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# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2018

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### 9th Annual ALR Memorial Ride and BBQ successful



Seventy-two riders signed up for the Ryan Connolly Memorial Ride on September 15th.  
ALR riders Father Ed Howell, Jerry Jaramillo and Sarah Rafal in foreground.

#### 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.

#### SEPTEMBER SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

**American Legion:** October 11th @ 6:00 PM  
Executive Board Meeting: Monday October 1st @ 6:00 PM

**Auxiliary:** October 11th @ 6:00 PM

**SAL:** Monday October 8th @ 6:00 PM

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

**Legion Riders:** Tuesday October 2nd @ 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  
WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE  
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
TODAY!

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

**Commander Tim Madura**



The upcoming October Legion meeting is on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM. This is our dinner meeting honoring the Boys and Girls State students. It is always an enjoyable evening, listening to the stories these students share about their experiences in Sacramento learning how the government works. After hearing what they learned and seeing their enthusiasm, you might want them to replace some of our present representatives in the State Government.

October 19<sup>th</sup> is our annual Golf Tournament at Tayman Golf Course. Contact me or Doug Newton if you want to play and we will see if we still have openings. Help is always needed to set up and tear down some tables. Silent auction donations can be provided to me or Doug. This is an annual Post fund-raiser for the fireworks and all proceeds are donated back to us. Please provide some support.

As most of you may have heard, Bob Taylor has transferred his American Legion membership to the Cloverdale Post. Bob is a resident of Cloverdale and he wants to get into the world of local politics there and needs to be part of that post. Bob has provided many, many years of dedication to Post 111 and his hard work and knowledge will be missed by all of us. Bob has been a great help to me and I will miss his constant reminders of “did you do ???” His assistance has been invaluable.

The Annual A. L. Riders’ Memorial Ride and BBQ was a great success, thanks to the hard work of our members, our volunteer cooks, Boy Scouts and 4-H girls. A team of members worked tirelessly for months prior, soliciting and gathering donations for the Silent Auction and organizing the Ride. On the day of the event we had plenty of help. Donations are still being collected (and more will always be accepted) for the intended Scholarship Fund at SRJC. This perpetual scholarship will be offered specifically for Veterans and their families entering the Technical and Trades industries.

~Tim



**Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
September 24th**

**Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers**



Thank you ladies for showing up for the meeting. I know we got the Girls State and Boys State Dinner which I have asked the Windsor High Culinary help us. I will turn it over to my ladies that I put in charge. Also we will present a student that won the AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST at the beginning. This will take place on September 11 @ 6:00 p.m. This is very interesting event to hear what the students have learned. We need help setting up tables and decorating. Please call Mary or email her. I will help you and guide you in the right direction. If you got a better way, I'm all for it. I like changes and it always more fun.

All right ladies our next event is November 8th, Early Bird Dinner. That's also membership night. Will discuss this at a further date with the members.

~Eddy



**Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary**



Hello Aux. members.

I'm happy to say we're moving ahead with new ideas for this new year, with your help it will be successful. It's already membership time again, please renew through the mail or online when you get your notice in the mail. We all appreciate your support.

Thank you, ~Linda

**SAL Commander Ken Cody**



The following information comes from Area I Commander **Al Delsid**:

The 100th anniversary of the American Legion is on March 15, 2019. I would like to make it our goal for every squadron in Area 1 to reach 100% membership on our anniversary year. I believe this is an obtainable goal for our Area 1 squadrons. 100-years = 100%

I ask that every Squadron and District Commander in Area 1 to work with your squadrons to make this goal a reality. As you know, membership is the life blood of our organization. The Sons of the American Legion needs continued growth and we do that with the retention of current members and the addition of new members. Please do not wait. Send in your membership transmittal's and let's work together to reach our 100% membership goals. I am

working with our Senior Vice Commander to make a special award for any squadron that reaches 100% by March 15, 2019 the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. ~**Big Al**

**REMINDER!!!**

**October 8th** is the next SAL meeting at the Annex. The meeting starts at 6:00. Please attend and bring a new member with you. We will discuss fund raisers for the coming year. Your participation is needed.

