

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 19 August 2017**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 19 Aug 2017 at 10:01am by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Trazena Jones (Kandie) – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms.

1. Roll Call:
  - Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
  - Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
  - Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
  - Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
  - Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Excused
  - Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
  - Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
  - Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Excused - hospital
  - Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Present
  - Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman –Present
  - Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas
  - Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
  - Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Present
  - Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent
  - Membership :
  - Rubin Avila – Absent
  - Macario N Cero Jr–Absent
  - Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent
  - Brian Chauvin - Absent
  - Lennie Dombach – Present
  - Michael Driggers – Absent
  - George Driscoll – Absent
  - Roger Edwards – Excused Lives in Salt Lake Utah
  - Ramon Fernandez – Deceased
  - Phil Dougherty – Present
  - Alex Grimes – Absent
  - Jose Guzman – Absent
  - Bill Harbin – Absent
  - Terrance Holmes - Absent
  - Dennis C Hughes – Absent
  - Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present
  - John Lytle III – Absent
  - Frank Macan – Absent
  - Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia

Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – excused  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Absent  
Bruce Bauer – Present  
Kelly Thach – Absent  
Edward Aderholt – Absent  
John Platt – Excused

Minutes were sent out by e-mail, Carl Edwards moved minutes be approved. Art Miller seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Financial Report: Beginning Bank Balance 6-30-2017: \$7,294.82-Payments \$3,118.84 Deposits \$419.04 Ending 7-31-2017 Bank Balance \$4,595.02 - Outstanding Checks \$20.00. Book Balance 7-31-2017 \$4,575.02. Savings account balance 7-31-2017 \$8,002.83. Motion to accept by Stephanie Cornejo and Claude Nave seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Service Officer report: nothing to report:. Members in distress are Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Mike Keppel. Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett are on our remember sick list.

Commander Ellison Lockett call membership to attention while draping the charter for Ramon Fernandez – Deceased on August 1, 2017. Black drape will remain for one month. Departing prayer was given by Trazena Jones (Kandie).

Prayer for the National home was given by Trazena Jones (Kandie).

#### Committee Reports:

Claude Nave membership report, no new members. We need three new members plus everyone needs to renew by December to get All State status.

Carl Edwards Voice of Democracy, “American History: Our Hope For The Future”, and Patriots Pen, “America's Gift to My Generation”: Carl has brochures if anyone needs one for a student. October 30, 2017 is the deadline.

Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman: Just got back from the East Coast, but nothing to report.

Phil Dougherty – Bocce: This is the last week and we are in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the standings.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Poppy's: We need volunteers for 9/11/2017 to pass out to the Fire Department, Police Department and other businesses. Next schedule distribution is the first week in November.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Department of California VFW and a \$100 to the Homeless program by Claude Nave and seconded by Carl Edwards. It was

voted on and passed.

A motion was made to donate \$35 to the National Home and Trazena Jones (Kandie) for a life membership by Carl Edwards and seconded by Claude Nave. It was voted on and passed.

District Meeting and officer training is scheduled for September 16, 2017 for all officers. Time is from 9am till 4pm at 301 Main Street in Pleasanton. November 18th district meeting at our office everyone should attend. March 4<sup>th</sup> is a corned beef and cabbage. The Walnut Festival is September 16, 2017 we do the Color Guard at 6pm in Walnut Creek, meet at the Social Security Bldg parking lot at 4:30. Sign up on the sign in sheet - 16 people needed. The American Legion Boy's and Girl's State dinner is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, tickets are available from Ellison Lockett for \$15.00 each.

Carl is taking orders for T-shirts "we love our veterans", he needs 12 for an order.

Closing pray was given by Trazena Jones (Kandie) acting Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Next meeting is September 9, 2017 because of a District Officers Meeting on September 16, this will be for our regular monthly meeting.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Asst. Adjutant

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

1. The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 15 July 2017 at 10:37 am by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms.

