

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, April 15, 2017

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on March 18, 2017 at 10:05 am. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Excused
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Excused
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Excused
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present
Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Present
Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas
Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Present
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Excused
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent

Membership :

Rubin Avila – Absent
Richard R. Akin - Absent
Macario N. Cero Jr. – Present
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent
Brian Chauvin - Present
Lennie Dombach – Present
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Roger Edwards - Excused
Ramon Fernandez – Excused
Phil Dougherty – Present
Alex Grimes – Absent
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan - Present

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia
Jack Marino – Absent
Josh McKay - Absent
Shea E. Rooney – Absent
Stephanie Cornejo- Excused
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Ruben Tapia – Absent
Patrick Whalen - Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Richard Cheney – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Kelly Thach - Excused

Carl Edwards, Asst. Post Adjutant: Minutes were emailed to everyone. Paul Steelhammer made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). The motion was voted on and passed.

The nominations from March 18th meeting were as follows:

Nominations were opened for the first month of nominations for officers for Post 1351. The following names were put in for nominations:

Commander:	Ellison Lockett	by Mike Keppel
Sr. Vice Commander:	Trazena Jones (Kandie)	
Jr. Vice Commander:	Art Miller	by Claude Nave
Quartermaster :	Claude Nave	by Art Miller
	Asst. Art Miller	
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado	by Trazena Jones (Kandie)
	Jorge Martinez	by Kelly Thach
1 st year Trustee:	Stephanie Cornejo	Trazena Jones (Kandie)
3 rd year Trustee:	Paul Steelhammer	Claude Nave

Nominations were held again for this month and there was no new nominations and a white ballot was had for all positions. The above were vote into the offices. The exception was for Chaplain. A vote was held for Jason Caiado and Jorge Martinez, and Jason Caiado will be our next Chaplain.

We also need to fill the following positions that are appointed by Ellison Lockett:
Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Adjutant, Service Officer, Delegates.

Richard Cheney was appointed as Adjutant. Carl Edwards will be his Assistant Adjutant.

Brian Chauvin was appointed as Service Officer.

Service Officer committee is, Brian Chauvin, Lennie Dombach, Phil Dougherty, Mike Keppel, Paul Steelhammer.. The Quartermaster Claude Nave, and Commander Ellison Lockett are also members of the committee.

Stanley Rux is appointed Surgeon.

Mike Keppel is appointed Judge Advocate.

Finance Report read by Paul Steelhammer:

Financial Report: Beginning Bank Balance 2-28-2017: \$2,138.79-Payments \$1,540.77 -Deposits \$609.00 Ending 3-31-2017 Bank Balance \$1,207.02 - Outstanding Checks \$104.01. Book Balance 3-31-2017 \$1,106.01. Savings account balance 3-31-2017 \$9,002.58. Motion to accept by Paul Steelhammer and Carl Edwards seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Reports:

Service Officer report: nothing to report.

Claude Nave membership reported: Were at 87%, and we have about 20 people that dues are coming due very soon and need to be contacted. Some have been contacted and two members will probably become life members. We need to order more membership forms.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year award report by Carl Edwards, he had nothing to report.

Paul Steelhammer Scouting report: Both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are stressed for membership. If you know of any kids looking for a Scout Troop have them talk to Paul Steelhammer. The Venture Group still is in the process of being formed. We need to get the scouts to work more with the veterans in our activities and get more kids involved.

Scout of the year backed out of his project, so we will not have one this year out of our Troop.

The Sea Cadet of the year is *Hayden Skinner* PO2.

Activities by Frank Kastl:

The Post is planning to organize a bowling team this fall. Kandie, is looking in to the places available and what we need to do to form a team. A show of hands shows there is a lot of interest in having a team.

Bocce Team by Phil Dougherty, Games start on April 20th at 9:30a.m. be there if you want to play. Practice will be on Wednesday at 10:00am.

Lennie Dombach reported on the concessions that some members have participated in to raise money for the Post at Levi Stadium with Center Group. They have changed the contract this year and it may not be worth while to attend all the functions. Lennie will take a long look at which ones they will attend.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that Buddy Poppy's are scheduled for May 25, 26, 27 at various places in Martinez. Walmart and Safeway are scheduled at this time, contact Kandie for where you would like to work.

Emmett Schumer will let us know if he can provide his tractor and trailer for the 4th of July.

The Prayer for the National Home was given by Claude Nave –Acting-Chaplain.

District meeting will be held in Pleasanton at the Veterans Hall on Saturday at 9:30am May 27, 2017. Elections will be held for District at that time. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior Vice-Commander will have training May 10th through 14th in Oak Grove, CA.

Carl and Kandie reported that they contacted Jeanne Magnani and looked at the items she wants to donate. She has Steins and Golden Gate Bridge pictures. Kandie and Phil Dougherty thinks they can sell or use several items to decorate the bar area of the hall.

Kandie would like to know if she should invite the lady from Contra Costa County Television that will document stories of veterans and how she can assist use. She works out of Nathan Johnson's office.

Hall report: Ellison and Phil reported that the hall. Clean up work is continuing. There will be new wood-chips will be put down around the building grounds.

We have attended 28 services since June 1, 2016 with the VFW and American Legion combined firing detail.

Sick and distressed members: Jack Hafen, Danny Johnny Contreras Jr, Terrance Holmes, Ramon Fernandez Mike Keppel, Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett.

The name of the Peddlers Fair has change to the Vintage Fair and Down Town Martinez wants us to take part.

The VFW convention will be held June 7 - 11, **2017:**

VFW

STATE CONVENTION 2017

June 7 -11, 2017

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

DOUBLETREE HOTEL -ONTARIO

222 NORTH VINEYARD AVENUE, ONTARIO, CA

Room Rate -\$89.00 per night + tax = \$101.50 total per night

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS MAY 19, 2017

If you want to go let Claude Nave know so he can turn in a delegate list for the Post.

Legislative Day in Sacramento is April 18, 2017 at 9:00am.

Carl passed around a offer for VFW T-shirts around for anyone that would like to order a T-shirt.

Closing prayer was given by Claude Nave – Acting-Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20a.m. Next meeting will be on May 20, 2017.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Asst. Adjutant