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Tayman Golf Tournament

October 18, 2019



Photo by Sarah Rafal

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 Nov. 14th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday, November 4th @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Thursday November 14th @ 5:00 PM

AL & SAL meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex

Auxiliary: Tuesday November 12th @ 10:00 AM
(Eddy's House in Windsor)

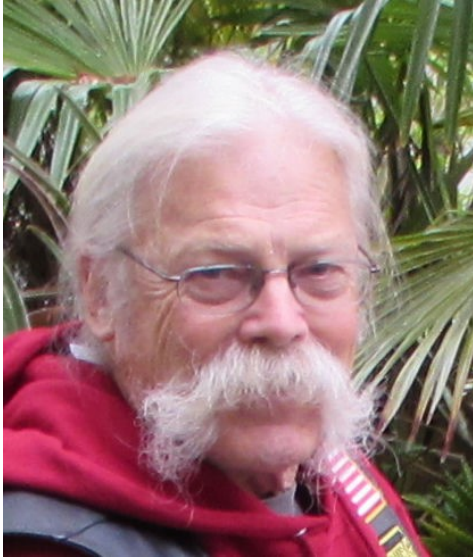
Legion Riders: Tuesday November 5th @ 6:00 PM
Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor



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
WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
TODAY!

Commander Tim Madura

Welcome to the new normal. As I write this newsletter, we are on an evacuation alert in Larkfield due to the fire in Geyserville. Windsor and Healdsburg are on a mandatory evacuation. They are expecting very high winds tonight and so the power will be cut to many people throughout northern California. We sit here waiting to hear if we need to leave or if we are going to lose power. The unknowns are what causes the heartburn to all of us. Hearing the air bombers taking off to drop retardant on the fire is always a good sound. Those who may have lost their home in this latest fire, our thoughts go out to you. Please let me know if you had any loss or if you know of any veterans who did lose their home in this latest fire. The American Legion is for Veterans helping Veterans.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 14**, and is our **“Early Bird Dinner”** starting at 6pm. It will be a pasta dinner of lasagna with salad and garlic bread. Please show up, enjoy a great dinner and socialize with some of our newest members.

Our golf tournament was held on October 18, 2019, and it was a lot of fun, according to comments from the golfers. We made just under \$5,000.00 from a fun afternoon and shared a delicious dinner of paella, salad and bread. We had some nice donation items for the silent auction that added to the money received. Thank you to all who showed up to help for the event. A big thank you to **Sarah** (and **Miguel** too) who arranged for the silent auction items by collecting the items and transporting them to and from her house and the golf course the day of the tournament.

Veterans Day is November 11th. The honor team will be having a ceremony at the Healdsburg Plaza on that morning and then at Windsor. There will be a Veterans Day breakfast at the Annex, free to Veterans, starting at 8:30. Start your day at the Annex and then join us in the Plaza for the honors to all Veterans and their service to our great country. Also, enjoy all the free meals that participating restaurants provide for us.

~Tim



ALR President Ron Krudop



The last Quarterly was Wednesday October 9, 2019. **Ron Collier, Dave Meyers**, and I escorted two Navy and one Army veteran to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. Also on the escort were three members of Petaluma Elks Lodge 901, **Debra Sheppard, Alice Kilgore**, and **Don DeCosta**.

Don is 91 and a Korea, Vietnam veteran. Ron Collier asked Don if he would like to carry the Army veteran into receiving at Dixon. He was very honored to be a part of the event. Dates and events to mark on your calendar. ALR Riders meeting night. Tuesday November 5th 6:00pm at Mary's pizza in Windsor. USAF Band Petaluma Veterans Building November 6th at 7:00pm

Veterans day parade in Petaluma 1:00pm start time. November 11th Veterans day Dinner at St John Catholic school 5:30pm to 7:30pm, \$5.00 per person in the activity center .

~Ron



ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Greetings Legionaries,

I hope everyone is doing well after this chaotic week! I, along with a few of our other legion members, (**SSG Joey Gogue, SSG Miguel Correa**, and **SGT Luz Garcia**) spent this last week assisting the 49th Military Police Brigade with the preparing the military police Soldiers for the Entry Control Points for the evacuated zones in Sonoma County.

