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APRIL 2019

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Al Delsid and Tim Madura assist with the assembly of the Vietnam Wall on March 27th.

Photo by Press Democrat

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: Thursday April 11th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday March 4th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: Thursday April 11th @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Monday April 8th @ 6:00 PM

**All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex
in Healdsburg. SAL meeting place TBD.**

Legion Riders: Tuesday April 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
WHOLE SOME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
TODAY!

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Commander Tim Madura



Our 2019 membership goal of 312 paid members has been achieved. We reached 100% of our membership goal. Thanks to all of you for renewing your dues and a big thank you and welcome to all the new members of Sotoyome Post 111. Also, we give a huge thank you to **Ken Cody** for that last big push to get us to our goal. We always need to look for new members who bring new ideas and help to the Post. Plus, they may want to join our Honor Guard, American Legion Riders, have a son for the Sons of the American Legion or a wife or daughter who may want to join the AL Auxiliary. Keep up the good work for renewing past members and finding new members to join our great Post.

Speaking of the Honor Guard, we are always looking for new members to join. Being a member of the Honor Guard, providing honors for a fallen veteran, is very meaningful and rewarding.

Our Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner was a great success. If you did not attend, you missed a great tri-tip and chicken dinner. It was well attended, and all had a great time. Thank you for all the set-up work and cleanup that was done by all the volunteers.

Hopefully, you all had an opportunity to the visit “The Wall that Heals”. It is a replica of the original Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, known by many as “The Wall”. On it have been inscribed over 58,000 names of our fallen heroes from the Vietnam War, including the 55 names of our Sonoma County Fallen Heroes. This memorial travels around the country allowing people who are not able to make the trip to Washington, DC, to honor our fallen Veterans and to help heal our Viet Nam Veterans who did return home. What a great experience for people young and old to see this exhibit and experience some of the history about the Vietnam War. Welcome Home.

The American Legion State Convention will be held in Ontario, California from June 28th to June 30th. Anyone can attend. Please let me know soon if you are interested in being a delegate.

Don't forget April 15th is Tax Day.

Be Safe ~**Tim**



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTS



Location: Post 111 - 860 Chanticleer Way Healdsburg, CA 95448

Price: \$15 per Individual, \$20 per couple donation

Date: Saturday 27 April 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

RSVP: sotoyome111@aol.com or steven5382@comcast.net or
707-322-9245

**Next Son's meeting:
Monday, April 8th at Mary's Pizza in Windsor @ 6:00.**

ALR President Ron Krudop



Saturday evening March 9th was the Past Commanders and Past Presidents, and Legion Birthday Dinner. While there was a good turn out of Post and Rider members, I can remember years past when the Villa was packed with members, family and friends. My wife and I enjoyed the evening Tri -Tip dinner with Post Commander Tim Madura and his wife. March 26th Tuesday The Wall That Heals a three quarter scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC will be escorted from Lagan it's Brewery in Petaluma to Wilson Ranch Complex in Winsor, Ca. The last time the traveling wall was in Sonoma County it was in Petaluma. I am very honored to be apart of the ALR Riders Chapter 111 escorting the Wall to Winsor Saturday March 30th is opening ceremonies at 10:00am. ALR 111 Rider Gary Greenough will be speaking during the opening ceremony. Let's pray for a sunny day to honor all of our Fallen Comrades. ~Ron

ALR Vice President Bill Nay



We all have heard a number of individuals have declared they are candidates for President of the United States for the 2020 elections. This is the beginning of a time when we will be confronted with plenty of folks wanting to share their views and opinions. One of the main reasons I joined the American Legion is because it is “Nonpolitical”. Just a reminder for those who are not sure, the Constitution of the American Legion states: *Article II, Section 2. “The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.”*

For the most part we do pretty well in not bringing politics to our meetings or Ride Missions. Where we probably need to be particularly attentive is when we are away from our American legion meetings or rides, but may still be wearing our vest or hats that identify us as a member of the American Legion. Everyone is free to support any of the candidates; but, it is best to leave the American Legion vest and hat at home. If you want to highlight that you are a Veteran at a political meeting or rally you are free to wear any of the generic Veteran hats, which most of us have. ~Bill

Military Honor Missions

ALR Chapter 111 participated in several Military Honor Missions with ALR 28, 82, District 28 and Warrior Watch Riders.

Doug Parkhurst US Air Force Vietnam /Retired LEO

Friday, March 15th Mt Tamalpias Mortuary, 2500 5th St, San Rafael.

