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Legionnaires man table at Luther Burbank car show to benefit SAL

August 25, 2018 (Story on page 10)



L to r: SAL Commander Ken Cody, Commander Tim Madura, ALR President Ron Krudop, Ed Doitteau & Dave Meyers. Not pictured: Johnny DeBiase, Jerry Jaramillo, Steven Bowne & Joe Manning

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 & SAL: September 13th @ 6:00

Legion Board Meeting: Monday September 10 @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: September 13th @ 6:00 PM

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

Legion Riders: Tuesday September 4th @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor

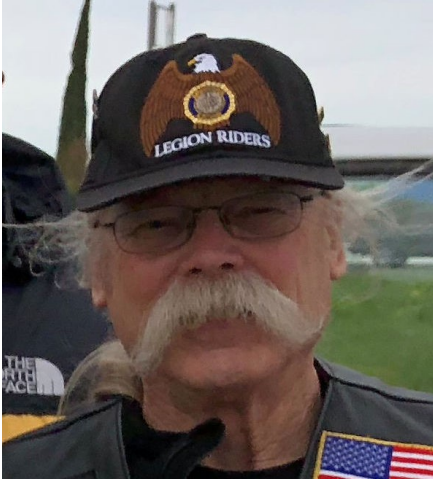


THE AMERICAN LEGION

**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!**

Commander Tim Madura



Saturday, September 15, is the American Legion Riders Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride, “Ryan’s Ride” and BBQ at the picnic area of the Villa Chanticleer. Riders of any type of motorcycle, two or three wheels (we welcome riders to join the American Legion Riders). The 2-hour ride will start at Café Noto in the Windsor Town Green, registration beginning at 8:30 AM. Your registration of \$20.00 entitles you to ride with the group and enjoy a Tri-Tip BBQ at the end. For those of you who do not ride, come up to the Villa anyway and enjoy a Tri-Tip BBQ for only a \$10.00 donation. Our Silent Auction items will dazzle and delight you.

You’ll see things you didn’t know you needed or wanted. Bring your cash, check book, or credit card because you won’t be able to resist the thrill of bidding. All proceeds from the event go to a scholarship fund at Santa Rosa JC in Ryan’s name for helping Veterans and their families. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 to fund a perpetual scholarship. Please come and enjoy the fun, good food, and support the Memorial Ride fund by bidding on some unique items.

If you have any donations, you can contact Bill Nay at 707-235-1900 or myself, 707-815-6983, to pick them up or drop them off. You also can just donate to the Memorial Ride.

This year we are having a special ceremony after the BBQ. We will be providing new flags to the Pratt/Dunn family who lost their family casket flags in our last October fire. This will be a full honor ceremony to the family and well worth seeing.

A special thank you goes to SAL Commander, Ken Cody, for his hard work this past weekend arranging for the SAL to have a table and raffle items for the car show held at the LBC. The SAL were able to add to the, Veterans Helping Veterans fund.

Please try to make sure that your membership dues are paid up to date. Look at your membership card and check the date. That will tell you where you stand. Ideally it should say 2019, indicate you are current. This pertains to members of Post 111, the American Legion Riders, the SAL, and the Auxiliary. Your membership dues help supports Post 111 and the American Legion Family.

For all of you golfers, we will host our annual Golf Tournament on October 19th. I am always looking for help before and on the day of the event. Please try to donate some of your time.

We also need donations for prizes.

All donations help support Post funds for Veterans Helping Veterans.

Be Safe, ~Tim

SAL Commander Ken Cody



As the new Commander of the Sons, my goal is to increase awareness of the SAL and have the members become more of a contributing factor to the Post.

We will become involved in more fund raising events in order to provide additional services to Veterans and to recruit and maintain membership.

Being involved with the Luther Burbank Car Show allowed us to have some seed money to start our own financial account on which to build upon.

~Ken



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL BBQ AT YOUNTVILLE

AUGUST 2, 2018

Members of the Son's of the American Legion Squadron 111 and SAL Area I Vice Commander Al Delsid assisted with preparing a BBQ dinner for players and coaches at the Yountville Veterans Home .

Coordinated by Mitch Laing and Al Delsid, food was prepared and served to approximately 100 individuals. Squadron Commander Ken Cody BBQed the hamburgers and hot dogs to the delight of all who partook of his culinary skills. Other squadron 111 members who assisted at the BBQ included Tim Madura and Steven Bowne.



