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Jennifer Topper escort

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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.

MARCH SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: March 14th @ 6:00 PM

This will be a dinner meeting

Executive Board Meeting: Monday March 4th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: March 14th @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Monday March 11th @ 6:00 PM

**All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex
in Healdsburg. SAL meeting place TBD.**

Legion Riders: Tuesday March 5th @ 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
WHOLESUME DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
TODAY!

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Commander Tim Madura



Saturday, March 9, is our Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner, our annual dinner to honor those who have served as Commander of the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion, President of the Auxiliary and the American Legion Riders. A lot of emails have been sent out about this night asking if you will be able to attend or not. It is going to be a great night with a delicious tri-tip dinner, great company. Join us at the beautiful Villa Chanticleer, at 6 PM. If you did not get an email about this or other Post activities, then maybe your email address needs to be updated in our records. Please send that update to Steve Bowne or me. I do recognize that some of you do not have email and will be hearing about it from this newsletter. Please contact Steve or me by cell or email if you are planning on attending and how many guests you will be bringing. We do need an accurate head count, as the dinner will be catered. All are invited.

This dinner meeting is also the 100th birthday of the American Legion. The American Legion has been dedicated to veterans, troops, national security, youth and patriotism since its founding 100 years ago. More than 2.1 million wartime veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are members of the American Legion, nearly 1 million members in the Auxiliary, 360,000 Sons of the American Legion and over 110,000 American Legion Riders.

The American Legion was founded in Paris, France on March 15, 1919 and was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919. As a federally chartered organization The American Legion upholds a sacred duty to provide free expert assistance for all who have served our country in the U.S. Armed Forces as well as their families.

The American Legion combined multiple disconnected federal offices, agencies and bureaus into one Veterans Administration in 1930. The American Legion formulated, drafted and fought for the passage of the G.I. Bill of Rights in 1944, which educated millions and revolutionized higher education. It made home ownership possible for average Americans. It established the U.S. Flag Code and standard rules of respect and display. It helped prove that exposure to Agent Orange caused deadly diseases and adverse health conditions among veterans. It continues to support youth programs in government (Boys State and Boys Nation) the Auxiliary Girls State program, American Legion Baseball, scouting programs and more. It helped reform the Department of Veterans Affairs for better health care, benefits, educations benefits, and employer to veteran benefits. I have appreciated the benefits of the G.I. Bill for education and buying my first house with no down payment. Support your American Legion and spread the message to other veterans who are not members to join and to join our Post 111.

March 14, we will hold our regular monthly meeting starting at 6 PM. You can come early to socialize. The Auxiliary, headed up by Eddy Sauers, will be providing a corned beef, cabbage and potatoes dinner. Please come to the meeting and enjoy a great dinner.

Thank you again to all who helped make our Annual Crab Feed a great success. It was a sell-out and it was due to the hard work of all the volunteers. Thank you again.

Upcoming events for your calendar: **April 27, Pasta Feed. ~Tim**

Sotoyome Post, Chapter and Unit 111

Legion Birthday Dinner

Saturday March 9, 2019

6:00 PM Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg

*Come and join the Past Commanders
and Past Presidents of Sotoyome Post 111
in celebrating the American Legion's 100th birthday*

We will be serving a Tri-Tip dinner with all the fixings

**Current Post 111 Legion, Auxiliary and Sons members
\$5.00**

If you haven't paid your dues, bring your checkbook.

Non-paid members and guests \$15.00

RSVP to **steven5382@comcast.net**

No later than March 2nd

ALR President Ron Krudop



Saturday morning February 23rd, 19 ALR Riders and friends met in Santa Rosa. The escort of **Jennifer Lynn Topper** a Navy Veteran, her mother **Cherie Rader** and family members were lead by ALR Chapters 111 and 28 to Sonoma County Day School where a celebration of life was held. Rohnert Park and Windsor Fire Departments displayed a large American flag between their large ladder trucks. Truly it was a beautiful day for an Angel to receive her Wings.



Sunday afternoon February 24th members of Post 111 ALR riders met with Post 28's new ALR Riders group at the Petaluma Veterans Building. The two rider groups formed a flag line to honor 93 year old **Henry "Stu" Stuehmeyer** W11 veteran. After family and guests had arrived, The riders lined both sides of the auditorium until military honors were completed. All ALR 111 Riders plan on attending the March 5th meeting. There are many agenda items to be discussed, The Legacy Ride, and selecting delegates to attend the Legion Rider's Convention. Prayers and best wishes for fellow ALR rider **Kim Crumb**. He's recovering well. He had surgeries on both kidneys and a tumor removed from one. And continue prayers for **Nancy McLerran**, Gary's wife. Keep the rubber side down. ~Ron

ALR Vice President Bill Nay



Leadership and Training – Now is the Time

The wet and cold weather has kept many of us off the road and indoors. This is a good time to go to <https://www.legion.org/training> and complete some of the online American Legion training. The strength of an organization is founded in Leadership and Training. In particular, it is time to consider accepting the nomination for a Leadership position within the Chapter or Post. As you take the basic training you will get an idea of where your knowledge, skills, and abilities could best support the mission. By completing training in February and March you will be ready for the nomination and elections that will begin in April. At the April meeting we will seek nominations for Officers. At the may we

meetings we will ask for any further nominations, and then hold elections. In June, the new slate of Officers will be installed. We look forward to all of you that are willing to take a Leadership position. ~Bill

Jennifer Topper Memorial



Stu Stuehmeyer Memorial



Auxiliary President Eddy Sauers



Welcome ladies,

So glad to see quite a few showed up at the meeting, got quite a few lined up to do things and also at home. Ladies, it is so great to step in and just offering your help is extra special. We have the Girls State coming up and also the Americanism essay. We are moving along which is a plus for us. We know we have all your support and help. We will be calling you girls.



