

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351

930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

NEWSLETTER-MARCH-JUNE 2017

Meetings: Third Saturday every month at 10:00 A.M.

As of July 1, 2017

Commander Ellison Lockett 925-812-0871

Senior Vice Commander Trazena (Kandie) Jones 925-497-8383

Junior Vice Commander Art Miller 770-861-4197

Quartermaster Claude Nave 925-229-1649

Chaplain Jason Caiado 925-812-0036

Judge Advocate Mike Keppel 925-914-9219

Surgeon Stanley Rux 510-232-1361

1st Year Trustee Gus Kritikos 925-370-0575

2nd Year Trustee Stephany Cornejo

3rd Year Trustee Paul Steelhammer 925-458-1427

Adjutant Richard Cheney 925-289-1265

Service Officer Brian Chauvin 510-439-6061

Commander's Corner

Highlights and coming events follow:

Thank you to all our members that participated in the following events and that helped plan our upcoming events.

1. Save the date of July 15-2017 for our Third Annual Picnic with the American Legion.

More details will be available soon so watch your emails for updates.

Bring your family for a fun day with great food.

2. Phil and Ellison have spent many hours remodeling the kitchen in our Veterans Hall.

The work has been completed and looks great.

3. The Honor Detail has provided thirty rifle services from June 1st through March 31st.

More volunteers are needed for the rifle detail. Practices are held after our meetings.

4. Richard Cheney is updating our website with our meeting minutes and the calendar

for upcoming events. (vfwpost1351.org). Check out the site.

5. The Annual Convention will be held in Ontario June 8 through June 11th.

6. New Post Officers have been elected. They are listed on the first page of the newsletter.

7. Our Post BOCCE team is ready to begin the new season. The first game had to be postponed because of the rains. They are anxious to get started.

8. Our Post is interested in forming a Bowling Team. If you are interested let Ellison Lockett know.

9. Poppies will be distributed May 25th through May 27th. If you can help let Trazena Jones know your availability. This is one of our fund raisers to help veterans.

10. Memorial Day ceremonies will be held on May 29th. Watch for further listings for a schedule of events. A brunch will be held after the services at our Veterans Hall.

11. July 4th parade will be held in Martinez. We will be meeting at the Hall before the parade. Come and participate in a great event and hear the cheers.

12. The East Bay Stand-down will be held in Antioch August 8th through the 14th.

Volunteers are needed. If you can help let Ellison Lockett know so can be signed up.

13. The Martinez Vintage Fair will be held August 19th. If you can help by volunteering at our booth Ellison needs volunteers.

14. American Legion Boys and Girls State dinner will be held on September 30th. Come and have a great dinner and hear some of our youth speak. See Ellison for tickets.

Thank all of you members for an outstanding year and for your continued support. Dues will be due soon and I hope all will continue your membership. If you know of prospective members please sign them up to join our Post.

Ellison Lockett,
Commander

Veterans Important Dates:

May

VE Day Declared May 8, 1945

Mother's Day May 14

Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15

Armed Forces Day May 20

National Maritime Day May 22

Memorial Day Observed May 29

June

D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe June 6, 1944

USS Liberty Attacked June 8 1967

Flag Day June 14

U.S. Army Founded June 14, 1775

Father's Day June 18

First Day of Summer June 21

Pledge of Allegiance Recognized June 22, 1942

GI Bill Signed into Law June 22, 1944

Korean War Began June 30, 1950

Veterans Important Dates:

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U.S. Navy Established October 13, 1775

U.S. Marine Corp Established November 10, 1775

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U.S. Army Air Corp Established July 2, 1926

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POST MEETINGS - . May 20-June 17

POST IMPORTANT DATES

May 18-27 Poppies Distribution

May 20 District Convention Elections, 301 Main, Pleasanton 9:30 a.m.

May 29 Memorial Day Program and Brunch

June 8-11 VFW Department of California Annual Convention, Ontario, Ca.

July 4 4th of July Parade

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Concord Veterans Hall serves breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Breakfast costs \$5.00 per person.

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1. Thank you to Ellison, Phil, Lennie and all that helped make our Post's second annual picnic a success. We had a great turnout.
2. Ellison, Trazena, Mac, Art and others decorated the meeting room in the hall with many military uniforms and military mementos. The meeting room looks great.
3. Post members participated in the in the Walnut Festival Parade again this year. A great reception by the attendees and good time for all. Members also participated in the Car and Motorcycle show in Antioch.
4. The Honor Detail has provided twenty rifle services from June 1st through October 31st this year.
5. Marjorie is continuing her work on our website, vfwpost1351.org. Check out the site and the calendar for upcoming events.
6. Welcome new members: Bruce Bauer, Stephany Conejos, Brian Chauvin, Richard Cheney, Robert Siebenrock and Kelly Thach. These are new member since June 1st. If you know anyone that qualifies please sign them up.
7. Our Post with the American Legion is hosting a Christmas brunch on Saturday December 3th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for members and their families. Presents will be provided for young children. Come and enjoy. RSVP to Ellison Lockett.
8. On November 3rd, 4th and 5th we will be distributing Poppies. Please come and help. Contact Trazena (Candie) about when you will be available to help.
9. The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors will honor Military personnel and Veterans on November 10th at 11 a.m. at 651 Pine Street. Come and enjoy.
10. Veterans Day services will be held on November 11th at 10 a.m. at the Cemetery and 11 a.m. at the Memorial. Our Post and The American Legion will host a brunch after the services. Come and participate.
11. Congratulations to Commander Ellison. At the State convention he was honored for being an ALL STATE Post. You will see him wearing his white hat.
12. Congratulations to our Post BOCCE team. They came in 8th place in their division. An improvement over last year.

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Ellison Lockett,
Commander

Veterans Important Dates:

NOVEMBER

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

Election Day November 8

U.S. Marine Corp Established November 10, 1775

Veterans Day November 11

Signing of WWI Armistice November 11, 1918

Thanksgiving Day November 24

DECEMBER

Pearl Harbor Day December 7

Intervention in Somalia Began December 9, 1992

Human Rights Day December 10

Bill of Rights Day December 15

First Day of Winter December 21

Christmas December 25

Hanukkah December 25

Official End of WWII December 31, 1946

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November 3,4,5 Poppy Distribution

November 8 Board of Supervisors honoring Veterans 11:00 a.m. 651 Pine St. Martinez

November 11 Veterans Day Services

December 10 District Meeting - Antioch

December 3 Christmas Brunch

February 25, 2017 District Meeting - Martinez

May 20, 2017 District Convention-Meeting-Elections-Official Visit - Pleasanton

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