

# Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351



930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

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

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As of July 1, 2017

Commander	Ellison Lockett	925-812-0871
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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://vfwpost1351.org)). Check out the site.
5. The Annual Convention will be held in Ontario June 8 through June 11<sup>th</sup>.
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 25<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch for further listings for a schedule of events. A brunch will be held after the services at our Veterans Hall.
11. July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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:

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 - . 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	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade

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

**Concord Veterans Hall serves breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast costs \$5.00 per person.**