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California Inaugural Scholarship Run



Ron Krudop leads the first leg of the Scholarship Run from the Villa Chanticleer on June 26th

Attention!!!!

If you do not drive and need a ride to a meeting or any Legion function, please contact any Legion team

APRIL SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday July 11th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: cancelled

Auxiliary: Cancelled for July only.

SAL: Thursday July 11th @ 5:00 PM

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

Legion Riders: Tuesday July 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



Happy 4th of July to all of you. It is a great time for our country to celebrate this honorable day and a time for being with family members, enjoying an All-American Hot Dog and Apple Pie. Enjoy the time. Life is short.

I hope to see most of you at Healdsburg High School for the American Legion fireworks show. This year's show will be better than all the other great years, as we also pay tribute to 100 years of the American Legion. Please come out and enjoy the best **free** fireworks around. Come early to get a good spot on the lawn bring blankets some food and make some new friends. The show will start around 9:30 PM. Volunteers will be circulating with buckets to collect your generous donations.

I am always asking for help from all of you for all the work that we must provide for this fabulous display. We do set up on the morning of Wednesday, July 3rd starting 6:30 am. The more volunteers that we have, the sooner we all go to eat. We used to have lunch but last year went so quick we ended with breakfast. Then we again need help setting up on Thursday morning of July 4th starting at 6:30 am. Again, after work is done, we will be having breakfast. Then there is Thursday night of the 4th during which we need help making sure everyone is safe and asking for donations as we pass by with our buckets. That is a good opportunity to talk to people, perhaps make new friends, connect with old friends and maybe sign up some new members. Last and most important is the pickup of fencing and barricades on Friday July 5th starting at 8:00 am. The more help, the faster and easier it gets done. Then we are eating breakfast again.

Saturday July 13th is the Car Show at the Villa, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion. It is a great opportunity to see and appreciate these vehicles. A lot of time, hard work, and money have gone into restoring and caring for these cars. They are a source of pride for their owners. Join us to support the Sons, enjoy BBQ' d hot dogs for lunch, and check out the rides.

Information has been sent about another great advantage of belonging to the American Legion. For you who do not know this, as a member in the American Legion you can apply and receive for free, with no prequalifying information, life insurance. \$1,000 for accidental death and \$5,000 accidental death if it happens during a Legion event. Driving to a meeting counts as a Legion event. Please check out the website at www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare Where else can you get coverage for free? Let people know this when you are talking to them about the many advantages of belonging to the American Legion.

Be safe
~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



Saturday morning June 15th the Petaluma Elks Lodge celebrated Flag Day at Walnut Park in Petaluma. This year the story of our flag touched me so much that I wanted to share the story with my fellow veterans and sons. The Stars and Stripes, Flag of the United States of America. The world-wide hope of all who, under God, would be free to live & do His will. Upon its folds is written the story of America - the epic of the mightiest & noblest in all history.

In the days when people of the old world groveled in abject homage to the heresy of "the divine right of Kings," a new constellation appeared in the western skies, the Stars & Stripes, symbolizing the divine right of all to life, liberty, happiness and peace under endowment by their Creator. That immortal story is written in blood & sweat, in heroic deeds & unremitting toil, in clearing the primeval forests

& in planting of the vast prairies where once the coyote & buffalo roamed. Onward swept the nation, spanning wide rivers, leaping vast mountain ranges, leaving in its path villages & farms, factories & cities, till at last this giant nation stood astride the continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This is the heritage of the people of the United States. It has been repurchased by each succeeding generation and must be re-won again, again & again until the end of time, lest it to shall pass like the ancient Empire of Greece & Rome. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. What was won at Lexington & Concord & Bunker Hill had to be repurchased at Ticonderoga & Yorktown. What John Paul Jones achieved upon the high seas in the War of Independence had to be repurchased by Commodore Perry on Lake Erie in the War of 1812. The prestige of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila Bay in 1898 was re-won by the naval battles in the sea's about the far-distant inlands of the Pacific, after the sneak attack upon Pearl Harbor & Manila in 1941 had summoned our country to assume its role in World War II. What our troops achieved under the Stars & Stripes at Chateau -Thierry & Flanders in World War I, their sons were required to repurchase in World War II in the bloody trek across northern Africa, on the beachheads of Europe & in the Battle of the Bulge. The Flag our American men raised at Iwo Jima was the same Flag later raised in the defense of Inchon, Pusan & Pork Chop Hill in far off Korea. Then another generation under the same Flag bled to stem the threat of communism in far-off Vet Nam. Our young people were again called to carry our Flag in the defense of a free world in the actions in Grenada & Panama. Willingly, our brave men & women carried our Flag & the honor of the American people into battle in Operation Desert Storm. And who among us will forget the sight of firefighters raising our Flag over the ruins of the World Trade Center, the military personnel draping our Flag on the side of the Pentagon, or the citizens of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, placing our Flag near the site where brave Americans died fighting the hijacker of Flight No. 93 ? No other symbol could offered such comfort, as we still, today, endure the horrors of that day. The resurgence of patriotism since September 11, 2001, has rekindled respect for our Flag, Today we see the Star Spangled Banner wherever we turn, on homes, businesses, and automobiles. Such displays stimulate our love for our nation and for what it stands; they remind us of the sacrifices being made by the men and women of our Armed forces around the world; and they are a tribute to the heroes of the Police and Fire Departments the nation over. What is the meaning of the Flag of the United States? There can never be a definitive answer to that question. But reference to these & similar views of the Flag was resolved by Woodrow Wilson when he said : "This Flag, which we honor & under which we serve, is the emblem of unity, our power, our thought & shape of this nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. " ~Ron



Darrel Shumard Memorial

June 8, 2019

Members of the Sotoyome Honors Team performed honors at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Shumard died April 7 at the age of 97.

