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MIAP Escort from Rohnert Park to Dixon

September 21, 2019



Important!!!!

If you can 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.

SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion: Thursday October 10th @ 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting: Monday, October 7 @ 6:00 PM

SAL: Thursday October 10th @ 5:00 PM

AL & SAL meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex

Auxiliary: Tuesday October 8th @ 10:00 AM
(Eddy's House in Windsor)

Legion Riders: Tuesday October 1st @ 6:00 PM
Mary's Pizza, Safeway Shopping Center Windsor

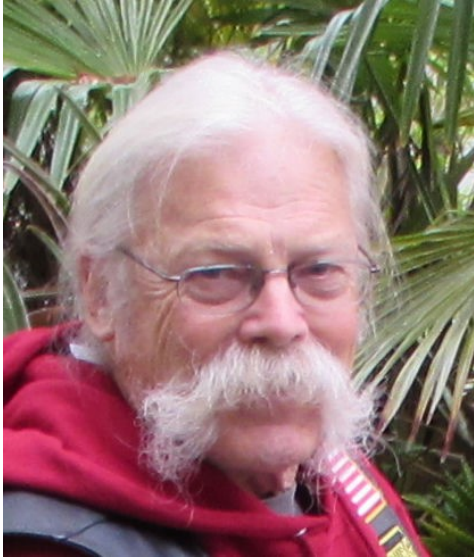


THE AMERICAN LEGION

**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



A great big thank you again to SAL and ALR member **Ron Collier** for his long hard work for the MIAP. The MIAP escort group escorted the cremated remains of 38 Veterans and 2 dependents from Santa Rosa to the National Cemetery in Dixon on Saturday, September 21st. A total of 62 motorcycles and 8 vehicles followed the Harley Trike towing a Hearse trailer carrying the 40 remains. A **thank you** to the CHP that provided three motorcycle officers to lead the group onto the freeway. A CHP patrol car had the south bound lanes blocked to provide a safe entrance to the freeway. It was great to see all the overpasses loaded with local supporters like the Petaluma Elks and fire fighters extending their support to the group. The ceremony at Dixon was, as always, very solemn and respectful. These Veterans finally received their final farewell after sitting on a shelf, one for 65 years.

Friday, September 20th, Post 111 hosted the Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day at Santa Rosa Memorial Park due to the hard work of **Harold Bagdonas**. Thank you, Harold. Another thank you goes to State Senator **Mike McGuire** and Sonoma County Supervisor **Shirley Zane** for taking time in their very busy schedules to attend and say a few words to our group. Congressman **Mike Thompson** had a commitment at the Capital but sent a letter which was read aloud. Of course, we always enjoy hearing from our great speaker **Gary Greenough**. There are still approximately 82,000 MIA's. We will never forget them. Thank you to the STP group for helping to set up and tear down after it was over.

Our annual golf tournament will be held October 18, 2019 at the Healdsburg Golf Course. This is one of our events held to raise money to fund projects during the year. We always need donation items for the silent auction. Please go to your local businesses, friends, family and your own house for some good items that can bring in money to the Post. All the money that is collected that day comes to the Post. Talk to your friends and business owners who play golf and sign them up. Please let me know if you have any questions or items to donate.

Saturday October 19, 2019 is Military Women's Appreciation Day at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building from 8:30 to 2:30 PM. Please let others know of this event and try to attend showing your support.

As I always ask, please recruit new members to our Post 111. Let them know about the Rider's group if they ride a motorcycle. Any motorcycle counts if it can go on the freeway legally. Their spouses and daughters can join the Auxiliary. Yes, that is correct, both men and women, can become members. Their son's can join the SAL group. Please renew your dues if you have not done so. You can pay online to save a stamp and some of your time.

Our next meeting is October 10th, starting at 6 PM. Come early and socialize before. Bring any silent auction items for the golf tournament to the meeting.

Be safe.