Jim Taylor U.S. Navy -Vietnam USN Veteran

Tuesday March 19th Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fremont to Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward.

Jim served on the USS RANGER and was an ADJ2 Aviation Machinist Mate (Jet Engine Mechanic) Petty Officer 2nd Class, from 1966 to 1970.

Robert M Zajonc US Army Helicopter Pilot Vietnam

Thursday, March 21st Presidio in San Francisco.

Following the Military Honors we escorted the family to The Petaluma Veteran Memorial Bldg for a Celebration of Life.



Dick Akright & Bill Nay

Family Readiness Group (FRG) – Adopt a Platoon

In October 2018 Riders from ALR Chapter 111 and 28 went to the Vallejo US Army Reserve center and escorted four busses with members of the 801st Engineering Company to the San Jose airport to be deployed to the Middle East as a unit. They have been “boots on the ground” for several months and “creature comforts” are needed. Many of the families of these deployed soldiers live here in Sonoma County and have formed a support organization called the Family Readiness Group (FRG). Petaluma VFW Post 1929 has sponsored them and provided a place for them to meet. I attended a recent meeting that was called to put together “Care Packages” for the deployed troops.

The 801st FRG has set up a "wedding" registry to help with posting & receiving requested donations:

<https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/DirtyDevils>

As well as a Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/dirty-devils-frg>

The 801st Engineer Company is composed of 5 Platoons. I plan to send a request to the various Veteran Service Organizations to “Adopt A Platoon” and show their support by sending a check to the Petaluma VFW with a notation for the 801st FRG. The “Care Packages” are usually a USPS Flat Rate box that runs about \$18.00 a piece to mail, thus just the postage costs reach into the hundreds of dollars alone. While we hope to get donations from the Veteran organizations any individual help would be appreciated. If you want to see some of the items slated for the April “Care Packages” just go to the Amazon registry and if inspired, purchase a few of the items.



Submitted by **Bill Nay**

Ed Doitteau



On Saturday 16 March 2019, I met up with Michael Johnson in Petaluma. Mike is the new ALR Chapter 28 President. Together, we ventured out from Lakeville Hwy to Hwy 37 then merging onto Interstate 80 towards Sacramento. We exited onto the 113 to Woodland which was approximately 10 miles west of 80. No this is not a travel guide. So why details of the route? Well, how often have we been invited to ride out to a destination that seemed too far? Consider this, I explained the above routes for a good reason, much of our lives are about objectives and results yet we don't take the challenges and compartmentalize them (chewable pieces) to achieve the same results.

As I travel to these destinations, I get myself in the mindset that I will reach one exit then another and another until I have arrived at my desired point.

I did not know ahead of time where Woodland was and I really didn't mind it was 93 miles. Mike and I enjoyed the ride and traveling on 80 can be nerve wrecking but pairing up with a seasoned rider, I felt that we had each other's back. We arrived earlier than expected and we decided to have a nice hot cup of coffee at Bella Bean.

The meeting with other riders at Post 77 was a pleasure. The ALR AREA 1 President's meeting was not long and stayed on topic for most of the 90 minutes.

Some of topics discussed were:

- Resolutions being introduced at convention for standardizing the Patches on the backs of the vest. This has been a hot topic because of the communities we serve have equated the Rider group as a "Motorcycle Club". So, keeping our Vests clean and in good standing with our by-laws is imperative.

- Michael Fox – Is seeking nominations for the next National SONS Commander spot and welcoming any and all support from the Riders' group.

- The ALRDOC website is in dire need of an upgrade and I was asked to review and find alternatives that would bring functionality, excitement and ease of use for all chapters to participate in.

- The Scholarship Run was discussed and promoted by Mick Sobczak. Healdsburg Post 111 is to have a welcome dinner on the night before the start of the event for approximately 100 riders and Coffee & Donut send off on the day of the start of the event. More to follow as we start to get registered numbers tallied up. The Registration website is up and running at https://alrdoc.org/alr_scholarship.php



Mike Fox speaking at the meeting.



Ed & Mike Johnson

Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Hi Ladies,
Well March is winding down and so are our activities. Got our interviews completed with Girl State, and we are working on completing the Americanism essay, then there will be a few other activities to complete. Poppy Time is around the corner in May, so we need your help ladies. This also means we will need help from our special Post, Sons, and Riders members.



Our Commander and President Dinner went very well. The dinner was very good. Everyone stepped in to help. There were those who did an excellent job of cleaning up, having chairs and tables taken up and put away before we could say WOW.