~Ken



**ALR President Ron Krudop**



This year's Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride for Ryan Connolly was a Great success. I could not have done it without all the help I got that day from my Legion Brothers and Sisters, 4H Girls, Healdsburg Boy Scouts, **Steve Waud** and his friends on the BBQ. Our Honor Guard did a fantastic job as they always do, in the presentation ceremony of the three burial flags to the Pratt family. There were twenty-seven ALR members from Chapter 111, what a great turn out from our Chapter. Seventy two riders signed up at



Cafe Noto for the two and half hour ride. A big thanks to Road Captain **Gary McLerran** and Past President **Ron "Campy" Dillow** for putting together a great route. The silent auction was a success eliminating the confusion we have had in the past from running a raffle. Our ALR Brothers Fort Bragg showed up towards the end of the day due to there Presidents motorcycle having electrical problems. Chapter 111 is planning to attend the Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast on Sunday October 14th. The Riders will meet at Johnny Java's in Cotati at 7:30am KSU 8:00am, Breakfast starts at 9:00am.

~Ron

**Sgt. Raymond Smith funeral escort to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
September 24, 2018**



L to r: **Ron Krudop, Tim Madura, Bill Nay, Dick Akright, Steven Bowne**

## ALR Vice President Bill Nay



**Bill Nay** attended the meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and gave a short talk on POW/MIA Day.

## Boys/Girls State

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Boys State** and **Girls State** are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors, respectively. Boys and Girls are usually nominated by their high school during their junior year. Boys and Girls State programs both began in 1937 and are held in each of the U.S. states

This month I would like to focus on American Legion Pillar IV:

### Children & Youth.

“The American Legion’s Commission on Children & Youth manages a pillar of service guided by three main objectives: to strengthen the family unit, to support quality organizations that provide services for children and youth, and to provide communities with well-rounded programs that meet the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of young people.”

[https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/four\\_pillars.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/four_pillars.pdf)

We have been a sponsor of students attending Boys/Girls State for a long time. I hope everyone attends the Dinner on October 11<sup>th</sup> to hear about their experiences. This is a nationally recognized program and our participation benefits the students, the community and the Post.

The ALR Chapter 111 Scholarship Committee will be meeting at the SRJC Foundation office on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the details for the Sgt Ryan Connolly Scholarship.

I recently accepted the position as the Chartered Organization Representative for the Healdsburg Cub Scout Pack 21. Post 111 is the Chartered Organization for Pack 21. I plan on attending some of their Pack meetings and activities in the near future. In the next newsletter I will ensure we have an article showcasing what the Pack is doing.

## **Don't Forget to get your USS Red Oak Pancake Breakfast tickets!**

Chapter 111, American Legion Riders is planning to attend the Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, October 14th**. The riders will meet at Johnny’s Java in Cotati at 7:30 am with KSU at 8:00 AM. Breakfast starts at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome (Family and friends) to join the riders and can either follow in their cars or meet at the Red Oak dock at 9 AM.

\* It will save some time if you purchase your tickets ahead of time through Eventbrite at [www.bit.ly/rovpancake18](http://www.bit.ly/rovpancake18). However, you can also purchase tickets as you board that morning.

## A MISSION WORTH UNDERTAKING

By Ed Doitteau



As many of us Veterans who served with distinction and honor; there were times when we were faced with missions and not knowing the hour of day when deployment orders would arrive. There are also those moments in life where decisions must be made to fulfill a purpose not fully understanding the outcome. Regardless, certain decisions are made and shortly thereafter following through with unwavering action. As a brand-new rider, less than one-year riding in my entire life, I embraced the decision to join our Legion Riders to carry out the duties set forth in our American Legion mission statement:

“The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, **advocating patriotism and honor**, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.”

