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Honor Team participates in ceremony honoring veterans of the Korean War.
Pictured here with Deputy Consulate General of the Republic of Korea on August 31st



l to r: Al Delsid, Dave Meyers, Dave Richey, Frank Jerins, Frank Teuschler, Ken Cody, Jimin Kim, Tim Madura, Bob Taylor, Korean consulate, Harold Bagdonas, Eddy Sauers

OCTOBER SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday Oct. 12th @ 7:00 PM

Sons: Thursday Oct. 12th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary: Thursday Oct, 12th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Snacks provided after the Legion meeting.

Legion Riders: Tuesday Oct, 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor

If you haven't already done so, please renew your
Legion, Sons, Riders, & Auxiliary membership today!

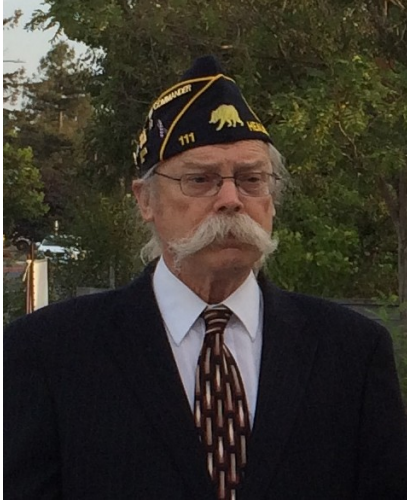


THE AMERICAN LEGION

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**

Commander Tim Madura



FROM ABOVE



October is the month for membership drive for the American Legion and our Sotoyome Post 111. I had the pleasure of accepting an award at the District 5 meeting for achieving our **100% membership renewal** for the 2016 – 2017 year. As of Saturday, September 16, 2017, we were at 67.17 % toward achievement of our 2018 goal of 322 members. Sotoyome Post 111 was leading the entire District 5 posts with membership. This does not mean we can slow down for member recruitment and renewals. If you have not paid your 2018 dues, please do so soon. It can be paid on line or mail a check to American Legion Post 111, P.O. box 281, Healdsburg, CA. 95448, where Steve Bowne will gratefully cash your check. Steve has been working very hard getting out

the renewal reminder notices to members. Thank you, Steve.

Please reach out for new members and even old members that you know of and have them renew. We are only strong with membership and new members can bring new ideas. If you see a Veteran, or just someone on the street or in the line at a store, ask if they are a Veteran or a Son of a Veteran, or an American Legion Member. If they are one of these, ask them to join, and to join our post while you are having the conversation. We need the new, young, veterans who are returning from our other conflicts and are being discharged. Our American Legion mission is about helping all Veterans, including us, constantly fighting for better benefits to all Veterans.

The Boys and Girls State Dinner is Thursday night, **October 12, 2017** at 6 PM in the annex. The Post will be serving lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. For all of you who signed up to help for set up, cooking, and serving at our last Post meeting, thank you. Set up is at 10:00 AM in the annex for the tables, chairs, and decorations. I look forward to seeing all of you that day and evening.

Even if you could not sign up to help, please show up to honor our young, bright, future leaders of this great country, enjoy some good and free food, socialize with them, their families, and your fellow legionnaires.

~Tim

Korean War Veterans Medal Presentation August 31, 2017



Dick Lewis

One of the honored veterans, Santa Rosa resident Richard Lewis, said he agreed with the assessment that the Korean War was the "Forgotten War" and he told his students as much when he was a schoolteacher. "When I taught history, I said, the World War II veterans came home to parades and celebrations, the Vietnam veterans came home to get spit on and called baby killers, and the Korean War veterans came home and nobody knew we were gone," said Lewis, 88. "That's why it's called a forgotten war."

Still, Lewis, who served in the Army, said he was glad to know the South Korean government appreciated his service and called the peace medal a "nice honor."

Excerpt from the Press Democrat

Adjutant notes

It was decided at the last Sons of the American Legion meeting, that SAL and Legion monthly meetings will be combined as a time management tool and a way to increase participation.

Therefore, meeting time is now at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month, for both SAL and the Legion.

At the 5th District meeting in Dixon on September 16th, Sotoyome Post 111 was presented an award for achieving a 100% membership for 2016-2017. This was due in large part to the efforts of former 1st Vice Commander **Ken Cody**.

The Sotoyome Post is recognized by other posts as being very active in the community and we are looked upon as being a model organization.

The leadership is hoping more individuals will become active and take the lead in determining the direction of each group within the Post.