The District meeting is coming up on March 24th at 10 AM at the Konocti American Legion at 14770 Austin Rd., Clearlake. Let me know who would like to go, and meet at my house. Takes about one and a half hours as it's about 55 miles. We should leave here at 8:15 AM.

There will be another meeting at my house either the first Wednesday or the second Wednesday. Just want to check what would be good, the first Wednesday, second Wednesday or maybe the third Wednesday. We will definitely call or email you. Thanks ladies for being so cooperative.

Like Linda said please call us for a ride, that's very important.

Don't forget to RSVP for the birthday dinner if you're coming. Please call Steve Bowne and let him know. ~Eddy

Auxiliary Vice President Linda Clary



Hello members, Thank you to all who have sent in their membership dues. All of us greatly appreciate your continued support. We have three new members, we thank you for joining. Past Commanders and Presidents dinner on March 9. Please come or call for a ride. Hope to see you soon.

~Linda



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



.Well February was another quiet month for the honor team. Except for this last week of February when we have three services coming up with two in March. For February we had one in Santa Rosa and one will be in Petaluma.

We had practice this month with very few participants. There was a new member who received instruction on how to practice rifle maneuvers, which just worked out fine. Also gave some instructions to take home to practice in their spare time and also how to present the casings and the flag to the family

which is very important.

We were asked to do the volleys and the taps when the wall comes in at the end of March. Will let the Honor Team Members know as soon as I find out for sure.

~Eddy



3rd Annual All-American Family Car Show & BBQ

July 13, 2019

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Entries are open to 1978 and earlier AMERICAN MADE CARS. Entry fee for each car/truck/ is \$35.00 (pre-registration non-refundable) and \$40.00 the day of show.

Register early as the show is limited to 70 cars/trucks.

The show will be at the Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg.

All participants must be in their parking spots by 9:00 am.

Pre-registration forms must be received by June 25, 2019 to assure your spot.

Registration after June 25, 2019 will be accepted at gate if space is available.

Gate registration is \$40.00 day of show. Gates open at 7:00 am.

Raffle Prizes Lunch Awards

Free admission to the public

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

<http://www.seacadets.org/programs>

The Sea Cadets are comprised of two programs. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program is for young people ages 13 through the completion of high school, and a junior program the Navy League



Cadet Corps (NLCC), for young people ages 10 through 13. There are 380 Sea Cadet units across the USA, with 87 (23%) of them in California. The nearest unit is the Pyro Division located in Petaluma and are hosted at the U.S. Coast Guard base for their meetings and training.



While the primary partner with the Sea Cadets is the Navy League other Veteran Service organizations are encouraged to support this program. Both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution have formal medals and awards that may be earned by Sea Cadets.

Bill Nay, VP of Chapter 111, American Legion Riders is the Chairman of the Sea Cadet Program for the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Bill Nay in his official capacity with the SAR attended the annual inspection and Awards ceremony and presented the SAR Sea Cadet Ribbon and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Petty Officer 2 **Rene Chavez**.



Cub Scout Pack 21 – Blue and Gold Dinner

On February 6, 2019 Scoutmaster Sean McKenzie invited Post Commander **Tim Madura** to attend the Pack 21 Blue and Gold Dinner. Tim was joined by members **Bill Nay, Gary McLerran** and **Steve Bowne**. The highlight of the evening was the Cake Auction. Commander Tim had the winning bid on the cake baked by Cub Scouts Rhett and Harlan Reed. It was a triple chocolate Hedge Hog. Tim shared the winning cake with all members that were present and then gave the rest of the cake to the Reed family.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday from the American Legion Family

2nd—Lewis Sbrana
4th—Ken Vanmeveren
5th—Shirleen Perry, Ken House
10th—Ed Doitteau
12th—Gary Folk
17th—Frank Jerins
18th—Eric Madura
20th—Stan Shusda, Brian Penn
21st—John Biasotti, Jason Cartwright
23rd—Hans Henneberque
24th—Elvin Gines
25th—John Hazlett
27th—Abraham Block, Tyler Levens
28th—Richard Austring, Gerald Sanchietti

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	5 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	6	7 VFW Annex 7:00	8	9 Past Commanders Dinner 7:00
10 Daylight Savings	11	12	13	14 Post meeting Annex 6:00 Dinner!	15 American Legion Birthday	16
17 St Patrick's District 5 SAL Meeting Petaluma	18	19	20	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24/31 District 5 Meeting Clearlake 24th	25	26 Vietnam Wall Escort	27 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	28	29 Vietnam Veterans Day	30 BBQ Howarth Park Wall Ceremony Windsor

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3	4 VFW Annex	5	6
7	8 SAL Meeting 6 PM	9	10 MIAP Escort SVNC	11 Post meeting Annex 6:00	12 Operation Surf	13 Dancing with the Stars and Stripes
14	15	16	17	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19	20
21 Easter	22	23	24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	25	26	27 Pasta Feed
28	29	30				

Look who turned 80!



Ben "Moose" Gibson

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

Paul O'Connor

POST EVERLASTING

Bunny Senneff
Wife of Gary Senneff

**Legion Members and Family, if you are in
need of prayer or a hospital or home visit,
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