Due to the Kincadee fire we had to postpone our crab feed meeting last Saturday. I will get with Steve to reschedule the meeting with all parties interested in volunteering for our annual crab feed dinner! Let me or Steve know if you would like to participate or assist us this year! I look forward to seeing our riders at our upcoming

Tuesday meeting and our legion members at our Thursday meeting!

Ride Safe, ~Sarah



Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



Eddy will submit a column next month. She's dealing with the mandatory evacuation like many of our members.



SAL 1st Vice Commander Gary McLerran



Well it's November. We're probably all glad October is behind us.

Fires Again?

With Healdsburg and Windsor under mandatory evacuation, I'm sure it got all of our attention.

Thank God the fire fighters were able to hold the line, and as far as I know, the cities were spared. There was to be a meeting with the Healdsburg Officials regarding the upcoming 2020 4th of July fireworks show, but it was canceled due to the evacuations.

I called, emailed, or messaged some of you to see if you were okay or not.

Everyone reported they were all right.

Our next SAL meeting will be canceled since we will have an abbreviated Post meeting on Thursday November 14th before the Early Bird Dinner.

SAL Commander "Duke" has been away for the months of Sept, Oct, and November. He will return in December. He will be wondering why we are so quiet until he hears from us just how close we all came to having our meetings in Santa Rosa...

~Gary



If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership.

Karma and the Air Force

by Kim Crumb



In 1967 during my senior year in high school, there was a kid on our Cross Country team who was very slow, but encouraged by the rest of us because he never quit. More often than not, by a fairly large margin he was the last runner to stagger across the finish line. On occasion, someone would say something like, “that guy’s so slow. Why do you act as if he’s winning the race?”

Our answer was always, “because he’s one of our team.”

A few years later in 1971, I was in Vietnam, serving with Echo company, 1/327th 101st Airborne. Six months into my tour I was at Tan Son Nhut Airbase waiting for my R&R flight to Hawaii.

As it happened, my R&R nearly began without me. The operation we were participating in with the South Vietnamese Army had apparently gone bad. The two days we had been told we’d spend on a little Observation Post near the Ashau had turned into more than three weeks. Near daily arrival of Hueys carrying food, water and ammo had pretty much dried up. The day I was to leave for The Rear, I was sweating it because a soldier’s seven day R & R began on the day he was due at the rear, in my case, Camp Eagle. If my ride to Eagle was a day late, that day came off my seven days.

Luckily for me, as soon as the fog cleared, a supply ship dropped a load of ammo for our two 81mm Mortars. At Camp Eagle, I hurriedly washed my jungle fatigues as I showered and shaved. I gave my well-used jungle boots a shine, then grabbing my AWOL bag, dashed to make a second Huey ride for the Airbase at Ton Son Nhut.

Hungry and excited, I’d dropped my badly wrinkled khaki uniform to be cleaned and pressed at a little shop at the base. Assured that they would be ready within an hour, I looked for a place to get a hot meal.

While I had a pretty-close-to-regulation haircut given to me by a buddy at the O.P., my jungle fatigues, being hand mended and shower washed, didn’t exactly allow me to blend in with other military personal. After glares from a senior NCO and a few officers, I left the terminal for an out of the way spot at the fence near the parked aircraft. I figured I’d eat once I’d boarded my flight for Hawaii, just under three hours away.

I was watching planes land and take off when someone in Air Force fatigues heading in from a parked C-130 called my name. In a truly ‘small world’ moment, it was ‘the kid’ from the high school Cross Country Team. Now an Airman in the Air Force, he’d filled out some, wore a neatly trimmed moustache, was a “loadmaster” for the C-130 and had somehow recognized me while heading for the airbase’s noon mess. Inviting me along, he promised me I’d be fed, and would be back in time to pick up my khakis, change, and make my flight.

The chow line was filled with Air Force personnel in clean and starched fatigues. I stood out like a sore thumb in my own worn DX (Direct Exchange) fatigues. There was no name patch, only the CIB, Screaming Eagle patch, and my pin-on rank. On the plus side I had a clean regulation baseball cap, had sewn up the torn knee, and my jungle boots were polished. I was quickly introduced to his buddies while he told them about our high school days.

We were comparing notes about the two services when I was spotted by the Mess Sergeant, a formidable looking senior enlisted directing the mess operations with a highly polished oversized wooden spoon. One of the kid’s buddies mentioned that the sergeant was constantly booting personnel out of the mess line for minor uniform infractions.

