

**SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**



# THE SOTOYOME NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2020

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## Legion Riders make monetary donation to the Veterans Resource Center



l to r: President Ron Krudop, Joe Millsap of the VRC, Safety Officer Gary Greenough

### **SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS**

**American Legion:** Thurs., March 12th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday, March 2nd @ 6:00 PM

**SAL:** Thursday March 12th @ 5:00

**AL & SAL meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex**

**Auxiliary:** Tuesday March 17th @ 10:00 AM  
(Eddy's House in Windsor)

**Legion Riders:** Tuesday March 3rd @ 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!

**Government is run by  
people who show up.**

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Commander Tim Madura



Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, is our annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dinner. We will also celebrate the 101st birthday of the American Legion. We will be enjoying a Tri Tip dinner with salad, bread and other side dishes. It is always a great dinner and a fun time. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get together and chat about what has gone on in your lives since you last saw each other. For a lot of you it has probably been a year since you last talked to some of your fellow Legion members. For all of you new

members, and old members who have never attended this dinner, think about this question. Where else can you get a delicious Tri Tip dinner for \$5.00 (if your dues are paid up)? If not paid up, you can pay at the door and then get this great meal for \$5.00. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 at the Villa Chanticleer. Please try to attend and show your appreciation for all who have served as Commander or President in the past. If you plan to attend and have not yet RSVP'd, please give a call to Steve Bowne at 707-322-9245 or, or to me, Tim Madura at 707-815-6983. Let us know how many will be attending. We welcome wives, husbands, and other relatives. Let them see what a nice bunch we are.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> was and is Suicide Awareness Day. We use the 22<sup>nd</sup> day because it is estimated that 22 Veterans a day commit suicide. Any amount is sad but 22 a day is a tragedy. Our fellow Veterans who suffer from depression or a dark state of mind need our personal help, besides help from the doctors and hospitals. Some of them never see a doctor or clinic and just live with their demons until it becomes too much for them to handle and they think that there is no help for them. Please be aware of your friends and relatives and fellow Veterans when they start talking of how bad life is. You may be able to give them the direction and help to make a difference in their life. The Veteran's Crisis Line is 1-800-2738255, press 1, or text 838255.

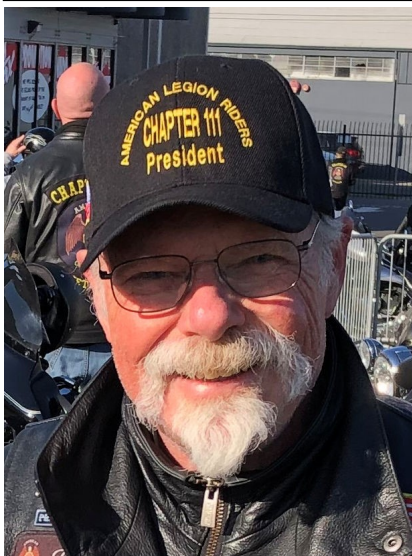
We are approaching the annual election of new officers for the Post. We will have our installation dinner at the June 11, 2020 meeting. Nominations must be made no later than the April and May meeting. Please submit names of members who could fill these positions. There will be guidance provided about the responsibilities of each position. Leadership is a shared responsibility. Please step up if you have never held a position or step up again if you want to do it for another term. You can nominate members at the meetings, or you can call me to provide the name. I will contact the individual to see if they would accept this nomination. We need to address this at the upcoming meetings.

Keep up the pursuit of new members and your own renewal of the 2019 dues. We are almost to our mark. Carry that membership application in your wallet or purse. Talk to the person in front of you in line at the store, or that person at work who always wears a hat with a branch of service on it. Invite them to a meeting. Thank you to all of you who have brought in new members. Be safe.

~Tim



### ALR President Ron Krudop



Saturday 2/15/20, Post 111 hosted the ALR Area 1 Presidents Meeting. **Bob Perryman** Area 1 VP opened the meeting at 10:00am with five chapters in attendance. The meeting broke for a pizza lunch and closed around 1:00pm. It was one of the best President meetings that I have attended.



