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Auxiliary Poppy Sales huge success



l to r: Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers, Anna Cadd, Dave Myers.

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 June 13th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday June 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: Thursday June 13th @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Thursday June 13th @ 5:00 PM

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

Legion Riders: Tuesday June 4th @ 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 June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, starting at 6 PM. We will hold the installation of new officers, followed by dinner. Yes, this is a dinner meeting so you can enjoy a great meal of (to be determined, a surprise). Come early and socialize before the meeting. Talk to your fellow members and meet new members. This meeting starts our new year with many events on the horizon. We are and will continue to be an active, successful American Legion Post. Veterans helping Veterans. Many legionnaires volunteering to help at different events is the key to our success. New members, we always need and welcome your participation and what ever time that you can contribute.

Thank you for renewing your annual dues and for recruiting new members. We finished around 104% so a big thank you to all of you. It was done by all of you. The Post 111 Family, the Legion, the SAL, the American Legion Riders and the Auxiliary continue to grow. I have heard many times from members joining or transferring to our post, that they see that we do things and have a lot of energy and fun doing it. This is because of all of you and your participation in the Post. You are what makes American Legion Post 111 a success.

The annual American Legion State convention will be held June 28th to June 30th in Ontario, CA. If you want to attend, but have not already signed up for this, please contact me or **Steve Bowne** for information. By attending the convention, you will get to witness how your California District Officers manage all the Posts and what changes are made, or not made, by the vote of the delegates. This is your voting right.

The American Legion Riders will be riding to the convention, starting at our Post on Wednesday morning, June 26th. The ride is to raise awareness and funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund for dependents of fallen and wounded veterans. Anyone can contribute to this fund. You do not have to make the 3-day ride to Ontario. Please see me or **Ed Doitteau** on how you can help. Riders, you can still sign up for the ride, for one day or two days or all three.

June 14th is Flag Day when we commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States of America on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. It is the birthday of the Stars and Stripes. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14th as Flag Day. This is the flag that we have all fought for and continue to defend and respect. Show your respect and fly your Stars and Stripes on that day, and every day.

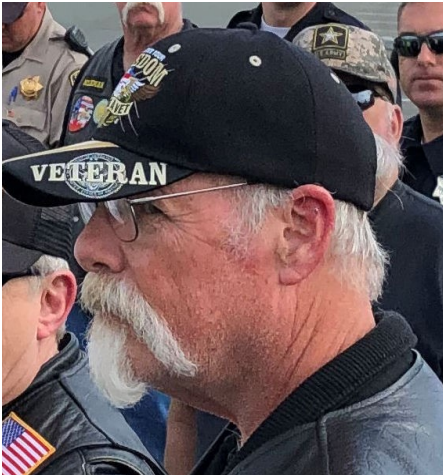
The 4th of July fireworks is coming up next month. Please schedule some time for the set up on the morning of the 3rd and 4th, the night of the 4th and cleanup on the morning of the 5th. The more help we have makes it go faster and easier on everyone. This is our event for Americanism. We need all to participate and see a great fireworks show, the best in the county. I will be talking more about this next month.

Thank you to all who helped putting out the flags at Oakmound Cemetery for Memorial Day and the removal of the flags the next day.

Another thank you to those who helped the Auxiliary collect donations for poppies at Kmart. Every extra person helped collect more donations.

~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



On Wednesday morning May 8th, eight riders from our post met at Santa Rosa Memorial Park at 10 :00am for a flag line service to honor US Army Veteran Don Clouston, 94. He was a 101st Airborne Paratrooper.

Friday May 24th and Saturday May 25th the Post 111 Auxiliary had there annual Poppies sale at Windsor Walmart. On Friday **Dave Meyers** assisted **Eddie Sauers** with sales from 1 to 5 pm. On Saturday morning I arrived at 09:30am to help with sales till 2 pm. During the day I met **Jim Connolly** the father of **Ryan Connolly** who has a SRJC Endowment Scholarship named in his honor.

