

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 16 June 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was held at Veterans Park, Martinez, on 16 June 2018 at 1000. Opening Prayer by Vicar Mundinger – and pledge of allegiance led by Scout Troop 1351. The National Anthem was sung by Ann Daman.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Absent
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Present
Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Absent
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee - Absent
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms - Present
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr – Absent
Lennie Dombach – Absent
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Present
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Present
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Present

All normal business of the post was put on hold for this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to dedicate the new Martinez War Memorial in Veterans Park. Since this was a joint VFW – American Legion project, both organizations were well represented at this ceremony, both in the ranks and in the honor guard. Details of the ceremony may be found at:

http://vfwpost1351.org/ESW/Files/War_Memorial_Program-Final.pdf

All business will return to the Veterans Hall beginning with July's meeting.

Next meeting will be on 21 July 2018.

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
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Saturday, 18 May 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 18 May 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett. Claude Nave led the service to undrape our charter following the 30-day period for John Sparacino’s death.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Absent
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Present
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John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Absent
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent

Minutes from April 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Art Miller with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – none. Jim Flatt has signed up, DD214 verified (duty in Vietnam) but has not attended a meeting yet.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer: not present.

Website – Richard Cheney. He displayed the website using the new widescreen monitor and reviewed all the new items. Information given to him for the website usually are posted within a week. New items for the calendar are posted same day. He noted there have been NO NEW UPDATES to the Hall Rental calendar in over a year. This is the responsibility of the Hall manager – David Jackson. The posting of hall rentals was approved by the membership in April 2018. It is still an open issue.

Update on Martinez War Memorial ceremony. Everything is on track for the 16 June ceremony for the dedication of the new monument in Veterans Park. After our meeting, the American Legion voted to provide \$300 to the cost of the reception. To date, \$900 have been collected for this event. Also after the meeting Ace Hardware contacted Cheney that they would provide all the bottled water required for ceremony and reception. Phil will coordinate and pick the water up. The memorial and all things related to it now has its own webpage on the post website:
http://vfwpost1351.org/Martinez_War_Memorial.html

The monument arrived on 25 May into Martinez and is now under the care of Public Works.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play continues.

Logistics / Buddy Poppies – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (24-26 May) before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Char's Flowers of Martinez will provide the 24-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$265. The price includes four reusable banners costing \$40. Cheney will pick up on 28 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 0900 ceremony. (Updated info from April meeting minutes).

District Meeting: Ellison stated our delegates to the National Convention are Cheney, Lockett, and Edwards. Anyone else who wishes to attend can be substituted for one of the three above. Travel costs are member's responsibility.

Honor detail. Ellison reported three services during this report period.

Reminder: Memorial Day activities on 28 May begin at 0730 muster at the Hall; 0800 Flag raising;

0900 at the cemetery; 1000 at city hall; 1100 lunch at Veterans Hall.

New Business: June 19 is the Walnut Festival – Honor guard required.

National Home Prayer: Given by Jason Caiado.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Mike Keppel.

Closing Pray: Given by Macario N Cero acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 by Ellison Lockett.

Next meeting will be on 16 June 2018, where we all will be in formation for the dedication of **our** Martinez War Memorial.

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 21 April 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 21 April 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Present
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present
Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Present
Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Present
Gus Kritikos– Second Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms - Present
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Present
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Michael Driggers – Absent
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Phil Dougherty – Present
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Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Absent
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent

Minutes from March 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Stephanie Cornejo with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – Jim Flatt has signed up, DD214 verified (duty in Vietnam). Motion to accept new member by Kandie Jones, second by Richard Cheney. Approved by acclamation. This year we will not reach All State or All American.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Mike Keppel and Richard Cheney volunteered to assist Carl, who lives out of area and cannot reach out to local schools.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer: not present.

Website – Richard Cheney. All items given to Cheney have been posted. New items include the current meeting minutes and Request for services (honor guard).

Update to Sign Board. Richard Cheney and Art Miller spent three hours to break the code in how to update the electronic signboard before the meeting. Although not fool-proof the two techno wizzes think they solved the problem and can “seamlessly” provide updates in the future. But if they should die, well the Post will then have to use hand-drawn signs. Current messages include Memorial Day, Martinez War Memorial, Buddy Poppies, and VFW & AL meeting Days and times.