Wednesday 2/19/20 Gary Greenough and I met with **Joe Millsap** Communications Director of the Veterans Resource Center at their Headquarters in Santa Rosa. We presented Joe with a check for \$2,200.00, proceeds from last year's annual charity ride.

Saturday 2/22/20, **Steve Bowne**, **Ed Doitteau**, and I met with nine riders from Post 28 in Petaluma at 06:30 am. **Mike Johnson** President of Chapter 28 led the group of 12 riders to Sacramento Harley Davidson, the starting point for the Veterans Suicide Awareness Ride. You might remember **Bob Perryman** had asked all chapters to donate \$122.00 to the cause. Departing the dealership at 09:22 Bob led the group of 90 bikes riding through the Delta. The first stop was in Isleton. From there we road to our second stop VFW Post 9498. After a 20 minute stop we road to our final destination in Knights Landing: Stingrayz. Nine chapters arrived at Stingrays where great BBQ was available and a live band played. A good time was had by all. Steve, Ed, and I headed back to Sonoma County at 2:00 pm ending a 300 mile plus day.

~Ron

### ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Greetings Legionnaires,  
I hope everyone had a wonderful month! This past month we had a few events take place, the Area One District meeting and the Area One Suicide Awareness Ride. Unfortunately I was unable to attend either event due to vacation and work. However, it looked like there was a decent turn-out and the ride looked amazing. As you know suicide awareness is extremely important and as veterans we understand many of our brothers and sisters are at risk. Suicide is preventable, learn to recognize the signs before emotional issues reach a crisis point. Learn, "Signs of Crisis" here:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/education/signs-of-crisis>

If you're experiencing a crisis or supporting a loved one responder's can help at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 or text 838255.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our regularly scheduled Riders meeting 3 March and our Post meeting on 12 March at the Annex!

Ride Safe,

~Sarah

### Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



Ladies, I want to THANK YOU for getting your membership in. All of you did an excellent job. We have the Commander's/Past President's dinner coming on March 7th and would love to see some new faces at our dinner. Also remember ladies, I need your birthday month and day. Just drop me a post card or call me at 707-838-9429. Our address is P.O. Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

Last week was our 1st. interviews for Girls State with girls at the Healdsburg High. It was as hard choice but we got it done. We do Windsor High this week and of course it will be hard to decide who

to choose from after the interviews.

I want to thank the ladies from our Auxiliary for stepping in to help with the interviews.

Couldn't do it without you. We've got a great team and it makes things a lot easier for us.

I mentioned the Poppy Program last month. The dates will be Friday and Saturday May 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16, and the last one 22 & 23 and need your help on those days, Volunteers will include the Post, Sons and Riders. Thank You Veterans and Ladies.

Don't forget DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME which is Friday March 8th and it springs ahead 1 hour. I want to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday March 17th.

~Eddy



### SAL Commander Duke Callahan

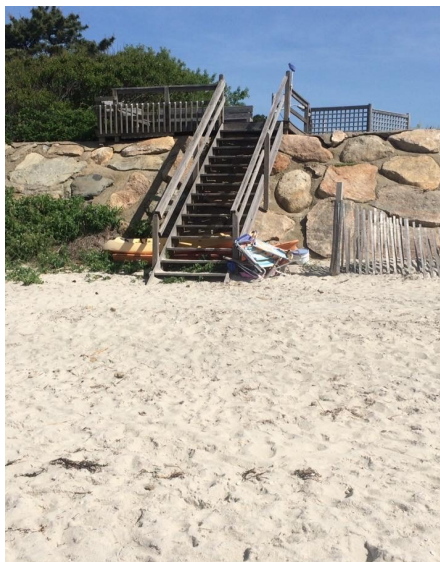


Hello Sons, we are into March madness for one reason or another. As your SONS commander, I am Informing all Sons and those that want to be Sons, to attend. Our meetings will resume after our Legion meeting which ends at 7:00 PM. I am asking that dual members remain in their seats. The agenda will be on our spaghetti dinner and recruitment Hope to see all of you there.

