

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 20 October 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 20 October 2018 at 1006 by Post Commander Trazena Jones.

Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present
Rich Cheney – First Vice Commander - Present
Ellison Lockett – Second Vice Commander - Present
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present
Art Miller – Adjutant - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant - Present
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present
Gus Kritikos – First Year Trustee - Present
Stephany Cornejo – Second Year Trustee - Absent
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Present
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer - Absent

Members in attendance:

Jorge Martinez
Phil Dougherty
Emmett Schumer
Mac Cero
Everett Della Rosa

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

Minutes of 15 September 2018

No corrections to the minutes published on the Post web site were reported, so the membership approved them as published.

Quartermaster Report: Carl Edwards presented the Post financial report for the month of September. The report was approved by the membership as read.

New Members: None.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we still need 6-8 members for all state recognition.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Richard Cheney reported that he had outlined these scholarship programs to the principals of the intermediate and public and Catholic high schools in Martinez. There have been no submissions as yet.

Scouting, Trap Shooting and Venture Crew: Committee chair, Paul Steelhammer, was absent, so

no report.

Website: Richard Cheney outlined the latest updates to content and navigation.

Activities: Committee chair, Frank Kastl, was absent, so no report.

All State and All American: Claude Nave reiterated the need to recruit 6-8 more members and pointed out that our Poppy drives are good opportunities for recruitment.

Bocce Team: Phil Dougherty reported that the season is over for this year, so no updates.

Poppies: Richard reported that the Veterans Day drive at Walmart will be 1 Nov. thru 3 Nov.; Carl reported that at Safeway it will be 8 Nov. thru 10 Nov.

Martinez Memorial Poster: Richard reported that the lowest bid for the poster was so high as to make the project unfeasible, so he withdrew the request for funds made in September's meeting.

Honor Detail: Ellison reported three memorials, a small delegation to the Walnut Festival parade and one flag detail for Hell's Angels.

Prayer for National Home: Led by Jason Caiado.

Announcements:

Student Veterans support: Richard Cheney gave a presentation on the Student Veterans drive for funds to support district attendees at the national conference.

Mare Island Naval Base Cemetery: This should be a National Cemetery, but was included when the Navy ceded Mare Island to the city of Vallejo. But after taking control, the city of Vallejo declared bankruptcy and ceased maintenance of the cemetery among other things. Mac reported that all maintenance since then has been done by volunteers. Jorge Martinez volunteered Diablo Sea Scout for help with cleanup if our Post gets involved. It was requested that we all write to our representatives asking for congressional support for the VA taking responsibility for restoration and maintenance. Rich moved that we look into getting access and contributing to cleanup; Art seconded. The measure passed with one objection.

Elks Club Dinner: 10 November. Reservations required. Vets free, others \$12.

Korean War Medal: Mac informed the membership that Gus Kritikos and Everett Dela Rosa had been awarded the Korean Government's medal of appreciation for those who served in the Korean War.

District Meeting: 1 December 2018 in Lafayette.

Memorial Building: Ellison and Phil reported on floor replacement (Home Depot has offered to replace the flooring in the big room downstairs.) and Kitchen work. Mac has finished painting downstairs.

Sick and Distressed: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Stanley Rux, Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett. Ellison removed himself from the list.

Commemorative Dates: Veterans Day - Our official activities this year will be on Monday, the 12th of November.

Christmas Brunch: 8 December, 11:00 to 13:00.

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:15.

Guest Speaker: After the formal meeting was adjourned, Shooty Babbit, of the Oakland As, gave an inspirational talk, similar to those he gives to youth groups.

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Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Excused attending District School of Instruction
Rich Cheney – First Vice Commander - Present
(Vacant) – Second Vice Commander
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Excused attending District School of Instruction
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Absent
Art Miller – Adjutant - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant - Excused attending District School of Instruction
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present
Gus Kritikos – First Year Trustee - Absent
Stephany Cornejo – Second Year Trustee - Absent
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer - Absent

Membership attendance:

Ellison Lockett – Present
Macario N Cero Jr – Present
Lennie Dombach – Absent
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Present
Emmett Schumer – Absent
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent
Jim Flatt - Absent
Marjorie Detiege – Absent

Opening Prayer - Led by Bruce Bauer, acting chaplain.

