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Sonoma Veteran Honored



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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 & SAL: March 8th @ 7:00 PM
Legion Board Meeting: Monday March 5th @ 6:00 PM

Auxiliary: March 8th @ 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Board Meeting: Monday March 5th @ 7:00 PM

All meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex in Healdsburg

<u>Legion Riders</u>: Tuesday March 6th @ 6:00 PM Mary's Pizza Shack, Safeway Shopping Center, Windsor









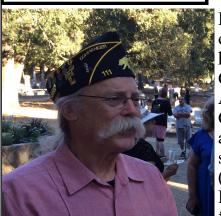
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN THE SOTOYOME AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

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Commander Tim Madura



Please join us at the Villa Chanticleer Annex on March 10th, when our Sotoyome Post 111 hosts a dinner celebrating our Past Commanders and Past Presidents AND the American Legion's 99th Birthday.



Cocktails will start at 6 PM followed by roasted tri-tip being served at 7 PM. If you have not made your reservations, please either (a) send them in to the Post 111 P.O. Box 281, Healdsburg, CA 95448, (b) RSVP to sotoyome111@aol.com or (c) call 707-894-0857. Dinner costs \$5.00 for paid up members and \$15.00 for guests and for non-paid up members. (This your chance to pay your 2018 dues

and pay less for dinner). If your dues are not current for 2018, you can pay them at the door with cash or a check. Please join us for a great dinner and the opportunity to socialize with some nice people. We will be honoring those who have volunteered their time to be Commanders and Presidents of our great Post, showing them our appreciation for what they have contributed in the past, and showing them that their legacy lives on. Particularly, we hope to welcome some of our newest members to join the group and socialize.

The California DMV has started issuing the New REAL ID compliant driver license. This will be required after October 2020 at airport security. This is also a great time to upgrade your driver's license and have Veteran on your license. This will allow you to enjoy all the great discounts and services that Veterans qualify for. You need to get the Veterans form from the Sonoma County Veterans office and take that with you to the DMV. Make an appointment to save the waiting time.

I would like to again express a Thank You to all of you who attended and worked at our annual Crab Feed, making it a great success this year.

I want to recognize our new members this month who have transferred from Post 1000, the National Post, to Post 111. Part of their dues now comes to us to help Veterans locally instead of all their dues going to National.

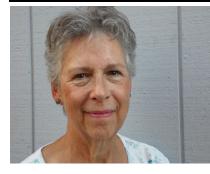
Welcome to Post 111: William DiPiero Navy, Art Rodgers Marine, Pat Lundquist Army, Brad Hall Army, Robert Reis Air Force, Adam Lawson Army.

Also, we have new members who have joined our Post: Mark Terra Army Active Duty, Nick Parsley Coast Guard Active Duty (ALR), Matt Sagaser Coast Guard Active Duty (ALR), Jim Cook Army (Future ALR), Brian Blanton, Army (Ret), John Logan, Army. Please welcome and introduce yourself to our new members when you see them at our events.

We'll see you at our next Legion meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018, starting at 7 PM at the Villa Annex. Then we really hope to see you that Saturday night for the dinner. Please join us to honor those who have help form Post 111, see old acquaintances, and make new friends.

~Tim

Auxiliary President Linda Karnstedt



Ladies, at the meeting on February 8, we did not have enough members in attendance to be able to have a quorum. This is happening too many months now so we are considering moving the Auxiliary meetings to another date and time if that will encourage more to attend. Would a breakfast or lite lunch meeting on a Saturday work for more of you?? We could also vary it

as far as which day in the month and change times with the seasons. There will be a suggestion box at the March meeting on the 8th and at our President's dinner on March 10 so I encourage all of you to make your voice

heard. As I have mentioned, if we continue to have no attendance at the meetings we will have to "close" our chapter.

We completed the interviews for our Girl's State delegates so look forward to our unit hosting the orientation lunch again in May. In March we will be reviewing the Americanism essays and of course our Annual Birthday Dinner will be held on March 10. Please get your RSVP's in. I hope to see all of you in March - let's keep our unit strong. To the board we will meet at 6:30 the night of the meeting on March 8. ~Linda

Honors Team Coordinator Eddy Sauers



Here it is almost the end of February and the Honor Team has been very busy.

On the 10th, we performed Military Honors for an Army nurse that served in Vietnam. This honor was postponed because of the fires in October. We received lots of compliments from the people attending the service and were very impressed with our Honor Team. Then on the 11th of February we headed to Healdsburg for Military Honors; on the 16th we performed Military Honors in Santa Rosa; on the 17th we headed up to Cloverdale for Military Honors for another fallen Veteran. While it was cold, windy and started raining, we managed to complete honors for our fallen Veteran. We also had the U.S.



Naval Sea Cadets Color Guard present at the service. They were also impressed

with our professionalism.

Besides doing Military Honors, we regularly practice on folding the flag; learning how to present the flag to family members; performing TAPS; presenting the fired casing to the family member; and also listening to the commands, which is also very important.

The Honor Team also receives instruction on what uniform to wear for different occasions besides Military Honors and to always remember to bring both coats when the weather is nasty looking.

This is what our Honor Team is all about. Besides servicing all of Sonoma County, the team and also performs in Novato and we have traveled several times into Mendocino County.

