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## RAIN OR SHINE



Honor Team: l to r: Eddy Sauers, Dave Meyers, Harold Bagdonas, Bob Taylor, Ken Cody, & Dave Richey

### Attention!!!!

If you do not drive and need a ride to a meeting or any Legion function, please contact any Legion team member and we will arrange transportation for you.

### APRIL SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

**American Legion & SAL:** April 12th @ 7:00 PM

Legion Board Meeting: Monday April 2nd @ 6:00 PM

**Auxiliary:** April 12th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday April 2nd @ 7:00 PM

**All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg**

**Legion Riders:** Tuesday April 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center, Windsor



## 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  
WHOLESDOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE

Commander Tim Madura



Welcome to Springtime 2018, where the flowers and trees are budding new growth and exploding with color and beauty. All this fresh greenery belies the fact that friends and family are still struggling to cope with the loss of their homes and their personal histories. Nature has a great way of restoring itself. Restoration of our area also includes restoration of each individual soul. Make time to take in the beauty around us in Sonoma County, to be thankful for our community, and to play your part in the rebuilding of

property and lives.

The Past Presidents and Past Commanders/American Legion 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tri-Tip Dinner was a nice success. Not everyone who had made a reservation showed up, but that was quickly balanced by the number of people without reservations who did show. For those of you who did not join us, you missed a delicious dinner of roasted marinated tri tip, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, and garlic bread. Thank you to all who helped make this happen, from setting up the day before, helping in the kitchen preparing and plating food, serving wine and beer, and helping with the clean-up at the end of the evening. Also, a big thank you goes out to the servers who did a fantastic job of serving the food to our guests. None of this would have happened without the help of the volunteers and those who showed up with their guests to celebrate our Sotoyome Post 111's annual event. Let's make next year's event even better when the American Legion will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I would like to recognize Big John's Market for their generous discount on the marinated tri-tip and Costeaux Bakery for their generous discount on the garlic bread. Both are local businesses in Healdsburg, so please try to patronize them as a "thank you" for their generosity to the American Legion.

Be safe, ~Tim



**Recruiting mission on the Sonoma Coast with some of the Riders.**

L to r: Kim Crumb, Tim, Gary McLerran & Dave Meyers.

**Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt**



First of all, our hearts and prayers go out to all the residents and staff at Yountville. Ladies, thanks to Nancy and Jackie attending the meeting in addition to the board members, we had at a quorum and we were able to accomplish a few things. This month we were to determine nominations for next year's officers and the current slate of officers have agreed to remain in office for the next

fiscal year. We also will amend the bylaws to state the meeting's time and place will be determined by the membership. We will suggest for the next year to meet during the day on a weekend. Place and time will be discussed at the upcoming meetings and the new meeting time and place will start in July.

For the remainder of this year, the Post has decided to meet at 6pm instead of 7pm so the Auxiliary will also change our meeting time to 6pm. Since most of the items we discuss at our board meeting are also discussed during the meeting, we will forgo a board meeting at 6:30 and just start the regular meeting at 6pm as well. Next meeting is April 12 at 6pm. Bylaws will also be changed to reflect the new dues. Both National ALA and California Department ALA have increased dues for next year so adult dues will increase from \$21 to \$26, however Jr dues at \$5 will not change.

I'd like to have everyone think about how you can help with the two activities we have coming up in May. First our unit is hosting the Girl's State Orientation luncheon again this year and we'd like to have more help in the prep on Friday May 11 and then set up and clean up for the event on Saturday May 12. Menu will be a salad bar and pork sliders with cookies or brownies for desert. Remember the saying "many hands make light work"? We'd appreciate a few more hands this year! Also May is Poppy month so we will be coordinating with the Post to man the tables we are planning to have out again this year. Dates and locations will be published next month. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting. If you have input you like to provide but can't make a meeting, please know you can always contact any of the board members and let them know your thoughts.

Sincerely, ~Linda



April is the month we nominate our Officers for our Auxiliary for this coming year. The existing Officers have agreed to stay in office if necessary to keep Our Auxiliary active. If you or another member would like to step forward or would like to support an existing Officer, Please attend our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6 pm at the Annex.

Thank you, ~Shirleen 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

**Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers**



March was another busy month for the Honor Team. We started off on the 2nd in Santa Rosa for Military Honors, on the 5th the team headed back to Santa Rosa to perform Military Honors, then on St. Patrick's day we went to Sebastopol for a Military Honors ceremony.



