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Honors Team rewarded

Five members of the Sotoyome Honors Teams were presented \$100 checks in appreciation of their services by the family of Herb Stone. The funds were generously donated to the Sotoyome Post 111 Veterans Relief Fund by the recipients.



l to r: Harold Bagdonas, Dave Richey, Eddy Sauers, Dave Meyers, not pictured George Sager

SEPT. SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday Sept. 14th @ 7:00 PM

Sons: Thursday Sept. 14th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: Thursday Sept. 14th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Snacks provided after the Legion meeting.

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

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor



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WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S
YOUTH.

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

Commander Tim Madura

FROM ABOVE



The American Legion Rider's Annual Fallen Warrior Ride for Timothy Shaw is Saturday, September 9, 2017. Timothy Shaw was born and raised in Sonoma, enlisted in the Army in 2003 and became a Ranger. Tim was Killed in Action by an IED during Operation Iraqi in 2005.

This event raises awareness and money for our Fallen Warriors through our motorcycle ride fees, (open to all motorcycles), the Tri-Tip BBQ and from the many donated raffle prizes. In order for the event to be successful and run smoothly, we always depend upon help from our members. Please join us at the Villa Chanticleer, donate some time and have some fun. The money will benefit the US Army Rangers Veterans at the Pathway home at the Yountville

Veterans Home. If you know of any businesses that may want to donate, let myself or Steve know and we can go by and pick it up. Anything helps.

Membership renewals are coming back to Steve. If you have not sent in your 2018 renewals, please do so. Provide your email, mailing address and phone number information to Steve just in case he has old information.

For those who missed it or did not know, on the evening of August 4, 2017, the American Legion Riders, along with the Patriot Guard, escorted the remains of **Cpl. Skylar James**, USMC, Petaluma, CA, who was struck and killed by lightning while working on an aircraft. His cremains were flown into Sonoma County Airport aboard Alaska Airlines, along with his Marine escort., Cpl. James was met with a flag line at the flight line departure gate and as he was placed in the Marine van. He was escorted by the ALR and the Patriot Guard to the Two Rock Coast Guard Station with two Sonoma County Sheriffs leading the way, their lights flashing. A huge thank you to all the fire departments who provided their support as we departed the airport and on the overpasses with lights flashing and firefighters standing at attention. It was dark, so the lights were a great display of honor for Cpl. James. His memorial service was held the next morning (picture and story on Page 5).

A big thank you to **Duke Callahan** for stepping up to be Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Also for **Dave Meyers** for stepping up for 1st Vice Commander of the American Legion. Both positions were vacated by **Ken Cody** who had to step down due to health issues. Our support is always here for you, Ken.

As always, try to recruit new members, enroll your sons and daughters, motorcycle riders, and volunteer.

See you at the next meeting, 14 September 2017, at 19:00 hours, the second Thursday of the month. ALR meets the first Tuesday of the month at Mary's Pizza in Windsor. Meeting at 18:00 hours, earlier if you want to eat.

Be Safe, ~Tim

Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



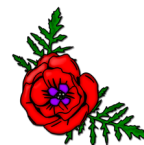
Well ladies we did not have a quorum for our last months meeting so please attend if possible so we can keep our unit "healthy". Meeting in the new room is quite pleasant so if you come to the annex at 7:00 one of us will walk you to the new meeting place just down the hill behind the Villa. **Melanie Taylor**, the National Girls Nation Chairman for this year, has a PowerPoint presentation she will show us at the September meeting so come and see and hear all about this annual event. I wanted to mention our October meeting is the annual girls and boys state student recognition potluck. Last year we didn't have a great turnout and the students and their families deserve to be honored so it would be nice to have the room filled with Legion and Auxiliary members. More details as to what food to bring will be in the October newsletter and we will confirm if the post will supply a meat and everyone then bring a side and salad to feed eight.

To the board: We will meet at 6:30. Reminder - Membership dues for this next year are due so I hope you will all renew and keep our unit strong. Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on September 14th and let us know what you think of the new meeting place and programs you'd like us to focus on this year. ~**Linda**

Reminder!!! The girls and boys state student recognition potluck will be on October 12th. Put this date on your calendar and plan on attending. This is a very important function in order to recognize the delegates and their families.

