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Kincade Fire in Healdsburg



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Important!!!!

If you can 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.

SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday Dec. 12th @ 6:00 PM
Executive Board Meeting: Monday, December 2nd @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Postponed due to Christmas party.

AL & SAL meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex

Auxiliary: Tuesday December 10th @ 10:00 AM
(Eddy's House in Windsor)

Legion Riders: Tuesday December 3rd @ 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!

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Commander Tim Madura



I have a lot to be grateful for this November, especially not losing my house to the latest fire.

I was excited to hear that there were 90+ fire trucks parked up the street protecting our Larkfield/Wikiup neighborhood and the many fire fighters who were staged to protect Windsor and Healdsburg. My sincere thanks go out to all the fire responders who were on the line protecting life and property. For Thanksgiving, a lot of us have many reasons to be thankful. Please let me know of any Legion members or Veterans who suffered losses due to this unfortunate event.



This month is the time for visiting and reaching out to friends and family. It is a time to give reflection on 2019 and make plans for

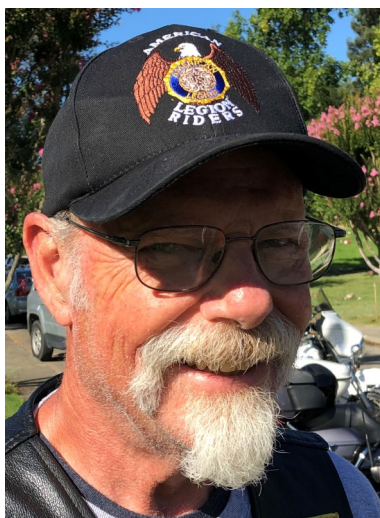
2020. We have lost some Legion members, friends, and family during this year. Yet we are still grateful for the fun memories that they have given to us. Take the time to reach out to those old friends, veterans and family members. Catch up on what has been going on in their lives even if it just to say hello. Life is short. Enjoy it.

December 12th is our regularly scheduled meeting and a holiday dinner. Please attend the meeting, bring a guest, guests, family members, neighbors, enemies, out laws, in laws, kid's, a fellow veteran who is not a member and enjoy a free dinner. Socialize with friends and fellow veterans. We will not be serving pasta. Please reach out to Steve or me if you think you will be attending and if you are bringing any guests. This just helps for a head count. In case you did not let us know you are coming, please come anyway. We always like to see you even if you have never made it to a meeting before. The food will be good

Recently Congress has passed the Blue Water Agent Orange eligibility requirements recognizing the effects of agent orange on the many Navy personnel who were exposed to it. I recently had a conversation with a fellow veteran who had several disabilities that are on the agent orange list and he did not know that he could file a claim. This person had not renewed his American Legion membership for several years. If he had still been a member, he would have received this information through our magazine and his post. This emphasizes how important it is to keep up on your renewal of membership and to engage other Veterans to be members of the American Legion. This is how we all can receive updates on what is going on with our benefits and to help fight for more. Please check on the status of your dues and renew them in case you have forgotten.

Happy Holidays
Be Safe, ~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



Sonoma Mountain Elementary school celebrated the schools fourth annual Veterans Celebration on November 8th. Over 100 veterans joined the ceremony as the Glee Club performed, and many students joined in singing patriotic songs. Post 111 Honor Guard was also in attendance.

On Veterans Day Monday November 11th, my daughter, an Army veteran, joined me in walking in Petaluma's Veterans Day parade. We walked the four mile route with the Petaluma Elks Lodge 901. The parade started at 1:00pm, and it was great seeing all the support for all the Veterans.

Wednesday evening November 13th Past President **Ron (Campy)**

Dillow and I presented **Jonathan Munoz** and his wife **Raquel** with a check for \$500.00 from the ALR Riders Chapter 111. The couple had their truck and all there belongings stolen from the hotel parking lot where they were staying. Campy brought this story to the attention of the Riders on their meeting night. The unanimous vote helped this couple to make a fresh start. They were so overwhelmed with graduate for our help both Campy and I were proud of what our group has done for this couple. ~**Ron**



ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Veterans Day last week and I am glad that I got see some of you during our Early Bird Dinner at the Post. If you couldn't attend you missed a great dinner with great company. Hopefully, I will see more members at our December post meeting. As most of you know I am the chairwomen for our 2020 Annual Crab Feed and we had our first Crab Committee meeting on 8 November. I do feel we accomplished quite a few things, however, I am still looking for more volunteers to assist. We still need kitchen staff, line servers, and wine servers. As well as set-up and tear-down crew members.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great and fun event that benefits our Post, please attend our next Crab Committee meeting on 15 December at 5:30 at the annex or you may email me with your name and number (sarahrafal@gmail.com). Be advised the volunteer roster will be finalized by January and I will not be accepting any volunteers the day of the crab feed. I will be out of the country traveling from 25 November through 7 December. So if you need anything from me I will get back to you upon my return.

Happy Thanksgiving! Ride Safe, ~**Sarah**

RIP

We lost one of our riders, Korean War Veteran Bill Merian on Nov. 13th. Services will be held on December 13th at Daniels Chapel of the Roses starting at 11:00 with a burial at Santa Rosa Memorial Park at noon.



Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO AUXILIARY MEMBERS. Hope all Auxiliary members are back home and safe after this last fire here. We had our monthly meeting as usual. Our next meeting is December 10th @ 10 a.m., and I would like to see ladies that haven't been here in awhile.

Our membership is doing pretty well and if you haven't sent in your dues, please do soon. Thanks to all the ladies that sent them early, we really appreciate it very much. Let's get them in this coming month so we can close our membership after the first of the year. If you misplaced your application just give us a call at 707-838-9429.



Don't forget we are having our Christmas Dinner December 12th. Would love to see everyone at our Christmas dinner before the end of the year. Remember if you can't come because of the weather and the early darkness, please call me. I'm only a phone call away 707-838-9429. Also ladies we are having our District Meeting in San Anselmo @ 10 a.m. at on December 15th which is a Sunday. I will drive, so meet at my house and we will leave at 8:15 a.m. that morning.

Last minute memo, I want to thank **Mary Matthews**, what a wonderful job she did on the decorations for our Early Bird Dinner. You're a special lady, thank you.

I will sign off and get busy on my Honor Team article. Hope to see you at our Christmas dinner, we could use a side dish or a dessert if you come but if you can't, I'll understand. If I don't see you at the dinner, have a great Christmas and Great New Year 2020.

As always, ~Eddy

SAL 1st Vice Commander Gary McLerran



I can't believe it's December already. I was prepared to lead the SAL meeting, but once again we have the Christmas Dinner with a short AL meeting prior to sharing gifts and food. Duke is still on vacation and will be surprised that it will be 2020 the next time he leads the SAL meeting in January.

I just got back from a Lake Tahoe fishing trip. It was with my high school buddies. I'll show you some of the fish photos at our Christmas Dinner. Merry Christmas to all, ~Gary



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



Wow, where did our two months go. Hope all the Honor Team is back in their homes and settled down a little bit. I took a drive up to the end of Brooks Rd. in Windsor where my parents had a ranch of 105 acres and where I was raised. Both sides of road were burnt and there was also a few houses burnt. So sad to see that. We were very lucky in Windsor. Thanks to all the first responders and law enforcement that kept our homes safe until we got back.



Now for the Honor Team. Last month in October, we did four Military Funerals, one in Cloverdale and three in Santa Rosa.

Now for November we were very busy. On Nov. 3rd we did Military Honors with the volleys, taps and the folding and presenting the flag to the wife plus five additional flags were presented to each adult child. On Nov. 8th in Petaluma at the Sonoma Mountain Elementary School, the school asked us to do Color Guard for their Veterans Day program, honoring veterans. So, **Dave Meyers, Ken Cody, Harold Bagdonas**, and myself put up the five service flags in front of the stage and then we walked in. We started at 8:40 a.m. with two ceremonial rifles and two flags, posted the flags then retrieved the American and American Legion flags. After the event was over we retrieved all the service flags, stands and headed back to Windsor. Then at 3:30 p.m. we were at Healdsburg to do Military Honors at Oak Mound Cemetery and gained four more team members.