Minutes of the August 2018 meeting were posted on the Post website. There were no corrections requested, so Rich Cheney suggested that they be accepted as posted. Art Miller moved that they be approved; passed.

Quartermaster Report: Ellison Locket presented the financial report for August. Art moved that it be accepted; multiple seconds; motion passed.

New Members: None

Committee Reports:

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen -- Rich Cheney reported that, in addition to our awards, District has awards for successful candidates. Has linked District's web site to ours. Has contacted Martinez school district and Vallejo school district to solicit participation.

Web Site – Rich described features of the web site, e.g., how minutes are presented and asked whether everyone was able to follow the link in his monthly email. Two members reported issues that were to be handled offline after the meeting. Monthly bocce standings deleted due to end of season.

Bocce – Phil reported that our team finished the season in 8th place, an improvement over last year.

Poppies – Walmart scheduled for 1,2,3 Nov. at Walmart; Safeway should be the same days but must still be confirmed.

Honor Detail– Ellison reported two memorials coming up: 23 Sept here at the Hall and 25 Sept at Oakmont. Walnut Festival parade has too few volunteers, but if anyone decides to come after all, meet at Social Security building at 1400.

Prayer for National Home – led by Bruce Bauer.

Announcements –

Next District meeting will be 1 December in Lafayette, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School of Instruction is being held today in Pleasanton. Kandie, Carl, and Claude are attending.

Student Veterans of America (SVA) offers scholarships for 12 student vets across the nation. Any vet who is a student can apply. Rich has applied. He has suggested to SVA that they present to the District meeting to solicit up to four SVA member representatives at the national SVA meeting in Florida.

Building – Ellison reported that floors are done downstairs except for main room's floating flooring. The floating flooring is to be removed and replaced. The floor underneath is hardwood, but it would cost more to refinish than to re-cover it. Mac has been painting the walls with cleanable semi-gloss and the stage has been removed, improving the appearance. But removing the stage uncovered the floor issue. Phil estimated \$3000 to re-cover the 1500 sq. ft. With improvements we could charge more for rent. There was a discussion of maintenance issues, including the broken window. Rich requested that the building committee ask Dave

Jackson to put in a request with the county to fix the broken window, at least.

Sick and Distressed Members – Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Sharon Steelhammer, Juanita Lockett and Stanley Rux. Ellison Locket had his surgery, placing three stents, and removed himself from the list. Stanley Rux placed himself on the list due to his recent stroke.

Commemorative Dates –

Veterans Day 11/12 (celebration on Monday, in lieu of Sunday, 11/11): Cemetery at 0900, City Hall at 1000 and feed at the Hall at 1100. Phil will cook.

Christmas Brunch - 12/8 1100-1300

Miscellaneous – Rich intends to request a light for the flag pole to relieve the County staff from the twice daily task of raising and lowering the flag. Phil suggests asking the building fund to pay for it. Discussion of a solar option raised the issue of insufficient power to provide light all night. Rich will provide a plaque documenting the bell used at the monument dedication. He requested \$100 to create a poster sized replica of the monument to hang on the wall and to be used for recruiting in booths. Ellison moved that it be approved; Bruce seconded; approved.

Ellison reminded all of the all state dinner.

Closing Ceremony – Rich and Art retired the colors.

Closing Prayer led by Bruce Bauer.

Meeting closed by Rich Cheney at 1058.

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
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Saturday, 18 August 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 18 August 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Trazena Jones.

Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present
Rich Cheney – First Vice Commander - Present
(Vacant) – Second Vice Commander
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present
Art Miller – Adjutant - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant - Present
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present
Gus Kritikos – First Year Trustee - Absent
Stephany Cornejo – Second Year Trustee - Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer - Absent

Membership attendance:

Ellison Lockett – Present
Macario N Cero Jr – Present
Lennie Dombach – Absent
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present
Tom Zamaria – Present
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent
Jim Flatt - Absent
Marjorie Detiege – Absent

Guest:

Les Berkheiser - member of Post 4709, Conroe, TX. Served in Army and played bocce with us. –

Present

Minutes of the July 2018 meeting, as posted on the Post website, were approved with one correction to list Jason Caiado as Chaplain. Rich Cheney moved acceptance as corrected; Ellison Locket seconded; motion passed.

Quartermaster Report: Stephany Cornejo read the financial report for July. Art Miller moved that the quartermaster reports be approved; Claude Nave seconded; Approved.

Service Officer Report: Claude Nave reported that we need to recruit six new members by May of next year to make All State and asked Mac Cero to lead the recruiting effort.

Committee Reports:

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen – Rich Cheney presented info on these programs as shown on the post's web site, using the large monitor. Discussion expanded target schools to cover the Catholic school and others beyond the MUSD schools Rich has already contacted.

Scouting – Committee Chair Paul Steelhammer is absent;

Activities – Frank Kastl suggested a field trip to the Coast Guard cooking school in Sebastapol.

All State and All American status – Claude reported that we are in good shape to make All State if we get the 6 new members as cited above. The more members we have the more benefits for veterans.

Monument – History of the project is on Post web site. We have since received a letter of thanks from Congressional Representative Mike Thompson. Rich will report this project to “Checkpoint,” a column in the VFW magazine.

Bocce – Phil Dougherty reported that we are improving (current standing is 8th of 11 teams). We have one week left in the season.

Poppies – Kandie reported that Rich will coordinate, but that she had already set up Walmart - November 1, 2 and 3. Safeway not yet confirmed.

Honor Guard – Ellison reported funeral 17 August for Mike Keppel, past commander; another memorial is scheduled for 25 Sept. We need people to volunteer for Honor Guard. We barely have enough people for a full firing detail most times; sometimes we cannot field 7 riflemen between us and American Legion. Mac Cero volunteered to pick up anyone who needs a ride.

Walnut Festival – 15 Sept; meet at 16:00.

Patriots Day – 11 Sept at train station. 08:00 - 08:15

Miscellaneous Announcements – Carl announced American Legion annual dinner for Boys and Girls State. 6 Oct. 18:00 for \$15. He has tickets.

Stanley Rux said he had a stroke that has affected his memory and personality. Thanked membership for support.

Rich Cheney reiterated the need for timely calendar updates.

Prayer for National Home - Led by Chaplain Jason Caiado.

No new business or good of the order.

Closing Prayer - Led by Chaplain Jason Caiado.

Meeting closed by Commander Trazena Jones at 10:59.

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
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Saturday, 21 July 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 21 July 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call: Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Absent
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Passed Away this past month
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Present
Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Absent
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee - Absent
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms - Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent
Membership: Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Present
Lennie Dombach – Absent
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present
Tom Zamaria – Present
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent
Jim Flatt - Absent

Memorial: Ellison Lockett led ceremony draping the post charter in honor of Mike Keppel, who passed on in the past month. Mike has been an important force behind the rejuvenation of Post 1351 in

the 21st century. He is, and will be, missed.

Installation of officers: The following officers were sworn in by Carl Edwards, past commander. Mac Cero acted as aide de camp (chaplain).

Commander – Kandie Jones

Vice Commander – Richard Cheney

Second Vice Commander – Mike Keppel (Mike is deceased, so a replacement must be elected.)

Chaplain – Jason Caiado (Not present, so must be sworn in later.)

Quartermaster – Claude Nave

Trustee – Gus Kritikos (Not present, so must be sworn in later.)

Adjutant – Art Miller

Trazena (Kandie) Jones assumed command of the post and resumed the meeting.

Minutes from June 2018 were approved as posted on the post website by Richard Cheney. There were no corrections, so Rich Cheney moved that the minute be approved as written. Claude Nave seconded. Approved.