The native of Illinois went into the U.S. Army Air Corps following Imperial Japan's attack on American forces on and near Oahu. He trained to fly the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. On Valentine's Day of 1945 he was flying over Germany on his second mission of the day when a collision with a second U.S. plane caused him to bail out before his P-47 crashed. He was a prisoner of war until liberation shortly before the surrender of Nazi Germany. Shumard continued to fly as a civilian until shortly before his death. He was a prominent member of the Santa Rosa-based Pacific Coast Air Museum, and was cheered at many gatherings of combat veterans.



ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Greetings Post Members and Fellow Riders, I would like to thank you for voting me in as Vice President of our American Legion Riders Chapter. It is surprising and an honor.

I will take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to members that may not know who I am.

My name is Sarah Rafal. I am an active duty member of the California Army National Guard in Santa Rosa and I am a Staff Sergeant (E6) Supply NCO for the Forward Support Company, 579th Engineer Battalion.

I originally enlisted when I was 17 which was 17 years ago. I have about six more years until I can retire or I might just become a Warrant Officer and stay in a little longer, I haven't decided yet. I joined the American Legion Post, Chapter 111 a few years ago specifically so I can join the Riders Chapter. I love giving back to our veterans and participating in as much as possible. Because I am still

active duty, my job sometimes requires me to be gone quite often, so I may not be present at all functions. But I will however promise to always be committed to our organization and chapter. If anyone ever needs anything just let me know!

~Sarah



Rose Parade Award

A special thank you to all of those that contributed to this years 125th Luther Burbank Rose Parade float! We are pleased to announce that with the sponsorship of West Coast Diesels Russian River VFW Post 768 took 1st in the category of Military Non-Profit. United States Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma volunteered to accompany the float while VFW Post 768, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48 and American Legion Post 111 rode and carried colors. Western Farm Center graciously donated the straw bales and Action Rents donated the use of the flat bed trailer. Job well done on making this event happen and participating on a very rainy day.

Sincerest Thanks,

Julia A. Sutton

Commander, Russian River VFW Post 768



Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



WOW! what happened to June it flew. We were busy with the Girls State. Trying to finish up the Poppy Program until next year. Which we will start a lot earlier. We had our Installation with the Post, Sons, and Riders. The Cloverdale Commander Sandy and 6 others came down and swore us in on our new positions. It was nice to do this together. After the ceremony we had a delicious dinner. So ,4th of July is peeking around the corner. Yep it is FIRE-WORK time.. The Post needs help on the buckets. So if you can help that would be great so please call and let us know, thanks. Well, I shall sign off and have a great 4th and STAY SAFE. ~Eddy



Note: JULY AUXILIARY MEETING IS CANCELLED



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



May was a busy month with Memorial Day. We put out flags and performed the ceremony for the three cemeteries. June has been busy also. We had two Military Honors in Santa Rosa, one at Two Rock cemetery and one in Petaluma. We will be doing a Military Service the 25th of June for a long time member of our Post, **Art Frey**. Got Sick Call for four of our Honor Team members. **Frank Jerins** had surgery on his left hand over a month ago. **Harold Bagdonas** just had knee surgery Monday June 17th. **Dave Myers** has quite a few medical issues but he is helping when doesn't have appointments. **Linda Clary** will be having hip surgery in October. Also **Ken Cody** is a trooper as he's dealing with his walking problems. Best of luck to my Honor Team, I



know you can do what you can, and I thank the ones who step in.

Dave and I talked about practice during the summer months and we decided to not have practice from June 1st thru August 31st. Not enough people show for practice during the summer months that's why I didn't send out notices in June. Mark your calendar for September as you'll be back on board for practice. Well, shall close until next month. Everyone have a great 4th of July and stay safe.

~Eddy

In Memoriam

We had a sad month.

We lost one of our long time members **VIRGINIA HAWLEY**, who had been an Auxiliary member since 1974.

Her memorial service was the 13th of June in Santa Rosa with internment at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

Virginia was laid to rest along side her late husband Pete who jointed Post 111 after World War II.

I asked the family if we could do a little Memorial Service for Virginia from the Auxiliary. We presented the family with a Poppy Wreath from our unit and did our own memorial to Virginia from the Auxiliary Unit. Each member walked up and presented a small poppy bouquet to say our goodbyes. It was very emotional. I want to thank **Mary Matthews** for doing the wreath for Virginia and for making poppy bouquets for us. Also want to thank two Post members for being there, **George Sager** and 1st Vice **Dave Myers**.