2. Roll Call:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present; Guests were and Wife and Marie Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present

Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present; Guest was his wife

Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present; Guests were his wife Pam and friend Pat

Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Excused

Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present; Guest was Karen Patten

Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Present; Guests Wife, daughter ?, Julie, and son Jayden

Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present; Guest was his wife Diane

Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Present

Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman –Present; Guest was Daughter

Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas

Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent

Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Present: Guests were Daughter, Mom and Dad, Aunt

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent

Membership :

Rubin Avila – Absent

Macario N Cero Jr–Present; Guests were, Daughter and Husband with Son & Daughter

Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent

Brian Chauvin - Absent

Lennie Dombach – Present

Michael Driggers – Absent

George Driscoll – Absent

Roger Edwards – Excused Lives in Salt Lake Utah

Ramon Fernandez – Absent

Phil Dougherty – Present; Guest was his Wife and Daughter

Alex Grimes – Absent

Jose Guzman – Absent

Bill Harbin – Absent

Terrance Holmes - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes – Absent  
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan – Present; Guest was Elvoid Nelson  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Present: Guest was his wife Jane  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Absent  
Bruce Bauer – Absent  
Kelly Thach – Absent  
Edward Aderholt – Present  
John Platt – Absent

American Legion Guests:

George May Jr., Wife, and Son George May III

Post 1351 Scouts Troops Guests:

Gil Patton, wife  
Scout with Mother and Sister  
Scout with Mother and two sisters

Meeting is being held at Hidden Valley Park, Center Street, Martinez, July 15, 2017. Fifty three people attended the VFW/American Legion annual picnic.

Minutes were sent out by e-mail, Carl Edwards moved minutes be approved. Mac Cero seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Financial Report: Beginning Bank Balance 5-31-2017: \$7,409.41-Payments \$699.36 -Deposits \$584.77 Ending 6-30-2017 Bank Balance \$7,294.82 - Outstanding Checks \$15.95. Book Balance 6-30-2017 \$7,278.87. Savings account balance 6-30-2017 \$8,002.77. Motion to accept by Mac Cero and Jorge Martinez seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Service Officer report: nothing to report. Ellison Lockett spent time in the hospital. Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Ramon Fernandez, Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett are on sick list. Sharon Steelhammer is doing much better and is fighting the good fight with her brain tumor operation, and we all wish her well.

Claude Nave membership reported: We are now starting a new year. Claude will get a new list out for the people that have dues coming up.

Report by Carl Edwards: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year award, he has brochures to distribute to the schools, but has not done so yet. If anyone wants one contact Carl.

Paul Steehammer Scouting report: No report made.

Claude reported on All State and All American Status: Just beginning new year.

Bocce Team by Phil Dougherty: We're hanging in but not setting the house on fire. We're in 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 10.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that Buddy Poppies are scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Walmart. Mike and Phil will do Nob Hill. Carl will arrange for Safeway on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Claude will order 1,000 Buddy Poppies to distribute at the Vintage Fair on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The rest will be distributed at the 911 monument on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Walnut Festival Parade will be coming up in September and the Sea Cadets should be able to attend.

District meeting will be held in San Leandro at the Veterans Hall on Saturday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Ellison Lockett, Carl Edwards, Jason Caiado and Kandie Jones will attend.

Officer Training will be at 301 Main St Pleasanton, CA. at 8:30am September 16<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting we will decide who can attend.

Ellison Lockett reported that we need a committee to make sure this meeting room is cleaned after the meeting each month. Jason Caiado volunteered for clean up.

National Home prayer was given by Jason Caiado, Chaplain.

Carl Edwards asked if The Sea Cadet of the year *Hayden Skinner* PO2 needed a certificate made up and ribbon to presented to him? Jeorge Martinez will find out and let Carl know.

Ellison reported that: Ellison and the officers need to appoint the new entertainment committee.