Quartermaster Report: Claude Nave reported the financial reports for May *and* June because the June meeting was the Martinez War Memorial dedication ceremony. Rich Cheney moved that the quartermaster reports be approved. Carl Edwards seconded. Approved.

New Members: none

Visitors: Joseph Viera, Navy; Les Burkheiser, Army, member of Post 4709 in Conroe TX.

Committee reports:

Membership: Claude Nave reported there were no new members in the current fiscal year (started 1 July) but that he and Kandie would establish objectives for the year in order to make All American and All State and report back to the members.

Voice of Democracy (high school) and Patriots Pin (middle school): Richard Cheney has taken over this committee from Carl Edwards since Carl's move to Sacramento. He has posted the current requirements for these awards on the Post's website. He outlined the requirements and process and current themes. Rich moved that the Post provide three prizes for each program; \$200 for first, \$150 for second and \$100 for third; seconded by Bruce. The purpose of the Post level prizes is to incent students to participate and to reward them for the significant time and effort involved. The motion passed.

Bocce Phil Dougherty reported that our standing has fallen. Practice is on Tuesday at 0900.

Monument Rich reported that approximately 110-115 people attended. Positive feedback from families of fallen and others. Good press for our Post and the City of Martinez. Histories of the fallen honorees are on the Post website. Tom Zamaria reported that he has submitted copies of the photos he took of the monument ceremony and of Mike Keppel's celebration of life to the Martinez Historical Society.

Poppies Kandie announced that our poppy effort will be November 1, 2 and 3. Walmart already scheduled.

Honor Guard Ellison reported that we served at ceremonies on 14 July and 16 July.

Prayer for National Home Ellison led this prayer.

Distressed Members Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Ellison Lockett, Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett.

Upcoming Events

District Meeting 4 August in San Leandro

Building Cleanup Need volunteers

Patriots Day 11 November 8am - 8:15. Volunteer opportunity.

Walnut Festival Parade in September.

Veterans Hall Elliston Lockett reported that the kitchen tile is to be replaced Monday 23 July AC must be turned off when we leave! Hall revenues have been good. Carl asked if we had a financial report on the building, but as tenants, we don't receive such reports.

New Business Richard Cheney reported that the bell, donated by the Martinez Harbor Master, belongs to us, so should be kept in the locked meeting room.

Closing Ellison Lockett led the closing prayer. Post Commander Kandie Jones closed the meeting at approximately 11:10.

Next meeting will be 18 August 2018 at 10:00.

Post 1351

Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 16 June 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was held at Veterans Park, Martinez, on 16 June 2018 at 1000. Opening Prayer by Vicar Mundinger – and pledge of allegiance led by Scout Troop 1351. The National Anthem was sung by Ann Daman.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Absent
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Present
Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Absent
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee - Absent
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms - Present
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr – Absent
Lennie Dombach – Absent
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Present
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Present
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Present

All normal business of the post was put on hold for this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to dedicate the new Martinez War Memorial in Veterans Park. Since this was a joint VFW – American Legion project, both organizations were well represented at this ceremony, both in the ranks and in the honor guard. Details of the ceremony may be found at:

http://vfwpost1351.org/ESW/Files/War_Memorial_Program-Final.pdf

All business will return to the Veterans Hall beginning with July's meeting.

Next meeting will be on 21 July 2018.

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 18 May 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 18 May 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett. Claude Nave led the service to undrape our charter following the 30-day period for John Sparacino’s death.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Absent
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Present
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
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Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Absent
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John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Absent
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Absent

Minutes from April 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Art Miller with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – none. Jim Flatt has signed up, DD214 verified (duty in Vietnam) but has not attended a meeting yet.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer: not present.

Website – Richard Cheney. He displayed the website using the new widescreen monitor and reviewed all the new items. Information given to him for the website usually are posted within a week. New items for the calendar are posted same day. He noted there have been NO NEW UPDATES to the Hall Rental calendar in over a year. This is the responsibility of the Hall manager – David Jackson. The posting of hall rentals was approved by the membership in April 2018. It is still an open issue.

