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Windsor Veterans Village Ceremony

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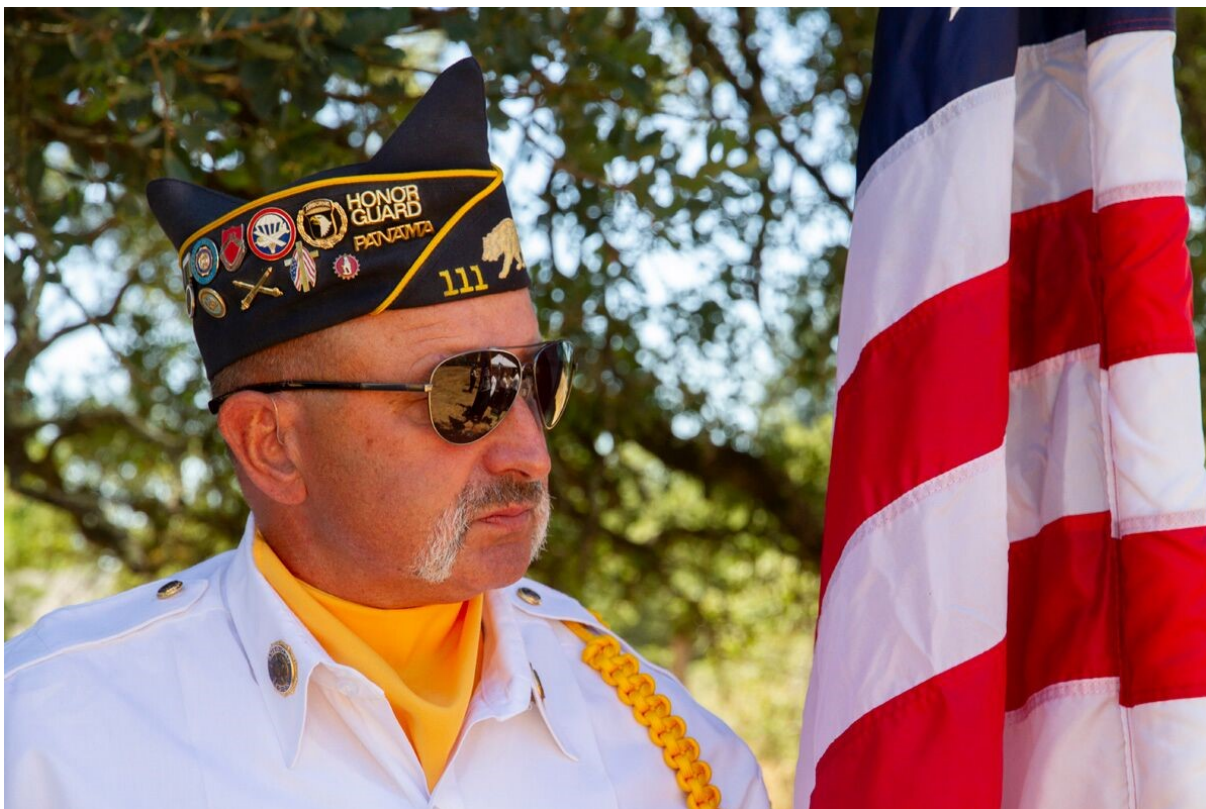


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Attention!!!!

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.

APRIL SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday August 8th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday August 5th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: Tuesday August 13th @ 10:00 AM
(At Eddy's House)

SAL: Thursday August 8th @ 5:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex

Legion Riders: Tuesday August 6th @ 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



August 8th is the monthly meeting at the Annex. At this meeting we will be having several of the Boys and Girls State attendees will talk about their life changing experiences. This year the Post sponsored 9 boys and the Auxiliary sponsored 4 girls from Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools. The stories that they share are usually well worth hearing. It is great to see their excitement about what they learned: the process of election, campaigning, holding office and the art of compromise. We hope that they are the future for better government and programs. We have invited some local dignitaries and hope they will attend. Please come to the meeting, hear some great stories, socialize, and have a nice dinner. We will be needing help for the dinner, so come early to help set up, cook, and clean up.

