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## Flag Line at Sacramento Valley National VA Cemetery



Photo by Ron Krudop

### 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 May 9th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday May 6th @ 6:00 PM

**Auxiliary:** Thursday May 9th @ 6:00 PM

**SAL:** Thursday May 9th @ 5:00 PM

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

**Legion Riders:** Tuesday May 7th @ 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



Spring is here and with it come the beautiful flowers and green fields that make our area one of the most beautiful places on this earth. Of course, with that comes the pollen that can cause health problems for some people. Please make sure that you take care of your health during this time. We never like to see someone on sick call.

In April the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors had addressed budget issues. This year the budget is experiencing a shortfall of income due to our fire and flood. This has cut into the budget and reduced income from the tourist industry. Brought up for discussion was cutting out two Veteran Service Officer positions. We all know that getting in for an appointment can take hours out of a day. Last month approximately 605 clients were helped at the VSO. Last year approximately 10 million dollars came into the county from benefits paid to our local veterans. That is money spent mostly in our area and that generates more money back into our economy. Mark Orlando just announced that the Board of Supervisors has worked with the County Human Service Department to restore these two VSO positions. I urge all of you to send a short, quick email to our Board of Supervisors thanking them. We are a strong voting group and they need to know how we feel about their efforts for Veterans.

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The Pasta Feed Lunch was held on Saturday, 27 April, and if you did not attend, you missed a great time and good food. Thank you to all of you who worked to make it a great social time and enjoy a nice afternoon lunch.

Our American Legion Post 111 membership continues to grow, and we are about 103% now (321 members). Our American Legion Family of the American Legion Riders, The Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary of the American Legion have all increased in membership which in turn helps our Post. Thank you for renewing your membership and bringing in new members.

The next Legion meeting at the Villa Annex is 9 May 2019, starting at 6 PM. Come early to socialize. We are having our second round of nominations for officers. **Please show up for this important meeting.** Bring a new member. For all of you who have not be able to attend a meeting lately, come on up to the Annex and see what Post 111 is up to.

A reminder that the American Legion State Convention will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> in Ontario, California. Anyone can attend. If you would like to attend and be a delegate to be able to vote on changes to your Legion, please let me or Steve Bowne know.

Upcoming events: Windsor Parade 4<sup>th</sup> of May and the Healdsburg Parade 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Eddy always needs people for the Honor Team to march in the Parade. Volunteer...., carry a flag. Volunteer..... carry a cool chrome and plastic rifle..... Volunteer.

Riders Convention in Hollister May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Boys State Luncheon May 19<sup>th</sup> at Santa Rosa Vets Building at 12 noon. Mattie Washburn School, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Come and see how a grammar school teaches their young students about Americanism and being Patriotic. We need more schools to teach this.

Memorial Day May 27<sup>th</sup>: 10am at Oak Mound Cemetery, 11am Geyserville, 12 noon Windsor. Please show up May 26<sup>th</sup> at Oak Mound Cemetery to place flags at the Veteran graves. May 28<sup>th</sup> pick up flags at Oak Mound Cemetery.

Be Safe. ~Tim



### ALR President Ron Krudop



Wednesday morning April 10th Chapter 111 ALR Riders met at Pleasant Hill Mortuary in Sebastopol. A bright sunny morning greeted Riders for our second SVNC Quarterly Fallens Escort. Two U.S. Veterans, one Air Force, and one Army were escorted to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. The



morning of the escort at Pleasant Hill, four riders from Post 111 began using a new type of communication called Zello. Unlike our attempt at short wave / Ham radios, this works with a

downloaded app to your phone and a push to talk button on your handle bar. With some practice our method of communication will be greatly improved. The rain has finally past and sunny skies are upon us. When riding always be on the watch for they may not see you. I ride a very bright colored bike and I'm surprised how cars drive as if our motorcycles are not there. Everyone ride safe.

~Ron aka Jaws

### ALR Vice President Bill Nay



This month Post 111 voted to “Adopt-A-Platoon” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon from the 801<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company that is currently deployed. The donation was made to the Family Readiness Group that is being sponsored by the Petaluma VFW.

Several of the members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon are from Sonoma County. I am

pictured here with a couple of the Sonoma County

spouses as they prepare “care” packages for their loved ones. I plan to maintain communications with them and will plan an escort for the Company when they return home from their duties. Most of us have been deployed or separated from our families and know that this activity supports both the deployed soldier and their families here at home.

~Bill





MIAP Escort from Pleasant Hill Mortuary to SVNC  
April 10, 2019





## Dancing with the Stars and Stripes

April 13, 2019



(Above) Post 111 member **Paul Buzanski** performed a Foxtrot and Jive dance routine during the 4th Annual Dancing with the Stars and Stripes ballroom dance competition with “professional” dancer **Rachel Kemiji**. Paul, who is a Vietnam Veteran, and his partner wowed the audience with their dance moves and Paul’s “tear-away” uniform during the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy routine.

