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DECEMBER 2018

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American Legion Riders Chapter 111 establish perpetual scholarship in the name of Sgt. Ryan Connolly through Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation

October 30, 2018



As a result of donations received from the Memorial Ride on September 15th, the community, friends and family, as well as donations from major contributors David Coddington and the Exchange Bank, the Riders were able to present a check to SRJC in the amount of \$20,000.

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.

SEPTEMBER SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: December 13th @ 6:00 PM
Executive Board Meeting: Monday December 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: December 13th @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Monday December 10th @ 6:00 PM

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

Legion Riders: Tuesday December 4th @ 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



I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving this year. We all have a lot to be thankful for, mainly having our families and living in our great country.



December 13, 2018 is our next meeting and is another dinner meeting. The dinner / meeting starts at 6 PM but come early and socialize. If possible, please let me or Eddy know if you will be attending and how many guests will be with you. All friends, wives, husbands, kids, and relatives are invited. Please bring a guest and enjoy a free dinner provided by the Post with the help of the Auxiliary, **Eddy Sauers** and her crew. Set-up help would be appreciated that morning at 10 AM. Let's have some new volunteers and not just the STP crew. Working together builds community.

Our CRAB FEED is February 2, 2019, dinner starting at 4 PM and a 3 PM no host bar, so mark it on your calendars. \$65.00 gets you ALL the crab, salad, bread, wine and beer that you can eat there, (sorry no zip lock bags to stash it for later). Tickets are already selling fast so do not wait to buy tickets from **Steve @ 707-322-9245** or **Frank and Carol @ 707-431-2328** or myself @ 707-815-6983. We will sell out and if you do not buy some tickets now you will lose out. Bring your friends, family, relatives, co-workers, ex friends. Buy a lot of tickets. This event helps fund our yearly 4th of July fireworks show, the best around. This is part of our American Legion Americanism requirement .

Help is needed for, 1-set up the morning of the event, 2- for a salad crew, 3- bread crew, 4-serving, 5-pouring of wine, 6-cracking of the crab, 7-clean up, 8-taking down the tables and chairs after the dinner. Please let Steve, Frank or I know what you would like to be part of. We need chairpersons for each part of the dinner tasks. It is a lot of fun helping and sharing dinner together.

Our support and prayers go out to our friends to the north who have lost their homes and are displaced due to the Camp Fire, and to those who are not yet allowed to return to their homes. All of us know what this is like from our experiences of our own fire last year. I was told last night by a post member in Chico, that they are overwhelmed with donations. What is needed are gift cards and, of course, somewhere to stay. Please keep them in your thoughts.

For all of you who have renewed your dues for the year, thank you. As for the ones who still have not done so, **please take the time to renew**. It is easy to do it online with a computer or just write a check and mail it to the Post Office at, PO Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448. We always need to meet our 100% plus goal. Thank you (and welcome to our new members). Always try to recruit new members for the Post but also for the SAL, the Auxiliary and the American Legion Riders. We all benefit from these groups.

Have safe and enjoyable holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



I am in Chico at the Almond Tree RV Park, lucky to have made reservations in advance. This is because the RV park is full with survivors of the Camp Fire.

I am reminded of the Tubbs fire and the devastation it caused, and many displaced individuals including our own ALR members. The Camp Fire

started on November 8th. Little did we know that when we did the escort on November 9th for USMC Veteran Juan Pualo Cuevas Jimenez, the smoky sky was from the Camp Fire. In response to this disaster, our Legion Board members voted to make a donation of \$500.00 to the Camp Fire Veterans Relief Fund set up by the American Legion Post 45 in Corning, CA. The Chapter will discuss making a similar donation at the next meeting. In closing, keep all the survivors who lost everything in our prayers.

~Ron



SAL Comandante Eduardo Doitteau



Waiting in the Ranks

The Legion has truly come together with men who were ready to take on the challenges of this life and continue to pour out their love for this country, fellow patriots and the love of every breathe of freedom this nation offered.