Congress has passed two very necessary bills for Veterans. One is the Legion Act, Senate Bill S.504, that President Trump is expected to sign. It moves the dates for joining the American Legion back to December 7, 1941. It eliminates the gap of the cold war time when Veterans, who served during this time, were not eligible to join the American Legion. Now no Veteran will have that date problem and will be able to join our great organization. If you know anyone who was not able to join before due to this time era restriction, sign them up or have them call me. They deserve and can now enjoy all the benefits that the American Legion can offer.

The other bill passed in the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, which addresses who can use the commissary on bases. They extended this right to veterans with **any** service-related disability, instead of only 100% disability, and any POW, and all caregivers. This will also apply to the Coast Guard Facilities. If you use a credit card for purchases, there will be a transaction fee added for its use.

We held our annual 4th of July fire works show at the Healdsburg High School this year and if you missed it, then you missed the best show ever and the best show around the State of California. What was disappointing is the lack of help for the night of the event. We should have had at least another 10 people helping collect donations and helping with all that goes on during the afternoon and night. Legionnaires, we are in this together for all the events. I do understand why some of you cannot do fireworks and were out of town with other commitments, but those of you who could have been at the show, you should have been there, and you were needed. You are always needed at every event. Most of us who do all the work (STP) for all the events are getting older, slower and some a little less healthy. Please provide whatever help you can at any event.

August 2, 2019 is Coast Guard Day and the Coast Guard, at the Two Rock Base, is having a 229th birthday celebration. We are invited to be on site to greet and thank the Coast Guard for their service. It is also a good time and place to tell them about the American Legion and how they need to be members to protect our rights as Veterans. Please let me, Steve or **Matt Sagaser** know right away if you will attend. Gate clearance information is required.

September 6th is our annual Golf Tournament at Tayman Park, the Healdsburg Golf Course. Please encourage golfers that you know to sign up and play. All proceeds from this event come back to us. Also, help will be needed for set up, sign ups, greeting and helping with the dinner, and clean up. Last year was a lot of fun and a great success. Let's make this year the same success.

Be Safe. ~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



I just returned from a road trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The city recently completed their Veterans Memorial down town near the lake. On display are flags from all branches of service.

On July 24th seven ALR 111 members met at Johnny Java's in Cotati. Past Road Captain **Gary Mc Lerran** lead us on a beautiful ride through Sonoma County back roads to Winsor. There we formed a flag line as guests arrived for the ground breaking ceremony of The Windsor Veterans Village. The 59 unit 1-bedroom & 2-bedroom complex will be walking distance from Windsor Town Green and



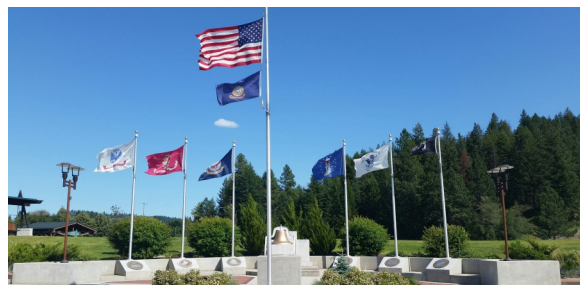
four miles from the VA clinic.

On-site services will be provided by **Veterans Resources of America**.

Our Annual Memorial Ride is just around the corner. We are supporting Veterans Resource of America. I encourage all 111 riders to campaign for silent auction prizes and sign up to help with setup, silent auction, serving, and general help. Mark your calendars September 7th, looking forward to seeing you all for another great time.

~Ron

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2019-2020.



Coeur d'Alene's Veterans Memorial

ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Do more than belong; participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work."

—William Arthur Ward

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. Our American Legion Chapter cannot meet these objectives without **YOU!** Since my initial

membership into our Chapter I have noticed a steady decline in participation at meetings and events. I joined so I can help our fellow veterans, families and community. Do you remember why you joined?

Do more than just hold a membership card. Belong. Whether you are a Rider, Sons, or Auxiliary, we are Legion members first. I hope to see you all at our next scheduled meeting and event.

Ride Safe, ~Sarah

Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



July has gone just like our Fireworks, poof. Talking about fireworks, it was spectacular this year. Just too bad we didn't have the help this year, lots of empty buckets sitting around saying take me for a walk. Anyway onto our Auxiliary.

Our appointed girls, Jasmin and Emma, went to the Girls State Convention and had a great time. They said they learned a lot. Each girl did a different approach on how they wanted to learn things. Jasmin and Emma will tell some of their highlights at the Boys and Girls State Dinner on August 8th at 6p.m. Try to be there at 5 p.m. for parking as there is another event at the Villa the same night.