Thursday Sept. 21st was the first Football night sponsored by the Post this year. Attendance was good considering the short notice. A very pleasant evening was had by all. The Post will consider having Football nights one night or more per month on Monday's and/or Thursday's since the Annex now has Sport's programming. Future dates will depend on availability.

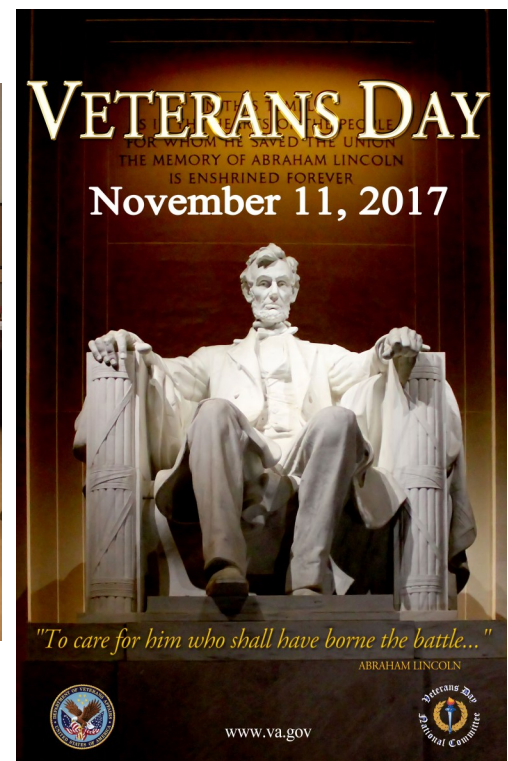
On **Thursday October 5th**, there will be a ceremony at **Oak Mound Cemetery** to dedicate the restoration of the fountain. Activities begin at 4:00 PM with a chance to walk the cemetery and visit some of the historic grave sites. The fountain ceremony is scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM.

The American Legion will be recognized for assisting in the cemetery maintenance.

Please attend if you are able.



Commander Tim Madura accepting an award from **District Commander Steven Bartley** on behalf of the Sotoyome Post.



ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow



**Timothy Shea
Memorial Ride & BBQ**



The 8th Annual Memorial Ride went off without a hitch. There were approximately 50 riders who registered at Café Nolo the morning of Sept. 9th. Fortunately there were no accidents or casualties on the ride, however, **Campy Dillow** and his grandson **Travis** had a near collision with an inattentive driver. The riders arrived at the Villa Chanticleer picnic area at approximately 11:30 and were treated to a tri tip lunch prepared by **Steve Waud** and company. There were over 100 meals served. No one left hungry.

We were fortunate enough to have **William** and **Mary Shea**, Tim's parents, at both the registration in Windsor and at the BBQ. The Shea's held a large Ranger banner for the riders to see at the beginning of the ride much to the delight of everyone. The Shea's also spoke about their son and sang during the BBQ.

There were 107 raffle items given away after lunch.

Proceeds from this event will enable the Chapter to make a generous donation to the Pathway Home at the Yountville Veterans Home in remembrance of **Timothy Shea**.

Mitch Laing was responsible for coordinating much of this event, putting together flyers and facilitating communication. However, this event would not have been possible without the assistance and support of many businesses and individuals. Some members of the Riders put in countless hours soliciting donations, meeting, organizing and preparing for this Memorial Ride. While everyone involved with this event deserves the highest accolades, there are some individuals that went above and beyond the call of duty:

Ron Krudop, Eddy Sauers, Gary McLerran, Mark Archambault, Kim Crumb, Tim Madura, Terry Perry, Shirleen Perry, Angela Ballenger, Sue Aguilar, Tony Grado, Dave Meyers, Jerry Jaramillo, Bill Nay, Duke Callahan.



Pre-Ride meeting orchestrated by Ron Dillow on September 9th at the Windsor Town Green .