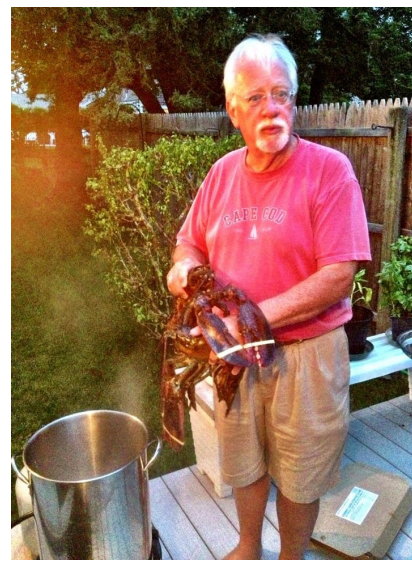
~Duke



Typical landing to the beach, found all over Cape Cod. This one drops down to my mother's beach where my three brothers and myself grew up.



My brother fixing dinner.





## Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



Well, the Honor Team has been very quiet for February. Couldn't even get the Team into practice this month. I received one request for Color Guard for the middle of March and Color Guard for the beginning of April which I will send out to the Team by the end of week. I will discuss further with **Dave Meyers** on how we are going to approach this one after I receive the final details. Let me know who can help. Well I shall sign off.

The Post, Sons, and Riders have a Great St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday March 17th.

~Eddy



Commander Tim's recruiting booth



Crab Feed  
February 1, 2020





# Crab Feed

February 1, 2020





## Area I Suicide Awareness Ride

February 22, 2020







Sotoyome Post, Chapter and Unit 111

**Past Commander's &  
Legion Birthday Dinner**

Saturday March 7, 2020

6:00 PM Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

**Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg**

*Come and join the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Sotoyome Post 111  
in celebrating the American Legion's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday*

We will be serving a Tri-Tip dinner with all the fixings

**Post 111 Legion, Auxiliary and Sons members with dues paid \$5.00**

If you haven't paid your dues, bring your checkbook or cash and pay them at the door.

**Non-paid members and guests \$15.00**

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Tear Off Here

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will be attending the dinner. There will be (#)\_\_\_\_\_ coming

(#)\_\_\_\_\_ Paid Post 111 members @ \$5.00

(#)\_\_\_\_\_ Non paid members and guests @ \$15.00    Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and check payable to the **American Legion** no later than **February 28<sup>th</sup>** to:  
**P.O. Box 281, Healdsburg 95448**, and/or RSVP to: **steven5382@comcast.net**

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## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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



***2nd—Louis Sbrana  
4th—Ken Vanmeveren  
5th—Shirleen Perry, Ken House  
6th—Richard Kray  
10th—Ed Doitteau  
14th—Alan Duncan  
17th—Frank Jerins  
18th—Eric Madura  
20th—Stan Shusda, Brian Penn  
21st—John Biasotti, Jason Cartwright  
23rd—Hans Henneberque  
24th—Elvin Gines  
25th—John Hazlett  
27th—Abraham Block, Tyler Levens  
29th—Richard Austring***



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Post/Unit Board Meetings	<b>3</b> <b>VOTE!</b> ALR meeting 6:00 Mary's Pizza Windsor	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings</b> District 5 meeting, Napa Post	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Post 111 Legion Meeting 6:00 Nominations	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>American Legion Birthday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>St Patrick's Day</b> Auxiliary 10:00 AM	<b>18</b> United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	<b>19</b> Honors Team 3 PM Annex	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Vietnam Veterans Day</b> <b>PCAM</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	<b>7</b> ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	<b>8</b> <b>Cloverdale MIAP</b>	<b>9</b> Post 111 Legion Meeting 6:00 Nominations	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		



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William Ortiz  
James Schettler

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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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