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ALR Chaplain Father Ed Howell's 80th birthday party



L to r: Jerry Jaramillo, Steven Bowne, Bill Nay, Terry Perry, Ron Collier, Ed Doitteau, Eddy Sauers, Ed Howell, Dave Meyers, Campy Dillow.

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.

AUGUST SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion & SAL: August 9th @ 6:00 PM

Legion Board Meeting: Monday August 6 @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: August 9th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday August 6th @ 6:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Legion Riders: Tuesday August 7th @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor

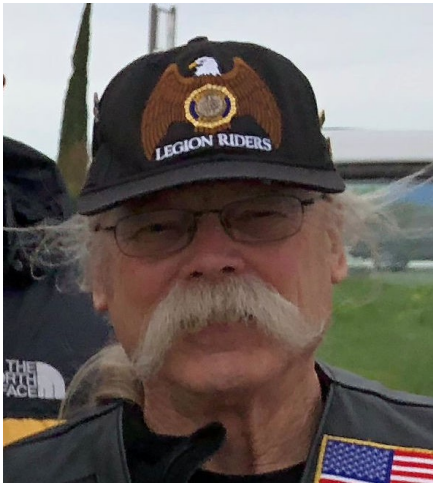


THE AMERICAN LEGION

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
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
TODAY!

Commander Tim Madura



I consider our 4th of July 2018 event a great success. I would like to personally thank all of you who gave your time you to help in the three days of set up and cleanup. We had more help this year than in the past, which made all the work go a great deal faster than expected. Instead of eating lunch after the work for that day was complete, we ended up eating breakfast. We had great help from all who were at the show that night collecting donations with the buckets. We collected twice the amount this year as last year. If we had even more people I believe we could have collected another \$1,000.00 in the areas that we did not get to. The only problem that I know of, was a lost 4-year boy who was reunited with his parents.

A thank you goes out to Matt Sagaser, a new member and an American Legion Rider, active Coast Guard, for recruiting six Coast Guard members to help on the morning of the 4th. The free breakfast may have been a motivation for getting them up that early. A big THANK YOU goes out to Frank and Carol Teuschler and Bob Taylor for all the hard work that they have put into this event year after year. They are looking for some new leaders to take this on for next year. They have laid out a great and easy way to do the setting up, collecting donations, and cleaning up. Bob passed a lot of this on to me this year, along with information from the past years. I will have all this information in a binder to make the organizing much easier in the future. Please consider taking this event on next year. You will have lots of support to make it be a success. There has been a lot of talk about not having the fireworks next year due to the new high school track. According to my information this is not a problem for next year. Where can the people go to see the BEST fireworks show in all the surrounding area, put on by the hard work of American Legion Sotoyome Post 111, and paid for by the generous donations of the community businesses and the bucket donations from the great folks who come and enjoy this show? This event is part of our Americanism requirement. Thank you to all.

The American Legion Rides, Chapter 111, are having their annual Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride on **Saturday September 15, 2018**. This year it is in memory of Sgt. Ryan "Doc" Connolly, US Army, Combat Medic, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was Killed in Action by an IED in Afghanistan, June 24, 2008. Sgt Connolly was born and raised in Santa Rosa. After our ride we have a delicious BBQ starting at noon at the Villa Chanticleer picnic grounds for \$10.00 if you did not ride. We are always looking for raffle prize donations to boost the amount of money we give to the designated organization. Please see if you have unused, new items at you house that can be used for our raffle. Gift cards, wine, gifts, all work. Please let me know if you would have anything to donate for the event and I will arrange to have it picked up. So, mark your calendars for September 25th at noon, come to the Villa, support the American Legion Riders and their event to help other Veterans, and enjoy a great BBQ and win some great prizes.

See you at our next meeting at the Post on August 9th at 6 PM, the second Thursday of the month. Come early and socialize with your fellow American Legion members.

~Tim

P.S. Remember to send in your dues. If there are any issues, please let us know.

Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Well just want to give a quick note that our meeting for July went well for a short meeting but make up for it next month. I got lots ideas and sure things will fall in place as time goes by. Thanks to all the ladies that showed up at the meeting. Thanks to all the ladies that step in and help at the Fireworks.

~Eddy



Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Hello to all ! Thanks to everyone who attended July meeting. Please bring your ideas to discuss at the Aug. meeting. Hope to see you there!

~Linda

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



July was a very busy month for all Legion members. Our Honor Team was a slow month for us, which was good. Even our practice was down, like 3 people and never heard from a few people that didn't call or text me if they were coming our not. We could of put July as dark month for our practice. So keep this in mind for the future and will be talking about this. Okay onto the next project.

Military Honors for July. We had one only in July that was Cloverdale for Herdis Gudmund, U.S. Air Force, Capt. Nurse; she was past commander for the Cloverdale Post twelve years ago.

Everyone was very pleased with our Honors for her. I got very nice THANK YOU note from them.

Well I jinx my firing on that day for Military Honors, my rifle jammed after the first firing. I say no more.

Well next month we have already one coming up in August about the middle of the month. Will send more info on that after the first of the month. I did mention it in our email Practice letter when it went out.

Thank You Honor Team, and remember to answer a yes or no on emails I send out when requesting help or a project like practice. ~Eddy



ALR President Ron Krudop



July was a busy month for the Riders. It started with the Fourth of July fire works setup, which I was told was the fastest setup in a long time. 18 riders and post members were present to help with setup and take down. The third quarterly for the MIAP was July 11th. At SVNC several veterans took turns reading over 200 names interned during the last quarter. September 15th, our Memorial Ride for **Ryan Connolly** is fast approaching. We need all riders to canvas businesses for raffle prizes. If everyone would go out and ask for a donation at restaurants and other places of business one or two days we could potentially make this our best event ever.

~Ron



ALR Vice President Bill Nay



Why did I join Chapter 111, and accept the nomination as Vice President?

I have been a member of a number of veteran service oriented organizations for many years. I joined the American Legion in Frederick, Maryland; however work commitments did not leave time to volunteer or contribute in a meaningful way. I retired and moved to Sonoma County and began my volunteer career. I have spent a lot of time with the California State Parks and Boy Scouts of America helping with environmental education. While this was important and fulfilling work I felt something was missing. I saw too much “lip service” to support for Veteran’s. I decided to take a closer look at the Mission and “Four Pillars” of the American Legion. I also wanted to find more time to ride my Motorcycle. As most of you know, the opportunities to combine the love of the open road with the “Four Pillars” are boundless. I found that

Chapter 111 was filled with like minded individuals with a passion to live the Dream and “Give Back” at the same time. As a reminder, here are the “Four Pillars”:

The Four Pillars of the American Legion

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars:

I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

II. National Security

III. Americanism

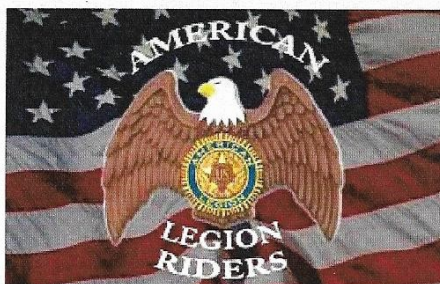
IV. Children & Youth

Department of California – Department Officer’s Guide

“Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation’s veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

As American Legion Riders, all of our activities and programs should be directly linked to one of the Four Pillars of the American Legion and shown to impact and be of direct benefit to veterans or of interest and benefit to the American Legion.”

~Bill



American Legion Riders #111 9th Annual Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride *Ryan's Ride*

SATURDAY SEPT 15, 2018

& BBQ

Sgt Ryan "Doc" Connolly was born and raised in Santa Rosa, attending Piner High School. As a youngster he

enjoyed Baseball, NASCAR and helping his dad work on cars. Ryan enlisted 2004 in the US Army becoming a Combat Medic assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade. He assisted his comrades and the locals as called upon.

