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Russia says conscripts are not deployed to what it calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine, or to serve in the annexed territories.

However, after their service, conscripts automatically become reservists, and Russia has previously deployed reservists to Ukraine.

In Ukraine, EU chief diplomat Josep Borrell referenced the anniversary of the regions being "illegally annexed" by Russia in a video recorded during an unannounced visit to the Black Sea port city of Odesa on Saturday. Speaking from the city's Trans-

figuration Cathedral, severely damaged in a Russian missile strike in July, Borrell reiterated the EU's support for Ukraine.

"Odesa is a beautiful historic city. It should be in the headlines for its vibrant culture and spirit. Instead, it marks the news as frequent target of Putin's war," the EU Foreign Affairs and Security Policy chief wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Meanwhile, the governor of Ukraine's partly occupied southern Zaporizhzhia region, Yuriy Malashko, said five people were wounded on Saturday in two missile strikes on the village of Matviivka, located on the northeastern outskirts of the regional capital, also called Zaporizhzhia.

Air defenses shot down 30

out of 40 Iranian-made kamikaze drones aimed at the Odesa, Mykolaiv and Vinnytsia provinces overnight, the Ukrainian air force said Saturday.

Vinnytsia regional Gov. Serhii Borzov said that air defenses shot down 20 drones over his central Ukrainian region, but that a "powerful fire" broke out in the town of Kalynivka when a drone struck an unspecified infrastructure facility.

Romania's Ministry of National Defense said Saturday that a possible unauthorized entry into its national airspace occurred overnight amid the bombardment.

It said the radar surveillance system of the Romanian Army detected "a possible unauthorized entry" into the national

airspace of NATO member Romania, with a signal detected toward the city of Galati, which is close to the border with Ukraine.

"At this moment, no objects have been identified that fell from the airspace onto the national territory," the statement read, adding that NATO allies were informed in real time and that searches will continue through Saturday.

Emergency authorities issued text message alerts overnight to residents living in the counties of Galati and Tulcea, after detecting what the defense ministry said was "groups of drones heading toward Ukrainian territory" near the border.

In recent weeks, Romania has found drone fragments on its soil from the war next door at least

three times as Russian forces carry out sustained attacks on Ukraine's Danube ports.

Russia's Defense Ministry said Saturday that it had shot down nine Ukrainian rockets fired at its southern Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine.

Belgorod Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said that an artillery shell created a crater and shrapnel damaged a house, a store and a gas pipeline in an attack on the regional capital, also called Belgorod.

Local officials in Russia's Bryansk region, also bordering Ukraine, reported disruptions to the power supply following an unspecified attack on the town of Pogar. Drone strikes and shelling in the Russian border regions are a regular occurrence.

Life Tributes

Kevin Warren Albritton April 6, 1986 - September 19, 2023

Kevin Warren Albritton passed quietly from this earth on September 19, 2023. He was born in Santa Rosa on April 6, 1986. Kevin was a 9th-generation Sonoma County resident. He was a proud member of the Murray, Shinn, Hassett, and Laughlin families, all pioneering families who came to what is now Sonoma County in the early 1800's. Kevin is survived by his mother, Susan Albritton, a retired schoolteacher, his father, Dave Albritton, a retired Sonoma County Law Enforcement Officer, his sister Sarah Dinaburg, her husband David Dinaburg, niece Leigh and nephew Wren; his grandmother, Doris Pipkin; aunts Linda (Cliff Jones), Nancy Pipkin, Petra (Ed Hemphill); uncles Robert Pipkin (Kathy), John Pipkin (Teresa) and Joe Pipkin; and numerous cousins.

Kevin spent a happy childhood in Santa Rosa, with his parents and his sister Sarah enjoying many camping trips, as he loved the outdoors. It was at an early age that Kevin developed his love of all things athletic. Kevin attended San Miguel Elementary School and went on to complete his secondary education at Rincon Valley Middle School and Maria Carrillo High School. It was in High School that Kevin's special personality emerged. He was friendly, outgoing, enthusiastic, warm, and loving. He made friends easily and it was during these years he developed many of his lifelong friends. More than friends, he considered them his brothers.