Kandie reported that every Tuesday you can take golf lessons at the Buchanan golf course. Kandie is trying to put a Bowling team together. See Kandie for information on the Stephen Curry golf tournament tickets for military and veterans.

Claude: asked about the Stand-down in Antioch. Nothing was looked up and nothing was decided. So no money will be donated until we get more information.

Closing prayer was given by Jason Caiado, Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Next meeting will be on Aug. 19, 2017.  
Have a great picnic!

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Asst. Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 17 June 2017**

1. The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 20 May 2017 at 1008 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

2. Roll Call:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Present  
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present  
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present  
Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Absent  
Art Gomez – Moved to Las Vegas  
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent  
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Absent  
Marjorie Detiege – 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 - Absent  
Ramon Fernandez – Absent  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Jose Guzman – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes – Absent  
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Absent  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Absent  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia



Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Excused  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Absent  
Bruce Bauer – Present  
Kelly Thach – Absent  
Edward Aderholt – Present  
John Platt – Absent  
Dan Clark - Guest

3. Richard Cheney, Post Adjutant: May minutes were emailed to everyone and posted online. No corrections noted. Art Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). The motion was voted on and passed.
4. Guest: Dan Clark, Vietnam veteran visiting Carl Edwards.
5. Quartermaster report distributed to all members present.
  - a. Kandie moved to accept report, second by Cheney. Vote was unanimous.
6. Activities.
  - a. Ritual update – nothing to report.
  - b. Poppies will be offered to the public 2-4 Nov 2017. Kandie is seeking more participation from members, spouses, and scouts.
  - c. Honor Guard: 32 funerals this year. Looking for help on 24 June for two events: 0830 and 1430.
  - d. Fourth of July ceremony at the Veterans Hall: Meet at 0800, prepare for parade at 0900, march in parade at 1000. Lenny and Phil will set up hot dogs and drinks at the Hall after the parade (paid out of general fund).
  - e. Picnic at Hidden Valley Park on 15 July, 1000-1700. Everyone and family welcome. Phil and Lenny will be our chefs. Lenny said he's bringing his smoker, so expect good eats!
  - f. Peddler's Faire is coming up and we'll be manning a booth.
  - g. Stand down in Antioch coming up in a few months and they are asking for a \$500 donation. Phil suggested the stand down organizers should be invited to discuss with us how they would spend the money prior to the Post making the contribution. The Post did contribute to last year's event held in Pleasanton.
7. New Business. Ellison Lockett suggested we establish an entertainment committee to coordinate future activities. No further discussion on this topic.
8. Sick/distressed list – no changes from last month.
9. National Home prayer – led by Jason.
10. State convention report. Carl Edwards attended and said it was no as elaborate as in the past.

11. National Convention to be held in New Orleans 22-26 July. Carl offered a one-way ride.
12. Re-dedication of Martinez All Veterans Park. Cheney reported progress to date and asked for help to find the Martinez casualties in the 100 pages of Navy/Marine/CG WWII list.
13. Closing.
  - a. Jason offered the closing prayer.
  - b. Ellison officially closed the meeting at 1110.
  - c. The next meeting will be 1000, 15 July 2017, at Hidden Valley Park.
  - d. Recorded by Richard Cheney, Adjutant.

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**Saturday, 20 May 2017**

14. The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 20 May 2017 at 1008 by Post Sr. Vice Commander Trazena Jones (Kandie).  
Opening Prayer by Richard Cheney – Adjutant, and pledge of allegiance led by Trazena Jones.

