

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351



930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

NEWSLETTER-JANUARY-December, 2016

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

As of July 1, 2016

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| Commander | Ellison Lockett | 925-812-0871 |
| Senior Vice Commander | Trazena (Kandie) Jones | 925-497-8383 |
| Junior Vice Commander | Art Miller | 770-861-4197 |
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| Chaplain | Jason Caiado | 925-812-0036 |
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| Adjutant | Nathan Padilla | 925-237-0028 |
| Service Officer | Arthur Gomez | 925-726-5930 |

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. 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 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 members 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 3rd, 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.

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:

NOVEMBER

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| 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

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| 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 |

Veterans Important Dates:

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| U.S. Army Founded | June 14, 1775 |
| U.S. Navy Established | October 13, 1775 |
| U.S. Marine Corp Established | November 10, 1775 |
| U.S. Coast Guard Established | August 4, 1790 |
| U.S. Army Air Corp Established | July 2, 1926 |
| U.S. Air Force Established | September 18, 1947 |

POST MEETINGS - . November 19-December 3

POST IMPORTANT DATES

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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 |

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR MEMORIAL BRICKS—Call Carl Edwards for any questions.

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.