Kevin was a good student, but his interests fell mainly to athletics. He was one of Maria Carrillo's outstanding athletes, accumulating nine Varsity Letters. He played basketball (his favorite sport) and was the soccer team's goalkeeper, where he set school records for shutouts and fewest goals allowed in a career and season. His greatest success came in badminton, where in 2004, he became the NorCal Empire Badminton Player of the year. Badminton also gave Kevin the unique opportunity to team with his sister. It wasn't until after he graduated that he took up golf, possibly his greatest talent, at one point sporting a 7 handicap. He did, after graduation, go on as an assistant coach for the Maria Carrillo High School Girls Soccer Team. During this time, they achieved back-to-back National Championships.



Following High School, Kevin held several jobs as he continued his education at the SRJC. While working in G&G Supermarkets warehouse, he developed an affinity for the Food and Beverage industry. His personality and work ethic soon landed him a representative's job with Southern Wine and Spirits. Kevin began learning the industry and over the next several years, took his abilities and skills with him as he furthered his career holding supervisor, manager, and director positions at the Graton Casino and Ace and Vine restaurant in Napa. Kevin was proud to obtain the Job of Manager of Food & Beverage Operations, at the Marriott International Hotel (Union Square), San Francisco, where he was currently employed.

Kevin proudly bought his first home in 2019 and joked he needed the larger space to house his extensive collection of "tennis shoes", ties, and suits. Recently, Kevin had been working on career development, and had rekindled his interest in golf and physical fitness. It had been at Ace & Vine where Kevin met his girlfriend, Ashlin Pittman. The pair shared a fun, adventuresome, loving relationship and they had been moving towards a life together. Kevin was a wonderfully loving person. He enjoyed a deep and committed love from his family, his loving sister Sarah who lost her little brother, his mother, Susan who called Kevin her "Baby Boy" and his father, Dave, who lost his "Best Friend."

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service, Thursday, October 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church: 4325 Mayette Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Reception will follow the service at the Church Facility. To honor Kevin's generous nature, in lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

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Lane Berti May 30, 1952 - September 14, 2023

Originally from Humboldt County, Lane has called Sonoma County his home for the past 36 years. He lived in Petaluma for many years before settling in Penngrove with his wife Barbara.

Born in Scotia, CA to the late Frank and Norma Berti. He grew up in Ferndale, where he attended Assumption Catholic School and Ferndale High School.

Best known for his skills as an electrician, Lane worked in many different industries throughout his career, ultimately achieving his goal of retirement in 2018.

Lane has left behind his wife of 29 years, Barbara Heron-Berti, his daughter Sarah Balyon (Rogér), three grandchildren: Rowen, Cid, and Vada; and his sisters Lyn Berti and Lori Berti-Koches.

His close family also included his sisters-in-law Meghan Heron and Liz Artz (Bill), brother-in-law



Doug Heron (Giselle), father-in-law John Heron (Paula) and his late mother-in-law Carleen Heron; nephews Chase and Wayne, and nieces Noelle and Hope. His loss will also be felt deeply by his best bud Martin Kelch.

We will miss his unfiltered commentary, his ability to fix anything, and his dedication to his family and animals. We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 21, 2023, for a casual gathering at Penngrove Park from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Mildred Maurine Burt September 5, 1925 - August 14, 2023

Mildred (Millie) Burt, passed away in Santa Rosa, CA on August 14, 2023, just short of her 98th birthday. She was born in Kansas in 1925 to the late Rev. Edgar H. and Pearl Hoffman.

Her educational journey began with her enlistment in the Nurse Cadet Corps during World War II. She earned a degree in public health nursing from Oregon Medical School and a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from the University of Utah. Throughout her career, Millie made significant contributions as a public health nurse for the state of Idaho and later as the Director of Nursing at Friends House in Santa Rosa, CA.