~Tim

ALR President Ron Krudop



September 7th was our Memorial Ride and BBQ. That morning started early for everyone setting up the picnic area for the days event.

Sarah Rafal set up her area for the silent auction, **Steve Waud** started his fire for the great BBQ Tri Tip.

Everyone had a great time at this year's event.

The morning of September 20th started at Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery for the POW/MIA Recognition.

As always **Gary Greenough** gave a somber speech about POW/MIA's. It would have been better if more people would have attended this annual event.

The morning of September 20th started in Rohnert Park as 62 riders assembled to escort a motorcycle hearse with 38 veterans and two dependents to Dixon. That ride to Dixon made my heart swell with pride for what the MIAP program means to me. As we road through Petaluma, all the overpasses were covered with Firefighters and people holding flags. The event at Dixon was the Greatest MIAP escort that I have ever experienced. I am very proud to be a member of ALR Riders Chapter 111.

~Ron



ALR Vice President Sarah Rafal



Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone had a fantastic month and was able to participate in some of our post events. This past month we had our Annual Memorial Ride, BBQ, and Silent Auction.

I thought we did well, but, of course would love to have seen more post members present. Next month we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Healdsburg American Legion Post 111 Golf Tournament. This event supports our 4th of July Fireworks Night, Boys State & other Legion sponsored programs.

The Golf Tournament is on Friday, October 18, 2019. Check in is at 12:30 pm and the 9 Hole Shotgun Starts at 2:00 pm at Healdsburg Golf Club at Tayman Park. We will also be doing another silent auction for the golf tournament. Donations are always welcome and appreciated.

I will be the point of contact for receiving the donations. So please feel free to reach out to me and I can pick them up. Ride Safe,

~Sarah

Auxiliary President "Fast" Eddy Sauers



Thank you ladies for showing up to our September meeting. Our next meeting is October 15th @ 10 a.m. Mark your calendars. It was another successful meeting. Ladies I'm so proud of all of you. Let's see more ladies show up and make it even a greater meeting.. Hope to see more of you ladies and remember if you can't get here, please call and we will make sure you will get to our meeting. We love to hear new ideas, that's what makes our meetings enjoyable.

Also want to give all Auxiliary members a heads up on "start sending your dues". I know everyone received their renewal notice because I got mine over a week ago. You can mail it in

or do an email or call and use your credit card. Do the easiest way that is convenient for you. Thanks ladies.

Also ladies want to give a heads up. We'll will be having our Early Bird Dinner on November 14th, which is a Thursday. Will have more details later on, but put this on your calendar. Would love to see a lot of our members come to this dinner, Remember if you need a ride call one of our Auxiliary officers and we can get someone to pick you up. Remember ladies you are only a phone call away.

THANK YOU to the ladies that helped out at the Memorial Run. I know the Post, Sons, and Riders appreciated us helping. I know I did.

We had good District Meeting. Our next District Meeting is December 15th @ 10 a.m. at San Anselmo Post 179 (Log Cabin). We can do a carpool and meet at my house in Windsor. Please call me ahead time before the due date. My number is 707- 838-9429.

We also discussed the Yountville Holiday Party at the District Meeting, which is December 8th. We are looking for some one who would like to bake two dozen homemade cookies without nuts. Call me or leave me a message on my answering machine.

Of course I'm not finished. We need help at the Holiday Party such as wheelchair pushers, setting up, serving, cleanup and visiting with Veterans. Like I said, I'm only a phone call away to carpool. We will make sure someone will pick you up or meet at my house.

That's it ladies. Hope to hear from you ladies. Oops, ladies forgot we are looking for donations of different kinds of foods. Like olives (green or black), small sandwiches, cheese and crackers, fresh vegetables, fruit, chips and dips. If you can bring or send this with one of our members, please let **Sandy Paxton** know. Call 707- 539-6998 or her cell 707-696-07 if you have any other questions. Sandy is the lady in charge of this Holiday Party in Yountville. Our Event for WINGS OVER WINE COUNTRY failed this year. That is so sad because as many members as we have, we couldn't get enough volunteers to work the event. Two of my ladies were going to work the a.m. shift but that was it. The Post said they couldn't get anyone to help fill the positions for the two day event. Where are all our members?????