One of these men who has done such as that is none other than **Ken Cody**. His enduring passion and energy for getting things done and done right have inspired us all to give that extra to make this organization the best it can be. We are indebted for his sacrifices and commitment he gave so selflessly. It is my humble and truly heartfelt honor to have had the pleasure of working alongside Ken; with that said, I have waited in the ranks waiting for the opportunity to continue to serve our community and organization to the same level of commitment and passion as Ken has demonstrated. Farewell Ken and my prayers that God will continue to grace you and your family throughout the road ahead.

~Ed

The next SAL meeting is on Monday, December 10th at 6:00 at the Annex, however, the meeting place may change. SAL members will be notified of any changes.



ALR Vice President Bill Nay



November is always a time to reflect and be thankful. It is also the month of my wedding anniversary. Karen and I were married while I was still on active duty at Camp Pendleton in 1971, 47 years now. We spent our anniversary in Hawaii and on the 11th Hour of the



11th Day of the 11th Month we were on a Navy shuttle over the top of the USS Arizona. Yes, it was a time to pause and reflect, not only on our many years of marriage, but also for the many Veterans that have served, especially those that paid the supreme sacrifice. We also walked up to the National Cemetery called, “The Punchbowl”. What a quiet and serene place.

While we were there in Hawaii, the fires were raging in California. The most significant fire struck the town of Paradise. My Grandparents Charles and Lora Landers moved to Paradise in

1936 and lived out their lives there raising my mother Mary and my many “Landers” Aunts and Uncles. My Grandparents spent the rest of their lives in Paradise and are buried at the Paradise Cemetery along with my mother Mary. As we take the time this month to reflect and be thankful for all that we have, we will also be remembering those that have



been less fortunate. Just as we came together as a community last year with our own devastating fires, we must also support those in our neighboring communities that have suffered so dearly from these ongoing tragedies.

~Bill

Toys for Tots ride to Schellville Fire Department

November 18, 2018



Photos by Dick Akright, Johnny Debiase, Tom Garske Jr. and Bill Nay

Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Well the EARLY BIRD DINNER went very well and thanks to the Post for stepping up and helping. It 's so nice that we work so well together. The lasagna was very tasty, great salad, garlic bread and regular sourdough bread with a variety of cupcakes for dessert. We had culinary students from Windsor HS help serve and clean up.



Mary, our 2nd Vice, made some great decoration for the tables and also picked out some nice fall colors for table settings. Thank you Mary. It's too bad many of you missed the dinner. Remember the Christmas Dinner coming in December. on the 13th at

6:00 p.m. Hope see a lot of members there.

We have a great group of ladies that work together and have some great ideas that makes things work better. Thank you ladies.

Hope to see more ladies in the coming months. Remember ladies if you need a ride, we're just a phone call away. I know some of ladies can't get out because of the weather and health problem. Let me know and I'll personally delivery you Newsletter.

Don't forget our District meeting on December 2nd at Yountville. Last month I gave the wrong location, sorry ladies. Don't forget we can carpool from my house.

Well everyone have a great Christmas and a better New Year for everyone. Especially the Paradise people and also can't forget our Sonoma County victims, you are in our hearts also.

~Eddy

Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



HI Ladies, I've been asked what percent of our membership 2018-2019 dues have been paid? Our membership percentage is actually looking good as our numbers have risen in members attending our meetings from 3 or 4 at best to 10 to 12 each meeting. After accounting for some transfers lately we are actually at 45% paid members.

Please remember to pay your 2018-2019 dues before the end of December to insure your good standing. You can bring your dues to our meetings or our Pot Luck Christmas Dinner on December 13th at the Annex at 6:00 pm.

Or you can mail your dues to me at P.O. Box 174 Healdsburg, CA

95448. Or on line at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Or call 317-569-4500.

If you would like a ride or have any questions Please leave a message at 838-9429 or 838-9790 and we will get back to you.

Thank you, ~Linda

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



My goodness it was turkey time and now it flew the coop. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Of course Santa is peeking around the corner. Giving his cute little wink and saying "I'm watching you." Alright onto my reports.

Military Honors have been on the quiet side. We had one in Sonoma for an Army Staff Sergeant who was based at Camp Roberts for 20 years, according to her nephew. He was very honored to have us do the volleys for his family. Then we had one in Petaluma. He was in the Navy, and served during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1972.