Saturday I met **Mary Matthews**. I wanted to mention her because she used the remaining poppies to make the four wreaths used during the Memorial day ceremonies. Monday morning May 27th, Memorial Day ceremonies began at Oak Mound Cemetery at 10 am. Our next ceremony was up the freeway to Geyserville Cemetery for the service at 11 am. Followed by a ride south to Shiloh Cemetery in Winsor at 12 noon. At the end of the days ceremonies Post 111 members met at the Mountain Mikes Pizza in Windsor for lunch.

~Ron



ALR Vice President Bill Nay

Bill is attending Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. with his grandson.

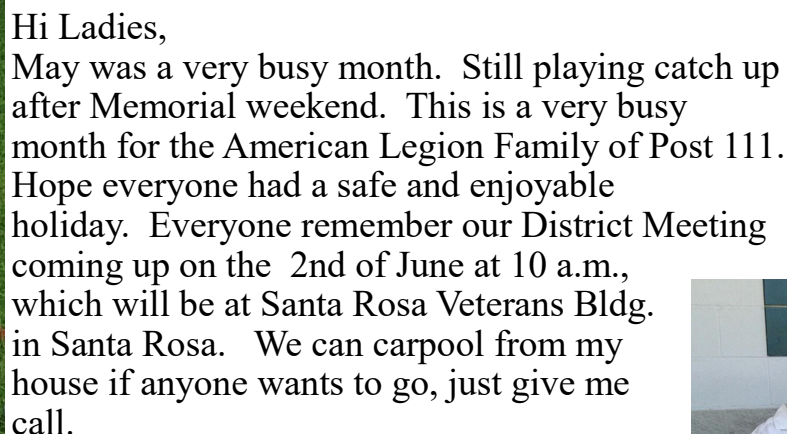


American Legion Riders 13th Annual Convention, Hollister
May 3rd-5th



Don Clouston Memorial
May 8, 2019





Also ladies, we are having the installation with the Post, Sons, and Riders on June 13 @ 6:00 p.m. , but arrive by 5:30. The ceremony will be done together with all Post officers. Wear dress or slacks or what ever you feel comfortable in. If you need a ride please call me and we can ride together. Well hope to see everyone there. Yes we are having dinner after our ceremony. I thought I heard Lasagna.

Let everyone know that **Virginia Hawley** is still under the weather.

Okay ladies I shall sign off and get this into Steve so he can get the newsletter done.

~Eddy



l to r: Anna Cadd, Harold Bagdonas, Mary Matthews

SAL Commander Duke Callahan



By this point in the year we are often on Autopilot and relying on those last few renewals to carry us over our final membership mark.

However, we should see every event or activity as an opportunity to recruit new members and get our existing members involved.

Find out what our members are interested in and get them involved in activities that fuel that passion. An active member is a vested member and renewals become a lot easier when a member is vested in our organization.

I know that at some point you have been at an American Legion Family event looked around and have seen the same ten guys that helped at the last one. It's important to ask other members to participate, help out or get involved. Remember, membership is everyone's responsibility. The SAL meetings will be held prior to the regular legion meeting at 5:00.

~Duke



POST ELECTION RESULTS

LEGION

Commander: Tim Madura

1st Vice: Dave Meyers

2nd Vice: Terry Perry

Finance Officer: Steven Bowne

Sgt at Arms: Tony Grado



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President: Eddy Sauers

1st Vice: Linda Clary

2nd Vice: Mary Matthews

Secretary/Treasurer: Shirleen Perry

Board: Helen Sager, Jan Shusda



SONS

Commander: Duke Callahan

1st Vice: Gary McLerran

2nd Vice: Mitch Laing

Finance Officer: Steven Bowne



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President: Ron Krudop

Vice President: Sarah Rafal

Treasurer: Steven Bowne

Secretary: Mitch Laing

Sgt at Arms: Campy Dillow

Ride Captains: Matt Sagaser, Chuck Whitmore



Luther Burbank 125th Annual Rose Parade

May 18, 2019

Thousands turned out for the 125th annual Luther Burbank Rose Parade and festival. Several members of Post 111 rode on the VFW Heroes' float along with members of VFW Russian River Post 768. There were fewer entries than last year's parade which was related to the inclement weather.