While studying at the University of Utah, Millie met her life partner, Hinda Groner, and they decided to settle in California where they built a life together. Millie and Hinda were active participants in Marriage Equality CA (MECA) and celebrated their longtime partnership by marrying when it became legal in California in 2008. Millie was devoted to Hinda for over 40 years and became her caregiver when Hinda became ill in her later years.

Millie was an avid Stanford women's basketball fan and season ticket holder and made it a point to attend every home game despite the long drive to get there. Millie's exuberant face once graced a Stanford ticket stub and calendar, which was a thrill for her. She also loved spending time with her RV friends, camping frequently along the California coastline. Celebrating Thanksgiving with RV friends at Bodega Bay was a special time she treasured.

Millie served on numerous charitable foundations and committees including her work with the National Women's History Project based in Santa Rosa. Millie and Hinda also served on the Roseland University Prep support advisory group and raised funds to send Latino/a students to college. Millie found solace and community at Christ Church United Methodist, where she worshipped. Her faith was an important part of her life.



Millie was preceded in death by her wife, Hinda Groner, her parents, Rev. Edgar H. and Pearl Hoffman, her sister, Shirley Gray, and her brother, Hap Hoffman. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Hupp (David), son, Denny (Trena) Burt, niece, Kathy Gray (Carol), granddaughters, Tarah (Frank) Boerner and Tracy (Gabe) Foster, and great-grandchildren, Landon, Elijah, Reagan, Jackson, and Millie. Additionally, she is survived by her close friends, Erin and Jamie Dunton, as well as her beloved extended family and dear friends.

She was a true trailblazer and broke down barriers in both her career and personal life. Millie will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy as a loving mother, grandmother, and friend will forever be cherished.

A memorial service honoring Millie's life will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 11 am at Christ Church United Methodist, 1717 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. The service will also be live streamed via Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/2rrwnn6f>). Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels Chapel of the Roses (www.danielschapeloftheroses.com).

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Millie's memory to Christ Church United Methodist (www.srchristchurch.org) or Roseland University Prep (www.roselandsd.org/RUP/782-Donate) or Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County (www.forgottenfelines.com/support/donate).

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Michael Douglas Tallent

Michael Douglas Tallent passed away peacefully on September 22nd, 2023, after a brief, but valiant battle with cancer. Michael was born in Lompoc, California, graduating from Lompoc High School in 1968. After a brief time at Allan Hancock College and Humboldt State, he transferred to San Jose State where he met the love of his life, Nora Louise. They married shortly after graduation in 1972, and had two children, Jonathan James in 1974 and Melissa Ann in 1981.

Michael was most proud of his nearly 20 years of service in Law Enforcement with the Petaluma Police Department. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, spending time with his wife, children, and grandsons, Masato George William, and Ryder James Randall. A lover of military tanks, history, sumo wrestling, and The Manchester United Soccer Club, Michael would often be found at home enjoying a "life of leisure, NOT retirement."



Michael is survived by his loving wife and soulmate, Nora Louise Tallent; his brother, Jim Tallent (Nancy Sessi Tallent); his two children, Jonathan (Cori), and Melissa (Shannon), his nieces, Suzanne (John), Esther, Laura (Jacob), and nephew Sean, and his two grandsons, Masato and Ryder. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nadine and George of Lompoc, California.

No services are being held at his request. In lieu of services, the family requests that donations be made to The Petaluma Police Officers Association (PPOA) or The United Methodist Church of Petaluma.

In Loving Memory Valerie Shideler-Eterovich July 25, 1959—October 1, 2009

It's hard to believe it's been 14 years without you Val. Some days it feels like it was yesterday that we lost you and some days it feels like it's been forever.

The day after your birthday Val, we lost Dad. One of the last things he said was "I love you, but I have to go see Val". May your reunion bring you both joy. Forever missing and loving you Val.



In Loving Memory Viktoria Louise Sledge June 6, 1933—October 1, 2022

She is dearly missed by her children Diana and Michael and grandchildren Dominik and Janina.

Coming to the United States from Germany in her 30's, she forged a brave path. She loved gardening, music, animals, reading, good restaurants and she worked as a waitress at The Flamingo for thirty-seven years.



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