Chaplains Corner

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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.**

SAL Commander Duke Callahan



When was the last time you made it to a Sons meeting? Broke? Can't pay your dues? Let us know. We will pay it for you. You are very important to the Sons membership. Sick? Call, so we can put you on our sick call list. As the largest and most respected Veterans organization in the country, we the American Legion, are committed to serving the needs of our Veterans and their families, "THATS YOU", promoting patriotism, protecting American values in our communities. You can help! As your commander I need to know what's important to you including your opinions and points of view. Will you help? We do make a difference working together, don't you agree? I am looking to receiving your personal input, and I will be thankful that you cared enough to make it to the next meeting, my first as Commander of the Sons Post. The meeting for September will be held prior to the regular Legion meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 PM. You will make a difference, I guarantee it.



The Sons has the Annex reserved every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM, however, we will meet prior to the Legion meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month and will reserve the 3rd Thursday for special meetings and events. ~**Duke**



Corporal Skylar James escort



Patriot Guard, American Legion, Coast Guard and Rip City Riders staged at Sonoma County Airport Friday August 4 to honor USMC Cpl. Skylar James, as his cremains were escorted by **SSgt. Robert Goshler** from a North Carolina Base where the Cpl. was killed after the aircraft he was working on was struck by lightning.

At the Airport we had 12 bikes stage, **SSgt Nathan Ihrig** COAO with 3 military, some private vehicles and two Sonoma County Sheriff Vehicles escort to Coast Guard Station Two Rock Training Center. (At the Airport we had one former crew mate of Cpl. James, now based in So Cal, and a some other friends or military comrades attend)

Windsor Fire Dept. was staged at the Airport with several Fire Rigs, Firefighters at full attention and a large US Flag flying from the Ladder Truck. Citizens were also standing to honor this Young Marine.

A Flag Line was formed as **SSgt .Goshler** was first off the plane transferring Cpl. James to the military vehicle with family in attendance. Along the route Fire Vehicles and their crew were staged with lights flashing and crews at attention.

Upon entering Two Rock we had everyone pre-approved to pass thru and Two Rock Police took over the escort with the Fire Department completing our new package.

We formed a flag line again while Cpl. James was transferred from the military vehicle to the chapel where family had private time with their loved one.

We had excellent communications with our Coast Guard contacts at Two Rock and thank them for everything to help this process go smoothly. Sonoma County Sheriffs Office and Windsor Fire Department for their assistance and communication to others who displayed honors.

Sonoma County Airport Security for their cooperation in staging.

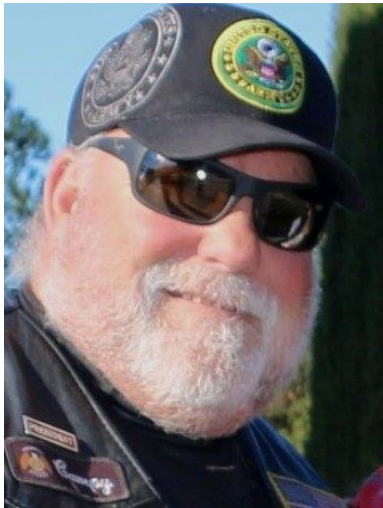
Thanks to **Tom "Milkman" Garske** for another excellent job as Road Captain.

Even with the delays and some communications glitches, this mission turned out well and the family witnessed the respect and honor Cpl. Skylar James earned by his duty in the USMC and to His Country.

The following day, a flag line was formed at the Two Rock Station Theater as family and friends arrived for a memorial service

Submitted by **Mitch Laing**

ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow



Ok everyone this is it, the last chance to get every thing done for the BBQ. We really would like too see more things for the raffle and we are still looking for more help. We have to be out of there by 3:00 PM so the more that help, the faster we get it done. We want to keep on doing this every year so please help. I would like to see some new people and not the same people that come to help every year. This BBQ benefits us all so come out and help if you haven't in the past. We have one more meting before the BBQ on September 5th at Mary's Pizza in Windsor, so if you can think of anything that will help, bring it up then and if you have any raffle prizes, please bring them too. Lets have a great time and be safe. ~Campy



Honor Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



The Honor team completed three Military Services in August. There were two events in Santa Rosa, and a huge event on August 31st as the COLOR GUARD during the ceremony honoring KOREAN WAR VETERANS where the Veterans received Korean Peace Medals. We were asked by **Congressman Huffman** and **Congressman Thompson** to do the honors as Color Guards. The request was forwarded to me through Chris

Bingham, Sonoma County Veterans Service Officer. I responded to Chris stating we would be very honored to do this for Korean War Veterans and their families at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building.

