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Honors were rendered to the last Lake County Pearl Harbor Survivor, *Bill Slater*, who passed on December 31st. Members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Legion Post 111 Honor Team, American Legion Riders Chapter 111 and other Veterans participated in the event in Lakeport on January 14th.



Photo by Ed Doitteau

FEBRUARY SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion & SAL: Feb. 8th @ 7:00 PM

Legion Board Meeting: Monday Feb. 5th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary: Feb. 8th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday Feb. 5th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Legion Riders: Tuesday Feb. 6th @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center, Windsor

ATTENTION!!!!

Crab Feed Feb. 3rd



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

Commander Tim Madura



Saturday, February 3rd, is our annual fund raiser, the CRAB FEED. This event generates the money required for our July 4th fireworks and other events. The \$65.00 ticket cost is for all the crab, salad, bread, wine, and beer that you can eat and drink. Most of the other Crab Feeds have additional fillers of soup and pasta to fill you up instead of the great tasting crab. Tickets sales have picked up but there are still tickets that need to be purchased. Tell your good friends, relatives, not so good friends, neighbors, business associates, etc., that you can still get them tickets. If you have not bought yours you need to unless there are medical reasons, or a prior commitment. If you have not got around to doing it yet, I will gladly get you as many tickets as you need, until we run out. We only sell 500 tickets, so we can be sure to have enough for all who attend, and we are closing in on that number.

Every successful event depends upon volunteer help. We need YOU to volunteer some time. On Friday help is needed to set up tables at the Villa. On Saturday, we need volunteers for serving and cleanup. Please contact Frank Teuschler or myself if you need any information about helping.

I would like to recognize the 18 new members of Post 111. These are transfers from the National Post 1000 to our post. Part of their dues help us Veterans locally instead of all their dues going to National.

Welcome to Post 111: **Don Corzine**, *Air Force*, **William Everly**, *Navy*, **Gerald Sanchietti**, *Army*, **Henry (Chad) Chadwick**, *Army*, **Karl Drexel**, *Navy*, **Devorah Ritchie**, *Navy* (Honors member), **Don Hartley**, *Army*, **Al Fernandez**, *Navy*, **Charles Fields**, *Air Force*, **Koop Ferwerda**, *Coast Guard*, **Nelson Custer**, *Navy*, **Ed Doitteau**, *Navy*, (ALR), **George Nieto**, *Army*, **Jim Stickney**, *Marines*, **Nathen Glaeser**, *Army*, **George Prince**, *Army*, **Don King**, *Army*, (ALR).

I have been calling local Post 1000 members in our area and hope to have more new members next month.

New members, our post meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Villa Chanticleer annex at 7PM, but come earlier to socialize. The American Legion Riders meet the first Tuesday of the month at Mary's Pizza in Windsor.

Present members, please reach out and welcome our new members. These are the people who ensure our survival as an American Legion Post.

See you at the Crab Feed.

~Tim

Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



Ladies, at the meeting on January 11th we did not have enough members in attendance to be able to have a quorum. If we continue to have low attendance at the meetings we may have to "close" our chapter. This means current members who want to continue participating in Auxiliary or Legion programs will have to find another chapter to join. No one wants to see that happen. So if you know of a member that can't get to the meeting but could attend if someone could pick them up, please let me know.



We started to host the interviews for the Girl's State delegates and even with only the first one, I can tell you the ladies we saw were pretty impressive. In March we will be reviewing the Americanism essays. Remember too the annual President's Dinner will be held on March 10. We would love input as to how we can have an even more effective Poppy program as we prepare for May. What are the programs you'd personally like us to devote some time and energy too? Please let any one of the board members know or come to the next meeting to have your voice heard too. If you need a ride let us know that as well and we can see if Auxiliary or Legion members can accommodate picking you up. We would love to see you in person. To the board we will meet at 6:30 the night of the meeting on February 8.