Al Delsid, Tim Madura



Ken Cody

L to r: Al Delsid, Mitch Laing, Tim Madura

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



Well August came and went fast. We had two Military Honors in August. They were both in Santa Rosa area. The first one we did was 94 degrees in early afternoon. Thank you team for coming to give Military Honors.

The family was so thankful. Our second one was also in Santa Rosa, off Sonoma Mountain Rd., around 5 p.m.. It was beautiful place and we did the volleys on hillside above the house so all the family and guest could see us.

They thank us so much and were very pleased for doing the Honors. Our practice was very good. We pick up alot of details we needed to tune up on. Everyone did good.

I got call today for doing Military Honors on the 16th. of September on a Sunday. Please make a note of this. Will give more info. when we get closer to the time.

Also I need as many Honor Team members at the Memorial Run to do the folding of the flag, the volleys, and taps. We are doing this for 3 families. So that means 7 for volleys, 1 taps, and 2 folding the flag and caller.

This is September 15 Saturday @ 11:30 a.m.. Please be there. THANKS HONOR TEAM
~Fast Eddy



Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



We had a great meeting and discuss quite a few things. Gave all group that showed a folder with all the coming events for the year. Minutes were given by Shirleen for to read and keep. Plus some odds and ends the auxiliary members need to know that I learned through the years that I never got. Thank you ladies for showing up at the last meeting. As meeting goes we will progress little by little. We got a good group of ladies. As I said I will keep the ladies info. that can't make it to the meeting because of medical problem.

Also I would like to see as many ladies that can help at the Memorial Run, September 15. Please let me know how many can help out , even a couple hours. For seeing up or cleaning up. Well shall sign off. See you at the next meeting September 13 @ 6:00 p.m.



Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Hi to all. It's been a wonderful summer. Don't have much to report yet, were still talking about what we would like to do within the next few months and into the next year. Please put your thinking hats on for ideas and suggestions. Hope to see you at the next meeting. September 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

~Linda

ALR President Ron Krudop



Sunday morning Aug. 12, Tim Madura, Bill Nay and I rode to Fair Oaks CA for the Area 1 District 5 meeting.

The first topic was how to increase chapters membership. I spoke of our use of banners and our day at the Coast Guards birthday celebration at Two Rock where we recruited six new Legion members and one rider.

ALR V.P. Bill Nay spoke about the use of challenge coins to represent our chapter. ALR Commissioner Bob Perryman spoke about the Yountville baseball tournament and BBQ, and about how low the turn out of residents was. Bob also spoke on

the repairs needed to a foot bridge leading to the BBQ area. He asked if Chapter 111 would be interested and I said yes.

Area I V.P. Fred Branson had asked Chapter 111 if we would be interested again in assisting with establishing a new ALR Chapter at Post 163. I said we would and then he told me the Post was in Alturas.

Post Commander Tim Madura spoke about MIAP and how 70,000 veterans remains go unclaimed. He was asked to participate in a state wide group conference call, of which he just completed.

The last topic covered was Safety Training in group riding and the use of hand signals.

Because the membership is getting older and we are not using safe riding skills, it was emphasized about the importance of maintaining your riding position and not pulling out to pass other riders. ~Ron



ALR Vice President Bill Nay

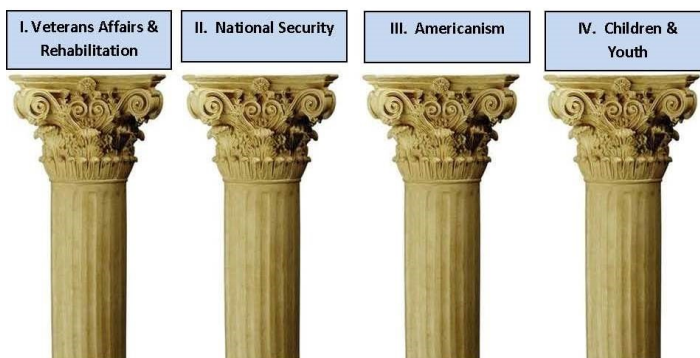


As we finish the preparation for the 9th Annual Fallen Warrior Ride & BBQ I am overwhelmed with the camaraderie and dedication to the support for the American legion four pillars. We had a meeting to work on the final details, hosted by Tim Madura the Post Commander. There were many members of the Riders, the Sons, and the Auxiliary present. The entire Post 111 family has turned out to ensure the goal of a Scholarship in the memory of Sgt “Doc” Ryan Connolly is met. We formed a Scholarship

Committee consisting of Ron Krudop, Steven Bowne, Steve Heidorn, Bill Nay, Tim Madura, Jerry Jaramillo, and Terry Perry.

