSOR**



# **THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2017**

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## **Memorial Day 2017**



Post 111 Honor Guard at Shiloh Cemetery during Memorial Day address by Gary Greenough.

Photo by **Tim Madura**

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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

**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  
WHOLESALE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

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



**Commander Lance Ballenger**



May is behind us and it has been a busy month for the Post. The Post participated in the Butter & Eggs, Rose, Healdsburg and Windsor Parades. We also will have honored the fallen with Memorial Day ceremonies on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Legions \$1,000 scholarship was given out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to **Harrison Williams** of Healdsburg High who competed with Senior Boys from Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools. Harrison's grandfather served in the Air Force in Japan. We wish Harrison best of luck with his continued education. Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders have elected new Officers and Board Members for the 2017-2018 year. Installments will be held Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, when the Post General Meeting is typically slated. If you haven't had the opportunity to witness the installment ceremony, I would encourage you to come out and take part.

One date that came to mind for me this week for this coming month is Flag Day, June 14th. Our Red White & Blue US flag is beautiful, sacred and for the majority of us, the ultimate symbol embodying Freedom, Liberty and Justice for All within our Republic. All of us have at least given buckets of sweat, some have given blood, body parts and others have given All, who we honor on Memorial Day. Why this comes to mind is the nauseating display of Old Glory I encountered this weekend at a local Brokering business off of Shiloh Road in Windsor. Not everyone outside our Veteran Community is hyper-sensitive to Flag etiquette. It's not uncommon to see weathered flags where the colors have been slightly bleached by the sun or have minor imperfections from fraying ends. However the flag I witnessed flying front and center of a business within our local community is totally unacceptable. I have left messages for the immediate removal/and or replacement. If that flag is still flying come Memorial Day next week, there will be a small tactical operational skirmish taking place to rescue and properly lay the to rest this ugly display of disrespect.

As for myself, my term as Commander is coming to a close. I can say that it has been an honor to of been able to serve the Post in this capacity, as well a humbling experience. Unfortunately the time that I was able to allot to what the positon requires has not been adequate by my standards. It has been challenging to say the least attempting to balance the businesses, the farm and family, with 2 of the 3 girls being teenagers....a job in itself. However most of the crew at the Post have been very supportive and stepped in without blinking to cover my obligations when I could not split the hairs between all of my responsibilities. I want to thank each and every one of you that have helped guide and assist me over the last year. I look forward to falling in behind our Commander Elect **Tim Madura** who has already proved himself as a dedicated and selfless serving member of the Post. ~Lance



**ATTENTION!!**

The Post needs to reduce the cost of postage and printing expenses by having all members receive the monthly Newsletter via email.

If you are receiving this emailed Newsletter in addition to the mailed Newsletter, contact Bob Taylor (707-894-0857) or Steven Bowne (707-578-4775) so your name can be removed from the mailing list. Thank you.

**Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt**



A really BIG congratulations to our Legion and Auxiliary members who supported the poppy sales at Walmart. The 3 day/8 hour effort yielded over \$1800. A thanks to the guys who presence really made the difference as the public saw "real" veterans. **Judy Chavez** led the effort and hopes for even a bigger event next year. Due to the successful Girl's State Orientation luncheon held May 21st hosted by unit 111, the extra food left can be served for the installation dinner next month forgoing the traditional potluck dinner. Our dinner will be homemade cheese and meat ravioli with various sauces, salad, bread, and desert. So bring your appetite and welcome the new officers for the Legion family of organizations. For your Unit 111, all the current officers will be serving for another year: **Linda Karnstedt** will be President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, **Shirleen Perry**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, **Judy Chavez**, Treasurer, **Melanie Taylor**, and **Nancy Grimes** has agreed to be our Chaplin. We are still looking for a secretary as Melanie is temporarily acting in that capacity. If anyone is interested in that position please let me know. See you all on June 8. To the board lets meet at 7 PM on Monday June 5th at the Annex to finalize the installation process and dinner prep. ~**Linda**