~Linda

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



January was a very busy month for the Honor Team. We started Jan. 11th in Windsor at the Santa Rosa Memorial Annex Cemetery doing Military Honors, then the 13th of January performed Military Honors for a Veteran in Cloverdale. The sad thing was when the Army took the cremains out of the car in a Folger coffee can, we thought that was what the Veteran wanted because he liked that brand of coffee. But after speaking to someone, the family just couldn't afford an urn, but someone contacted the Veterans Service Office and got the family some assistance. Thank you to whoever stepped forward to help them.

On Jan. 18th, we performed full military honors (Flag folding, Presentation of the flag, taps, and volleys), for

William Russell Ledford on the 100th anniversary of

his passing at the Cloverdale Cemetery. The honors were requested by **Al Delsid** District 5 Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. William was KIA on January 18, 1918, somewhere in France and is buried in the Cloverdale Cemetery with no record of receiving Military Honors. The Ceremonial Flag was folded and presented to **Commander Sandy Kelly** of American Legion Post 293. Ledford is the namesake of the Cloverdale Post

On January 20th and 22nd, military honors were rendered at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park Cemetery. Then on January 27th we had two military services, one at 12:30 PM in Santa Rosa and the other at 1:30 PM in Tomales. Because of this, we split the team up and had eight for **Tyler Martin's** service in Tomales, and four attended the service in Santa Rosa. The four members joined the team in Tomales after services were completed.

We have a great Honor Team and I can't thank them enough. I hear praise from others about our uniforms and how we conduct honors.

Remember, Honor Team practice is on the 21st and 22nd of February at 3:00 PM at my house and the Annex respectively. Keep these dates open.

~Eddy



Reminder: Keep February 10th open for ceremony at the Petaluma Veterans Building at 10:00 for **Jane Breese Baker**, US Army 1966-1971, E-5 Nurse in Vietnam. This service was previously cancelled due to the fire.



**SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111
LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
6:00 PM COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER
VILLA CHANTICLEER**

COME AND JOIN THE PAST COMMANDERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS OF SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111 IN CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

***WE WILL BE SERVING A WONDERFUL TRI-TIP
DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS***

LEGION/ AUXILIARY/ SONS AND RIDERS MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES DINNER IS \$5.00

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK AND PAY THEM AT THE DOOR,

NON PAID MEMBERS AND GUESTS WILL BE CHARGED \$15.00

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**AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY  
SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111  
ROAST TRI-TIP DINNER  
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017  
CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
AND HONORING PAST COMMANDERS AND PRESIDENTS**  
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## MIAP escort to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

Morning rain greeted Post 111 ALR riders as they arrived at Pleasant Hill Cemetery for the first MIAP quarterly of 2018 on January 10th. Also arriving were members of Petaluma Elks Lodge 901. Among them were WWII veteran **Irv Giacomini** and Korea & Vietnam veteran **Don DeCosta**. Three US Army veteran cremains were carried through a flag line by **Irv Giacomini**, **Don DeCosta**, and Elks veteran and event coordinator **Alice Kilgore**. Departing Pleasant Hill in the rain, the riders proceeded to SVNC for the Fallen Heroes quarterly ceremony.

Submitted by **Ron Krudop**



l to r : Deb Sheppard, Ron Krudop, Dave Schafer, Kindrah McClanahan, Alice Kilgore , Jerry Corda, Tim McHale, Darlene Krudop, Irv Giacomini, Bill Nay, Tim Madura, Steven Bowne, David France, Doug Newton, Dave Meyers, Eddy Sauers, Campy Dillow & Steve Heidorn. (Not pictured: Gary Greenough, Duke Callahan, Don DeCosta and PGR rider Ken.

## PFC James Leonard, Korean War KIA escort

**US Army PFC James Leonard**, Korean War KIA, was brought home Sunday January 21st. **PFC Leonard** was Killed In Action just 5 days After arriving in Korea in 1950. Found during construction, his remains were identified and returned to his family. **PFC Leonard** will be reunited with his parents at the family plot on Tuesday January 23rd.