15. Roll Call:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Excused  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Excused  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Excused  
Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Present  
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Excused  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Excused  
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present  
Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Absent  
Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas  
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent  
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Excused  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent  
Membership :  
Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin - Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr. – Absent  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent  
Brian Chauvin - Absent  
Lennie Dombach – Present  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Present  
Roger Edwards - Absent  
Ramon Fernandez – Absent  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Jose Guzman – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes – Absent  
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Absent

John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Absent  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Absent  
Bruce Bauer – Present  
Kelly Thach – Absent  
Edward Aderholt – Present  
John Platt - Present

16. Richard Cheney, Post Adjutant: April minutes were emailed to everyone and posted online. Two corrections noted. Paul Steelhammer made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). The motion was voted on and passed.
17. Introduction of new members: Edward Aderholt and Ben Burgos.
18. Guest: Les Berkheiser, lifetime member from TX, in town visiting relatives.
19. Quartermaster report.
  - a. Checking balance is \$1395.02.
  - b. Savings balance is \$8002.65.
  - c. Kandie moved to accept report, second by Cheney. Vote was unanimous.
20. Activities.
  - a. Phil announced bocce ball season is up and running, with four games played, with a split of 2-2.
  - b. Poppies will be offered to the public 25-27 May in Martinez and Pleasant Hill. Contact Kandie to sign up for a time slot.
  - c. Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Hall> Meet at 0830, ceremony at 0900, brunch served at 1000.
  - d. Picnic at Hidden Lakes Park on 15 July, 1200-1700. Everyone and family welcome. Phil and Lenny will be our chefs. Lenny said he's bringing his smoker, so expect good eats! Lenny also said the AL will contribute \$400 to the picnic. Kandie proposed Post also contribute \$400, second by Cheney. Motion approved with unanimous vote.
21. New Business.
  - a. Cheney led a discussion on his proposal to plan a rededication of All Veterans Park in Martinez. His proposal included the following elements:
    - i. Separate plaques for the Martinez war dead for each major conflict – WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and GWOT. Cheney has begun this research.
    - ii. Work with the City Veterans committee to make this happen over the next year. Cheney has contacted the committee secretary and

she said they will place this item on their agenda for the next meeting.

- iii. Provide finances for the plaques; assume Park and Recreation will install (their cost).
  - iv. Organize and conduct the rededication on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park on 28 June 2018 – over a year away.
  - v. Discussion on including AL into proposal and sharing costs. Cheney said he will approach AL.
  - vi. Driscoll proposed Post form a committee to work to this plan, with Cheney in lead, second by Aderholt. Motion approved by membership. Cheney called for volunteers to sign up after the meeting: Cheney, Driscoll, Aderholt, Bauer.
- b. Cheney proposed the Hall install a new bulletin board on the lawn in front of the hall to replace the scrolling sign, which we have never figured out how to configure. The proposed board should be aesthetically pleasing, blend with the period of the building, but give us unrestricted access to update information we wish to give to the public. It should be big enough for by VFW and AL information to share its space. Lots of discussion, much of it dealing with the responsibility of the building committee, the cost of the electronic sign, and trying to get anything done through city hall. This was too controversial with too few members available to discuss. Kandie tabled the discussion until next meeting.

22. Closing.

- a. Cheney offered the closing prayer.
- b. Kandie officially closed the meeting at 1120.
- c. The next meeting will be 1000, 17 June 2017.

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
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**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> year Trustee: Stephanie Cornejo Trazena Jones (Kandie)

3<sup>rd</sup> 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: We're 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 worthwhile 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> 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 VFWT-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

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on March 18, 2017 at 10:05 a.m. 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 - Present

Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present

Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Absent

Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present

Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present

John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent

Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present

Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Excused

Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas

Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Present

Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Present

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 - Absent

Lennie Dombach – Present

Michael Driggers – Absent

George Driscoll – Present

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 - Absent

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia

Jack Marino – Absent

Josh McKay - Absent

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stephanie Cornejo- Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Absent  
Richard Cheney – Absent  
Bruce Bauer – Present  
Kelly Thach - Present

Carl Edwards, Asst. Post Adjutant, read the minutes for February 18, 2017. Trazena (Kandie) Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Art Miller. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report read by Claude Nave Quartermaster.

