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## SAL member Ron Collier honored



Ron and daughter Theresa  
Story on Page 8

### 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.

### FEBRUARY SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

**American Legion:** February 14th @ 6:00 PM  
Executive Board Meeting: Monday February 4th @ 6:00 PM

**Auxiliary:** February 14th @ 6:00 PM

**SAL:** Monday February 11th @ 6:00 PM

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

**Legion Riders:** Tuesday February 5th @ 6:00 PM  
Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor



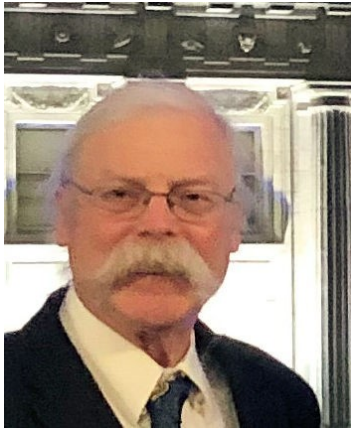
## THE AMERICAN LEGION

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



The Hometown Heroes, Military Banner Ceremony in Windsor was presented on January 27, 2019. For those that missed this event or have never heard about it, the Town of Windsor honors their active duty citizens with banners hanging around town that have their picture, name and service affiliation for all to see. Sunday was the day to honor this year's active duty service members. There were 3 Army, 2 Marines, one Navy and one Airforce. It was an honor for Post 111 to be part of the ceremony by carrying the flags, escorting the families and retrieving the American and POW flags at the end. My big thanks go out to **Ken Cody** for his extra work, showing us all what to do to honor the Windsor active duty service members. Post 111 honor team as well as other Veterans groups provided the ceremony honors to make this event a success. Thank you to OUR Honor Team.



Speaking of the Honor Team, it is always looking for new members to join and be a part of this fine group. Their list of events keeps getting bigger and we always need new members to help fill in when others cannot make it to an event. Please call me, (707-815-6983) or **Eddy Sauers** (707-620-8663) a call for information. If you have interest, give a call to discuss what it is to be part of this great honor team.

Keep these dates open, March 28 to March 31. The traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., known as "The Wall", is coming to Wilson Ranch Soccer Field in Windsor. There are 58,318 fallen Vietnam Veterans names on the wall. The American Legion Riders Chapter 111 will be escorting "The Wall" into Windsor. It takes a few days to set everything up and volunteers are always needed. The wall will be on display at no cost to the public and open 24 hours a day.

Crab, Crab, Crab. I can never get enough, and this year's event was a sold-out success. Thank you all of you who worked so hard on making this the success that it was, from selling tickets, to the people who showed up, all of you who helped for the set up and clean up, and all the volunteers that night who served and cleaned up, helping our guests to have a fun and wonderful night. Our Crab feed is known as one of the best and all of you help to keep making it this success. Thank you, **Steve Bowne**, for taking this on and keeping it the success that it always is. As always, we give big thank you to **Frank** and **Carol Teuschler** who also work so hard in the background. Thank you to **Matt Sagaser** for arranging the help from the Coast Guard. **(Story on page 13)**

The Boys State selection has been completed with the selection of 10 boys from Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools. Seven of these young men will go to Sacramento in June to experience what it is like to run the State of California. We have three alternates in case someone cannot attend. It was a pleasure listening to these young men, sharing their desires for their futures in life.

Always make sure your dues are paid for 2019. Look at your card. It should have 2019 on it to be current. This is your Legion, Veterans Helping Veterans and dues are part of that. We are close to making our 100%, but still need more members to make it. Thank you to all that have paid to date or have gotten new members.

~Tim



## ALR President Ron Krudop



Wednesday morning January 9th was raining when ALR Chapter 111 Riders Ron Collier, Tim Madura, Steve Bowne, Bill Nay and myself me at Pleasant Hill Mortuary in Sebastopol. The group escorted one veteran remains to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon for burial. It was the first Quarterly Fallens event at SVNC this year. Sunday January 27th I met V.P. Bill Nay and members of the new ALR Chapter 28 at their Post in Petaluma. A large group of trikes and bikes road the backroads to Post 21 for a pancake breakfast. The pancake breakfast was put on by the Lions Club. It was a Great ride and the breakfast was also very good.