Riders from ALR District 13, Chapter 82, and Chapter 111 along with the Warrior's Watch Riders and Patriot Guard Riders escorted **PFC Leonard** from SFO to Daly City.

The Riders left Valero and staged at the SFO South Gate. There were 10 riders and 4 support vehicles that escorted **PFC Leonard** to the mortuary in Daly City.

Submitted by **Bill Nay**



l to r: **Bill Nay** Chapter 111, **Niner Dawg & Don** PGR, **George Smith** Chapter 82.

**“The Quickest Way”  
by Kim Crumb**

The first motorcycle my late dad, Chauncey “Dutch” Crumb owned, was a Harley Davidson Sport Twin he built in 1924 from a pair of wrecked bikes. Raised on a small ranch in rural Montana, at fifteen he was mechanically inclined, and had the use of the garage one of his older brothers, Marion, owned and operated. Marion, an Army veteran of the fighting in France during The Great War, rode Excelsior and Indian motorcycles. My uncle Bob, another older brother who worked at the garage, rode Harleys. You might say that motorbikes ran in the family.

A photo I have of the Sport Twin shows a nearly flat front tire. At the time, tubes were hard to find and relatively expensive. Ever resourceful, in order to get the running bike on the road, my dad stuffed one ragged tire inside a better one. Inserted in this a tightly wound old blanket served as a tube. The ‘tire’ was then mounted and he went riding.

Among the various garage vehicles, a Harley sidecar rig was used to carry tools and parts for repairing stranded vehicles on site. The rig was also used to pick up and drop off customers. My dad learned to ride both motorbikes and drive the sidecar. His brothers trusted him enough to ferry customers while their vehicles were being serviced or repaired.

During the depression my dad made several runs on his various Harleys from Montana to Los Angeles. Work was scarce in Montana and he stayed with his sister and brother-in-law (a railroad engineer) while he found jobs, sending money home and saving what he could.

In September of ‘40 he joined the Army Air Corps. In time he became a Staff Sergeant with the Army Air Corp’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Photographic Mapping Squadron. At one point the squadron was stationed at an airfield in Alaska during the Battle of the Aleutians.

The airfield consisted of a long runway bulldozed out of the relatively level but rocky terrain. Set back at each side, wooden hangers and smaller structures were placed at various points so that one bomb wouldn’t take out everything. At intervals flanking the runway a series of long three foot wide trenches had been dug for taking cover in case of an attack by Japanese aircraft. Two inch by twelve inch planks were placed here and there to allow easy crossing of the trenches by foot traffic and the occasional loaded wheelbarrow.

My dad, one of only a few of the men in the squadron who could ride a motorcycle, happened to be on guard duty one evening when a captain rushed up to him. Pointing to the sidecar rig parked by the wooden building, he ordered, “Sergeant Crumb, get me to the hangers on the far side of the airfield as quickly as possible!”

Any of you who have served in the military know that when an enlisted man is given a command, he follows the order to the very best of his ability. An experienced enlisted man will often make certain that the officer receives the most bang for his buck. Or more.

“Yes sir!” My dad replied as the captain leaped into the sidecar.

Between the runway and the building where my dad stood guard, a trench ran a good twenty yards or so in either direction.

Sergeant Crumb kicked the bike to life. Spinning the rig around he headed for the hangers the captain had indicated, which were directly across the runway. When the officer suddenly realized that they were fast approaching the trench, he quickly suggested that they go the long way around.

“No problem, sir.” My dad replied. But instead of making a sharp turn for the far end of the trench, he deftly brought the sidecar into the air. The bike’s tires thumped across the plank, the car dropped back down. They raced across the runway, making a second plank crossing with the side car and passenger again safely in the air. Moments later the rig slid to a stop next to the hanger.

My dad quickly dismounted, stepped away from the rig, and saluted. “Sir, here we are. As quickly as possible, as requested.”

Though somewhat shaken, the captain thanked my dad for the ride.

Oddly enough, the officer turned down the offer of a ride back when he’d finished his business.



