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American Legion National Commander visits Northern California



Commander Denise Rohan & ALR member Bill Nay

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JANUARY SOTOYOME POST MEETINGS

American Legion & SAL: Jan. 11th @ 7:00 PM

Legion Board Meeting: Monday Jan. 8th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary: Jan. 11th @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday Jan. 8th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

Legion Riders: Tuesday Jan. 2nd @ 6:00 PM

Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center, Windsor

ATTENTION!!!!

Crab Feed Feb. 3rd

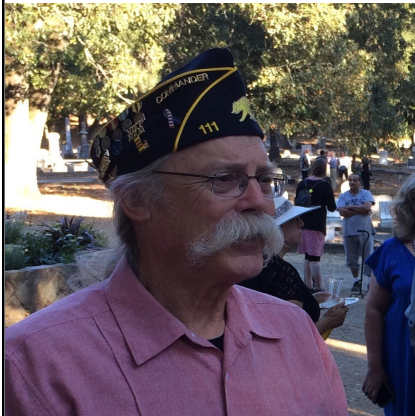


THE AMERICAN LEGION

WAR-TIME VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS
DEDICATED TO A STRONG NATIONAL SECURITY,
COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES; COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THE
WHOLESALE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE
SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Commander Tim Madura



Here it is January 2018. Wow, how did that get here so fast. I trust everyone had great and safe holidays and now we start the new year, 2018. This will be a year of rebuilding for many people affected by the fire and a year of gratitude for what we have and did not lose.

On December 14, 2017, the Post had its annual Christmas holiday dinner and for those of you who did not attend, you missed a great dinner and a good social gathering to meet and talk to your fellow Legion members and their family. Please try to attend these events. They are held for the good of Sotoyome Post 111 members and for its survival.

We participated in Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 16. Wreaths were placed on all Veterans graves at all National Cemeteries across America. The American Legion Riders, Legion members, Auxiliary, and Sons participated by placing wreaths at the cemeteries in Sonoma and Cloverdale. Over 1.2 million wreaths were placed in over 1200 locations across America on that day. Over 245,000 were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. What an honor to our Veterans in their final resting places.

The Pathway House in Yountville Veterans Home was presented with over \$7,800.00 from the Riders memorial ride, the Cloverdale and Napa SAL Squadrons. A total of 55 lunches were served to Veterans, guest and District 5 members.

Our major fund raiser for the Post is the annual Crab Feed that is scheduled for the night of February 3rd, 2018. Tickets are \$65.00 each for all the crab, salad, bread that you can eat. We are only selling 500 tickets so please buy tickets early for your family.

Sell extra tickets to your friends, relatives, neighbors, and strangers. Please see/call Frank Teuschler 707-431-2328 or myself Tim Madura at 707-815-6983 for tickets to buy and even more tickets to sell. Many of your businesses will happily purchase tickets. Volunteers are always needed to help for set up, serving and cleanup. Please save the date for this event.

As always, try to recruit new members to join the Post, the Sons, The Riders, and the Auxiliary. New members are necessary for the American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 to survive.

~Tim

Christmas Dinner December 14, 2017



Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



Ladies, we had a very nice holiday potluck and there was plenty of food and raffle prizes. As you are reading this after the holiday I sincerely hope you all had a peaceful time. If you were affected by the fires in October or had friends and family affected by the ones in Southern California I am truly sorry for the stress it must be. Remember there maybe financial support through the ALA emergency fund for members affected. Please let us know if you need assistance.



With the new year upon us I know we can all be grateful for friends and family. At our next meeting on January 11th, the board wants to determine what programs we should focus on for the rest of the year. Of course we will support our delegates for Girl's State and will continue to support the Americanism essay contest. We would love input as to how we can have an even more effective Poppy program as we prepare for May. What are the programs you'd personally like us to devote some time and energy too? Please let any one of the board members know or come to the next meeting to have your voice heard too. If you need a ride let us know that as well and we can see if Auxiliary or Legion members can accommodate picking you up. We would love to see you in person. To the board we will meet at 6:30 the night of the meeting on the 11th. ~Linda

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



December was busy at the beginning of the month. On December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, the Honor Team did the Color Guard for the event.

On Saturday December 9th in Petaluma, the team performed Military Honors for **Theo Morris**. Then on Sunday December 10th at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building the team presided over a memorial for **Joseph York** in the afternoon in which we folded the Flag and presented the flag to his wife. We haven't done our usual practice for the month, but it's right around the Corner, like next Wednesday and Thursday.