On Veterans Day we performed honors in Healdsburg at 10 A.M. Gary Greenough was our speaker and then the team did volleys, played taps, and packed up flags, stands and headed to the Town

Green in Windsor. We set up before 11 A.M. and did our procedures like we did in Healdsburg. Speaker Gary Greenough did his presentation and afterwards, we proceeded with volleys followed by taps. Both places had a great turnout of people and of course Windsor had they're Farmer Market going on. I want to thank the Honor Team for them being present for a full team. We didn't have practice this month because a funeral fell on the day and time that was scheduled for practice. So that was practice if you showed up for the service.

On December 8th we will be honoring 17 Veterans at the Potter's Field at the Old Rural Cemetery next to Santa Rosa Memorial Park. It's located at the end of Franklin Ave and meets up with Terrace Way. I hope all my Honor Team will be there to honor them.

On October 20th we laid concrete grave stones with bronze plates engraved with their name and information about them with an American flag placed on each grave. There were some Honors Teams member that helped out. Thank you very much. It looks nice to have grave stones on each of those military servicemen so everyone knows who they are and that they are not forgotten. Thanks goes to Mr. **Ron Collier** for getting them recognized and never forgotten. Ron is the Sonoma County Veterans Remain Officer which I'm sure a lot people know, but some do not.

Okay everyone I'll sign off. Everyone have a great Christmas and I'll see everyone next year in 2019 and maybe I'll have a shoe back on. It's getting better. My heart goes out to all of Paradise people who lost their homes and lives. Of course there are people here that are still struggling.

~Eddy



Veterans Day Ceremonies in Healdsburg and Windsor

November 11, 2018



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1st—**Michael Wilson**
2nd—**Luke Hayes**
4th—**Perry Plattus, Shaun Shields**
6th—**James Ambrosi**
7th—**Larry Kilcullen**
8th—**Tim Madura**
9th—**Orville Boots, Craig Cochrane,**
Susanne Steenvoorde
13th—**Jim Arnold**
14th—**Lee Spieller**
15th—**Harry Verwer**
18th—**Arthur Frey, Asher Bugarski**
24th—**Paul Chappell**
25th—**Don Corzine**
29th—**Henry Chadwick**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SAL District 5 Meeting Petaluma 10:00
2 District 5 Meeting Yountville 10:00	3 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	4 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	5	6 VFW Annex 7:00	7 Pearl Harbor Day VVA Dinner SR Vets Bldg.	8 Rural Cemetery 10:00
9 VFW Yountville Holiday Party	10 SAL Meeting Annex 6 PM	11	12	13 Christmas Dinner 6 PM Annex	14 Yountville Christmas Party (SAL)	15
16	17	18	19 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	20 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 <u>Christmas</u>	26	27	28	29

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years	2	3 VFW 6 PM	4	5
6	7 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	8 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	9	10 Post meeting Annex 6:00	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Early Bird Dinner

November 6, 2018



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Reminder

Instead of the usual Legion meeting, we will be having our annual Christmas Dinner the 2nd Thursday of December. Bring a friend and/or family members to the event and if you'd like, bring a Hors d'Oeuvre and/or dessert to share. Chef Tim will prepare the main course and again delight everyone with his culinary expertise.



IMPORTANT!!

The Auxiliary will be having a raffle during the dinner and they are in need of items to raffle. Contact **Eddy Sauers** ASAP @707-620-8683 to donate. **Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Camp Fire victims.**

Get your tickets now before they're gone.
"BEST CRAB FEED IN SONOMA COUNTY".

American Legion **Annual Crab Feed**



Saturday, February 2nd, 2019
at the Villa Chanticleer



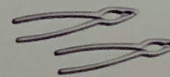
3:00 No Host Bar
4:00 Service Begins



All you can eat cracked crab, salad & garlic bread
Includes beer, wine, water & coffee



\$65/ticket



For tickets call 707-431-2328 or 707-322-9245

Proceeds used to fund 4th of July Fireworks and other Veterans Programs



Ordering 1,500 lbs. of crab from Bodega Bay

l to r: Tim Madura, Carol Teuschler, Frank Teuschler, fisherman Tony Delima at the Tides Wharf.

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You or someone in the family ill?
Know of a Veteran who needs help?
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