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HEALDSBURG AMERICAN LEGION, POST 111



“A Day to Remember The unprovoked attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, upon America by foreign terrorists have thrust the United States and other countries into a war it never envisioned, militarily or diplomatically. This new great unknown and uncertainty has woven itself into all the threads of society. The challenges facing all the civilized people of the world as they relate to the war on terrorism will not end until these fanatics are brought to justice. America is fully committed through operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to ensure our freedoms remain unfettered and sovereign for all generations, now and forever. World opinion needs to remain focused upon the eradication of these inhuman acts perpetrated around the globe. One way to accomplish this is to NEVER FORGET that those innocent victims did not die in vain. America can fight back by reminding the world that the deaths of these people will always be remembered, and that they will be forever loved. A noble and appropriate way to accomplish this is through the annual celebration of their lives. This commemoration should be conducted each year throughout the land and be known as Sept. 11, Patriot Day”

Post Commander: Dave Meyers



Hello Everyone,

Here we are almost at the end of our wonderful summer, nothing but hot dry air, fires everywhere and nowhere to go except out of state if you want to feel safe. I hope this finds you all safe, sound and in a well-protected place away from all this dangerous make and all. Since all of this has been going on along with the COVID-19, our Post has not been able to do much. We do have an event coming up on Sept 18 which is the POW-MIA ceremony at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Unfortunately, Tim Maloney, who runs the SR Memorial Park says we are limited in the amount of people we can have as a group according to his Safety/Health people who gives him the orders. So that being said we will be having a very small group and Eddy will be writing about that in her notes to us all.

I want to remind everyone that has not paid their dues, including the Legion Riders, to please make sure you get them paid now for it will help our Post in the long run to get them all in early. Here is a perfect reason why: **National Emergency Fund**

The American Legion National Emergency Fund (**NEF**) is available to help American Legion Members and Posts, and Sons of the American Legion who have been impacted by natural disasters. The **NEF** provides up to \$3,000 for Legion and SAL Members with an **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** who have been displaced due to their primary residence, and up to \$10,000 for Posts that have been damaged by a natural disaster and whose programs and activities within the community are impacted. TO APPLY FOR AN **NEF GRANT**, PLEASE VISIT www.legion.org/emergency. Documentation will be needed. As a note, all applications have to be approved by the Department Headquarters in Sanger then are forward on to the National Headquarters. Local Posts DO NOT HAVE any authority to approve these grants. Local Posts can help with whatever means that they have but has to be approved by the Executive Committee and membership as a whole. Documentation will be needed.

If anyone knows of any of our current on the rolls paid members that is in need of assistance, please bring it to the attention of Sarah, Miquel or myself. We have a member that has recently passed on and his name is Craig Williams. Some of you knew him very well in that he helped on many occasions with some of our parades, ceremonies and Windsor Banner Program. Services are pending at this present time. That's about all I have for now so hope you all are staying safe, masks on all the time outdoors and within 6ft or other groups and so on and so on. Since the fall season is rapidly approaching and they say the Flu season will be with it, we will be having a TWINDEMIC. If you feel slightly sick, runny nose and all that other not so good stuff, please stay away from other people and preferably stay at home. Don't get the rest of us sick just because you want to feel macho and do it anyway. It may cost some of us our life. Stay safe, healthy and be vigilant. Thanks see you on the next ZOOM meeting.

Dave Meyers

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American Legion

Sotoyome Post 111

Commander

Post Treasurer: Miguel Correa



Legionnaires!

I hope everyone has fared well with the recent fires in our communities, again. Please let us know if you have been directly affected. Sarah and I have been busy processing membership dues and sending out membership cards. I appreciate everyone who has sent in checks, or registered online. Business has been slow as far as fundraising, and I don't see a break in any of the COVID regulations in the near future. Hopefully we can come together during our meetings and formulate a course of action to get anything rolling.