Shirleen and I went to the District Meeting in Clearlake. They did their nomination of officers. In June is our turn to Host the District Meeting. So ladies mark your calendar for June 02, 2019.

Want to wish the AUXILIARY, POST, SONS, and RIDERS, HAPPY EASTER .

~Eddy

Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



The Auxiliary would like to Thank our Post for the wonderful Past President's & 100th Birthday dinner. Good food and Good company.

A Special Thanks to Mary Matthews, our 2nd Vice, for the table decorations and the 80 elegantly folded napkins.

Our Auxiliary has been busy with St. John's Americanism essays, our difficult selections of delegates and alternates for Girls State and end of year reports.

Next up is Poppies and nominations of next years officers. And in June our Post & Auxiliary will be hosting the District Meeting.

Here's hoping everyone avoids the Flu, for those who are suffering, we wish you a speedy recovery. REST and plenty of liquids seem to work the best.

Thank you Ladies for attending our day time meetings.

~Linda & Shirleen Perry, Treasurer/Secretary

Treas/Sec Shirleen Perry



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



Well the months keep marching on and our events for our Color Guard and Honor Team keep on proceeding. We did two in Santa Rosa and two in Petaluma this month for Military Honors.

We are doing the volleys for THE WALL THAT HEALS for Vietnam Veterans on the 28th of March for the Soft Ceremony and the 30th of March @ 10 o'clock for the final ceremony at the wall. We are not doing the taps this time. They are having two bagpipers, a father and son, to do the taps.

Last but not least, we already have a Military Honors for April 06th for a long time member of the Post who also lived around here, Healdsburg and Windsor for many years, **Henry Cornelssen**.

He was drafted in the Army 1953 during the Korean War. His service will be at Eggen and Lance in Santa Rosa. We were asked to do the Honors at Colonial Park on Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa with the Army for his ceremony there.

Well I shall sign off and finish up other project before end of the month .

~Eddy



SAL Commander Duke Callahan



Looking forward to our next Sons meeting at Mary's pizza in Windsor on April 8th at 6pm. Regrouping and the setting priorities will be the agender. Your import is important, see you there. ~**Duke**

PS: A big thanks to those that escorted the Wall to Windsor.



PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

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3rd Annual All-American Family Car Show & BBQ

July 13, 2019

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Entries are open to 1978 and earlier AMERICAN MADE CARS. Entry fee for each car/truck/ is \$35.00 (pre-registration non-refundable) and \$40.00 the day of show.

Register early as the show is limited to 70 cars/trucks.

The show will be at the Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg.

All participants must be in their parking spots by 9:00 am.

Pre-registration forms must be received by June 25, 2019 to assure your spot.

Registration after June 25, 2019 will be accepted at gate
if space is available.

Gate registration is \$40.00 day of show. Gates open at 7:00 am.

Raffle Prizes Lunch Awards

Free admission to the public

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday from the
American Legion Family



1st—**Frank Lazio**
2nd—**Mark Archambault**
3rd—**Jerry Jaramillo**
4th—**Mitch Laing, William Kassin**
6th—**Tony Grado**
10th—**William Meyers, Richard Nair,**
Bob Tingstrom
13th—**Mike Wistock**
15th—**Gary Plass**
16th—**Jerry Eddinger**
17th—**Bill Merian, Al Simao**
18th—**Matt Sagaser**
19th—**Jerry Neuschafer**
20th—**Larry Garnsey**
22nd—**John Reyes, Rilee Obrien**
26th—**Chuck Whitmore**
27th—**Charles Witherell**
29th—**Louis DeAngelis**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3	4 VFW Annex	5	6
7	8 SAL Meeting 6 PM Mary's Pizza Windsor	9	10 MIAP Escort SVNC	11 Post meeting Annex 6:00	12 Operation Surf	13 Dancing with the Stars and Stripes
14	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19	20
21 Easter	22	23	24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	25	26	27 Pasta Feed
28	29	30				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 VFW Annex 7:00	3 ALR Convention Hollister	4 ALR Convention Hollister
5 ALR Convention Hollister	6 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	7 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	8	9 Post meeting Annex 6:00	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 SAL Meeting TBD	14	15	16 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Boys State Luncheon	20	21	22 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Vietnam Wall Escort

March 26, 2019
Petaluma to Windsor





Matt Sagaser and his crew from the Two Rock Coast Guard Station were instrumental in assembling the Vietnam Wall at the Wilson Ranch Soccer Complex in Windsor on March 27th

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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