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.