I would like to welcome Joey Morena to the legion. He is an active duty Guardsman with the FSC 579th out of Santa Rosa!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Miguel Correa

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Post Adjutant and ALR President: Sarah Rafal



Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone is safe and doing well during the pandemic and wildfires. As a reminder you can all renew your memberships either online at mylegion.org or mail-in your check to **PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448**. As of today we have 120 members that have renewed their 2020 Membership and we will be checking the post mail box tomorrow.

Harrold (Post Historian) has asked anyone to send him any pictures of events our post has conducted from 2018 - 2019. Please ensure you provide dates and information pertaining to the photographs that you send him. You can email him at airforcevet59@usa.com.

All riders need to be aware that due to COVID-19 along with County and State regulations, the ALR DEC voted to cancel the 2020 ALR Convention. Please be sure to cancel any reservations you have made. Delegate fees from each Chapter will be rolled over to the 2021 Convention, with any adjustments to be made prior to the convention.

Thanks,

Sarah Rafal

sarahrafal@gmail.com

Honors Team Coordinator: Eddy Sauers



HONOR TEAM has been quiet this month of August except for one MILITARY HONORS we did in Petaluma. Hope all the HONOR TEAM have been SAFE and on GUARD just in case we get a call to leave because of fires west of us. In September we got the P.O.W.M.I.A EVENT. But it will be low profile with everything being limited for us.

In November we have VETERAN'S DAY. Than in December we have PEARL HARBOR DAY and then Wreaths ACROSS AMERICA. All these events will be determine on what is happening in this country. I hope for the good for all of us.

Oh yes I got one more thing to mention. I don't want to forget to mention about Craig Williams that past away on July 31, 2020. I know a lot of you have seen him and talk to him at a lot of our events like the BANNER PROGRAM and WINDSOR PARADE. Alot of you knew him way before me. He was a character and I always enjoyed talking to him at the BANNER PROGRAM in Windsor and few other events he was at, SMOOTH SAILING CRAIG

Eddy

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Post Auxiliary President: Linda Clary



Dear Auxiliary members;

It seems like the month of August flew by like the wind! The "dog days of summer" keep our remaining summer days full of light. Let's try to enjoy it while it lasts.

The virus is still making its presence known, so for the safety of our members the meeting for September has been postponed. Virus numbers are going down in CA, thus making October still an option to get together.

Take advantage of staying close to home by trying something you've never done before like a simple watercolor painting, or plant some Chrysanthemums for fall. I might teach dad how to play, Go Fish?!

Please call me at 494-8174, text or email if you have any thoughts on any subject.

Stay safe and well, please.

Linda

lindaclary8@gmail.com

Post 111 American Legion

Commander - Dave Meyers
 1st Vice - Chuck Whitmore
 2nd Vice - Joey Gogue
 Adjutant - Sarah Rafal
 Finance Officer - Miguel Correa
 Judge Advocate - Jerry Jaramillo
 Sgt. At Arms - Joel Defreitas
 Service Officer - Vacant
 Historian - Vacant
 Bar Manager - Frank Teuschler
 Chaplain - Jerry Jaramillo
 Webmaster - Ed Doitteau
 Jr. Past Commander: Tim Madura
 Executive Board: Luz Garcia,, Frank Teuschler,
 Frank Jerins, 2 vacancies

Unit 111 American Legion Auxiliary

President - Linda Clary
 1st Vice - Shirleen Perry
 2nd Vice - Mary Matthews
 Sec/Treasurer - Shirleen Perry
 Executive Board: Helen Sager, Jan Shusda

Squadron 111 Sons of The American Legion

Commander - Duke Callahan
 1st Vice - Vacant
 2nd Vice - Vacant
 Adjutant/Treasurer - Miguel Correa
 Chaplain - Vacant
 Judge Advocate - Vacant
 Sgt. At Arms - Vacant
 Service Officer - Vacant
 Historian - Vacant
 Jr. Past Commander - Ed Doitteau
 Executive Board: Vacant

