

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351



930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

NEWSLETTER – November 2022-November 2023

Meetings: 10:00 a.m. every Third Saturday of the Month

As of July 1, 2023

Commander	David Brown 925-200-9349
Senior Vice Commander	Mac Cero
Junior Vice Commander	Terry Horton
Quartermaster	Claude Nave
Chaplain	Jason Caiado
Judge Advocate	Bruce Bauer
Surgeon	Chuck Guthmann
1st Year Trustee	Renato Asiain
2nd Year Trustee	Art Miller
3rd Year Trustee	Phil Daugherty
Adjutant	Ellison Lockett
Service Officer	Trazena (Kandie) Jones

Commander's Corner

Thank you to Art Miller for his two years of service as Commander of our Post. The Post had many accomplishments and honors under his guidance.

David Brown

Commander

Highlights and Coming Events:

Thank you, all members, for your support by keeping your membership current.

1. The Honor Detail continues participation in military funeral and memorial services when requested. We average about two services a month. In addition, the Honor Detail does flag service presentations.
2. Carl Edwards advises our VFW Post 1351 website has been revised. Carl and Karen Patten-Bell continue with their updating of our website. To find good information and activities about the Post and many available veteran services...please go to our website and look around the many pages.
www.vfwpost1351.org
3. Post and American Legion members participated in the Memorial Day services, raising the flag at our Veterans Hall, attending services at the Pioneer Cemetery with Mac Cero playing taps. Then attended the city hall service with Art Miller reciting the Flanders Field Poem, the Honor Guard shot three volleys and Mac Cero played Taps again. These events were very well attended by our Post and the public.
4. Post and American Legion members participated in the many 4th of July activities. At 0900 hours we met at the Veterans Memorial Building to perform the flag raising ceremony and at 1000 hours our post Honor Guard led the parade holding 3 flags plus the other 5 services banners were displayed on Carl's vintage pick-up. The citizens of Martinez enthusiastically welcomed us.
5. Under the leadership of Phil Daugherty, the Bocce team competed again this year. The team finished tied for third place in the regular season and competed in the playoffs finishing in second place after a competitive playoff with the winning team. The team continues to make new friends and is very competitive.
6. The Recruiting Team led by Timothy Gillett with Art Miller and David Brown are doing a good job at the VA Hospital on the third Tuesday of each month. Thank you for your time and effort.
7. Our Poppy distribution team spent three days at Safeway and Wal-Mart before Memorial Day and Veterans Days. The team was successful and continues to make friends for VFW and Veterans.
8. Carl Edwards and Karen Patten-Bell have spent many hours maintaining our Post Facebook account. If you have a Facebook account, you may locate our Post Facebook by using the search feature within Facebook, just type vfw-post-1351-Martinez. Once there, join our Facebook community by clicking the join button and then you can add comments, photos, and documents.
9. The twenty-second anniversary of the September 9-11-2001 attack by Muslim terrorists on our country was remembered on September 11, 2023. The 9-11 monument is located at the new train station. Twelve Post members attended, and Timothy Gillett performed the raising of the flag.

Your membership is important, remember we will soon need to pay our annual dues.
If you know of any prospective members, please recruit them.

Additional Dates of Important Events:

Veterans Important Holiday Dates:

DECEMBER

Pearl Harbor Day	December August 7
Hanukkah Begins	December 8
Hanukkah Ends	December 15
First Day of Winter	December 21
Christmas Day	December 25

JANURARY

New Years Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 15
Halloween	October 31

FEBUARY

Groundhog Day	February 2
Valentine's Day	February 14
Ash Wednesday	February 14
Presidents' Day	February 19

Veterans Important Dates:

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 Corp Established	August 4, 1790
U.S. Army Air Corp Established	July 2, 1926
U.S. Air Force Established	September 18, 1947
U.S. National Guard Birthday	December 13

Post Meetings August 20 - September 17 - October 15

Post Important Participation Dates:

Wreaths Across America	December 16
Memorial Day	May 24
Independence Day	July 4

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