It was through a connection established within my social media circle that the word of another patriot shared their passion for the very words expressed in the Legion mission statement, “*advocating patriotism and honor*, and *continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans*” For the next 9 months following the initial recruitment introduction, hours of research on how to ride, what to purchase, the necessary skills and training and most importantly the hurdle of overcoming fear.

The ALR DOC West Coast Rally held in Prunedale hosted by Post 593 District 28 served as my catapult to overcoming my fears to some extent. Fear will always reside deep within, but the choices made to continue despite of those fears is what allows us to build character, strength and courage in all our missions.

“But select capable men from all the people—men who **fear** God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.”

After heavy dense unrelenting fog and 166 miles, I met those almost 109 men and women at the West Coast Rally.



Not Ed’s bike.

## Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



September was quiet month but busy as always.

The September 15th Military Honors was canceled because the family only wanted the flag folding and taps which was done by the Army Honor Guard.

Of course we practiced to get ready on how we were going to present the three Flags to the families on the Memorial Run on September 15th. I'm so proud of the Honor team on what a excellent job they did.

Everyone came through with flying colors. Thank you, Honor Team.

We helped at the POW recognition day on the 21st of September filling in to do Taps. Also that morning I got a call to help do Military Honors for a Military service because the mortuary couldn't get the Air Force to do the honors for the Family. I was able to get four of us to do it at 12:30 p.m. We were standing at the S.R. Memorial Park waiting for the family to show up and I looked down the street and here comes the Air Force from Alameda. We thanked them for coming and we stayed there to support them and family until they finished the Honors. We marched out behind them after the Service and they thanked us for staying.

On September 25th we went to St. Rose School to teach 7th graders about flag folding, raising and lowering the flag, taking care of and other things they need to know about the American Flag.

So this is what the Honor Team did for September. We never know what we get from month to month. It is always a surprise. Our next event is Veterans Day on November 11th for our Honor Team.

~Eddy

## POW/MIA Day Observance

"In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action as well as their families. This day was established by an Act of Congress, by the passage of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act."

Members of our post participated in the POW/MIA remembrance held at 10 a.m. September 21 at Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

## AmVet Honor Guard at Santa Rosa Memorial Park on the National POW/MIA Recognition Day



L to r: Dave Richey, Kerry Ishmael, Dianna Waite, & Jay Matthews



## A VIETNAM STORY

### A GLOWING REPORT

by Kim Crumb



Our insertion by Huey had been low and fast, leaving me with a mind searing image of a broad valley pockmarked by thousands of bomb craters, the recognizable wreckage an Air Force fighter, and a well maintained (not by us) red dirt road running down the western side of the Ashau Valley.

We were way past our planned early morning start, which for unknown reasons had been delayed until mid-day. Our departure had been further delayed as the afternoon heat had kept the Hueys grounded until they were able to carry their payloads. An hour or so after our arrival, dusk began to temper the heat of the day in the Ashau as we dug in for a long night. I checked over my PR-25 radio, ran 'commo checks with the platoons surrounding our pair of 81mm mortar tubes, and collected the locations of the 'friendlies' around us.

It was late April of 1971, our first time into The Valley itself. Everyone was leaning toward the nervous side of caution. There wasn't a lot of conversation while we got to the job at hand, which was mostly digging deeper than we had on other operations.

We set up near the road and while the mortar crews dug in, a squad leader from Alpha came over to tell me to, "Check this out."

Less than thirty meters from where we were setting up our mortar's FDC and within spitting distance of the CP, an underground bunker large enough to hold a pair of deuce and a-half's had been discovered. From three sides and the air, the bunker was all but invisible. Concealing the access from the road to the opening were cut branches fresh enough to make us wonder exactly how well we controlled the valley.

Back at the FDC I told the other two guys what I'd seen. After eyeing our work on the bunker, we passed on eating and kept digging.