(Left) The Master of Ceremonies for the event was our own **Gary Greenough**, also a Vietnam Veteran. Gary is very active with the Post, American Legion Riders and is known throughout the community as a historian, speechwriter, veteran’s activist and owner of the Kiss Tribute Harley.

Photos by the Press Democrat

### Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Hi Ladies, April has been a busy month for the Auxiliary. Getting ready for Girls State luncheon on May 19th, completing Girl State interviews and Americanism Essays, which I want to thank the ladies that can't get out, for reviewing them. You have been a great help for us. We will be calling on you often. Also want to give **Shirleen Perry** a special THANK YOU for a great job on the end of month reports and Girl State.



Poppies Sales is right around the corner. Our Poppy Chairman **Mary Matthews** will go to Walmart, Oliver's, Safeway, Big Johns and maybe Molsberry's selling our poppies. As soon as I get dates, I will

let Commander Madura know so he can get word out to the Post, Sons, and Riders to help us. (And of course our Auxiliary). We (Auxiliary) truly appreciate all of you helping us. Even a 1/2 hour is great for us.

Also don't forget about the CAR SHOW & BBQ on July 13th. **Ken Cody** can use our help. He is only a phone call away 707-536-5562. Also ladies I want to let you know that **Virginia Hawley** is in a care facility. She's at Apple Valley in Sebastopol and her number is 707-827-4768. I tried to call her this morning but she was in physical therapy. She would love to hear from you.

I think I better sign off. My garden is calling me to get spaded and get it planted. I want to wish all the ladies a **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** on May 12th. ~**Eddy**

### Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Greetings to All. "Spring is busting out all over", this year. Hopefully a sign of good things to come. Thank you to all the "bleary eyed" readers that read and graded the twenty four Americanism essays for St. John's School, **Marie Canale, Anna Cadd, Bill Stiles** and myself. It made me hopeful for the future after reading these sixth grade thoughts about our country and what we can learn from it's past. Our Auxiliary Membership is at 60% paid members for this year. Those of you that need to can pay on line or mail your dues to us in care of Sotoyome Unit III Auxiliary, PO Box 174 Healdsburg, CA 95448. Enjoy the month of May. ~**Linda**





### Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



In April we completed one Military Honors that was from our Post. Also we performed Honors for the The Wall That Heals for Vietnam Veterans. I want to Thank Honor Team for what a great job they did. I know a lot of us went to help with distributing flyers and talking to various people that came to see the wall.

Well, May is peeking around the corner and we have a full month of activities: Color Guard for Windsor Parade on May 4th; Color Guard for the Healdsburg FFA parade on May 23rd.; Mattie Washburn School in Windsor on the 24th.(in which we do the 13 folds of the U.S. flag); then on Memorial Day on the 27th we do Honors for 3 cemeteries in Healdsburg, Geyserville, and Windsor.. The team also places a poppy

wreath on the 4 stands at each cemetery for the Post, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary.

I need help for the these events as a few of my Honor Team members are out of commission for now, especially for Color Guard at the parades.

I have asked **Matt Sagaser** to see if he can get Coast Guard members to step in. We'll see what takes place.

I received a call from the Knights of Columbus to help them out for Memorial Day and I told them that we are too short handed to do volleys for them. So if you know anyone who can help them, please give me call.

Well June should not be as active as May. I want to wish a few of our Honor Team members a speedy recovery. ~Eddy



### SAL Commander Duke Callahan



We have been asked by District 5 Commander **Al Delsid** to help Post 21 with the preparations for the "Avenue of the Flags" at the Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery on Memorial Day and will start early in the morning. The detail will find, clean and mark holes for flags. There are 1000 of them. After the ceremony, we will remove and fold the flags and remove the poles. Members assisting will be rewarded with pizza and drinks afterwards.

We expect 150-200 people to attend the ceremony and are asking for your help and hope you can volunteer.

On that note, we need volunteers to assist with the fireworks program from July 3rd to the 5th and hope you can help. There is

also a car show July 13th at the Villa and again we need your help setting it up. There's more to come, there always is.

~Duke



The next SAL meeting is May 9th @ 5:00 prior to the monthly Legion meeting in the Annex.

## **LEGION ACT IN CONGRESS**

In the May 2019 edition of the American Legion magazine, the National Commander, Brett Reistad highlighted the need for Legion Family members to contact their elected officials and encourage them to vote for the Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act also known as the **Legion Act**. **This act would amend the American Legion's Charter to allow membership eligibility to Honorably discharged veterans who served on federal orders in unrecognized times of war since World War II.**

Passing of this legislation would give tens of thousands of veterans access to the American Legion's programs and benefits and could potentially increase our Post's membership.

Contact Congressman Mike Thompson who is the 5th District Representative and request he support this legislation. It wouldn't hurt to contact the Senators as well.  
~Steve

## **VIETNAM IN MEMORY PROGRAM**

I do not know and I'm sure many of you were unaware of the "In Memory" Program in Washington, D.C. Founders of this program were Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in 1993.