Of course our HONOR TEAM came through with flying colors A special **Thank You** from me.

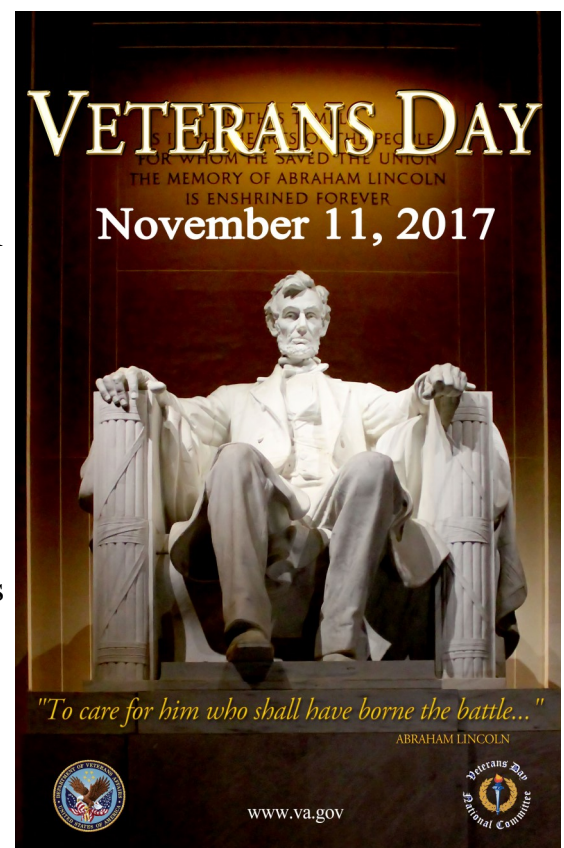
We have four Military Services coming up in September. There is a P.O.W. EVENT in Santa Rosa and another in October with Windsor High School in which Veterans are very much honored.

Now for the hard work. Our Honor Team Practice with rifles, has been changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the Annex.

Flag Folding will be at my house on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Oh yes, one more note: OUR HONOR TEAM WANTS TO SAY GOOD-BYE AND HAVE A GREAT RETIREMENT **CHRIS BINGHAM**. WE WILL BE THINKING OF YOU OFTEN IN OUR HEARTS.

~Eddy



Yountville Veteran's Home Annual American Legion BBQ



On July 30th, the American Legion Riders Chapter 111 attended the annual Yountville American Legion BBQ along with many other Riders Chapters from throughout the State. All the motorcycles rode in together after staging in the parking lot at the entrance to the home, much to the delight of the residents. The riders then participated in the event by serving lunch to many of the residents of the Veterans Home. A great time was had by all.



1 to r: Ron Krudop and Dave Meyers



1 to r: Larry Goeckler and Matt Foreman



1 to r: Matt & Julie Parsons, Steven Bowne



1 to r: Duke Callahan, Ron Collier,
Gary McLerran, Dave Meyers



VA Appeals Reform Becomes Law:

On Wednesday, August 23rd, the president signed into law the *Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017*, which now provides three options for veterans to appeal disability rating decisions made by the Veterans Benefits Administration, as well as allows some veterans already in the appeals process to opt into the new system. The three options available to veterans dissatisfied with their initial claims rating decisions are to seek a higher-level review by a regional office on the same evidence presented to the original claims processors; to file a supplemental claim with a regional office that would include the opportunity to submit additional evidence; or to opt for an expedited consideration of their appeal directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The entire intent of the new law is to speed the appeals process. "As a former veterans' service officer myself, many veterans will be better served under this new law.