We were nearly finished when darkness settled in and a particular thing happened. The leaves on the waist deep grass around us began to light the area with an eerie blue/green phosphorescent glow. Within minutes the glow was bright enough to read by. The area reminded me of a project I'd worked on as a college student, over a year earlier and a lifetime away.

I had arrived at San Jose State College as a junior majoring in Industrial Design. This was the year following Buckminster Fuller's stay as the Engineer in Residence. Creator of the Geodesic Dome, the Dymaxian Car and other radical engineering designs, Fuller had been a huge influence on the technical population at the school. As a kid who loved to draw and had built a hot rod at sixteen, I discovered that his ideas inspired me to think out of the Geodesic box.

Pretty soon I was carrying a full academic load, supporting myself with a part time job at the college, tuning up neighbor's cars, and working a graveyard shift at a Shell gas station.

For a project in one of my design classes I teamed up with another mechanically inclined student. The two of us developed an idea for a civilization based on things which would be grown rather than manufactured. Among our far-fetched ideas, we drew up illustrations of houses grown from trees, which we dubbed, "GroHomes." We had also come up with an idea of street lamps which would light through a natural process of phosphorescence.

I'd finished my first semester at SJS when due a combination of too many hours of graveyard, the closing of the campus and canceling of classes for various anti-war protests, I dropped out and joined the Army.

I kept in loose touch with my partner in the ID project, as we had been building a Corvair powered trike together for another class project when I'd left for Basic. Once in Vietnam, we kicked around design ideas through the mail, and he kept me in current copies of Playboy.

So, my first thought when the grass lit up was pretty much, "Wait until he sees this!" I tore off a few leaf samples, putting them in pale blue Red Cross envelope with a quick note saying, "There's a whole valley of this stuff, tell me what you think!" As I was a little distracted, I didn't think to give him any further details. The following morning the envelope went off to him in the usual infantry manner, via a Huey door gunner.

We got out of the Ashau a few days later. When I finally checked out the samples I'd saved for myself, I found that once the plant was dead there was no light.

I'd pretty much forgotten the whole thing until his letter arrived a week or so later accompanied by a fresh Playboy. In his usual scrawl he had written, "What do I think of this? It's the worst stuff I've ever smoked!"

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

1<sup>st</sup>—*Thomas Garske Jr.*  
4<sup>th</sup>—*Steven Taylor*  
6<sup>th</sup>—*Victor Halverson, Mark Terra*  
8<sup>th</sup>—*Claudio Calvo*  
11<sup>th</sup>—*Gary Bricker*  
12<sup>th</sup>—*Lionel Burns*  
15<sup>th</sup>—*Randall Parker, Dan Sterling*  
16<sup>th</sup>—*Sarah Rafal*  
17<sup>th</sup>—*Philip Eagle, Dave Matlock*  
20<sup>th</sup>—*Frank Kincaid*  
22<sup>nd</sup>—*Keith Caldwell*  
23<sup>rd</sup>—*Peter Depue, Vincent Jones,*  
*Ron Kron, Tim Miller,*  
*Judy Chavez*  
25<sup>th</sup>—*Steven Bowne Sr.*  
26<sup>th</sup>—*Scott Yates*  
27<sup>th</sup>—*George Eade, Alan Hubley*  
28<sup>th</sup>—*James Cook*  
29<sup>th</sup>—*John Arnold*  
30<sup>th</sup>—*Steve Canevari, Keith Fogel*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	<b>2</b> ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> VFW 6 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SAL meeting 6:00 Annex Columbus Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Boy's State Dinner Post meeting 6 PM Annex	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Red Oak Breakfast Richmond	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	<b>18</b> Honors Team 3 PM Annex	<b>19</b> Golf Tournament	<b>20</b> VFW Petaluma Car Show
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Navy Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween			

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<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Veterans Day (observed)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Honors Team 3 PM Annex	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> United Vet Counsel	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## California Veterans Board – Public Meeting