Members of Two Rock Coast Guard Station along with some members of the Russian River Post, including Commander **Julia Sutton**, walked along with the float distributing American flags, roses and candy to children along the route.



Boys State Orientation & Luncheon May 19, 2019 SR Veterans Memorial Building



Rory Kluesener

William Boyle

Lucas
Fowler

Larson
Hunter

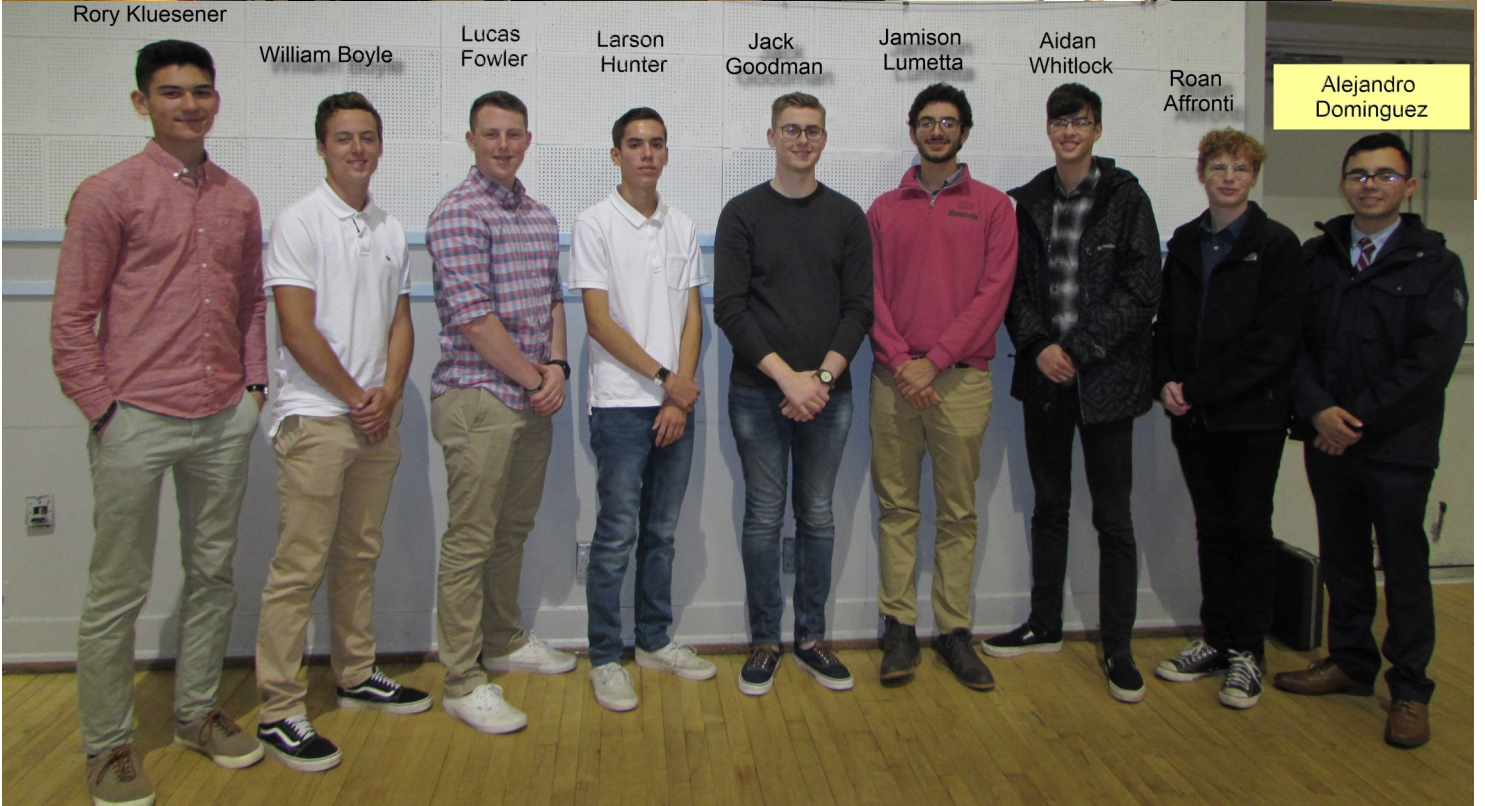
Jack
Goodman

Jamison
Lumetta

Aidan
Whitlock

Roan
Affronti

Alejandro
Dominguez



Wilson Kiff receives \$500 scholarship from Scholarship Chairman **Harold Bagdonas**.