~Ron





## ALR Vice President Bill Nay



During early January the American Legion National Commander **Brett Reistad** visited California. I had the Honor of participating in the American Legion Rider escort for the Commander from Santa Clara to San Francisco. In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary he had Legion members at each of the stops cheer “Team 100”. All that participated in the escorts and various greetings at Legion Halls were inspired and challenged to continue the work that has been vital to America’s Veterans and their families.

## The New ALR Chapter 28 receive guidance from the American Legion Riders of Chapter 111



January 4, 2019, initial Chapter 28 meeting in Petaluma.



**SAL Commander Ed Doitteau**



**HOW FAR WILL YOU GO**



Life's journey is quite simple in definition; born, live and die. What makes it challenging depends upon the road that is chosen to travel on and how we handle and confront them.

No one individual chooses to confront life with every encounter as difficult as possible but formulates clever and intrinsically crafted methods with powerful resolve achieving remarkable results.

Many servicemen, patriots and warriors set out on one of those roads encountering the immense challenges being mindful of that decision. A decision later learned by fellow patriots, brothers and sisters of the ultimate sacrifice.

Our homeland continues to grow in the ranks of these missing and lost but what is left behind are the children and wives who did not choose that road. However, many embrace it tearfully and groan of that lost and how will they carry on to the new road ahead of them. So, how far will you go to fill in the gap of those left behind; the children and widows...?

This year the Legacy Scholarship will be joined by another contributor – The California Legacy Run. These Patriots and American Legion Riders will continue to carry the torch in assisting those children of fallen veterans. Join us this June 25 – 28, 2019 to launch the California Inaugural Legacy Run. This year Healdsburg was chosen to be the starting point for this worthwhile road. Certainly, a challenge for those – How far will you go?

*- Ed Doitteau*



### Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Hi Ladies,  
Here it is February knocking on our door. Been busy trying to figure a best way to get you ladies to come to our meetings. Had quite few request to be day time meeting. Well we shall be doing this second Wednesday of each month. So February will be the 13th. of February @ 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at my house 255 Johnson St in Windsor. I will have refreshments. If you need a ride please call me. We're getting ready to do our Girl State and we can use your help. So ladies I'm trying so it is up to you. We would love to have ladies to read the essays for us and do phone calls and help with the poppy program. You ladies look at the calendar I gave you for the year. It is all listed. If you can't get out there is things you can do to help us at your home. We will deliver to you. We want you to be part of us. So lets hear from you.



Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues. Please get them sent in. If you miss placed your bill , please call and we can give you the amount and address on were to send them Well ladies I shall close and hope I will hear from a lot of you. I don't want to hear any excuses, would love see all your smiling faces. If there is question please call me. Would like to WISH ALL OF YOU LADIES, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY.

~Eddy

### Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Greetings! A new month is starting, with an anxious Spring wanting to appear.

We are going to have some daytime meetings as this has been a popular request among the members. Please call if you need a ride. We want all our members to be able to attend!

Have a great February, hope to see you at this month's meeting.

~Linda





## Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



January is almost finished, our Honor Team ceremonies have been quiet. We had ceremonies the 4th, 10th, and 12th of January. Two were in Santa Rosa and one was in Sebastopol. Like I said it has been quiet.

We had a Color Guard at the end of December for the new Homes for Veterans in Santa Rosa. I went back the next day to look at them. They will be very nice when they get done.

Had practice this month, only it was at two different times. First one on the 17th as a NO SHOW, and then I sent out an email before the 24th and very few showed up.

So for February everyone needs to put this date in their phone Calendar: **February 21st is practice @ 3 p.m.** and it wouldn't hurt to check out the rest of the month to see if there is anything you need

to add in your phone calendar.

The 2nd week of January, Shirleen Perry and I went over to the Potter's Field and retrieved all the Christmas wreaths from the Veterans graves. I'll make sure they are not forgotten.

I was able to get more members to join our Honor Team: **Tim Madura, Tim Maloney, Devorah Ritchie** and I asked a Purple Heart Marine to join us. Also to let you know that **Diane Waite** from the Am Vets had to step-down because her mother is very ill and can't be left alone. So team lets see what takes place.

Well I shall sign off. Wish my HONOR TEAM, and all the Post, Sons, and the Riders a **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY.**

~Eddy

**P.S. The Wall** arrives **March 27th** in Windsor and we will be doing honors when it arrives. Mark this date on your calendar.