To the HONOR TEAM: HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. To everyone else, HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS and we'll see everyone next year in 2018. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Post members, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary. ~Eddy

Pearl Harbor Ceremony Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building December 7, 2017



At 9:30 a.m. an observance at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building was held to recall the attack of Dec. 7, 1941, that drew the U.S. into World War II. In the North Bay and across the country, most of the sailors, Marines and soldiers who survived the aerial assault have passed.

Where remnants of the former Pearl Harbor Survivors Association still convene, the widows typically outnumber the veterans.

At the ceremony, a small bell was struck and names were read for each of the Pearl survivors who lived out their lives in the North Bay.

The Sotoyome Honor Team presented and retrieved the colors during the ceremony.

l to r: Honor Team members **Bob Taylor, Dianna Waite, Frank Jerins, Ken Cody, Eddy Sauers & Al Delsid.**

American Legion Annual Crab Feed



Saturday, February 3rd
at the Villa Chanticleer



3:00 No Host Bar
4:00 Service Begins



All you can eat cracked crab, salad & garlic bread
Includes beer, wine, water & coffee



\$65/ticket



For tickets call 707-431-2328 or 707-695-2663

Memorial Ride donation to Pathway Home December 8, 2017

American Legion Chapter #111 presented our \$5,628.45 Donation to Christine Loeber at the Pathway House at the California Veterans Home in Yountville.

This presentation was attended by Gold Star Parents Bill & Mary Shea who requested the donation go toward US Army Rangers in the program

Also in attendance were Sons of American Legion Squadrons from Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Napa who were hosting a luncheon and gift giving at one of the Residences.

In attendance from ALR #111 were President, Ron Dillow (not pictured), Post Commander Tim Madura, members Dave Meyers, Ride Captain and VP Ron Krudop and Past President Mitch Laing.

Submitted by **Mitch Laing**



l to r: Fifth District Commander **Al Delsid**, Cloverdale SAL Commander **Ethan Flick**, Commander **Tim Madura**, SAL **Gary Murray**, ALR & 1st Vice **Dave Meyers**, **Mary Shea**, Pathway House Executive Director **Christine Loeber**, Napa SAL **Greg Anderson**, SAL & ALR member **Mitch Laing**, **Bill Shea**, ALR Vice President **Ron Krudop**.



Cloverdale SAL. l to r: **Bob Cox**, **Ethan Flick**, **Al Delsid**, **Gary Murray**.

Legion National Commander escort

by **Bill Nay**

Since the only other person to arrive at Johnny Java decided not to travel to Rio Linda, I decided to take the adventure alone.

I met up with one Chapter in Vallejo. We caught up with the escort just north of Vallejo. The Vallejo Chapter dropped out at Midway and another Chapter took up the escort. I went all the way to Rio Lindo and stayed for the lunch. I presented the National Commander Rohan with one of my Alpha Phi Sigma coins from the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

I then rode with Chapter 77 to escort the National Commander from Rio Lindo to her hotel in Woodland. We took a group picture and I am right next to the National Commander. She gave me one of her pins.

It was a beautiful day for a ride and a memorable visit with the American Legion National Commander.



l to r: ALR State President **Mick Sobczak**, Commander **Denise Rohan**, **Bill Nay**, ALR member Post 77, **Janet Wilson**, ALR member Post 77, **Ted Mar**, **Caleb Homer**, Cathay Post member from San Francisco. 12/15/2017



American Legion Sotoyome Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

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	Lorraine Plass	707-953-6016
	Doug Newton	707-217-6309
	Eddy Sauers	707-838-9429
	Harold Bagdonas	707-480-5379
	Frank Jerins	

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Past President	Mitch Laing	707-975-1541