I shall sign off. Ladies keep up the attendance and see you at the Early Bird Dinner. Yep, the year is almost gone. Our Christmas Dinner is December 12th, mark that on your calendar also.

~Eddy

SAL 1st Vice Commander Gary McLerran



SAL,
I missed our last meeting. It appears that I'm human after all. I was affected by the heat, and was down for the count.

Remember to stay hydrated and stay out of the mid-day heat. Sounds like good advise, but sometimes catches you by surprise.

This reminder that summer is not quite over and let's us know we are not 18 anymore. We are not bullet proof.

Mother Nature is in control, but allows us to use our heads to stay out of harms way.

Stay "Cool" AL & SAL.

~Gary



Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



The Honor Team been busy on different events and Military Services. On September 15th we did Military Honors for an Army Veteran in Santa Rosa. We have another Military Service coming up October 12th for a U.S. Navy Veteran in Cloverdale at the Cloverdale Vets Bldg. I haven't heard from the mortuary yet on what time.

September 20th was the POW/MIA ceremony which started at 10 AM at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park. We had very low attendance of about 25.

Was very surprised. Of course last year was low also. Also there was some help in getting the chairs and canopies and of course, the same people stepped in.

Dave Meyers and I went up to the Annex for our Practice on the 16th of September. Because there were few people that never called to let us know if they were coming, we only stayed a half hour and departed. Please call if you

can't make a practice or event, that's just plain courteous as I'm just a phone call away. Just like a Military Service, put the practice date in your phone calendar. Got it?

September 21st. was the MIAP escort. The Riders escorted 38 unclaimed Veterans and two wives, who will be buried with their husbands. The Friday before at 2:00 pm, **Ron Collier, Dave Meyers, Tim Madras** and myself went to the Chapel of Chimes to show Dave and Tim how to fold the flag on the cremains. We got all 38 done and I made two pink ribbons for the wives. It looked so nice to see them bundled up in the American Flag. We met at the Rohnert Park, Park and Ride at 7:45 am Many Legion members were able to retrieve the cremains out of the hearse and put them into a covered trailer hearse pulled by a motorcycle. Off to Dixon we went. At SVNC, all the pall bares unloaded the cremains on two tables and they received their final volleys and taps. Now these Veterans are home, where they will receive Christmas wreaths, flags and never be forgotten.

For November 14th, **Mark Orlando** asked if we will do the Color Guard for opening ceremonies for retiring VSO **Lauralyn Castle**. As soon as I hear from Commander Tim Madura what time and place, I will let our Honor Team know. Stand by Team. I would like all the Honor Team be there even if you are not in the Color Guard. Got it?

Well Honor Team I shall sign off. Remember to put these dates in your phone calendar. Thanks Honor Team. Remember October 17th is Practice @ 3 o'clock at the Annex.

