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Oak Mound Cemetery Clean-up

June 2, 2018



l to r: Terry Wilson, Tony Grado, Tim Madura

Photo by Jim Dreisback

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.

JULY SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion & SAL: July 12th @ 6:00 PM

Legion Board Meeting: Monday July 2nd @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: July 12th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday July 2nd @ 6:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Legion Riders: Tuesday July 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, 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
WHOLESONE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

Commander Tim Madura



In July I start my second year as the Commander of Sotoyome Post 111. I ask that if anyone has suggestions for me or the post to please let me know. If I am not aware of an issue that could be addressed to improve our post, please send me an email, or call my cell. This is our Post and together we make it better.

The 4th of July Fireworks event is coming up fast. We need lots of help for event to be successful. We will meet Tuesday, July 3rd, at 8 am at the Annex, Wednesday, July 4th, 8 am at the field, and again Thursday, July 5th at 8 am at the field. Early evening of the 4th, (5:00 pm) we need help asking for donations. Volunteers with buckets are stationed at the gates and keep an eye on security for the guests as well. Some volunteers even walk up and down the streets asking for donations. Then, sit back and enjoy a great night of fireworks. On

Thursday morning help is needed to pick up the fencing and barricades and take it all back to the Post. Please try to give some of your time to help setting up and tearing down this event. Let's see some new faces helping with this, please. We share the work and the experience, so our traditions can carry on. This event is the Sotoyome Post Americanism project for the city of Healdsburg, a yearly tradition by Post 111. It provides exposure for the Post and entices new members to join the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders. Always try to gain new members for our great Post. It will benefit all of us. The fireworks show is totally supported by the generous donations from businesses and the community.

On Saturday, 9 June, in Cloverdale, organized by the Cloverdale SAL and **Al Delsid**, 582 flags were retired in the proper ceremony. Thank you to all of you who helped at the Father's Day breakfast. The Post was able to add some dollars to the fund.

The 100th American Legion California Convention was held in Sacramento the weekend of 22 June 2018, at the McClellan Park Convention center, the old McClellan Air Force Base. They did a great job of converting an airplane hangar into a convention hall and made a nice hotel out of base housing. The new state officers were elected and installed at the meeting.

Delegates from the Post who attended were **Steve Bowne, Bob Taylor, Reuel Miller, Ed Doitteau, Duke Callahan**, and myself.

The American Legion Riders' Memorial Ride and BBQ is 15 September, so mark your calendars. Any raffle prizes that you can locate or donate contribute toward the success of the event, so start looking for prizes and go to your businesses and friends for donations. See you on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th and at our regular July 12th meeting beginning at 6:00. Be safe. ~Tim



American Legion night at the River Cats baseball game on June 22nd

Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Well, here I am again, President. I want to thank all the ladies who stepped up and are willing to make a change in the Auxiliary and especially the ladies that took officers positions. All the new officers and ladies have some ideas for the coming year and we are going to make it work, and enjoyable being in the Auxiliary.

The ladies that can't get out, we are going to ask them to help with our projects so they don't feel left out, which is wrong.

If you want to come, feel free to call us, we would love to have you. Also let us know if you don't have a ride and want to come. We will make sure you will get here.

Our first meeting will be July 12th from 6 pm to 7 pm. There is no Board meetings. We will combine everything into one.

We are looking for help for the 4th of July. Carrying the buckets for donations at the front gate and you won't be alone. We will do this in pairs which is safer. Please call Frank Teuschler if you can help. That also includes the Post, Sons, and Riders ladies.

Please give me a call if you have some ideas. We have great members in the Post, Sons, and Riders. They are so willing to work with us and we will do the same with them.

I shall sign off and hope to see new faces at the meeting. Looking forward for a new start for us. We need you to make it happen. ~Eddy



Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Hello to all. We are off to a brand new start with newly installed officers.

We are discussing new ideas for our unit and we want input from our members with thoughts about what you would like to see accomplished as a group.

Any and all ideas are welcome, and all visitors are welcome.

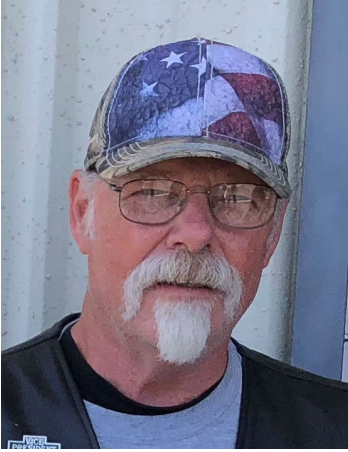
We will support the Post with their activities, as they have always done for us.

Veterans support is, of course, our number one goal.

~Linda



ALR President Ron Krudop



June 14th was Flag Day. It was my honor to attend the Flag Day celebration in Petaluma at Walnut Park. This ceremony brought a whole new appreciation about what our flag means to our country and to me. The Elks Lodge has been officially celebrating Flag Day since 1911. The history of our flag was celebrated from 1775 to 1818 at which time Congress adopted a resolution that on July 4th the number of stripes would be thirteen and the blue field would have one star for each state. Also attending the ceremony were ALR members, V.P **Bill Nay** and Past President **Mitch**

Laing. In closing, I would like everyone to extend a fond farewell to **David France**. He is moving back to Ireland and we will miss riding with him.

~Ron



Chapter meeting at Mary's Pizza Shack in Windsor



Change of gavel.

In-coming ALR President **Ron Krudop** presents **Campy Dillow** with a plaque in appreciation of his past two years of service as Sotoyome Chapter 111 President.