Tim Shea Memorial Ride



Bill and Mary Shea



Café Nolo registration table

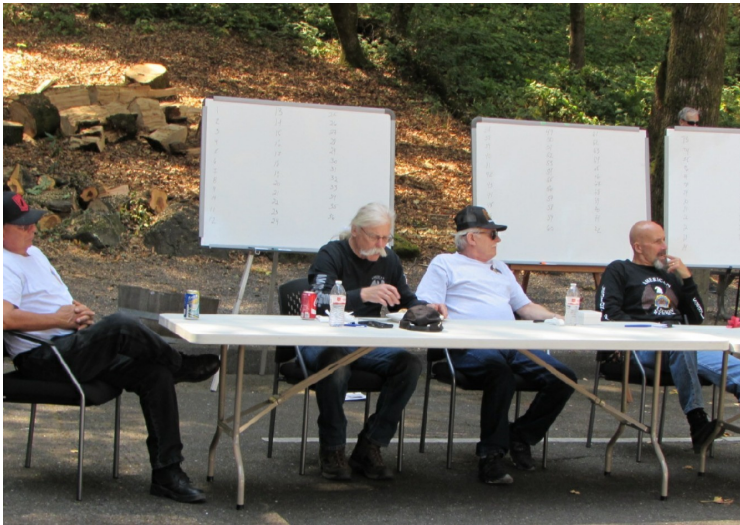


Group photo taken at the Town Green in Windsor



Road Captain Matt Foreman and President Ron "Campy" Dillow leaving Windsor.

Tim Shea Memorial Ride



L to r: ALR members **Jerry Jaramillo, Tim Madura, Dave Meyers, Mark Archambault**



Picnic area



Raffle area and white boards

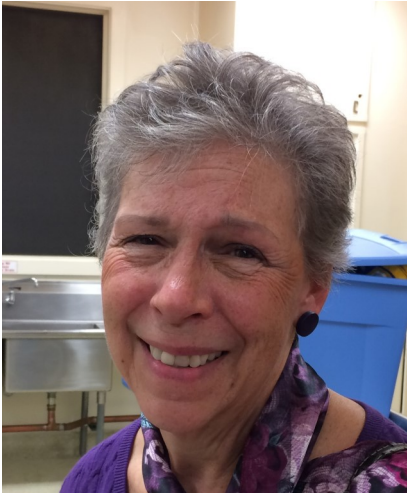


Serving table



BBQ area. Approximately 100 meals were served.

Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



Well ladies you should be receiving either by mail or email, a notice from National that the annual dues for 2017-2018 are due. We would sure like to have ALL current members renew and help us bring in new members. If you have a friend or neighbor you think would enjoy getting out one evening a month to meet with other women AND have three free dinners (October, November, and December) and one with a minimal fee (March), then this is the place to be. Remember part of our dues support the many programs the American Legion Auxiliary provides to its members and our veterans.



NOTICE: The meeting on **October 12th** recognizes our Boys and Girls State delegates and this year's dinner will not be a potluck. The Post will purchase lasagna, garlic bread, and salad for 80 people and we will purchase cake for dessert. PLEASE let's honor these delegates and their families with a great attendance of Post and Unit members. You can also bring friends that may be interested in joining to meet us. Anyone wanting to help set up and decorating, meet at the villa at 10:00am.

To the board: We will meet at the Villa at 7pm on Monday, October 2nd.

~Linda

SAL Commander Duke Callahan



"I am the Sun, you are the Moon, now play me," as the song goes. I want to thank all the Sons that attended the SAL meeting on the 14th. ~Duke



Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million. The Sons organization is divided into detachments at the state level and squadrons at the local level. A squadron pairs with a local American Legion post; a squadron's charter is contingent upon its parent post's charter. However, squadrons can determine the extent of their services to the community, state and nation. They are permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet their needs, but must remember S.A.L.'s mission: to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Therefore, squadrons' campaigns place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Honor Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



The HONOR TEAM has been pretty busy in the month of September. We completed five military services for the month. I'm so proud of our HONOR TEAM. On a day when the temperature hit 115 degrees, we completed a military service at 10:00 AM in Healdsburg, then headed to Santa Rosa for another at 2:00 P.M. Then to top it off, seven days later, we had to perform double duty while being short handed with no military service personnel in attendance, we did it all. HONOR TEAM, you're the greatest and deserve a lot in my book. We made a plan that morning and it worked.

Oh yes, I want to thank **Frank Teuschler** for a great opening you gave the family during the Stewart service that day.

The HONOR TEAM has also performed at the POW/MIA event at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park. We kind of had to play double duty because the AMVETS were short-handed and **Harold Bagdonas** needed help. My HONOR TEAM came through with flying colors to assist.

Okay, here comes October with Windsor High School scheduled to do Color Guard on October 18th. Then in November there's the BANNER PROGRAM on the 5th and VETERANS DAY on the 11th.

The events will start slowing down and we will have military services for our Veterans, which we are very proud and honored to do.

So we are a pretty busy HONOR TEAM, but remember to make practice on our scheduled dates coming up. Very important. Also remember the words you say on presenting the flag to the family and also the casing you put in the flag after it is folded. We need all members to learn these. Well I shall sign off until another month and get this into the Editor.

REMEMBER, Practice is the 3rd Wednesday of the month for flag folding at Eddy's house and the 3rd Thursday is rifle practice at the Annex from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on both days.