We did great with Our Poppy Donations this year. We are pleased with what we did. Sorry we started late but will do better next year now that we learned some things on our own. Our Poppy Chairman will have a great start for us next year and some great ideas. Thank you.

Membership renewal is just around the corner, Please start getting your dues in by mail or go online. If you don't remember, the amount of the dues is \$26.00.

Thanks ladies and hope to see many of you at August meeting and other meeting coming up. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Our August Meeting will be August 13th at 10 AM. Please everyone, try to be there.

~Eddy

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



July was a quiet month for Military Honors. July 13th did Military Honors in Santa Rosa. On the 24th we provided a Color Guard for the New Windsor Veterans Village which consist of 9.75 acres with 59 units of 1-br. & 2-br. units. Thanks to **Harold Bagdonas, Ken Cody, Tim Maloney & Gary Greenough** for stepping in and doing the Color Guard Ceremony for this event. I appreciated it very much.

Don't forget HONOR TEAM we have a Military Service on August 30th. We will be doing the Full Honors: Volleys, Taps, and Folding of Flag. She was in U.S. Navy. Hope I get enough



people to cover this service.

You get one more mouth of reprieve and then you are back on board in September for practice. That's everything, rifles, taps, folding the flag and also announcing to the audience what is taking place before the military procedures starts. I will write it up and give it to everyone in the Honor Team plus to anyone who helps us to fill in. Oh yes, also picking up the cases and presenting them to family. Thanks Honor Team.

Oops don't forget the POW ceremony is September 20 at Santa Rosa Memorial Park. All Hands on Deck. Put these dates in your cell phone calendar. It helps.

~Eddy

SAL Commander Duke Callahan



The right to be legionnaires.

It's way past time for the Legion Act to become law (commanders message, June).

All veterans sacrificed, regardless of when they went in or where they served. You went where they sent you. All honorably discharged veterans earn the right to join the legion if they do desire. Their dependents, sons and daughters, I have the right to become Sons of legionnaires and daughters may join their Auxiliaries. We the Sons of legionnaires are the backbone of the American Legion. We should support the legionnaires, not the other way around.



Past Junior sons commander **Ken Cody** just did that, with a very successful hot rod and custom car show held at the Annex this July 13th. A hearty ooh-rah to Ken for a spectacular car show.

Again it is our duty to recruit new members in the Son's.

Purple Heart day is August 7th. On that date in 1782, George Washington established the badge for military merit, forerunner of the Purple Heart. The award we know today was created in 1932 during the bicentennial of Washington's birthday. The national Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New York estimates approximately 1.8 million purple hearts have been awarded.

For God and country since 1919. ~**Duke**



Sotoyome Post 111 has completed an exhibitor's agreement with the PCAM and will have a 10x10 area at the Airshow. We need volunteers to be at the table in order to pass out material, take donations and recruit new members for our Post. As we are limited to the number of individuals who can volunteer, please let Tim or Steve know if you are interested in volunteering for the event including what day(s) you will be willing to be at the event. We will also need help setting up on Friday the 27th. ***This is an all-day commitment.**

General admission for Active Duty Military personnel with ID card is Free! Kids 10 and Under are FREE!

July 4, 2019
Fireworks Show at Healdsburg High School



Sons of the American Revolution – National Congress 2019

Our member Bill Nay is active in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He is the Chair of the Youth Program for the SAR Redwood Empire Chapter which covers Sonoma and Napa counties. He is also the California Society Chairman for the SAR Eagle Scout Program and the Sea Cadets program. Bill was recently selected as a California Delegate to the 2019 SAR National Congress that was held in Costa Mesa, California. The national meeting only comes to California about every ten years. Bill attended the Congress with his wife Karen and his brother Bob and his wife Kathy who are members of the Arizona Society. At the National Congress Bill was selected to be a member of the SAR National Honor Guard.



Bill is the direct descendent of Joseph Nay who fought in the American Revolution for the State of New Hampshire.



Bill and Karen Nay



Revolutionary Bill

MIAP escort to Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

July 10, 2019



Boys State Delegate receives recognition from the Sotoyome Post

Boys State Delegate **Roan Affronti** received an Achievement Award from Boys State Chairman **Harold Bagdonas** prior to the American Legion meeting on July 11th. Roan discussed his experience during the week long program at Sacramento State University and expressed his appreciation to the Post for sponsoring him. Roan will be unable to attend the Boys State Dinner in August which precipitated his attendance to the meeting along with his mother.