Update on Martinez War Memorial ceremony. Everything is on track for the 16 June ceremony for the dedication of the new monument in Veterans Park. After our meeting, the American Legion voted to provide \$300 to the cost of the reception. To date, \$900 have been collected for this event. Also after the meeting Ace Hardware contacted Cheney that they would provide all the bottled water required for ceremony and reception. Phil will coordinate and pick the water up. The memorial and all things related to it now has its own webpage on the post website:
http://vfwpost1351.org/Martinez_War_Memorial.html

The monument arrived on 25 May into Martinez and is now under the care of Public Works.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play continues.

Logistics / Buddy Poppies – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (24-26 May) before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Char's Flowers of Martinez will provide the 24-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$265. The price includes four reusable banners costing \$40. Cheney will pick up on 28 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 0900 ceremony. (Updated info from April meeting minutes).

District Meeting: Ellison stated our delegates to the National Convention are Cheney, Lockett, and Edwards. Anyone else who wishes to attend can be substituted for one of the three above. Travel costs are member's responsibility.

Honor detail. Ellison reported three services during this report period.

Reminder: Memorial Day activities on 28 May begin at 0730 muster at the Hall; 0800 Flag raising;

0900 at the cemetery; 1000 at city hall; 1100 lunch at Veterans Hall.

New Business: June 19 is the Walnut Festival – Honor guard required.

National Home Prayer: Given by Jason Caiado.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Mike Keppel.

Closing Pray: Given by Macario N Cero acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 by Ellison Lockett.

Next meeting will be on 16 June 2018, where we all will be in formation for the dedication of **our** Martinez War Memorial.

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

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Roll Call:

Officers:

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Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Stephanie Cornejo with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – Jim Flatt has signed up, DD214 verified (duty in Vietnam). Motion to accept new member by Kandie Jones, second by Richard Cheney. Approved by acclamation. This year we will not reach All State or All American.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Mike Keppel and Richard Cheney volunteered to assist Carl, who lives out of area and cannot reach out to local schools.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer: not present.

Website – Richard Cheney. All items given to Cheney have been posted. New items include the current meeting minutes and Request for services (honor guard).

Update to Sign Board. Richard Cheney and Art Miller spent three hours to break the code in how to update the electronic signboard before the meeting. Although not fool-proof the two techno wizzes think they solved the problem and can “seamlessly” provide updates in the future. But if they should die, well the Post will then have to use hand-drawn signs. Current messages include Memorial Day, Martinez War Memorial, Buddy Poppies, and VFW & AL meeting Days and times.

Update on Martinez War Memorial ceremony. See MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL PLANNING MEETING AGENDA (Updated 17 April 2018) – attached – for details. The stone memorial will be carved on 7 May. Cheney will announce a date when he and anyone interested may travel to Hayward and see the new monument before it ships to Martinez PW for installation. Upon acceptance, a 25% incremental payment is due Art Monument that day (\$1570). Dave Scola from Martinez PW will travel to Hayward with Cheney, but there will be room for five other people in his van. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Hall for various roles that need to be filled before, during, and after the ceremony: traffic control (Sea Cadets volunteered); set up seats and seating of invited guests; reading of the names of the Fallen and tolling of the bell; assist in setting up city hall for the reception and cleanup. Cheney requested \$300 to pay for reception food and drink. The question was asked if anyone had been approached for donations. Cheney said both Main Street Martinez and Shell have been approached, but no response as of yet. Carl Edwards second, motion passed.

Separately, Dave Scola, Dan Koepke, Bob Ciella, and Cheney met at Veterans Park to see what needs to be done for the ceremony. Dave will remove the park benches and Bob will replace the existing concrete. He will also remove the natural stone on the right side of the flag pole (this will be the area where the monument will be placed). Chairs will be placed across the front of path leading to the flag. Reserved seating for family of the Fallen will be to the left; the podium is centered on the flag; honor guard, Sea Cadets, and flag bearers on the right. This may very well flow into Alhambra Ave (one lane will be blocked). Standing room on the bark behind the seats and into the street, as required.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play began on 26 April. There will be 6 two-man teams. We lost the first match 2 to 1.

