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## Red, White and Blue Patriotic Assembly Mattie Washburn Elementary School Windsor



l to r: Tim Madura, Eddy Sauers, Frank Jerins

May 19, 2023

### SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

**American Legion:** Second Thursday @ 6:00 PM  
Executive Committee Meeting: 1st Monday @ 6:00 PM  
**AL & SAL meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex**

**Legion Riders:** First Tuesday @ 6:00 PM  
Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center, Windsor

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



## 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  
WHOLESALE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE  
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
TODAY!

## From the Commander's Wardroom

**Commander Frank Teuschler**



After making preparations for Memorial Day: putting out graves flags, gathering service flags and rifles for services, I began to think of how lucky we all are to have had those being Honored protect our way of life. Many of the Veterans I knew, having grown up in Healdsburg. It is amazing for me to read the names of so many people I knew, to think that they had served our country. Many of them had belonged to the American Legion.

From the 1800's to the present time, we have graves of Veterans who served in the Mexican/American War, Civil War, both World Wars, Korean War, Viet Nam, Gulf wars and Afghanistan.

The American Legion is the largest Veterans service organization, and I consider it an honor to belong to an organization committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and Veterans.

The "Hometown Heroes" program, initiated by the American Legion, and progressing with the help of the City of Healdsburg, is another way that we are honoring those who are currently serving in the armed forces. If you know of anyone currently serving, please contact a Legion Member and we will proudly have a banner made and hung to honor them. Thank you, and "Fair winds and following seas".

**Frank**



Oak Mound Cemetery, Healdsburg  
May 29, 2023



**2nd Vice Commander Tim Madura**



American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 had the honor to be invited back to Mattie Washburn School in Windsor to take part in their “Patriotic Assembly”. This is a K through 2nd grade school.

All of the teachers have the kids in their class supply a short song or activity about the American Flag or America. The kids have flags and different head pieces of red, white and blue colors on their heads or are just waving small American flags.

Eddy and Frank Jerins did the big flag unfolding and refolding and when they showed the kids how big the American Flag was unfolded, the kids all gasped at how big it was. I read about each of the thirteen flag folding and what it means.

The kids also invited their Veteran relatives to attend this event. We were all invited up to the stage. We had a large group of past and active duty Veterans who each said their name, branch of service and where they were stationed. All of us Veterans were honored and thanked for our service.

It was great to see a school develop a program like this to educate the children and make them proud about our flag and country. Our big Thank You goes out to Mattie Washburn School and the staff.

The American Legion Department of California 2023 Convention is scheduled in Visalia, California on June 23 to June 25, 2023. Anyone who wants to attend, please go to the American Legion California 2023 Convention website, and register to attend and if needed, register at a hotel. The convention always provides us with information on changes and upcoming events for the California Legion and also at the National level. It is a wonderful way to meet other members from California and hear what they are doing to make their post better and the American Legion stronger.

Please attend the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Always a free dinner is included at the meeting. Socializing starts at 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7 pm.

Be safe, **Tim**

### **Auxiliary update**

It is with great sadness that as of June 30, 2023 the American Legion Auxiliary Post Unit 111, will no longer be active. We have turned in our Charter. Do to low membership and lack of participants, it has become necessary. Thank you to all of those that have helped through the years.

This coming fiscal year our Unit would have been 100 years old.

President  
Mary Matthews

**Adjutant Hans Henneberque**



This month we have a little special treat for you all. Every year the United Veterans Council (UVC) selects a “Veteran of the Year.” COVID put a bit of a damper on the process but the group picked up the ball again for 2023. This year a name came up of a very worthy individual but unfortunately is not a Veteran. However, he is a Son of the American Legion, so this year the UVC named a “Veteran of the Year” and also a “Patriot of the Year.” And that honor went to our very own Post 111 and Riders Chapter 111 member, **Ron Collier**.

I met Ron many years ago when I was a young Fire Chief and new to Sonoma County. Ron was an old Fire Chief. Well, he’s a few years senior to me but had been a Fire Chief of Windsor for some time and many years in Sonoma County. Ron has spent a career and a life of service. As a firefighter and Fire Chief, he served his community and gave many additional volunteer hours to serve on the Boards of the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association. Ron was passionate about his service and has always been a forward looking thinker. (I’m not sure if he liked me very much in those days, you know, an outsider and prettier than him.)

Ron has been as dedicated to his causes in his retirement as he was before retirement. He continues to give many hours and funds for his causes. Ron still attends an annual burn camp, sponsored by the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation as a counselor, on his motorcycle, with other current and former firefighters. Ron was one of the original group of “Chrome Domes.”

A group of Riders that provide a motorcycle Honor Escort for soldiers that had fallen in the field and were being brought home. The affectionate nickname came from their chrome helmets. Ron is the representative and lead person for the Missing In America Program (MIAP) that recovers unclaimed Veterans in Sonoma and Mendocino counties in order to provide them their final honors and a resting place at the National Cemetery in Dixon. Ron leads the Post members in annually placing wreaths at Shiloh Cemetery and Potters Field in Santa Rosa. Ron is also volunteering his time and money for the Windsor Banner Program.