Manuel Lownes Birthday

After the American Legion meeting on July 11th, members in attendance had a birthday party for **Manuel Lownes**. Manuel turned 101 years young on July 14th. Manuel continues to be an active member of the Post and regularly attends meetings and functions along with his granddaughter **Carrie**.



We also celebrated **Eddy Sauer's** birthday.

All American Car Show sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion

July 13, 2019



Windsor Veterans Village Dedication

July 24, 2019

Members of the Sotoyome Honor Team along with American Legion Riders from Chapters 111 and 83 from Petaluma, attended the Veterans Village Dedication.

The project will provide 60 one and two-bedroom apartments in six residential buildings, ranging in size from 700 to 850 square feet, as well as a community room, a service center and outdoor recreation space. Services offered will include employment and job training, behavioral health treatment, intensive case management, daily living classes, family reunification and peer support.

It is anticipated the project will take a year to complete.



Photos by Rick Tang



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 111



Memorial Ride for Veterans

Saturday Sept. 07, 2019

- BBQ TriTip with full fixings
- 2-1/2 hr Leisurely Ride
- Silent Auction



Ride Registration Cafe Noto

650 McClennand Windsor Town Green Windsor

Registration opens: 0815

KSU: 0930

Cost: \$20

Passenger: \$10

BBQ -- Extra Tickets \$15

TriTip with full fixings (Beans, Salad, Salsa, Bread)

Location

Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds 12 noon

1248 N. Fitch Mountain Rd

Healdsburg, CA 95448

Silent Auction Items

Benefit Veterans Resource Center for Windsors new Veterans Village

21st Annual Yountville Veterans Home American Legion Golf Tournament July 26, 2019

Sotoyome Post 111 sent four representatives to participate in the Yountville Tournament. **Ron Collier, Tony Grado, Jerry Jaramillo** and **Ken Vanmeveren** endured an early start and were teamed up with residents from the Veterans Home. There was a total of 36 golfers with each group playing 18 holes. A great time was had by all once the fog lifted.



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family**



1st—**Karma Truitt**
4th—**U.S. Coast Guard**
5th—**Mark Decker, William Yi**
6th—**James Brooks, Brian Calcagno,
Mike Rose, Dallyn Senneff**
8th—**Stephen Crane, Ron Martindale**
9th—**Richard McMahon**
12th—**Gary McLerran, Randy Watson,
Fred Campbell**
13th—**George Holbrook, Cliff Reid
Ted Robinson, Robert Swank**
14th—**James Kiser, Cassius Zapalski,
Patrick Coppo**
15th—**Bob Nugent, Dale Rasmusen**
18th—**Ed Leon**
21st—**Earl Walters**
24th—**Ron "Campy" Dillow**
25th—**Ron Phelps**
26th—**Robert Steadman**
31st—**David Brewer**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VFW 7:00	2 Coast Guard Day Two Rock	3
4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	6 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	7	8 Boys State Dinner Annex 6:00	9	10
11	12	13 Auxiliary 10:00 AM	14	15 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	29	30	31

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6PM LABOR DAY	3 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	4	5 VFW 7:00	6	7
8	9	10 Auxiliary 10:00 AM	11 Patriot Day	12 Legion meeting Annex 6 PM SAL 5 PM	13	14
15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	20 POW/MIA Ceremony SR Memorial Park	21
22 District 5 Meeting Post 21	23	24	25 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	26	27	28 Wings over Wine Country
29 Wings over Wine Country	30	31				

Yountville Veterans Home Annual American Legion BBQ

July 28, 2019

A smaller than usual group of approximately 15 Legion Riders attended the Veterans Home Annual BBQ. This years lower attendance was most likely based on the lack of communication from the DOC. A good time was enjoyed by the residents and all in attendance.



l to r: Fred, Ron Krudop, Bob Perryman, unknown, unknown, unknown, Cliff Elver, Wendy Grado, Tony Grado & Duke Callahan

NEW MEMBERS

William Yi
Stephen May
William Hinckley
Henry Lankford
Jacob Woodard
Jonathan Black
Tavis Wright
David Alldredge
Zachary Gordon
Kyle Griffiths
Nick Madura
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