George W. Smith

ALRDOC Service Officer



Come and support this event!



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!

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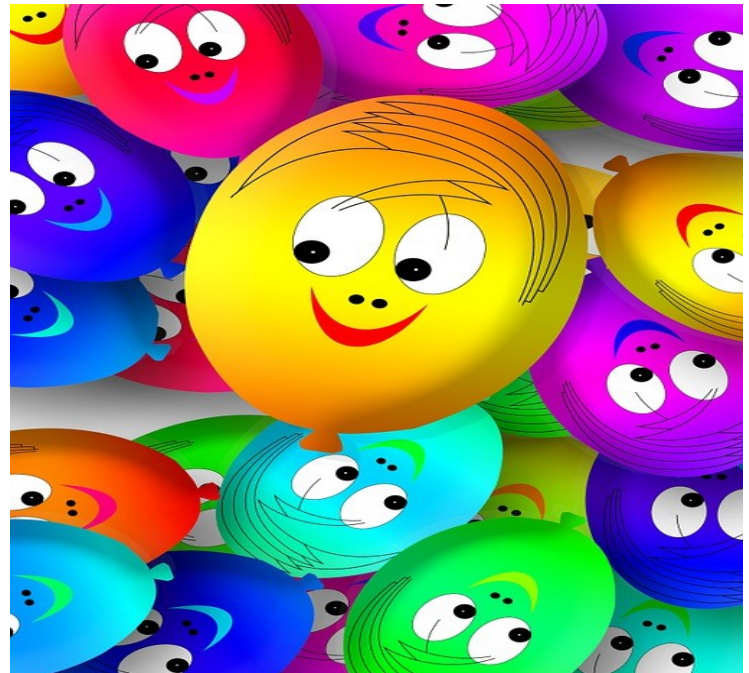
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1st-Arthur Frey, Gary Stritzel
3rd-Bob Durler
8th-Mike Faria
10th-Don Arata
11th-Zach Hastings, Erle Cook
12th-Daryle Smith
13th-Rob Scates, Bill Shriver
14th-Louis Peterka
15th-Delbert Schwitters
16th-David Cartee
19th-Steve Bowne Jr, Burton Barnes
21st-Gary Seneff
22nd-Dwight Upchurch
26th-Jerry Evans
27th-Bob Taylor, Steve Heidorn, John Carriger
29th-Bob Horgan, Louis Justin
30th-Travis Pitts

New Members

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

**Andy Devilbiss, Bill Nay,
Jon Arnold, Kim Crumb**

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Devilbiss Memorial Annex 10:00 AM
3	4 Labor Day	5 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	6	7 VFW 7 PM Annex	8	9 Memorial Ride & BBQ
10	11 Board Meeting 7 PM Annex	12	13	14 Honors Team 5:30 PM SAL 6 PM POST MEETING 7 PM		16 Sonoma VFW Car Show
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 United Vet Counsel SR 7:00 PM	28	29 National Korean Recognition Luncheon SF	30

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In Memoriam



Our Fellow Veterans who have transferred to Post Everlasting:

James Bush; Robert Kramer, Donald G. Heidorn

United Veterans Counsel Meeting highlights August 23, 2017

Steve Mencher News Director of KCRB TV announced a one hour shortened presentation of the Ken Burns PBS special "The Vietnam War" will be shown at the Rialto Theater 6868 McKinley Sebastopol on Nov 9th at 1915. **Also looking for Vietnam Veterans to interview for KCRB's News program leading up to the showing.** If interested in being interviewed contact Steve at: **steve_mencher@kcrb.org** or call 707-584-2012 or cell 301-580-6722.

County Building update: Lou Nunez reported no response yet from County on Building use agreement. Grand Jury and legal counsel being considered. Roof repair being conducted on Santa Rosa Vets. Could take up to three months to complete. Very disruptive but needed.

Veterans that are over 50 percent rated can get a Regional Transportation Connection Card(RTC card) which reduces fare on transit systems by half. Information available on-line or at transit hubs.

Quiz



If you can answer the question, **“Exactly, what are these Riders doing?”** (other than the people who were there), you will win a free lunch at the BBQ.

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