~Eddy



Installation meeting and dinner June 13, 2019



SAL Commander Duke Callahan



A Prayer for our veterans.
Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with brave men and woman who
are willing to defend our freedom.
May your protection and grace surround them each day.
Let your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds
and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sac-
rifice rest forever in your Holy presence.
Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remem-
ber the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to
honor and support them. Let us be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the
American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and
friends.
Amen . ~**Duke**

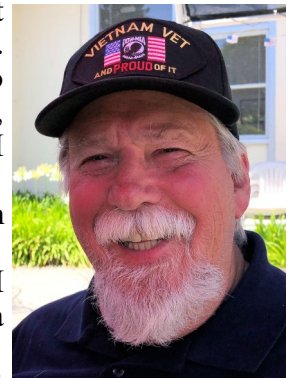


I had been missing Duke at the Legion Riders meetings, and I heard that after his bout with the worst illness for Duke, “a lack of air”, he would be at the next SAL meeting. Since I couldn’t seem to get him by email or phone, I showed up at the SAL meeting to say hello and to check up on him. Of course, it was election month and before I knew it, I was nominated for First Vice. Since I was no longer a Road Captain with the Riders, I said “Why not?” Duke informed me that he will not be available for meetings in September, October, and possibly November. I hope I didn’t bite off too much, but I’m sure I’ll get some help. I’m looking forward to this new adventure.

Looking in the rearview mirror, no, actually looking in the rearview mirror on Sunday, I saw **Bill Nay** on his trike and members of Post 28 riding in the opposite direction on a coast ride leading to the “Shrimp Boil” at the Petaluma Vets Building. I was Road Captain for the AMVETS out of Sonoma. Four of us and two guests rode out to Point Reyes Station and stopped at Toby’s Feed Store for coffee. I didn’t look at my watch, but as if right on cue, and right after I asked everyone if they had ever heard the noon whistle before, the noon whistle sounded over the loud speaker across the street. It is a unique string of animal sounds from cows to sheep to a rooster. What a gift to add to some of the best coffee on the coast!

The Post 28 Shrimp Boil was a great success, and it got me to thinking. Here was a fun and filling meal and gathering. The relatively low \$20 cost was a deal. While our Legion’s Crab Feed is over the top GREAT, our SAL Spaghetti Feed is also great, but needs to be expanded to the public and held at the Villa Chanticleer. At a low price it could be EPIC! What do you think?

Now looking forward again, July 13th is the SAL Car Show. We could use some help setting up on the 12th, which is a Friday. This will be my first SAL Car Show. Since it’s being headed up by **Ken Cody**, I know it won’t be my last. I’m always looking forward to a “Great Ride”. ~**Gary McLerran**



Chapter 28 Shrimp Boil and Ride

June 23rd



Inaugural Scholarhsip Run
June 26, 2019



American Legion Convention Ontario CA

June 26th-30th

Sotoyome Post 111 had four delegates register for the 101st American Legion Convention held at the Ontario Convention Center and added one more after we arrived.

The Post received several awards including the James Fisk Award for Americanism and a plaque presented to Commander Madura for achieving 100% Membership.

Jerry Jaramillo received an Achievement Award for outstanding work as Post Chaplain along with a Five Star Award from the SAL Detachment of California.

SAL Area I Vice Commander **Al Delsid** received recognition for being the only Area in the Detachment with 100% membership.

The Convention will be held in Visalia next year.



l to r: Delegates **Steven Bowne**, **Matt Sagaser**, **Bob Hockenberger** Post 28, **Tim Madura**, & **Jerry Jaramillo**.



SAL Area I Vice Commander **Al Delsid** presenting **Jerry Jaramillo** the Five Star Award.



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.

Prizes Lunch Awards

Free admission to the public

For information contact Ken Cody @ 707-536-5562

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family



1st—*Albert Peterson, Lyle Studer,
Mike Tomasek*
2nd—*Paul Beseda*
4th—*Robert Crespo*
6th—*Julia Sutton*
7th—*Temple Smith*
8th—*Eddy Sauers, Garrett Ling*
14th—*Manuel Lownes (101)*
15th—*Doug Capanacci*
16th—*John Cavallo*
17th—*Hugo Bauer*
19th—*Ron Collier*
21st—*William Miller, Delbert Raby*
22nd—*Ray Gardner*
24th—*Robert Laabs, Frank Zak*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3 Fireworks Set-Up	4 FIREWORKS	5 Fireworks Take-down	6
7	8	9	10 MIAP escort	11 Post meeting Annex 6:00 SAL 5:00	12	13 Car Show @ the Villa
14	15	16	17	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19	20
21	22	23	24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	25	26 Yountville Golf Tournament	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

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



SSgt **Sarah Rafal** along with her company commander Captain **Shane Guswiler**, had the pleasure of meeting WWII Veteran **Sidney Walton** during his “No Regrets Tour” while they were on assignment in San Diego.

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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