The Story behind the Parade

Our American Legion meetings are filled with agendas, stories and pre-planning preparations but the real stories are truly out there – in the public square, in the homes, at bars and schools. The news media fills in the gaps with 5-minute clips and at times misleading meanings behind stories.

So, this year it truly dawned on me when I over heard the Healdsburg FFA parade announce at the second leg of the event as we marched by with our colors and banner, “now, there’s the real start of the parade!”. No, he wasn’t referring to us the American Legion Post 111 and the American Flag! No, he was referring to the character behind us portraying to be Uncle SAM – the poster symbolic person for Healdsburg. I was appalled that the announcer didn’t make such a statement for the American Flag or the Post – who has been in the community for almost 100 years and putting on the Fireworks in Healdsburg for over 30 years. No, he referred to an older gentleman in a suit. It’s like someone saying after a Police in Blues marching pass by the announcer without mention and a kid in a Batman costume is referred to as the real crime fighter. Shortly, before the start of the parade, a lady came up to the Uncle Sam character, who by the way was in an arm brace, smirky stating; “Wow! How symbolic of our nation, Uncle Sam in a brace like our country with a wounded wing!” I thought, how absurd of a comment.

I was troubled by the loose tongues of these individuals, but I wondered why are they so strong in their convictions? I think I learned why this weekend. Many people in our society have no clue what many of our veterans did for this nation and continue to do so!

I listened to **Gary Greenough** as he recited how without the Veteran there is no voice, no assembly, no religion and no voting yet us veterans swore by the flag, served under the flag and are draped and buried with the flag. We as the collective members of the American Legion, SONs, Auxiliary and Riders are not vocal enough nor are we loud enough to tell the real story. Let’s keep showing up in numbers and supporting our veterans at public group gatherings and be loud when we ride by to show the force of our love for this country!

Submitted by *Ed Doitteau*



May 23rd FFA Parade. Color Guard: Dave Meyers, Frank Teuschler, Frank Jerins & Al Delsid. Banner: Ed Doitteau & Tim Madura

Memorial Day Ceremonies May 27, 2019



Oak Mound Cemetery Healdsburg

Memorial Day Ceremonies May 27, 2019



Olive Hill Cemetery Geyserville & Shilo Cemetery Windsor

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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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family**



4th—Paul Madura

5th—David Schleeter

6th—John Erla, Jerry Jensen

7th—Terry Fry

8th—Richard Howell

10th—Frank Falero

**13th—Ronald Bryant, Ed Robbins,
Owen Hillberry**

14th—Jacqueline Nelson, George Davis

15th—Ken Marshall

19th—Andy Devilbiss

20th—Sam Wattles

21st—Mike Stevens

22nd—Russell Hagenhoff

25th—Roy Baldwin

26th—George Nieto

29th—John Blackburn

30th—Harry Morse, Richard Simondi

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 District 5 Meeting at Santa Rosa Vets Bldg. 10:00	3 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	4 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	5	6 VFW 7:00	7	8 Flag Ceremony Cloverdale
9	10	11	12 Cloverdale Installation	13 Legion & Sons Annex 6:00 Installation	14 Flag Day	15 SAL District 5 meeting in Petaluma
16 Fathers Day	17	18	19	20 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	21	22
23	24	25	26 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	27	28 Legion Convention Ontario	29 Legion Convention Ontario
30 Legion Convention Ontario						

July 2019

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

Mattie Washburn School Patriotic Assembly

May 24, 2019



l to r: Frank Teuschler, Frank Jerins, Ken Cody, Dave Meyers, Harold Bagdonas

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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