We are working with the SRJC Foundation with a goal of establishing a Perpetual Scholarship. We will need a minimum of 10K to establish the fund, which we can add to over the years to grow to \$30k.

Once we reach the \$30k we will be able to award a \$1000 annual scholarship to a deserving Veteran or Veteran family member annually. We have a number of donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Ride and BBQ on September 15th. If you are not able to attend, you are still encouraged to donate to the Scholarship fund.



“Family First” Theme



Even if you are not a Rider you should bring your family and friends to the BBQ on September 15th. Be sure to arrive before 11:30 so you can cheer on the Riders as they arrive.

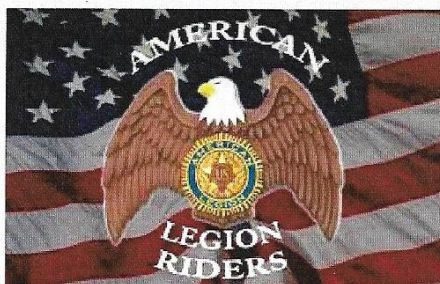
We have other family friendly events lined up. Be sure to read the article on the Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast. You do not have to be a rider to attend. Come one, come all and enjoy

a step back in History and eat pancakes in the galley of a World War II Victory ship built by Rosie the Riveter.

Coast Guard Birthday Celebration

August 3rd Two Rock





American Legion Riders #111 9th Annual Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride *Ryan's Ride*

SATURDAY SEPT 15, 2018

& BBQ

Sgt Ryan "Doc" Connolly was born and raised in Santa Rosa, attending Piner High School. As a youngster he

enjoyed Baseball, NASCAR and helping his dad work on cars. Ryan enlisted 2004 in the US Army becoming a Combat Medic assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade. He assisted his comrades and the locals as called upon.

Killed In Action after an IED attack during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan

June 24, 2008 Ryan leaves behind his widow Stefanie and daughter Kayla Clair now 12 years old, as well as many loving family members and friends.

Never Forget Our Heroes!

BBQ Picnic and Raffle Open To All. Be there 12 noon to Welcome Riders as they arrive!
All Motorcycle Riders are Welcome on the Ride. Wear your Colors -- and Never Forget!

www.healdsburglegionriders.org

INFO: madmitch55@gmail.com or 707 975-1541

Check-In: Cafe Noto
650 McClland, Windsor
Windsor Town Green

Registration: 8:30am

Ride Departs: 9:15am

2-1/2 Hour Ride

\$20 Rider, \$10 Passenger

Tri-Tip BBQ:

Villa Chanticleer

Picnic Grounds

1248 N Fitch Mountain Rd,
Healdsburg, CA

\$10 BBQ Only

Donated Raffle Prizes

Benefit: Ryan Connolly
Tech/Trade Scholarship



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

1st—Gary Stritzel, Anthony Siri

2nd—Jacob Fonville

7th—Robert Durler

8th—Kim Crumb, Mike Faria

10th—Don Arata

11th—Erle Cook

12th—Daryle Smith, Joe Graves

13th—Rob Scates, William Shriver

14th—Louis Peterka

15th—Delbert Schwitters

16th—David Cartee

17th—Jose Aguilar

19th—Steve Bowne II, Burton Barnes

21st—Gary Senneff

22nd—Dwight Upchurch

23rd—Ron James

26th—Jerry Evans

**27th—John Carriger, Bob Tayler,
Steve Heidorn**

29th—Tom Horgan, Jordan Bugarske

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	5	6 VFW 6 PM	7	8 Post 119 Poker run Placerville
9	10 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Post meeting 6 PM Annex	14	15 ALR Memorial Ride
16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	20 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	21 POW Day ALR State Rally Prunedale	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28 Sonoma Vintage Festival	29 Sonoma Vintage Festival