On March 19th, the team traveled to Sonoma to perform Military Honors. Four days later the team headed back to Sonoma performing Honors at the Sonoma Valley Veterans Cemetery. On March 28th the team will have

traveled to Sebastopol for another Honors ceremony.

It doesn't matter what day of the week, or if it's a holiday, we Honor our Veterans as requested.

On the 29th. of March we were asked to do the Color Guard for the Memorial Ceremony to recognize the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

The ceremony took place at the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Santa Rosa City Hall on the corner of Sonoma Avenue and Santa Rosa Avenue.

Gary Greenough read 56 names of KIA Vietnam War Veterans from Sonoma County and their home town. After each name is read, a bell was rung.

The ceremony ended with the sound of Taps and 56 seconds of silence.

What a wonderful way to remember our Vietnam Veterans who have passed.

The team has already begun to schedule our Honors for April and are also scheduling the Color Guard for ceremonies starting in May.

We never know from month to month what services or ceremonies will be requested of our Honor Team, that's why we keep up our flag and rifle practice.

I shall sign off and let everyone know to have a GREAT EASTER HOLIDAY!

~Eddy



## Yountville Memorial



Thank You all who attended the Memorial for #3BraveWomen, the Veteran Assistance Professionals who lost their lives March 9th at the Pathway Home at the California Veterans Home in Yountville.

I have heard from many local Veterans who had contact with and sessions that included one of these three.

In my heart I know that if Christine, Jen and Jennifer were allowed more time they would have reasoned things out and gotten this veteran the assistance he obviously needed.

We had 22 in the flag line, five more who arrived after the photo was taken. Photo courtesy of Chris Chung of the Press Democrat.

Multiple Legion Posts were represented from 3 or 4 counties along with Combat Veteran and other Veteran Riders, PGR from Lake and Sonoma Counties, AmVets and one of our Cowgirls from Cloverdale.

Several comments came that the flag line was on the 5pm and 6pm TV News prior to the Memorial, and as most of us went inside for the Ceremony we caught the later news (mostly speakers).

I heard from the Event Organizers with words of thanks to all, and received one great big long Hug from Liz Russell who has been my contact at Pathway Home and attended and spoke at our ALR #111 Memorial BBQ last year which benefited Pathway Home.

Many people walked down the Flag Line thanking us, but as always, it was Our Honor to be there for these Civilian Fallen Warriors who helped so many Veterans, and sacrificed while willing to help Any and All US Military Veterans.

Submitted by Mitch Laing

PAST COMMANDER'S DINNER  
March 10, 2018



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## April BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

- 1<sup>st</sup>—*Frank Lazio*  
 2<sup>nd</sup>—*Mark Archambault*  
 3<sup>rd</sup>—*Jerry Jaramillo*  
 4<sup>th</sup>—*William Kassin, Mitch Laing*  
 6<sup>th</sup>—*Tony Grado, Aaron Bugarski*  
 10<sup>th</sup>—*Richard Nair, Bob Tingstrom, Chris Werner*  
 13<sup>th</sup>—*Mike Wistock*  
 15<sup>th</sup>—*Rob Edwards*  
 16<sup>th</sup>—*Jerry Eddinger*  
 17<sup>th</sup>—*Bill Merian, Al Simao*  
 18<sup>th</sup>—*Matt Sagaser*  
 20<sup>th</sup>—*Larry Garnsey*  
 22<sup>nd</sup>—*Rilee Obrien, John Reyes, Brian Blanton*  
 23<sup>rd</sup>—*Mike Gore*  
 27<sup>th</sup>—*Charles Witherell*  
 26<sup>th</sup>—*Harris Ryan*  
 29<sup>th</sup>—*Louis DeAngelis*  
 30<sup>th</sup>—*Matt Foreman*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Easter</b>	<b>2</b> Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	<b>3</b> ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b> VFW 6 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Ride to USS Hornet</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>MIAP to SVNC</b>	<b>12</b> Post meeting 7 PM Annex	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM	<b>19</b> Honors Team 3 PM Annex	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>ALR Convention Oceanside</b>
<b>22</b> <b>ALR Convention Oceanside</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Chapter 521 Poker Run</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

## May 2018

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# End of Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Ceremony Santa Rosa City Hall March 29, 2018



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## ALR Ride to Ukiah

March 11, 2018



**ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow**



L to r: Ed Doitteau, Duke Callahan, Bill Nay, Nick Parsley, Matt Sagaser, Danielle Sagaser, Dave Meyers, Ron Collier, & Gary Greenough.



Thank you all for all you do.  
~Campy

### CHAPLAINS CORNER

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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March 3, 2018



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