l to r: Nancy Grimes, Judy Chavez, Tim Madura, Ken Cody

## **Poppy Donations**

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 111 led the way for three days at the doors of the Windsor Walmart for Poppy donations from the customers entering and leaving the store. **Judy Chavez** set up the table and chairs every day and kept track of the collected money. A big thank you for the other ladies that helped at the table with Judy. With members of the Post working the doors from 10am to 1 and 2pm, we were excited to collect almost \$1,900.00. Friday was our best day with all of us working the three doors collecting almost \$1,100.00. **Ken Cody**, **Dave Richey**, **Terry Perry**, and **George Sager** were on the East main door with the Auxiliary table, Eddy worked the West main door entrance and **Tim Madura** worked the far west door at the garden entrance. It was amazing to see the generosity that poured from the peoples' wallets and pockets. Post 111 is very grateful to the customers of Walmart and to Walmart for allowing us to set up. A big thanks to everyone who gave their time for collecting the money for Veterans in the heat of this weekend and the cold day last week. Submitted by **Tim Madura**



## Windsor Day Parade May 6th



Honors Team l to r: George Sager, Dave Myers, Frank Jerins, Ken Cody, Al Delsid, Eddy Sauers.



### Legion Riders

Top left, Duke Callahan, Matt Foreman, Gary Greenough. Top right: Matt Foreman, Terry Perry  
Bottom left: Terry & Xayden Fry . Middle: Ron Collier. Bottom right: Gary Greenough



## POST ELECTION RESULTS

Each unit of Post 111 conducted nominations and elections for 2017-2018. While many officer and Board positions remained unchanged, it should be noted that some individuals stepped up to take on leadership roles for the coming year. Officers will be installed at the June 8th meeting.

On May 2nd, the American Legion Riders held elections during their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Mary's Pizza and the results are as follows:

President: **Ron "Campy" Dillow**

Vice President: **Ron Krudop**

Secretary: **Doug Newton**

Treasurer: **Steven Bowne**

Chaplain: **Jerry Jaramillo**

Road Captains: **Matt Foreman & Sarah Letbetter.**



Election results for the American Legion held on May 11th at the Annex are as follows:

Commander: **Tim Madura**

1st Vice Commander: **Ken Cody**

2nd Vice Commander: **Terry Perry**

Finance Officer: **Bob Taylor**

Sgt at Arms: **Tony Grado**

Adjutant: **Steven Bowne**

Chaplain: **Jerry Jaramillo**

Executive Board: **Doug Newton, Lorraine Plass, Frank Jerins, Dave Myers, Harold Bagdonas.**



The Sons of the American Legion conducted elections during the May 11th meeting at the Annex and the results are as follows:

Commander: **Ken Cody**

1st Vice Commander: **Mitch Laing**

2nd Vice Commander: **Duke Callahan**

Secretary: **Matt Foreman**

Sgt. At Arms: **Terry Perry**

Finance Officer: **Bob Taylor**

Adjutant: **Steven Bowne**

Chaplain: **Jerry Jaramillo**

Executive Board: **Mark Archambault, Ron Collier, Doug Newton**



On May 11th, members of the Auxiliary conducted elections with the results as follows:

President: **Linda Karnstedt**

1st Vice President: **Shirleen Perry**

2nd Vice President: **Judy Chavez**

Treasurer: **Melanie Taylor**

Chaplain: **Nancy Grimes**

Acting Secretary: **Melanie Taylor**





## Santa Rosa Rose Parade

On May 20, 2017, the City of Santa Rosa hosted their annual Rose Parade and the Sonoma County United Veterans Council participated in this great event. **Harold Bagdonas** pulled a trailer that had chairs mounted on it for Veterans to ride and wave to the crowds.

Post 111 members **Dave Richey** carried the American flag, **Tim Madura** carried the POW / MIA flag. **Kerry Ishamel** carried AMVETS flag and **Brandon Stewart** carried the VFW flag. **Dianna Waite** and **Leesa Gomes** carried the banner leading our group. **Ken Cody** drove an old WW2 army jeep for **Darrel Shumard** a Veteran. Unfortunately the jeep ran out of gas during the parade. Harold appreciated the help in the morning from post members **Eddy Sauers**, **Reuel Miller**, **Dave Richey** and **Tim Madura** decorating the trailer and his truck with ribbon and roses. It was great to hear the clapping and loud "thank you" from the crowds on the sidewalk when we approached with the American Flag. The American Legion appreciates the hard work and time that **Harold Bagdonas** gave for this great parade.