~Eddy



ALR Memorial/Charity Ride
September 8, 2019



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POW/MIA Ceremony

Santa Rosa Memorial Park
September 20, 2019



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

***Happy Birthday
from the
American Legion Family***



1st—***Tom Garske Jr.***
6th—***Miguel Correa, Cliff Elver
Mark Terra, Victor Halverson***
8th—***Claudio Calvo***
11th—***Gary Bricker***
12th—***Lionel Burns, Scott Reed,
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13th—***Al Michener***
14th—***Tim Maloney***
15th—***Randal Parker, Dan Sterling***
16th—***Sarah Rafal***
17th—***Philip Eagle, Dave Matlock***
20th—***Frank Kincaid***
22nd—***Keith Caldwell***
23rd—***Peter Depue, Vincent Jones, Ron Kron,
Tim Miller, Judy Chavez***
25th—***Steven Bowne***
26th—***Scott Yates***
27th—***George Eade, Alan Hubley***
28th—***James Cook***
29th—***John Arnold***
30th—***Steve Canevari, Keith Fogel***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	2	3 PCAM Hot Dog lunch City Party Sonoma 6:00 PM	4	5 ALR Presidents Meeting Woodland
6	7 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	8	9	10 Legion Meeting Annex 6:00 SAL 5:00	11	12 Boys State Dinner
13	14 Columbus Day	15 Auxiliary 10:00 AM	16	17 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	18 Tayman Golf Tournament	19
20	21	22	23 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	24	25	26
27 Navy Day	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Post/Unit Board Meetings	5 ALR 6 PM Auxiliary 10:00 AM Election Day	6 USAF band Petaluma 7 PM	7 PCAM Hot Dog lunch	8	9 Concert Sebastopol Center for the Arts
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Early Bird Dinner 6:00	15	16
17	18	19	20 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	21 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

Rats of FSB Barbara

By Kim Crumb

In the Fall of 1971 we took over Fire Support Base Barbara from the South Vietnamese Army. Located north of Camp Evens, Barbara was on the edge of the DMZ. The interior of the sandbagged bunker to which our three man FDC was assigned was roughly six feet square by four feet high. To increase our living space, we dug out the dirt floor to find that as a welcoming gift, the South Vietnamese had buried their excrement there.

After we cleaned it out, we stapled a few Playboy foldouts to the sandbagged walls to brighten things up a bit. Making things more interesting, there was a serious base-wide problem with rather large rats. Within a short time several guys had been bitten and rat traps handed out. We set ours in the recesses behind the foldouts. One soldier who shot about twenty of the creatures, cutting off their tails and nailing them to a long board, was given a three day pass for this efforts.

To add to the pleasant surroundings, it was also raining, mostly at night when the two of us off radio watch tried to sleep on the bunker roof.

On our third night, Sp/4 Shipley, who was terrified of anything which crept, crawled or slithered, was on radio watch. At about one in the morning two rats were apparently mating behind Miss March when one set off a trap. Stuck together, with one caught in the trap and both screaming their rat screams, they burst out through the centerfold to land on the makeshift wooden table holding our radios and plotting equipment. This was also directly in front of Shipley, who had been peacefully sipping his coffee while reading a paperback. From the roof of our bunker Sp/4 Riffle and I woke to a long human scream, immediately followed by an M-16 discharging a twenty round clip. There was a brief pause, then a second clip was fired.

In the silence that followed, Sp/4 Riffle and I slipped off the rain soaked roof. Cautiously flanking the narrow bunker entrance with our rifle at the ready, we called softly to Shipley, who began moaning, "the rats, the rats!" Once we'd calmed him down, we coaxed him outside where we took his rifle.

Peering inside, by the light of the damaged but functioning battery powered light, Riffle and I could see that our buddy had fired up both PR-25 radios, a plotting board, his small tape deck, coffee cup and all the foldouts. A further examination with a flashlight revealed bits of rat splattered seemingly everywhere.

The sound of automatic rifle fire had brought the base fully awake, and it took a while to calm things down. As he was responsible, Shipley was assigned to clean our bunker, which took several hours as he kept stopping to puke.



HEALDSBURG AMERICAN LEGION POST 111 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Healdsburg Golf Club

Friday, October 18, 2019 Check in 12:30pm

REGISTER NOW!

Golfer #1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Golfer #2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Golfer #3 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Golfer #4 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

2nd Annual Healdsburg American Legion Post 111 Golf Tournament Supporting the 4th of July Fireworks Night, Boys State & other Legion Sponsored Programs Friday, October 18, 2019. Check in at 12:30pm 9 Hole Shotgun Start at 2:00pm Healdsburg Golf Club at Tayman Park

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Aiden Whitlock and Boys State Coordinator Harold Bagdonas

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William Shriver

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