## Veterans Village Dedication

December 21, 2018



L to r: George Sager, Eddy Sauers, Ken Cody, Dave Meyers



## Jefferson Awards Ceremony San Francisco January 16, 2019

Post 111 Sons of the American Legion member **Ron Collier** was honored at the 2018 Jefferson Award's ceremony, along with other winners, who collected their medals at the annual event held at the Herbst Theater in San Francisco on January 16th.

The Jefferson Awards were established in 1972 to encourage and honor individuals for their achievements and contributions through public and community service.

**The award is known as the Nobel Prize for public service.**

Ron, a retired Fire Chief from Windsor, was recognized for his selfless involvement in the Missing in America Project he started in Sonoma County.



l to r: **Tim Madura, Sue Madura, Ron Collier, Theresa Warner, Dan Warner, Steven Bowne, Sharon Bowne**

Ron stated, "It was just a outstanding and rewarding event and I feel extremely honored to have received this award."



**Ron Collier with Allen Martin of KPIX Channel 5**



## Windsor Hometown Heroes Military Banner Ceremony

January 27, 2019



Top left and bottom right photos by the Press Democrat.



## Boys State Attendees Selected

The American Legion selected seven boys on 28 January to attend the 2019 Boys State in Sacramento California from June 22nd through June 29th.

Selection was made by myself and three American Legion Sotoyome post 111 members. Each boy was asked questions pertaining to government from local to Washington. They were scored on appearance, attitude, interaction with us, school and community activities and their essay stating why they should be selected for Boys State.

Healdsburg High School came out first this year with four delegates and one alternate. Windsor had three delegates and two alternates. If a delegate has to drop out then an alternate will become a delegate to take his place.

Their names are listed by school:

Healdsburg; **Roan Affronti; Alex Dominguez; Aidan Whitlock; Kevin Trebilcock.** (Alternate) **Jamison Lumetta.**

Windsor; **Rory Kluesener; William (Billy) Boyle; Lucas Fowler.** (Alternates) **Hunter Larson; Jack Goodman.**

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high-school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Submitted by **Harold Bagdonas**

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## Crab Feed

February 2, 2019

The Crab Feed was a great success thanks to all volunteers who spent hours of their own time setting up the Villa, moving tables and chairs, preparing the sauces, salad, bread and butter, greeting guests, serving food and beverages, supervising students and servers, and selflessly assisting where ever they were needed.

The event would not have been possible without the countless hours, assistance and expertise of **Frank and Carol Teuschler**.

It took 43 volunteers from Post members and their family, 14 Coast Guard volunteers, and 12 students from Windsor High School to put this event on.

Despite having some medical issues, **Harold Bagdonas** secured a shuttle van and transported guests to and from their vehicles throughout the evening. **Steve Bowne Jr.** also drove the van towards the end of the evening giving Harold a break. This service was greatly appreciated by those who had to park some distance away from the Annex.

A special thanks to Room Captains **Sarah Rafal** and **Tricia Lay** for keeping things in control; Table Captains **Dave Meyers** and **Chuck Whitmore**; **Matt Sagaser** for recruiting and supervising Coast Guard Members; **Eddy Sauers** for supervising the Culinary Students,; **Gary Greenough**, **Doug Newton**, **Frank Jerins**, and **Roy Caporale** for keeping the beer and wine flowing; and to everyone who took one and even two days out of their schedule to be at the Villa. ~Steve





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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



**Happy Birthday from the  
American Legion Family**

**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**

**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>—Steve Griswold**

**20<sup>th</sup>—David Beck, Nelson Weller**

**21<sup>st</sup>—Robert Baker**

**24<sup>th</sup>—Trisha Lay**

**25<sup>th</sup>—Paul Chiminello, Ben Gibson,  
Turoa Tahauri**

**26<sup>th</sup>—Ronny Wallace**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>CRAB FEED</b>
3 <b>District 5 Super Bowl</b>	4 <b>Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM</b>	5	6 <b>Blue and Gold Diner 6:00</b>	7 <b>VFW Annex 7:00</b>	8	9
10	11 <b>SAL Meeting Annex 6 PM</b>	12 <b>ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor</b>	13	14 <b>Post meeting Annex 6:00</b>	15	16
17	18 <b>President's Day</b>	19	20 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

## March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM</b>	5 <b>ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor</b>	6	7 <b>VFW Annex 7:00</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <b>Post meeting Annex 6:00</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



## Quarterly Fallens Ceremony Sacramento Valley National VA Cemetery



l to r: Ron Krudop, Bill Nay, American Soldier Freedom Rider Donna Sexton, Tim Madura

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