Financial Report: Beginning Bank Balance 1-31-2017: \$1,484.94-Payments \$669.00-Deposits

\$1,322.85 Ending 2-28-2017 Bank Balance \$2,138.79-Outstanding Checks \$343.60-Deposit in Transit

\$1,000.00. Book Balance 2-28-2017 \$2,795.19. Savings account balance 2-28-2017 \$9,002.51. Motion

to accept by George Driscoll and Art Miller seconded it, it was voted on and passed. Reports:

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that Buddy Poppy's are scheduled for May 25, 26, 27 at various places in Martinez.

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

Carl reported that Jeanne Magnani called and offered to donate her collection of steins and other pieces of art she owns. Kandie and Carl will meet with her and see what she wants to give to us. Kandie made a motion to accept what we can use it was seconded by Jason Caiado. It was voted on and passed.

Activities by Frank Kastl, nothing to report.

Bocce Team by Phil Dougherty, practice starts Monday and Wednesday this coming week at 9am at the Marina.

Art Miller reported that the VFW pin or emblems should be worn over the heart side of the shirt. Hall report: Ellison and Phil reported that the kitchen is close to being completed with a lot of new equipment being put in.

Richard Akin's funeral will be held on March 23 at the VFW Brentwood Post. Meet at 9:30am, it would be great to have as many as possible to attend our members funeral.

Carl, Kandie, Mac, Art, Kelly Bruce, Claude, Guz, Jorge Martinez, Stanley, and Ellison plan to attend the funeral.

We have attended 27 services since June 1, 2016 with the VFW and American Legion combined firing detail.

The Prayer for the National Home was given by Jason Caiado – Chaplain.

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

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<sup>st</sup> year Trustee: Stephanie Cornejo Trazena Jones (Kandie)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee: Paul Steelhammer (needs confermation) Claude Nave

Nominations will be open again April 15, 2017. Voting for Post officers will also be held April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Bobby Siebenrock –Present  
Kelly Thach – Present  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Present  
Joaquin Gomez- Absent  
Sixteen members Present  
New members-None.

The monthly minutes from January 21, 2017 were accepted.

Finance Report read by Art Gomez:

Beginning Bank Balance 12-31-2016: \$3,194.80 - Payments - \$2,218.42 - Deposits \$508.56 - Ending 1-31-2017 Bank Balance: \$1,484.94 - Outstanding Checks \$40.00 - Book Balance 2-31-2017: \$1,444.94. Savings account balance \$10,002.44. A motion was made by Art Miller to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Lennie Dombach. It was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Claude Nave reported membership at 85%. Need to be at 100 % by June 30, 2017.

Website report by Richard Cheney:

Richard has updated the calendar. Advise him of any dates that need to be on the calendar and he will get it updated. Richard would like to have more information especially from the District.

Ellison Lockett reported the Honor Detail has performed 27 services since June 1, 2016.

Phil Daugherty stated that there will be only one Bocce team this year.

Claude Nave reported 6 new members so far this year and most of the All State programs have been completed.

The National Home: Prayer was given by the acting Chaplain Jason Caiado.

New Business:

District meeting will be held on February 25, 2017 at the VFW hall in Martinez.

Ellison announced that nominations for Post Officer positions will be in March and April with election in April.

Art Gomez announced that he will be moving to Henderson Nevada about the middle of March.

Phil Daugherty reported that our Post Crab Feed is cancelled this year as not enough tickets were sold. Phil also reported on the remodel of the kitchen in our Veterans Hall.

Ellison reported on the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner of March 4, 2017 put on by The American Legion.

Jason Caiado reported on sick and distressed members:

Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Ramon Fernandez, and Mike Keppel.

Commander Ellison Lockett's wife, Juanita, is in the hospital in serious condition.

Let's keep them in our prayers.

Rifle detail practice after the meeting today.

Closing prayer was given by acting Chaplain Jason Caiado.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40a.m. Next meeting will be on February 18, 2017.

Claude Nave – Post 1351 Quartermaster.