This program honors your Vietnam veteran's life cut short AFTER they returned home.

To have your loved once included in this memorial you will need to complete the application found on-line at: (1) [www.vvmf.org/memory](http://www.vvmf.org/memory). (2) copy of Military Record showing proof of service in Vietnam—DD214. (3) copy of Death Certificate and (4) two clear photos of honoree, preferably one from the Vietnam era and one more current. If you do not have a copy of the DD214, you can obtain a copy from National Archives Veterans' Service Records on-line at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and click on "Veterans' Service Records."

Any questions regarding the application process please contact VVMF at: [inmemory@vvmf.org](mailto:inmemory@vvmf.org). The address for further information and donations: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark St., Suite 910, Arlington, VA 22202. The phone number is 202-393-0090.

I was fortunate enough to be able to gather all the required information on my Husband while The Wall That Heals was in Windsor and those members who Travel with the Memorial were kind enough to get the information back to Washington D.C. in time for the June dedication.

AND... I bet you also did not know there is a Vietnam Women's Memorial dedicated in July 1993. For more information about that Memorial contact 2001 S Street NW, Suite 302, Washington, D.C., 20009. Telephone: 202-328-7253

~Betty Stubbs, American Legion & VFW Auxiliaries



## Pasta Luncheon at the Annex April 27, 2019





## The Price We Pay

by Ed Doitteau

School tuition for a higher education can range anywhere from \$9,000 to \$60,000 per school year for students. This amount is dependent on a slew of things such as deciding to attend a private university as opposed to a public one. However, there is a bigger price that is being paid by everyone in our society which is the indoctrination of extreme liberal and socialist ideologies.

Many of the students are not taught the values that are instilled in those American Patriots who lost their lives in defense for our freedoms. We learned first hand that freedoms outlined in our constitution are systematically being attacked by this grooming effect on our children in many of the universities across the country. As American Legion patriots who love our country, our constitution and our God cannot simply stand by idle and allow our fallen veterans' children to be coerced into accepting loan terms which burden the entire family and more importantly make them dependent on these liberal universities and colleges which is hell bent on compromising their conservative values.

This is where the Department of California American Legion Riders is stepping up to the challenge because we recognize this threat to our fallen veteran's children; we must stand up for them. Today, the American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country. Beginning with the 2017 award year, The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The American Legion and the Legion Riders offer support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

ALR DOC will launch the inaugural Scholarship Run starting at Chapter 111 Healdsburg, CA and journey on a three-day run through the wine country and ultimately rolling into the American Legion State Convention in Ontario, CA. Our goal is to bring awareness for the need to support our fallen brothers and sisters in helping their children obtain this vital scholarship opportunity and sustain the National Scholarship Fund.

Join us this June 25 – 28, 2019 on this worth-while endeavor.



Registration fee Includes:

CA Scholarship Run Pin if pre-register by May 25, 2019 Price \$35.00  
after May 26, 2019 Price \$50.00

Register Online: [https://alrdoc.org/alr\\_scholarship.php](https://alrdoc.org/alr_scholarship.php) (Registration button on bottom)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday  
from the  
American Legion Family



1st—**Tom Boylan**  
2nd—**Harold Bagdonas, Ron Krudop,  
David Kahn**  
4th—**Dennis Paulson**  
8th—**Terry Wilson, Cody Andrade, Ron Arata,  
Sam Arent**  
10th—**Emily Titus**  
13th—**Bill Nay**  
14th—**Richard Cerasoli, John Logan**  
16th—**David Meyers**  
17th—**Ryan Raffaini**  
19th—**Ken Cody**  
20th—**Leigh Mateas, Paul Buzanski**  
22nd—**Ed Micheli**  
23rd—**Brian Miller**  
24th—**Gary Greenough**  
26th—**Bill Barnes**  
27th—**Tom Kemper**  
28th—**William Phillips II**  
29th—**Rand Dericco**  
30th—**Stephen Duggan**



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

## June 2019

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 Annex 7:00	7	8 Flag Ceremony Cloverdale
9	10	11	12	13 Post meeting Annex 6:00 Installation SAL 5:00	14	15 District 5 Meeting SR Vets Bldg
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						

# Windsor HS Student awarded Post 111 Scholarship

April 25, 2019



Commander **Tim Madura** presents Windsor High School senior **Jackson Whiteley** a \$500 Scholarship for academic and community excellence and for participation in Boys State as selected by scholarship chairman **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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## NEW MEMBERS

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**William Kestenbaum**  
**Ryan Raffaini**

***POST EVERLASTING***  
**Darrel Shumard WWII**

**Legion Members and Family, if you are in need of prayer or a hospital or home visit, my phone is open 24/7 (707) 239-1811**

**Jerry Jaramillo**

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