~Eddy







SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111 LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 6:00 PM COCKTAILS 7:00 PM DINNER VILLA CHANTICLEER

COME AND JOIN THE PAST COMMANDERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS OF SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111 IN CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

WE WILL BE SERVING A WONDERFUL TRI-TIP DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

LEGION/ AUXILIARY/ SONS AND RIDERS MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES DINNER IS \$5.00
IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK AND PAY THEM AT THE DOOR,

NON PAID MEMBERS AND GUESTS WILL BE CHARGED \$15.00

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AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY
SOTOYOME POST AND UNIT 111
ROAST TRI-TIP DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018
CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

	AND HONORING PAST COMMANDERS AND PRESIDENTS				
••••	YES, I/WE WILL	BE ATTENDING, THERE WILL BE (#) COMING			
	(#) PAID MEMBER:	S @ \$5.00			
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		Total \$			
	PLEASE MAIL THIS RESERVATION BACK NO LATER THAN FEB 26TH: P.O. Box 281 Healdsburg, CA 95448				
	Or PSVP to sotoyomal 11@gal.com	PHONE NO.			

PRICE: DUES PAID MEMBERS: \$5.00 NON PAID MEMBERS & GUESTS: \$15.00

Tyler Fitts Memorial January 27th Tomales Bay



l to r: Jerry Jaramillo, Keith Caldwell, Ron Collier, Doug Newton, wife of Matt, Matt Sagaser, Tim Madura, Nick Parsley, Ron Krudop, Gary Greenough, Campy Dillow, Ken Gibson, Mitch Laing, Dave McAleece, Rick Oweller, Ed Doitteau, Bill Nay.

Crab Feed February 3, 2018



American Legion Sotoyome Family Leadership Team 2017-2018

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

2nd—Louis Sbrana

4th—Ken Vanmeveren

5th—**Shirleen Perry**, Ken House

12th—*Gary Folk*

17th—Frank Jerins

18th—*Eric Madura*

20th—Stan Shusda

21st—John Biasotti

24th—Gary Coopersmith,

Elvin Gines

25th—John Hazlett

26th—Harris Ryan

27th—Abraham Block

29th—Richard Austring, Gerald Sanchietti



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VFW 6 PM	2	3
4	5 Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	7	8 Post meeting 7 PM Annex	9	10 Past Commander's & Legion BDay Dinner
11	12	13	14	AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21 Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM	22 Honors Team 3 PM Annex	23	24
25	26	28	United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	29	30	31

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
l Easter	Post/Unit Board Meeting 6 PM	ALR Meeting 6 PM Windsor	5	5 VFW 6 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11	Post meeting 7 PM Annex	13	14
15	16	17	18 Honors Team Eddy's 3 PM		20	21 ALR Convention Oceanside
22 ALR Convention Oceanside	23	24	United Vet Counsel 7 PM SR	26	27	28
29	30					

Four Chaplains Ceremony

Submitted by Tim Madura

On February 10, 2018, my wife, Sue, and I attended the Annual Four Chaplains Day Inter-Faith Service in Sanger, California at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Department of California American Legion hosed the event. Here is a little history how the Four Chaplains Day started.

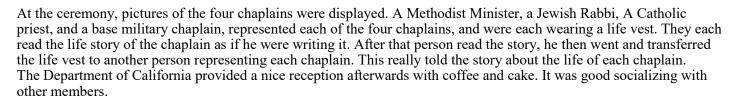
On the evening of February 2, 1943, the U.S.A.T Dorchester, part of a three-ship convoy, was sailing in the icy waters from Newfoundland to an American base in Iceland with 902 servicemen, merchant seaman, and civilian workers. Three Coast Guard Cutters were escorting the convoy. On the early morning of February 3, 1943, 150 miles from their destination, the Dorchester was in the periscope sights of a German U-223 submarine. The submarine fired 3 torpedoes, with one, deadly striking the starboard side of the Dorchester, far below the waterline, causing it to take on water and to start sinking rapidly. Panic and chaos had set in. Many were sleeping without their life vests and the blast had killed scores of men and many more were seriously wounded. Other stunned by the explosion, were struggling with darkness and the blast of the icy Arctic air.

Through all the panic and chaos, four Army Chaplains, Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt Alexander D Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed, brought hope and light in this terrible situation. The Chaplains went about trying to calm the scared and wounded. The Captain soon gave the order to abandon ship.

By this time, most of the servicemen were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker to distribute life jackets. It was soon known that there were not enough life vests for all the men on board. When all were distributed, the chaplains removed their life vest and gave them to the next four, sacred, young men in line.

As the ship went down, in 20 minutes from being struck, 230 survivors of the 902, in the rafts and the water, could see the four chaplains with their arms linked together and hear them praying, standing, and bracing themselves on the bow of the boat as it slipped beneath the water.

That night, the four chaplains became an enduring example of faith, courage, and selflessness.



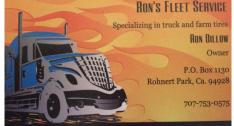
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Sonoma Veteran Honored

Fourteen Riders including seven from ALR #111 staged in Sonoma to Escort US Navy Vietnam Veteran Roy Bertlin to his memorial service at the Sonoma Star/Veterans Cemetery.

Escort riders rolled as a group to a home where one of Roy's brother was on Roy's Bike, cremains in a saddle bag.



The combined group made the loop around Sonoma Plaza, passing by two of Roy's favorite hangouts where patrons were out anticipating the riders.

Arriving at The Veterans Cemetery riders dismounted then lined up with flags awhile Roy's Harley with his Cremains rode to the Star and parked.

Riders then formed a flag line behind everyone while the memorial was held.

A US Navy Honors Team played Taps after Sonoma's VFW had a three Volley Riffle Salute, then the Navy Team folded and presented the flag to family.

Afterwards those in attendance were invited to pass along memories and enjoy a lunch at the Vets Building. Submitted by **Mitch Laing**









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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.

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POST EVERLASTING
William "Toby" Charles Miller Jr.
Tyler Fitts



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