These are just some of the things in which Ron spends dedicating his time to those who served in our military to honor their service. Ron is well deserving to be recognized for HIS service to those who served. It is my honor to highlight this recognition of my and our friend to our Post. So next time you see Ron, just say, “Well done Ron!”

**Hans**



Ron and Eddy working at the Potters Field in Santa Rosa



**ALR Secretary Tim Madura**



The American Legion California 2023 Legacy Ride was a great success and lots of fun. Hans, Steve Bowne and I participated along with about 33 other California American Legion Riders in this over 1,200 mile ride. We had three platoons.

We started Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Tehachapi on a wet and cold, 37 degrees, morning, with a chance of snow. Everyone got suited up in rain gear and took off. 15 minutes east on Highway 58 towards Mojave, the sun came out and we had great weather the rest of the ride.



We stopped in Ventura at the Veterans Home and met with the residents and presented them with a check for some of the Veteran's everyday expenses. They really enjoyed seeing us and we had great conversations. Next stop was a great lunch stop at Post 741 in Camarillo. We finished that night in San Luis Obispo. The next day we headed to Merced, stopping at Post 3 in Hanford for lunch and then dinner at Post 83 in Merced. Sunday morning we headed to Sacramento with a breakfast stop at Post 88 in Turlock. The group then headed to Sacramento by taking the tour along the Sacramento River and over the draw bridges. A nice day of riding. In Sacramento, we laid flowers at the Veterans Memorial, talked about the ride, took pictures, said our goodbye's and headed home. On the ride, we met new riders and made new friendships. We have raised over \$58,000.00 of our goal. The cut off is August. You can still donate by going to the site: [www.californialegacyrun.org](http://www.californialegacyrun.org) **(Pictures on page 6)** Next year's ride is already scheduled for May 3, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 2024. There is not a route planned out yet but will probably have a northern and southern ride, meeting Sunday somewhere. Ride safe, **Tim**

**Cody Andrade Escort and Memorial Services  
May 11th & 18th**







Leaving Petaluma



Tehachapi Post 221



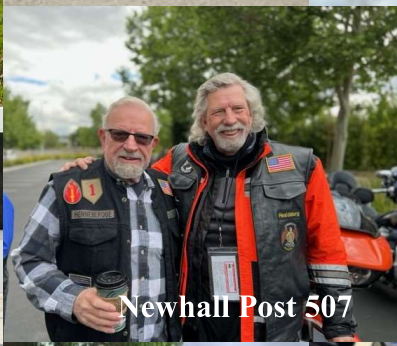
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Faces of Freedom



Newhall Post 507



Ventura Veterans Home



Atascadero  
Veterans Memorial



Capital Park, Sacramento



Hanford Post 3



**SAL Commander Matt Foreman**



I will be indisposed for the next couple of weeks due to home construction. Hope to see everyone soon.

**Matt**



**Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers**



There were no Military Honors for the month of May.

On May 19th, we helped with the Patriotic Assembly at Mattie Washburn School. Frank Jerins and I performed the 13 flag folds which Tim Madura explained what each fold stood for. It was a great event.

On May 20th at the Cloverdale Airport, we performed at the Ceremony of Final Tribute where 637 flags were retired with honor. There will be ceremonies at cemeteries in Healdsburg, Geyserville and Willits on Memorial Day.

**Eddie**



Mattie Washburn School Assembly



Photo by Jamie Fox

Flag Retirement Ceremony, Cloverdale



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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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

- 1st—*Mike Tomasek, Albert Peterson,  
Lyle Studer,***
- 4th—*Robert Crespo***
- 6th—*George W. Bush***
- 8th—*Eddie Sauers, Garrett Ling***
- 14th—*Manuel Lownes (105 years young)***
- 19th—*Ron “Patriot of the Year” Collier***
- 20th—*Paul Buzanski, Jan Shusda***
- 21st—*William Miller***
- 26th—*Dave McAleece, Father Ed Howell***
- 30th—*Arnold Schwarzenegger***



**Nate Kinzel**

On May 12th, members of Post 111 participated in the Rock n’ Ribs Cook-Off at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma.



**Eddy Sauers     Dave Anderson     Gary Thornburgh     Dave Meyers**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PCAM Hot Dog Thurs.	2	3
4	5 Executive Committee 7:00 Annex	6 ALR 6:00 Mary's Pizza Windsor	7	8 Legion meeting 6:00 Annex	9	10 ALR ride
11	12 Women Veterans Day	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23 American Legion Convention Visalia	24 Poker Run Placerville Chapter 119
25 American Legion Convention Visalia	26	27	28	29	30	

# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Executive Committee 7:00 Annex	4 Independence Day	5	6 PCAM Hot Dog Thurs.	7	8
9	10	11 ALR 6:00 Mary's Pizza Windsor	12	13 Legion meeting 6:00 Annex	14 Manual Lownes Birthday	15 ALR ride VFW car show Sebastopol
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



**POST EVERLASTING**  
Cody Andrade

**NEW MEMBERS**  
Jamie Fox  
Liz Nichol森  
Mariya Cree  
Mike Laviano

**Sick Call**  
Mary Matthews  
Shirleen Perry  
Dave Meyers

**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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