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3	4 VFW 6 PM	5	6
7	8 SAL meeting 6:00 Annex Columbus Day	9	10	11 Boy's State Dinner Post meeting 6 PM Annex	12	13
14 Red Oak Breakfast Richmond	15	16	17 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19 Golf Tournament	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Navy Day
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

AUGUST 25TH CAR SHOW

Thanks to the effort of Commander Tim Cody, the Sons of the American Legion were able to set up an informational table at the August 25th car show held at the Luther Burbank Center. The goal was to solicit donations for the Squadron as well as recruit members for both SAL and the Legion.

Members from Post 111 assisted with set-up and securing donations. Prizes were given away to attendees of the car show much to the delight of many.

Some of the donated items received will be auctioned off at the Ryan Connolly Memorial Ride on September 15th at the Annex.



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What is a Challenge Coin?



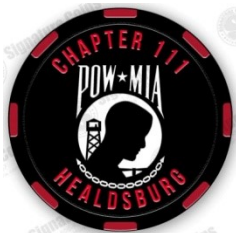
Challenge coins have been used in the military for many years as both “on-the-spot” recognition by a commander and for Unit Pride. In recent years this tradition has spread to many other government organizations and Law Enforcement organizations. Even many corporate organizations have started issuing coins for marketing and recognition of special events.

The coins come in a variety of sizes and shapes and are still used by many organizations for special recognition. The three primary uses today are individual recognition, unit pride, and simply collecting. Yes, some folks buy them and seek them as a hobby.

Challenge coin

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **challenge coin** is a small [coin](#) or [medallion](#), bearing an organization's insignia or [emblem](#) and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. In addition, they are also collected by service members. In practice, challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit. They are also exchanged in recognition of visits to an organization.^[1]



We have designed a coin for Chapter 111 that has Red letters that is being sold for \$10.00. It is a form of Unit Pride and can be either retained as a keepsake of membership, are exchanged with other Chapters that may also have a Chapter specific coin. Or just presented to a person you ride with as a symbol of friendship. See VP Bill Nay at one of our meetings or rides to purchase one of these coins.



We also designed the Chapter 111 coin with White letters. This coin is for recognition and will be presented as “on-the-spot” acknowledgement to individuals that “go above and beyond” in support of the Chapter. This may be current members or nonmembers. An example is one of the

coins was presented to Michael Archer, USMC, Khe Sanh survivor and author, for donating three signed books for the upcoming silent auction at the Ryan Connolly Memorial Ride and BBQ on September 15th.



Join us for the famous Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast!

The SS Red Oak Victory is a restored World War II Victory ship. She is berthed in the former Kaiser Richmond ship yards as a floating museum.

Chapter 111, American Legion Riders is planning to attend the Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, October 14th**. The riders will meet at Johnny's Java in Cotati at 7:30 am with KSU at 8:00 AM. Breakfast starts at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome (Family and friends) to join the riders and can either follow in their cars or meet at the Red Oak dock at 9 AM.

DESCRIPTION

Come to the breakfasts and enjoy home cooked scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and of course pancakes! Beverages include orange juice and coffee; mimosas are available for an extra fee. All this for only \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under.



SS Red Oak Victory

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

SS Red Oak Victory is a U.S. military Victory ship of the *Boulder Victory-class* cargo ship used in the Second World War. She was preserved to serve as a museum ship in Richmond, California, and is part of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.

Arrive early for the best view of the SF Bay! This is the only breakfast in the Bay Area cooked on a bona fide 1944 Diesel-powered stove (no worries, you can't taste it in your food), in the original ship's galley. After breakfast, enjoy a tour of the ship or just sit, chat with friends, and enjoy beautiful views of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The riders have been approved to park all the bikes right next to the ship.

* It will save some time if you purchase your tickets ahead of time through Eventbrite at www.bit.ly/rovpancake18. However, you can also purchase tickets as you board that morning.

LOCATION

SS Red Oak Victory
1337 Canal Boulevard
Point Richmond, CA 94804

John McChesney Military Service

August 18th



Photo by Jackie Richey

l to r: **Harold Bagdonas Al Delsid, Dave Meyers, Eddy Sauers.** Not pictured, **Dave Richey**

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