Update on Martinez War Memorial ceremony. See MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL PLANNING MEETING AGENDA (Updated 17 April 2018) – attached – for details. The stone memorial will be carved on 7 May. Cheney will announce a date when he and anyone interested may travel to Hayward and see the new monument before it ships to Martinez PW for installation. Upon acceptance, a 25% incremental payment is due Art Monument that day (\$1570). Dave Scola from Martinez PW will travel to Hayward with Cheney, but there will be room for five other people in his van. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Hall for various roles that need to be filled before, during, and after the ceremony: traffic control (Sea Cadets volunteered); set up seats and seating of invited guests; reading of the names of the Fallen and tolling of the bell; assist in setting up city hall for the reception and cleanup. Cheney requested \$300 to pay for reception food and drink. The question was asked if anyone had been approached for donations. Cheney said both Main Street Martinez and Shell have been approached, but no response as of yet. Carl Edwards second, motion passed.

Separately, Dave Scola, Dan Koepke, Bob Ciella, and Cheney met at Veterans Park to see what needs to be done for the ceremony. Dave will remove the park benches and Bob will replace the existing concrete. He will also remove the natural stone on the right side of the flag pole (this will be the area where the monument will be placed). Chairs will be placed across the front of path leading to the flag. Reserved seating for family of the Fallen will be to the left; the podium is centered on the flag; honor guard, Sea Cadets, and flag bearers on the right. This may very well flow into Alhambra Ave (one lane will be blocked). Standing room on the bark behind the seats and into the street, as required.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play began on 26 April. There will be 6 two-man teams. We lost the first match 2 to 1.

Logistics / Buddy Poppies – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (24-26 May) before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Char's Flowers of Martinez will provide the 24-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$225. Cheney will pick up on 26 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 0900 ceremony on 28 May. (Updated info from March meeting minutes).

Old business: Elections. Post nominees: Commander – Kandie Jones; Senior Vice President – Richard Cheney; Junior Vice President – Mike Keppel; Chaplain – Jason Caiado; Quartermaster – Claude Nave; Trustee - Gus Kritikos. Carl Edwards proposed a “White ballot;” second by Art Miller. Approved by acclamation. All Nominees are now awaiting appointment in May 2018.

Reminder: Memorial Day activities on 28 May begin at 0730 muster at the Hall; 0800 Flag raising; 0900 at the cemetery; 1000 at city hall; 1100 lunch at Veterans Hall.

National Home Prayer: Given by Jason Caiado.

New business: Carl Edwards proposed all hall rentals be posted to the VFW website. Second by Jorge Martinez. Approved by membership.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Stanley Rux.

Closing Pray: Given by Macario N Cero acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 by Ellison Lockett.

Next meeting will be on 19 May 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL PLANNING MEETING
AGENDA (Updated 17 April 2018)

Status of resources (Rich):

1. Memorial carving (Art Monument, Hayward)
2. Contact with MTZ Police (traffic control: Officer Ferrer OK'd up to 90 minutes of traffic closure- confirmed)
3. Pastor/Chaplain (Andrew Mundinger - confirmed)
4. VFW Speakers (Terry Murphy – Dist 10 Commander and Carolyn Black – President, Dist 10 Auxiliary – both are confirmed)
5. Contact with families of the Fallen: Brandon, Hazel; Atherton, Harry Drew; Sparacino, Frank; Roman, Frank; Magnani, Patrick; McFarland, Alan
6. Contact with both Main Street Martinez and Shell Oil Co for wreathes – both are confirmed

Open Discussion on order of memorial dedication

1. Welcome (Shane Bower); Introduction of invited guests and VIPs
 - a. Family members – Atherton, Sparacino, Roman, Magnani
 - b. VIPs: Council members, County, State, and Federal Veteran reps
2. Invocation (Vicar Mundinger)
3. Raising the Flag (Sea Cadets)
4. National Anthem (Ann Daman arcipello over PA system - confirmed)
5. Pledge of Allegiance (Shane)
6. Speakers (intro by Shane)
 - a. City (Schroder-speaking)
 - b. County (Glover-speaking)
 - c. State (Sen Dodd/Ass Thompson-present, no speech)
 - d. Federal (Rep. DeSaulnier-present, no speech)
 - e. VFW Remarks:
 - i. Rich Cheney, Post 1351 – The building of the memorial
 - ii. Terry Murphy – The VFW honors the veterans and the Fallen Heroes
 - iii. Carolyn Black – honor to the families of the Fallen
 - f. American Legion Remarks: Jeff will contact District Commander to speak
7. Reading the names of the Fallen Heroes: Announce that each of the 37 Fallen will be read aloud by conflict, with an opening prayer by Vicar Mundinger. After each name a bell will be rung before going to the next name.
8. Unveil the memorial. Assist the family members to the memorial and assist them in removing the cover.
9. Placing of the wreathes by Main Street Martinez and then by Shell Oil.
10. Benediction (Vicar Mundinger)
11. Presentation of Flags & 21-gun salute – Honor Guard (George May)
12. Taps (bugler – Jennifer Oertel - confirmed)
13. Closing by Shane and invitation to all for reception at City Hall.
14. Snacks and drinks at City Hall.