The California Veterans Board held a Public meeting at the California Veterans Home – Yountville on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Post 111 members **Steven Bowne Ken Cody** and **Bill Nay** attended. A presentation was made by Fred Just, the new Administrator for Yountville. Steven asked Carla Thornton, the Board Chair, to briefly explain to us the role of the California Veterans Board. Her Response included:

- Composed of a 7 member Board appointed by the Governor
- Represent 2+ million California Veterans
- Hear appeals for State Veteran Benefits

For more information on the California Veterans Board go to their web page:

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/Pages/California-Veterans-Board.aspx>

The Secretary of the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CALVET) Dr. Vito Imbasciana made a presentation on various CALVET initiatives. For information on CALVET you can go to their web page:

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/Pages/Secretary.aspx>

A few of the items discussed included:

The Pathway house lease is up and it is closed. The Napa County District Attorney will be releasing the findings of their investigation soon. The CHP will be establishing an office near the front gate.

Veteran Farm and Home loans will be on the State Ballot as part of Proposition 1 & 2.

The Veterans Board is putting policies into regulatory language, starting with Appeals, Complaints, and Public Hearings.

Legislation was ordered to audit the lease/license of State Veteran Facilities. “Does the event benefit the facility?”

Submitted by **Bill Nay**

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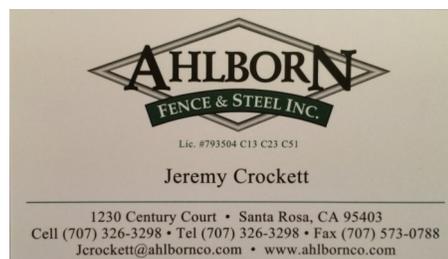
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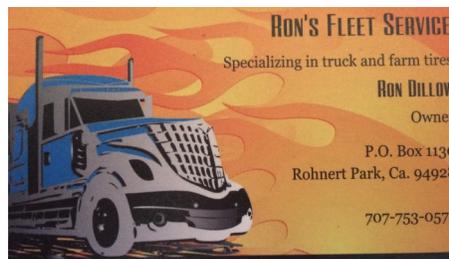


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# Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride Ryan's Ride



The memorial ride could not have been better. The number of riders was an indication of the support and importance of this event. We had as many family and friends waiting at the Villa BBQ area to greet the riders at the completion of the run. The Tri-tip with all the fixings was superb. The silent auction had something for everyone.

We had many donations from members, friends, and local businesses. The proceeds will establish a perpetual Scholarship in the name of Sgt Ryan Connolly. His father Jim Connolly attended the BBQ and was moved by the showing of support and devotion to Ryan and all those that have fallen.



# Ryan Connolly Memorial Ride



## The Pratt Family – Replacement of Military Burial Flags

During the October 2017 “Tubbs” Fire in Sonoma County the home of **Chris and Jackie Pratt** at 4710 Paulette Place, Santa Rosa was burned to the ground. Included in the loss from the fire were three military burial flags for:

- **Jean Pratt** – WWII – Army Airforce – gunner on a B-24 Liberator (Retired from 579<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn)
- **Robert Pratt** – WWII – Army Air Force – McClellan AFB – Aircraft Mechanic
- **Byron Dunn** – WWII – Army – Bombardier – Pacific and Europe Theaters

Chris and Jackie Pratt’s son **Mike Pratt** made an inquiry to have the three burial flags replaced. **Mark Orlando**, Sonoma County Veterans Service Office referred the request to Post 111, American Legion based on the VA protocols for burial flag replacement.

The Post 111 Honors Team conducted the military honors for these Veterans at the 2018 Memorial Ride BBQ. **LTC Angle** represented the National Guard 579<sup>th</sup> Eng. BN. LTC Pratt retired from the 579<sup>th</sup> in the 60’s.



### 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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### NEW MEMBERS

**Kerry Ishmael**  
**Ed Howell**  
**Johnny Debiase**

**Legion Members and Family, if you are in need of prayer or a hospital or home visit, my phone is open 24/7 (707)239-1811**

**Jerry Jaramillo**

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