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

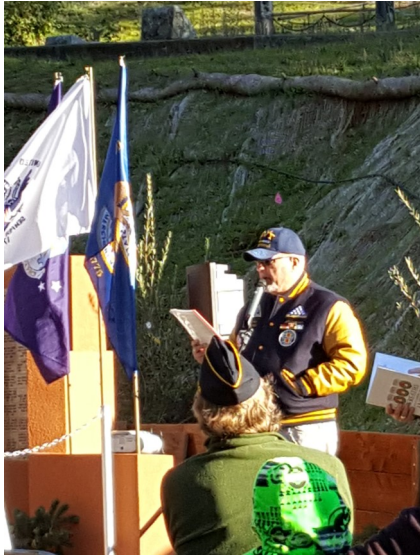
- 1st—Killian Taylor
- 2nd—**Bill Stiles**
- 4th—**Matt Sandoval**
- 7th—**Roy Sprague, Steve Tice**
- 8th—**William Kramer, Dave Richey**
- 9th—**David Bomben, Peter Mateoli**
- 10th—**Michael Gagliardo, Bill Southall, Richard Capell**
- 11th—**Chris Hilton**
- 13th—**Terry Perry**
- 14th—**Gilbert Delagnes, Richard Demaria**
- 16th—**Daniel Conway**
- 19th—**Bob Benson**
- 20th—**Frank Hayes**
- 23rd—**Isaac Bowne**
- 24th—**Frank Zak**
- 25th—**Frank StCyr**
- 26th—**John Ballachey**
- 28th—**David Budworth**
- 29th—**Bill Brown, Frank Teuschler**
- 30th—**Jack Martin, Doug Newton**
- 31st—**Bob Rodgers**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEARS	2 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	3	4 VFW 6 PM	5	6
7	8 Post/Unit Board Meeting	9	10 MIAP Escort to Dixon	11 Post meeting 7 PM Annex	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17 Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM	18 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	19	20
21	22	23	24 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 CRAB FEED
4	5 Post/Unit Board Meeting 7 PM	6 ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	7	8 VFW 6 PM	9	10
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25	26	27	28 United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR			

Legionnaires participate in Wreaths Across America ceremonies in Sonoma County December 16, 2017



Each December on National Wreaths Across American Day, the Mission to *Remember, Honor & Teach* is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

Every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran's grave are encouraged to say that veteran's name aloud and to thank them for their service to our country. The purpose is not to decorate graves, but to remember not their deaths, but their lives.

On Saturday 12/16 two groups of ALR Post 111 riders attended Wreaths across America. One group headed to Sonoma while the other went to Cloverdale. At Cloverdale member Gary Greenough gave a somber story of the history of Wreaths across America. Following the two ceremonies both groups met at the Washoe House for brunch. Submitted by **Ron Krudop**.

Top left: **Gary Greenough** speaking at Cloverdale ceremony. Top right: Honor Team and ALR members from Post 111, l to r: **Eddy Sauers, Ken Cody, Dave Meyers, Ron Krudop & Keith Caldwell**. Left photo, l to r: **Mitch Laing & Tom McDermott** at Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park along with **Ron Dillow, Steve Heidorn, & David France** (not pictured).

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ALR President Ron “Campy” Dillow



Well here we are at the end of another year and I can't believe it went so fast. I know with all the fires this is not going to be one to remember, but I can't help feeling so good to see that even with all that was lost, everyone gave all they could to help out others to try and make things better.

I love seeing people helping people they don't even know. I hope we can keep on helping and caring for others after this is done.

I want to thank all of you for all you did this year including all the work we did on our missions, and all the work that went in to all the upkeep we accomplished all over the county; the work we did for the schools and the things we did all year at Dixon. You all should be very happy. I'm not good at putting words to paper and I feel like I'm just rambling on, but wanted to say thank you all and let's have a great year in 2018.

~Campy



American Legion Riders end of year brunch at the Washoe House, December 16, 2017

Sotoyome Post & ALR member Bill Nay receives prestigious award



Bill Nay is a volunteer Naturalist with the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. He has provided support to the California State Parks for the past 5 years. He leads hikes in the Armstrong State Redwood Reserve, takes school classes on adventures along the Sonoma Coast tidepools during the minus tides, conducts watershed education along the Russian river tributaries of Willow and Fife creeks, is a Master Trainer in Tread Lightly, and a Master Educator in Leave No Trace. He is known as “Father Nayture” and was recently awarded the California Poppy Award by the District Superintendent of the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District of the California State Parks for his **“Exemplary Volunteer Service”** the citation reads: **“Your passion and natural rapport with people of all ages, especially with children, has inspired and enriched the park experience for countless visitors and school groups.”**

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.

Post: **Jerry Jaramillo** 707-239-1811
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If anyone aware if a veteran has lost his electric scooter in the fires, or a Vet who has a need for one, please contact the Post. There is one stored in the basement of the Villa, and there are two more available that are stored elsewhere. For further information contact Harold Bagdonas at 707-843-4790.

The photo above is of Harold who was invited to ride in the Petaluma Veterans Day Parade. Kevin McKinnie, a retired police officer, has organized rides for Veterans in Corvettes for many years in the parade. He has 3 Corvette clubs providing the rides for the veterans. This year there were 46 Corvettes in the parade.

Submitted by **Harold Bagdonas**

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