At the Airport Cinemas on Nov. 9th, the Color Guard, requested by **Josh Sinnott** for his clients who are Veterans, did the 13 folds of the flag and explained what each fold represented. They very pleased as many of them didn't know what the folds represented. Afterwards, **Dave Meyers, Ken Cody, Harold Bagdonas** and myself headed out to a Military Funeral at Eggen and Lance. When we got there we had to changed our gold accessories into black accessories and were ready to do the Honors. We also gained one more person to the team. At 7:00 pm. we changed our accessories to gold again, and headed to Windsor High School to do Color Guard for First Responders and Veterans. We finished at 8:30 p.m.

On Nov. 11th Veterans Day, we started at Healdsburg Plaza at 10 a.m., did our ceremony there with a full Team and then headed to the Town Green in Windsor for an 11:00 a.m. ceremony. Team members were: **Frank Teuschler, Frank Jerins, Dave Meyers, Harold Bagdonas, Ken Cody, Linda Clary, Mike Nunes**, and **Eddy**. After the ceremony, we packed up and took everything to the Annex.

On Nov. 14th the Color Guard, was present at VSO **Lauralyn Castle's** retirement celebration at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. This was a hush, hush event. It went very well and she was surprised when walking into the room and saw the flags and rifles. The event started at 12 noon with team members **Ken Cody, Dave Meyers, Frank Jerins** and myself.

That was our busy November for our Honor Team. I want to thank the four team members who stuck by me through all events in November. Thank you so much.

~Eddy

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**Christmas Dinner
at the Annex**
December 12, 2019
6:00 PM

Flyer by Ed Doitteau

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The **Sonoma Mountain Elementary School** in Petaluma presented a 45 minute program honoring our local Veterans on Friday, November 8th. Members of Healdsburg Post 111 Honor Team and Veterans along with members from Post 28 and the Marine Corp League were in attendance.



Veterans Day November 11, 2019



Early Bird Dinner

November 14, 2019



St John the Baptist Catholic School Ceremony & Dinner

November 18, 2019





The American Legion Post 111 will be hosting the Annual Crab Feed on Saturday February 1st 2020.

Tickets are \$70

All you can eat crab, garlic bread, salad, beer, wine, water and coffee

**Doors open at 3:00 PM with No Host Bar
Crab served 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

For Tickets contact:

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family*



1st—**Michael Wilson**
4th—**Perry Plattus, Shaun Shields**
6th—**James Ambrosi**
7th—**Larry Kilcullen**
8th—**Tim Madura**
9th—**Orville Boots, Craig Cochrane,**
Susanne Steenvoorde
10th—**David Alldredge**
12th—**Roger Acquistapace**
14th—**Lee Spieller**
16th—**Jonathan Lewis**
18th—**Asher Bugarski**
19th—**Zachary Gordon**
21st—**Chuck Davis**
24th—**Paul Chappell**
26th—**William Kestenbaum**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	3 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	4	5 PCAM Hot Dog lunch	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day
8	9	10 Auxiliary 10:00 AM	11	12 Christmas Dinner 6:00 Annex Yountville Christmas party 10:00	13 Bill Merian Service 11:00 SR Memorial Park 12:00	14
15 District 5 San Anselmo 10:00 Crab Committee 5:30 Annex	16	17	18 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	19 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years	2	3	4
5	6 Post/Unit Board Meetings	7 ALR 6 PM	8	9 Legion Meeting 6:00 PCAM Hot Dog lunch	10	11
12	13	14	15 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	16 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Johnathan Munoz and his wife **Raquel** were in the process of relocating to Petaluma after leaving their home in Las Vegas for a new position at the VA Hospital in San Francisco. While staying at a Double Tree Hotel in Pleasanton, a U-Haul van containing their entire belongings was stolen on Halloween night. All of their furniture, clothing, personal items, military documents and medical records along with his Bronze Star awarded after his last tour in Afghanistan was taken.

Ron "Campy" Dillow informed the American Legion Riders about this incident at the monthly meeting and made a motion to help this Veteran, which was unanimously approved. On November 13th, ALR President **Ron Krudop** and Sgt at Arms **Campy Dillow** met with Johnathan and Raquel at their home in Petaluma and presented them with a check to assist with replacing items that were stolen.



POST EVERLASTING
Jacqueline Nelson
Bill Merian

NEW MEMBERS

Amy Munselle
Dennis Heet
Fredrick Smith
Johnathan Munoz

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