Submitted by **Tim Madura**



l to r: **Robert Park**, **Brandon Stewart**, **Dave Richey**, **Dianna Waite**, **Kerry Ishamel**, **Timothy Malone**, **Eddy Sauers**, **Tim Madura**, **Harold Bagdonas**.



l to r: **Darrel Shumard** & **Ken Cody**



l to r: **Tim Madura**, **Kerry Ishamel**, **Brandon Stewart**



## Mattie Washburn School Patriotic Ceremony May 26, 2017



Post 111 Honors Team: **Dave Richey, Dave Myers, Ken Cody, Bill Stiles, Linda Clary, Frank Teuschler, Harold Bagdonas, Eddy Sauers & Bob Taylor**



**Bob Taylor & Frank Teuschler** flag folding



**Vets Steve Bosshard & Gary Senneff**



**Harold Bagdonas**



**Ken Cody, Harold Bagdonas, Dave Myers, Linda Clary, Bill Stiles & Bob Taylor**







Honoring Veterans at Mattie Washburn School

Photo by: Kathie Morgan

**Pacific Coast Air Museum Santa Rosa  
May 27, 2017  
Honoring WWII & Korean War Veterans**



Photos by: SBowne





Oak Mound Cemetery, Healdsburg



Olive Hill Cemetery, Geyserville



Santa Rosa Memorial Park



Shiloh Cemetery, Windsor

Photos by Harold Bagdonas, Reuel Miller & Tim Madura



## American Legion Sotoyome Family Leadership Team 2016-2017

### Post 111 American Legion

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Service Officer	Chris Bingham	707-565-5960
Historian	Harold Bagdonas	707-843-4790
Chaplain	Reuel Miller	707-975-1541
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	Frank Jerins	

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Secretary	Marie Canale	707-431-0563
Treasurer	Melanie Taylor	707-894-0857
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Sgt. at Arms		
Marshall		
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Treasurer /Adj.	Steven Bowne	707-578-4775
Sgt. at Arms	Terry Perry	707-838-9790
Chaplain	Ed Howell	707-542-1135
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Past President	Mitch Laing	707-975-1541

## Important Announcement



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On Thursday **June 8th**, the Post will have it's annual meeting in which next year's Post officers will be installed.

Traditionally this has been a pot luck affair, however, this year the food will be provided by the Post so all you need to bring is an appetite.

### **Boys State Orientation Luncheon**

The orientation luncheon is done to give the parents of the delegates a briefing on what takes place in Sacramento during Boys State.

The luncheon was held at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building on May 21st and a great time was had by all attendees.



l to r:: **Dave Richey**, **Liam Lopez** (Healdsburg); **Trevor Lawrence** (Windsor); **Matthew Markell** (Geyserville); **Brett Stibi** (Windsor); **Bryant Sommer** (Healdsburg); **Jacob Wilcox** (Healdsburg)  
**Harold Bagdonas**



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VFW 7 PM Annex	2	3
4 <b>District 5 Meeting Cloverdale</b>	5 Board Meeting 7 PM Annex	6 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	7 United Vet Counsel SR	8 Post meeting 7 PM Annex Honors Team 5:30 PM Annex	9	10 <b>Flag Retirement Ceremony, Cloverdale Airport 9:00 AM</b>
11 <b>District 5 SAL meeting Napa</b>	12 Junior Shooters Practice	13	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15 <b>SAL Meeting Annex 6:00 PM</b>	16	17
18 <b>Father's Day</b>	19	20 <b>Newsletter Input due</b>	21	22	23 Legion Convention Riverside	24 Legion Convention Riverside
25 Legion Convention Riverside	26	27	28	29	30	

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## All-American Family BBQ & Car Show



**The show is July 9th at the Villa Chanticleer Healdsburg from 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.





# Farewell



**Adjutant Reuel Miller and Commander Lance Ballenger** pondering strategic planning to assist the incoming leadership.

Photo by **SBowne**

**Sotoyome Post 111 awards \$1,000 college scholarships to Healdsburg students.**



Commander **Lance Ballenger** presents award to **Harrison Williams** during Healdsburg High School scholarship program on May 22nd.

Photos by **Harold Bagdonas**



Auxiliary Treasurer **Melanie Taylor** presents scholarship award to **Ryleigh Norgrove**.

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