Future work before Veterans Commission meeting on 4 May.

1. Invite photographers: Donna Beth (Gazette will be there); Tom Zamara (Art

Miller will invite); Kara Galindo (Park and Rec staff); EBTimes (TBD).

2. Solicit donations for lunch (both Main Street Martinez & Shell), or **get from VFW.**

3. PA system with Dan Koepke – confirmed.

4. Contact bugler - confirmed

5. Distribute flyers – done.

6. Contact news media

7. Prepare for 150 people for reception: Phil & Lennie will take care of this, but they need help.

8. Clean up and close down the event!! Celebrate!!

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Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present
Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Excused
Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Excused
Gus Kritikos– Second Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Present
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Absent
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Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Excused
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Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Present

Minutes from February 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Richard Cheney with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed. Claude said that we typically provide the Army Museum and National VFW Home a \$100 donation per year and asked for a motion to approve the donation for 2018. Kandy moved and Bruce Bauer seconded. The membership approved the motion.

Bring a vet to meeting. Kandie Jones brought a Vet to the meeting: Missy J. Lee. Missy is an Army vet, eligible for membership to the American Legion.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – So far, 16 have renewed their membership, with 22 still needing to renew. The Post needs 20 to renew to reach 100%. This year we will not reach All State or All American.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer says he has the application for Scout of the Year. He also reported the troop is looking for a new scout master.

Website – Richard Cheney. All items given to Cheney have been posted. New items include the current meeting minutes, the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, and information on the Martinez War Memorial. No new items posted to the activities calendar.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins on 19 April. There will be 6 two-man teams. The first practice will be on 17 April at 1000.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney. Cheney is actively seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of the Memorial ceremony set for mid-June 2018. The idea is to come up with a specific plan on how we wish the ceremony to be conducted and then present it to the Veterans Commission at their planning meeting on 10 April. Volunteers include Bruce Bauer, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Mike Keppel, and Everett Della Rosa. **MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION!!** See website for updates.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Jory's Flowers of Concord will provide the 22-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$250. Cheney will pick up on 26 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 1000 ceremony on 28 May.

Old business: Post nominees: Commander – Kandie Jones; 1st Vice President – Richard Cheney; 2nd Vice President – Mike Keppel; Chaplain – Ellison Lockett; Quartermaster – Claude Nave; Trustee - Gus Kritikos. Elections will be next month at the April meeting, with installation in May.

National Home Prayer: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said District meeting will be in Antioch on 24 March at 0900. Attendees will be Claude Nave, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Ellison Lockett, Mike Keppel, and Richard Cheney. Cheney will provide transportation for five in his van, leaving from the Hall at 0800.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, are on the remember the sick list.

Closing Prayer: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Next meeting will be on 21 April 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
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Saturday, 17 February 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 17 February 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
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Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
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John Lytle III – Present
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Excused
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent

Minutes from January 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero with Carl Edwards second; it was voted on and passed.

Bring a vet to meeting. Ellison Lockett asked the membership to bring one of their veteran friends to a future meeting to help our membership drive.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – there is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap).

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins in April. There will be 6 two-man teams. Find your partner and be ready by April.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – showed the new picture of the membership holding the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India two weeks ago and will arrive in California in about a month. Rich showed the memorial article in the Martinez Gazette. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates.

