

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.

As of July 1, 2017

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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. Election of Officers will be held at our April 21st meeting.
2. **Memorial Day Services will be held on May 28.** Meet at Hall 7:30 a.m.; Flag raising 8:00 a.m. Cemetery 9:00 a.m. Ceremony at City Hall Plaza 10:00 a.m. Brunch at Hall following ceremony.
3. **Poppies** will be will distributed May 24 through May 26. Please contact Candie for the times that you can help.
4. Bocce season starts April 26th. Good luck team. Have fun.
5. **Rededication of Veterans Memorial Park, Martinez, California, A VFW Post 1351 Project.** Write up by **Richard Cheney.** VFW Post 1351 embarked on a project to rededicate Veterans Memorial Park, Martinez, CA, on its 30th anniversary. The Post felt it appropriate to improve the existing park by placing a granite monument with the 37 names of the Martinez service men and women who have died in battle during the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and GWOT. The Martinez Veterans Commission and City Council approved the initiative in 2017. The \$6,280 cost of the monument was split between our Post and American Legion Post 29. The cut stone arrived from India in March 2018 and will be carved on 7 May 2018 by Art Monument of Hayward, CA. The finished monument will be transported to Martinez and the city public works department will then install it prior to the rededication ceremony at the park on 16 June 2018, at 1000. Family members of the Fallen that could be identified have received invitations to the ceremony and assist in the unveiling. The ceremony will also include a reading of the all names and the tolling of a bell for each Fallen service member. Full military honors will be given by the Honor Guard's 21-gun salute. A reception at city hall will follow, with an expected crowd of 150 to include veterans, public, and family members. This is clearly the biggest event for our post this year and everyone's help and support will be necessary to make it the success it deserves to be.
6. **See Special Dates** below for more important events.
7. Our **big-screen TV** has awesome capabilities. The American Legion used it for slide shows. Expect to see it in action during our meetings to show updates to our website and any information that looks good in full color.

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:

APRIL

Easter	April 1, 2018
Army Day	April 6
Persian Gulf War Cease Fire	April 11, 1991
Earth Day	April 22

MAY

Cinco de Mayo	May 5
VE Day Declared	May 8, 1945
Mother's Day	May 13
Armed Forces Day	May 19
Memorial Day Observed	May 28

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 - April 21-May 19-June 16

POST IMPORTANT DATES

June 7-10	State Convention-Bakersfield
June 14	Flag Day
July 4	July 4 th Parade
July 21-25	National Convention-Kansas City
August 18	Vintage Fair
September 11	Patriots Day Service-Martinez
September 15	Twilight Parade (Walnut Festival)
September 29	American Legion Boys & Girls State Dinner

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR MEMORIAL BRICKS—Call Carl Edwards for any questions; or go to http://vfwpost1351.org/ESW/Files/Brick_Donations.pdf

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.