Chapter 111, American Legion Riders

President - Sarah Rafal
 Vice President - Chuck Whitmore
 2nd Vice - Vacant
 Secretary - Jerry Jaramillo
 Finance Officer - Miguel Correa
 Sgt. At Arms - Joel Defreitas
 Chaplain - Ed Howell
 Road Captain - Joey Gogue
 Safety Officer - Gary Greenough
 Past President - Ron Krudrop

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| GARY | STRITZEL | 09-01 |
| KATIE | TERRA | 09-01 |
| JACOB | FONVILLE | 09-02 |
| LARRY | MILLER | 09-04 |
| LUZ | GARCIA | 09-06 |
| ROBERT | DURLER | 09-07 |
| MATT | STEARNS | 09-07 |
| KIM | CRUMB | 09-08 |
| DONALD | ARATA | 09-10 |
| ERLE | COOK | 09-11 |
| JOSEPH | MORENA | 09-11 |
| JOE | GRAVES | 09-12 |
| DARYLE | SMITH | 09-12 |
| ROB | SCATES | 09-13 |
| DAVID | CARTEE | 09-16 |
| BURTON | BARNES | 09-19 |
| MATHEW | BREILING | 09-21 |
| GARY | SENNEFF | 09-21 |
| NATHAN | GLAESER | 09-22 |
| DWIGHT | UPCHURCH | 09-22 |
| NELSON | CUSTER | 09-23 |
| RONALD | JAMES | 09-23 |
| VINCENT | LOPES | 09-23 |
| OWEN | WETZEL | 09-23 |
| TAVIS | WRIGHT | 09-23 |
| WILLIAM | EASTERWOOD | 09-24 |
| JERRY | EVANS | 09-26 |
| AARON | MILTON | 09-26 |
| JOHN | CARRIGER | 09-27 |

Contact Details. Need to update your Info?



If you need to update your address, email or phone number send us an

email with your updated information to the post here: HealdsburgAmericanLegion@gmail.com

Or feel free to send us a letter here:

Post 111, Squadron 111, and Legion Riders Chapter 111, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 111, P.O. Box 174, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Membership

Use the online renewal feature to:

- Submit payment of your annual membership dues.
- If you are already paid for the current year, you can set your account for automatic renewal using your credit/debit card.
- Eliminate paper renewal notices by setting your account to have your notices delivered via email.

<https://www.members.legion.org/>

American Legion Post Dues: \$45

American Legion Rider Dues: \$20

American Legion SONs Dues: \$11

All dues can be either paid online or mailed in.
Send checks to: PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Post Everlasting

A Salute to those who have moved to their last assignment within the boundaries of Post Everlasting.

Post 111 extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Craig Williams.

Craig Williams October 2, 1950 - July 31, 2020



Craig Jay Williams, age 69, passed away in his home in Windsor, CA on July 31, 2020, after his battle with cancer. Craig is survived by his brother Michael Williams, his sister Jo-el (Candy) Grossi and four nieces and five grand-nephews.

Craig was born in San Francisco, CA to his parents Riley and June Williams. He had three siblings. In 1987 he became the proud father of Ashley Williams who sadly passed away at 14 months due to a heart defect. It was the most devastating time of his life as he loved her dearly.

Craig was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a corpsman for 4.5 years in the US Navy. For his service he earned four Air Medals, A Good Conduct Award, two MUC Awards, one

NUC award and one CAR award. Craig's time in the Navy played a very important role in his life. He volunteered his time generously to his local veterans groups. He was also in the Marine Corps League. After his time in the Navy he was a local nurse (LUN) then he became a steam fitter. His greatest joy after retirement was riding his Harley with his buddies all over the US. He loved going to the movies with his brother and sister and loved his little dog George. He was the life of the party at many family dinners and was a great story teller. He will be greatly missed. Craig wished to be cremated and his ashes spread in the Ocean. Services for Craig will be announced at a later date.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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AUGUST 2020

OCTOBER 2020

NOTES:

Meetings will be held via Zoom or Google Hangouts.

Call-in information will be distributed through email!