Website – Richard Cheney – Always seeking new content. The only items in February's calendar were the meeting today.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. The city only provides a wreath with plastic flowers that is reused. It looks pretty tired and, frankly, is disrespectful of our veterans and fallen heroes. Rich distributed pictures of possible replacement wreaths using either real flowers or silk. Real flowers would have to be replaced with each wreath whereas silk flowers would be reused. Cost of real flowers would be \$200/wreath and the silk flowers would be \$300 one time. Cost could be split with American Legion. Other than the obvious advantage of having a high quality wreath for the ceremonies, both Posts benefit because the wreaths would remain in city hall for a week (until the flowers withered) continuing to remind the citizenry of the sacrifices made by the military and acting as a recruiting tool, as the wreaths will have the emblems of both posts attached. A lively discussion followed with concerns about using money for veterans at risk for a flower project. Lennie pointed out how difficult it is to get members to come out for Buddy Poppies – our main source of donations. Claude proposed we try live flowers for one year at \$400 and then re-evaluate. Rich seconded. Approved by the membership.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said post elections are coming up for commander, Senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, chaplain, and one trustee. Nomination and election will follow Bylaws, Sections 216-217. Nominations will be sent to Trazena Jones and Art Miller through March. Elections are in April with installation during the District Convention in June. Lennie Dombach informed us of the upcoming St Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner on 3 March sponsored by the American Legion. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each. See attached flyer.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Jason Caiado are on our remember sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1105.

Next meeting will be on 17 March 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

American Legion

Henry A McNamara Post 29

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Veterans Memorial Building
930 Ward Street
Martinez, CA

Raffle Prize
tickets sold at
the event

Saturday, March 3, 2018
No Host Pub – 5:00pm
Dinner – 6:00pm

Irish Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Door Prize
drawing

For Reservations call:
Jeff 925-957-1662

Suggested
Donation \$15.⁰⁰



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Saturday, 21 January 2018

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Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
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Guests:

Cora Young
Ryan-Thomas Brown

Guest Speakers: Cora Young works in Rep Mike Thompson's Vallejo office and Ryan-Thomas Brown works in Rep Mark DeSaulnier's Walnut Creek office. Although the Federal government shut down effective today, they were here to discuss what their Congressmen can do to assist veterans and how to reach them when an issue arises that can be solved through Federal intervention. They made a special pitch for the Korean government's "Ambassador for Peace" medal. Information on the medal may be found at <https://mikethompsonforms.house.gov/news/email/show.aspx?ID=NSYJYMWDQZHKC>.

Financial Report: First Year Trustee Stephanie Cornejo provided the update, which was provided under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero and Carl Edwards seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – 15 members still need to pay their dues by 1 June. There is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap). Mike Keppel asked if there was a list of those who need to pay; Claude will make it available.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present. Elliot asked for another person to take over this role from Frank.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – reported the team was full and begins play every Thursday morning beginning in April. He's started a new format with 2-man teams.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – reported hanging the Sidney Severns lithograph and is looking to hang a picture of the membership celebrating the arrival of the lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India this past week and will arrive in California in about 6 weeks. Rich is now an intern for the City of Martinez (part of his graduate school requirements) and will shepherd the project as a member of the city staff. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates. Service hours for volunteers working on researching the names of Martinez war dead were reported to Claude Nave.

Website – Richard Cheney – Most pages have new content: home page has link to Rep Mike Thomas' call for Korean War vets; local news will have meeting minute concatenated for the entire year (you can this month's info and then the previous month's immediately after). Rather than send out copies of the minutes to each e-mail address, there will be a link to the minutes on the website. Photo album – new pictures from the Christmas dinner, and additional pictures of Buddy Poppy activity at Safeway, along with the group photo of members with the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Art Miller acting as Chaplain for today.

Donations: Claude Nave reported we annually give \$100 to the National Home and Army Historical Museum.

New business: Ellison Lockett said post elections are coming up for commander, Senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, chaplain, and one trustee. Nomination and election will follow Bylaws, Sections 216-217. Nominations will be sent to Trazena Jones and Art Miller through March. Elections are in April with installation during the District Convention in June.

Information on officer duties can be found here:

<http://www.vfw9785.org/thevfw/PostOfficerDuties.html>. The information is a little dated, but 90% accurate. Ellison also reported the American Legion District 9 will have a crab feed at Veterans Hall on 3 Feb from 1700 to 2100. Tickets are \$50 each, limited to 100 participants. Contact Jeff Roubal at 925-957-1662. There will be a district meeting in Antioch at 0900 on 24 March.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, are on our remember sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Art Miller acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1135.

Next meeting will be on 17 February 2018

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Richard Cheney – Adjutant