## American Legion Sotoyome Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

2<sup>nd</sup>—*Ed Baker, John Pender*  
 5<sup>th</sup>—*Ed Scherrer*  
 6<sup>th</sup>—*Richard Kray*  
 7<sup>th</sup>—*Jim Winchester, Mike Zanzi*  
 8<sup>th</sup>—*Frank Monticelli*  
 10<sup>th</sup>—*Cheryl Ogle*  
 12<sup>th</sup>—*Eric Landwehr*  
 14<sup>th</sup>—*John Brazil*  
 15<sup>th</sup>—*John Reinero*  
 18<sup>th</sup>—*Steven Griswold*  
 19<sup>th</sup>—***Grant Noah***  
 20<sup>th</sup>—*David Beck, Nelson Weller*  
 21<sup>st</sup>—*Robert Baker*  
 24<sup>th</sup>—***Tricia Lay***  
 25<sup>th</sup>—*Phil Chiminello, Ben Gibson*  
 26<sup>th</sup>—***Ronny Wallace***

| Sun       | Mon                                            | Tue                                        | Wed                                           | Thu                                     | Fri       | Sat                                           |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
|           |                                                |                                            |                                               | <b>1</b>                                | <b>2</b>  | <b>3 Crab Feed<br/>Four<br/>Chaplains Day</b> |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Post/Unit<br>Board<br>Meeting 7 PM | <b>6</b> ALR<br>Meeting<br>6 PM<br>Windsor | <b>7</b>                                      | <b>8</b><br>VFW 6 PM                    | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>LINCOLN'S<br>BIRTHDAY             | <b>13</b>                                  | <b>14</b><br><b>Valentines<br/>Day</b>        | <b>15</b><br>Post meeting<br>7 PM Annex | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                     |
| <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>PRESIDENT'S<br>DAY                | <b>20</b>                                  | <b>21</b><br>Honors Team<br>Eddy's 3 PM       | <b>22</b><br>Honors Team<br>3 PM Annex  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                     |
| <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                                      | <b>27</b>                                  | <b>28</b><br>United Vet<br>Counsel<br>7 PM SR |                                         |           |                                               |

## March 2018

| Sun       | Mon                                               | Tue                                        | Wed                                           | Thu                                         | Fri       | Sat                                                             |
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|           |                                                   |                                            |                                               | <b>1</b><br>VFW 6 PM                        | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                                        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Post/Unit<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7 PM | <b>6</b> ALR<br>Meeting<br>6 PM<br>Windsor | <b>7</b>                                      | <b>8</b><br>Post meeting<br>7 PM Annex      | <b>9</b>  | <b>10 Past<br/>Commander's<br/>&amp; Legion BDay<br/>Dinner</b> |
| <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                                         | <b>13</b>                                  | <b>14</b>                                     | <b>15</b><br>AMERICAN<br>LEGION<br>BIRTHDAY | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>St. Patrick's<br/>Day</b>                       |
| <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                         | <b>20</b>                                  | <b>21</b><br>Honors Team<br>Eddy's 3 PM       | <b>22</b><br>Honors Team<br>3 PM Annex      | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                                       |
| <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                                         | <b>28</b>                                  | <b>28</b><br>United Vet<br>Counsel<br>7 PM SR | <b>29</b>                                   | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                                       |



**ALR President Ron "Campy" Dillow**



Well, hope you all are getting back in to your daily routine after the holiday's. I know that its not going to be easy for some of us to get back to normal, but remember that we are all praying for you and will do anything to help you in any way, just ask.

I would love to see us get together a lot more this year and do more things, like having BBQ rides and other things that we can do for our community. There has been some of us that get together on Sunday and ride to Napa or Petaluma to get something to eat then go for a ride afterwards. Would like to see more of you join us on these rides.

~Campy



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## Veterans helping Veterans

One of the many things that Sotoyome Post 111 prides itself in doing, is assisting Veterans in need. Members of the Post have been instrumental in ensuring one of our Veterans is provided transportation to his medical appointments in San Francisco as needed.



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