~Eddy



Windsor Fire Station hosts 9/11 Ceremony

Firefighters assigned to Windsor Fire Station #2 hosted a 9/11 Memorial ceremony on the morning of September 11th. There were approximately 30 people in attendance which included members of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, fire department, and citizens from the community.

Commander **Tim Madura** spoke at the event and highlighted changes caused by the 9/11 attack and how appreciative we are for the selfless commitment and support of law enforcement officers and other first responders.

The Bruce family, who have been in attendance of this memorial for many years was recognized. Brothers **David** and **Stephen Bruce** were present, but unfortunately **Diane Bruce** was unable to attend.

Stephen Bruce donated a bell in remembrance of his brother Mark who perished in the 9/11 attack. The bell, weighing nearly a ton, was rung at the event. The bell is not only a memorial for **Mark Bruce**, but also for our first responders and emergency personnel.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, attendees were treated to a great breakfast prepared by the firefighters.



Commander Madura was the featured speaker at the 9/11 Ceremony held at Windsor Fire Station #2

POW/MIA Recognition Day Santa Rosa Memorial Park September 15, 2017

There were approximately 56 people in attendance at the National POW/MIA Recognition Day at Santa Rosa Memorial Park. The event was hosted by AMVETS Post #40 and emceed by **Bob Taylor** from Legion Post 111. Featured speakers included **Jack Tibbits** Vice Mayor of Santa Rosa, **Stephen Gale** from Congressman Thompson's office, **Darrel Shumard** a WWII POW, and our own **Gary Greenough**. The Windsor Performing Arts Academy performed the National Anthem and sang "Bring Him Home".

ALR Chapter 111 Chaplain Father **Ed Howell** delivered the Invocation, Scripture reading, and Benediction. One of the highlights was the Sotoyome Honor Team, consisting of seven members, executing a perfect three volley salute near the conclusion of the ceremony.



Gary Greenough & Bob Taylor



l to r: Tim Madura, Jay Matthews,
Dianna Waite, Harold Bagdonas



Donna & Dean Sexton



l to r: Frank Jerins, Ken Cody, Frank Teuschler, Linda Clary, Dave Meyers, Eddy Sauers, Bob Taylor

MIAP escort from Cotati to San Andreas to SVNC Dixon September 26, 2017

Six members of ALR Chapter 111, including two members of the Patriot Guard Riders, met at Johnny's Java in Cotati and proceeded to San Andreas to secure the remains of **Berry Lee Jones** an unclaimed U.S. Navy Korean War veteran. Sonoma County Veterans Remains Officer **Ron Collier** was the Road Captain for the escort.

The group made a stop in Lodi, where fifteen riders from the Capital and North Central Region of the Sacramento PGR joined the procession to San Andreas.

After consuming lunch, the group formed a flag line, secured the veteran's remains and proceeded to Dixon. The veteran was transferred to the care of staff at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery that afternoon where Military Honors will be rendered at a later date.



Ron Collier giving pre-ride instructions to PGR & ALR members prior to leaving Lodi.



l to r: Bill Nay, Dave Meyers, Dave McAleece, Ron Krudop, Pauline & Tom DeWitt, Ron Collier



Flag line at San Andreas Memorial Chapel

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



6th-Victor Halverson
11th-Gary Bricker
12th-Lionel Burns
15th-Randall Parker, Dan Sterling
16th-Sarah Letbetter, Basil Scott
17th-Philip Eagle
20th-Frank Kincaid
22nd-Keith Caldwell
23rd-Judy Chavez, Peter DePue, Vincent Jones,
Ron Kron
24th-Jack Fleckenstein
25th-Steven Bowne
26th-Scott Yates
27th-George Eade, Alan Hubley
29th-Henry Cornelssen
30th-Steve Canevari, Keith Fogel

New Member

The Post would like to welcome
the following Individual to the
Sotoyome Legion family:

David P. France

October 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 Oak Mound Cemetery 4 PM	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day ALR to Pathway Home	10	11 MIAP escort to Dixon from Cotati	12 Boys & Girl's State Dinner Annex 6:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18 Honors Team 3:00-4:00 Eddy's house	19 Honors Team 3:00 -4:00 PM Annex	20	21
22	23	24	25 United Vet Counsel SR 7:00 PM	26	27 NAVY DAY	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

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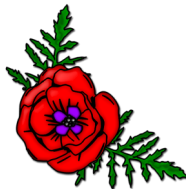
Andy Devilbiss



Flag Line at Andy Devilbiss Memorial on September 2nd

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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.**

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