Moments after seeing me, he stormed over to begin lecturing me on proper appearance at ‘his’ Mess Hall.

As a Spec4, I was thinking that I’d likely be spending my R&R doing KP at an Air Force base, when ‘the kid/Airman’ butted in. Before I could say anything, he told the sergeant about our Cross Country Team, my encouragement, how the support and experience had helped to prepare him for the Air Force. He finished with a comment about all of us being “on the same team.”

The Mess Sergeant seemed to relent, asking me about my unit and where I was currently serving. After a couple of quick answers, he eyed me for a moment before directing me to, “come this way.” I was escorted to the front of the line where a tray was taken from an Airman about to be served, and given to me. At his direction, the tray was soon loaded with what looked to me to be three days’ worth of mouthwatering hot food.

A few minutes later I found myself next to the kid/Airman at the Mess Sergeant’s private table, chowing down on the first non-C-ration meal I’d had in weeks.

I made my flight, boarding with a box lunch supplied by the Mess Sergeant, complete with a couple slices of fresh apple pie. The NCO had insisted that, “No man on *our team* will leave *my* Mess hungry.”

MIAP Escort

October 9, 2019



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One of our “Greatest Generations” that ever lived are disappearing in our history books, the barber shops and normal day to day conversations. That is why it was vitally important to absorb as much of the heroic achievements that Edward E. St Germain imparted on us on his 100th birthday Friday 25 October 2019.

2nd Lt Edward E. St Germain has survived death defying missions over Belgium and at the Battle of the Bulge. He is the last of 4 brothers who served honorably in World War II. As a dedicated member of the Army Air Corps 9th Air Force, 36th FG 23 squadron he served as a ground attack P47 pilot [The Saint]: flying 72 combat missions. His brothers served as tank commander and Sub Mariner and a Naval Ship.

In a more memorable tale, 2nd Lt Edward St Germain engaged in air to air combat, shooting down several German fighters and after having a couple of his own P47’s damaged and forced to crash land more than once remarkably surviving without injury.

Recently his war record was submitted to the Library of congress by the Sonoma County Air Museum, however because of a fire in the military records room many files were lost and recreating them would be difficult at best. Below are some pictures and military documents confirming his service.

“ if you were from Iowa, you were going to war!” ~*Edward E. St Germain*

We owe all the men and women who served abroad and at home our undying gratitude! I had such a wonderful time listening intently to his stories of the life that he loved so much and everyone around him who shared the same kindred spirit.

Submitted by **Ed Doitteau**

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

***Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family***



***2nd—Dick Bugarski, Hudson Brewer
3rd—Travis Senneff
10th—Roy Caporale, Gerald Strong
11th—Nick Parsley
12th—Edgar Smith
13th—Lorraine Plass, George Sager
14th—Jay Striniste, Chris Bingham
16th—Mike Nunes, Bob Bertolucci,
John Pietila, Angelo Catelani
17th—Koop Ferwerda
18th—Nathan Kinzel
19th—Lance Ballenger, Duke Callahan,
Michael Ginn
20th—Richard Pellegrini
23rd—Philip Bebbert III
24th—Paul O'Connor
25th—Wayne Fogelman
27th—Peter Nardone
28th—Daniel Holbrook
29th—Sean Mendoza***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Post/Unit Board Meetings	5 ALR 6 PM Auxiliary 10:00 AM <i>Election Day</i>	6 USAF band Petaluma 7 PM	7 PCAM Hot Dog lunch	8	9 Concert Sebastopol Center for the Arts
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Early Bird Dinner 6:00	15	16
17	18	19	20 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

December 2019

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
8	9	10 Auxiliary 10:00 AM	11	12 Christmas Dinner 6:00	13	14
15	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				



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St. John Catholic School Invites You to Our Veterans Day Dinner Celebration!

~ Patriotic Music and Performances by Our Students ~

~ All American Dinner Cooked By Our 7th & 8th Grade~

Monday, November 11, 2019

5:30pm to 7:30pm

St. John Parish Activity Center (Gym)

Tickets: \$5.00 per person

Honored Veterans are free and encouraged to bring or wear part of their uniform.

Reservations a Must! Limited Tickets available at the door.



POST EVERLASTING
James Madura

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