Killed In Action after an IED attack during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan

June 24, 2008 Ryan leaves behind his widow Stefanie and daughter Kayla Clair now 12 years old, as well as many loving family members and friends.

Never Forget Our Heroes!

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

INFO: madmitch55@gmail.com or 707 975-1541

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: Ryan Connolly
Tech/Trade Scholarship



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS



Set-up crew on July 3rd



Set-up crew on July 4th

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS



With the help of dozens of Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders, this years Fourth of July Fireworks went off without a hitch or major incident. The “Bucket Brigade” alone secured over \$7,400 in donations from the thousands of spectators who attended the event..

Due to the decisive action by several Legionnaires, a lost child was quickly reunited with his parents.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

1st—*Karma Truitt*
5th—*Mark Decker*
6th—*James Brooks, Brian Calcagno,
Mike Rose, Dallyn Senneff*
8th—*Steven Crane, Ron Martindale*
9th—*Richard McMahon*
11th—*Aaron Landwehr*
12th—*Gary McLerran, John Young,
Randy Watson, Fred Campbell*
13th—*George Holbrook, Cliff Reid,
Ted Robinson, Robert Swank*
14th—*James Kiser, Bud Simmons,
Cassius Zapalski*
15th—*Bob Nugent*
18th—*Ed Leon*
24th—*Ron "Campy" Dillow*
25th—*Ron Phelps*
27th—*Joe Manning*
30th—*Ryan Miller*
31st—*David Mario Brewer*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 VFW 6 PM Yountville BBQ 5:30	3 Coast Guard Birthday BBQ 11:00 Two Rock	4
5	6 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	7 ALR Meeting 6 PM	8	9 Post meeting 6 PM Annex	10	11
12 ALR President's meeting Fair Oaks	13 SAL meeting 6:00 Annex	14	15	16 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	17	18
19	20	21	22 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	23	24	25 SAL car show Luther Burbank Center
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	4 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	5	6 VFW 6 PM	7	8
9	10 SAL meeting Annex 6 PM	11	12	13 Post meeting 6 PM Annex	14	15 ALR Memorial Ride
16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	20 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

Manual "Mike" Lownes celebrates his 100th birthday.



After the regular American Legion monthly meeting on July 12th, Sotoyome Post 111 Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and family members hosted a birthday dinner party for Mike at the Annex.



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2018 Purple Heart Run visits Santa Rosa

The focus of the 2018 “Purple Heart Run” is “Mobility is Freedom.” Sponsored jointly by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) and Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS), the Purple Heart Run features a mobility-equipped, 2018 Ford F-150 truck, adapted to accommodate combat-wounded veterans who are paralyzed or have lost legs and/or arms.



There are an estimated 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients that were either killed in action or were wounded in combat or by an act of international terrorism. Those combat wounded service members who have transitioned back into civilian life have made great sacrifices to ensure our freedoms, but they often go unrecognized. The road to recovery and reintegration into their communities can be a long and difficult struggle for both the wounded warriors and their families.

Gary Greenough coordinated Chapter 111 riders, joined by other service organization riders, to escort the Purple Heart Truck on July 25th from Highway 37 to the Hansel Ford Dealership in

Santa Rosa. There were 20 riders in the escort.



A special thank you to Bill Nay for submitting this article.

Legion BBQ at Yountville Veteran's Home



CHAPLAINS CORNER

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You or someone in the family ill?
Know of a Veteran who needs help?
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NEW MEMBERS

Hans Henneberque
Fred Campbell

For the good of the post ,as your past SAL Commander, I continue to humbly pursue other aspects of our American Legion, Legionnaire, District 5 Chaplin, ALR,MIAP,PGR, I humbly thank all who have supported me, Thanks Duke.



Morning of July 5th: Putting barriers back into storage

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