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



June came in like a strike of lightning, but it kind of sizzled down and things spaced out. We played catch-up with May being a very busy month with all the events we had going on including military honors.

We ended up doing a tear-down of the rifles and cleaned them good. Thank you honor team for helping make this very successful.

Frank Teuschler was very pleased with all of us. In attendance was Frank, Ken Cody, Dave Meyers, Frank Jerins, Linda Clary, Dave Richey and myself. This will be another project for us to do on a regular basis, which I'm glad to see so we don't have miss fires when we shoot.



Our military honors for this fiscal year has been approximately 52.

Remember our flag, rifle and now rifle cleaning is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. However, rifles won't be cleaned every month, just when I determine it's time.

Thank you Honor Team, and try to enjoy your summer.

~Eddy



Photos by Jackie Richie

Field Stripping June 21st

A Graceful End

A reminder that our US Flag served with purpose



When your services are no longer needed...

Think about that for a moment. If one awoke to see that the American Flag was not flying as expected and some other flag replaced it. What would that mean? The thought that some other entity or nation decided that our flag was no longer needed; hence, we Americans would also be of no use to them.

The crisp coolness of the morning only lasted as we completed our short ride from Healdsburg to the Cloverdale Municipal Airport where the Flag retirement ceremony would take place on June 9th. We were greeted by the Cloverdale American Legion Post 293.

The initial count of the collected unserviceable flags that were onsite prior to our arrival was 462. These flags were brought in by the Cloverdale American Legion Chapter. Healdsburg Post 111 brought along a barrel full of flags and a small box that totaled 83 flags. Together between the two Posts the tally became 545. Shortly thereafter, the Cloverdale Fire Department arrived with additional 27 for a total of 572. A longtime family of Cloverdale also arrived adding 1 flag for a total of 573. A separate honor was performed earlier in the day for 8 additional flags that were realized bringing our total to 581 then 1 more added not previously counted. This day the total of unserviceable flags that were retired was 582.

The intensity of the heat that takes to destroy our flag with honor is a moment that is seared into my heart. My experience and education received far out-weighted the knowledge gained in the classrooms throughout my school years. I thank God every day for the ones who came before me who honored our country with their selfless and unselfish sacrifices. It is very comforting to see our Flag flying high reminding me that our America, *“the land of the free and the home of the brave”* Is still true!

Submitted by **Ed Doitteau**



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JULY BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

1st—*Harry Jackson, Albert Peterson,
Lyle Studer, Mike Tomasek*
2nd—*Paul Beseda*
3rd—*Steven Piotter*
4th—*Robert Crespo, Jerry Weaklend*
6th—*Julia Sutton*
8th—*Eddy Sauers, Garrett Ling*
9th—*Thomas Miller*
10th—*Austin Gradek*
14th—*Manual Lownes*
15th—*Doug Capanacci*
16th—*John Cavallo*
17th—*Hugo Bauer*
19th—*Ron Collier*
21st—*William Miller, Delbert Raby*
22nd—*Ray Gardener*
24th—*Robert Laabs*
26th—*David McAleese, Finnigan Taylor*

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

August 2018

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

Father's Day Breakfast at the Annex June 17, 2018



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The American Legion in celebration of their 100th anniversary held their annual state convention in Sacramento at the McLellan Field. The thought of yet another convention in the same year presented new experiences that exposed me to meeting other fellow patriots, the political process within the legion itself and the urgent need to get involved in membership campaigns.

I walked into the convention hall as the meetings were already in progress and to my surprise I felt as if I walked into a church sermon not wanting to interrupt the proceedings as many eyes were upon me as I glazed over across the hall. Finally, I was able to find my seating area with no one from our group there; then I received a text that read “traitor”, it was from Steve who saw me sitting in the wrong area; it’s when I realized I was misled by the greeters at the front entrance. A subdued and low-key ambience filled the room which painted a greater concern stirring within my heart. There seemed to be a lack of excitement and it was evident as the day progressed. So, I thought to myself maybe after the River Cats baseball game it will invigorate our patriotic ambitions.

The following day gave me the sense that the mood and excitement will begin once I heard a young man speaking on the importance of truly knowing our US constitution and the need to protect it at all cost. I was moved by the spirit and enthusiasm in his voice that I tried finding more information on him. I logged onto the Department of California’s American Legion site and to my amazement the site is outdated by two years. So, there lies the big issue. The technology infrastructure is in place, but the leadership doesn’t think of updating it mainly because of the lack of knowledge and concern. The site’s aging issues reflect upon the aging population of our leaders which is slowly eroding the fabric of the legion.

There is a wonderful poem that was presented in the Oceanside Rider’s convention and it goes like this:

DO YOU JUST BELONG

Are you an active member?
The kind that you would be missed;
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and
Mingle with the flock;
Or do you just stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along;
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong.

Do you work with the committee?
And get right in and mix;
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the “CLIQUE”?

Think this over member
You know right from wrong;
Are you a member
Or DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Installation Ceremony and Dinner

June 14, 2018



Veteran Appreciation Day in Cotati June 16, 2018



World War II Veteran entertains the crowd at the Rotary Veteran Appreciation Day BBQ. The Army Veteran fought in Germany during the war and also participated in the Battle of the Bulge. The ALR was represented at the event.

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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Geyserville HS senior **Matthew Markell** receives Sotoyome Post 111 scholarship from **Eddy Sauers** and **Tim Madura**.



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