Logistics / Buddy Poppies – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (24-26 May) before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Char's Flowers of Martinez will provide the 24-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$225. Cheney will pick up on 26 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 0900 ceremony on 28 May. (Updated info from March meeting minutes).

Old business: Elections. Post nominees: Commander – Kandie Jones; Senior Vice President – Richard Cheney; Junior Vice President – Mike Keppel; Chaplain – Jason Caiado; Quartermaster – Claude Nave; Trustee - Gus Kritikos. Carl Edwards proposed a “White ballot;” second by Art Miller. Approved by acclamation. All Nominees are now awaiting appointment in May 2018.

Reminder: Memorial Day activities on 28 May begin at 0730 muster at the Hall; 0800 Flag raising; 0900 at the cemetery; 1000 at city hall; 1100 lunch at Veterans Hall.

National Home Prayer: Given by Jason Caiado.

New business: Carl Edwards proposed all hall rentals be posted to the VFW website. Second by Jorge Martinez. Approved by membership.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Stanley Rux.

Closing Pray: Given by Macario N Cero acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 by Ellison Lockett.

Next meeting will be on 19 May 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL PLANNING MEETING
AGENDA (Updated 17 April 2018)

Status of resources (Rich):

1. Memorial carving (Art Monument, Hayward)
2. Contact with MTZ Police (traffic control: Officer Ferrer OK'd up to 90 minutes of traffic closure- confirmed)
3. Pastor/Chaplain (Andrew Mundinger - confirmed)
4. VFW Speakers (Terry Murphy – Dist 10 Commander and Carolyn Black – President, Dist 10 Auxiliary – both are confirmed)
5. Contact with families of the Fallen: Brandon, Hazel; Atherton, Harry Drew; Sparacino, Frank; Roman, Frank; Magnani, Patrick; McFarland, Alan
6. Contact with both Main Street Martinez and Shell Oil Co for wreathes – both are confirmed

Open Discussion on order of memorial dedication

1. Welcome (Shane Bower); Introduction of invited guests and VIPs
 - a. Family members – Atherton, Sparacino, Roman, Magnani
 - b. VIPs: Council members, County, State, and Federal Veteran reps
2. Invocation (Vicar Mundinger)
3. Raising the Flag (Sea Cadets)
4. National Anthem (Ann Daman arcipello over PA system - confirmed)
5. Pledge of Allegiance (Shane)
6. Speakers (intro by Shane)
 - a. City (Schroder-speaking)
 - b. County (Glover-speaking)
 - c. State (Sen Dodd/Ass Thompson-present, no speech)
 - d. Federal (Rep. DeSaulnier-present, no speech)
 - e. VFW Remarks:
 - i. Rich Cheney, Post 1351 – The building of the memorial
 - ii. Terry Murphy – The VFW honors the veterans and the Fallen Heroes
 - iii. Carolyn Black – honor to the families of the Fallen
 - f. American Legion Remarks: Jeff will contact District Commander to speak
7. Reading the names of the Fallen Heroes: Announce that each of the 37 Fallen will be read aloud by conflict, with an opening prayer by Vicar Mundinger. After each name a bell will be rung before going to the next name.
8. Unveil the memorial. Assist the family members to the memorial and assist them in removing the cover.
9. Placing of the wreathes by Main Street Martinez and then by Shell Oil.
10. Benediction (Vicar Mundinger)
11. Presentation of Flags & 21-gun salute – Honor Guard (George May)
12. Taps (bugler – Jennifer Oertel - confirmed)
13. Closing by Shane and invitation to all for reception at City Hall.
14. Snacks and drinks at City Hall.

Future work before Veterans Commission meeting on 4 May.

1. Invite photographers: Donna Beth (Gazette will be there); Tom Zamara (Art

Miller will invite); Kara Galindo (Park and Rec staff); EBTimes (TBD).

2. Solicit donations for lunch (both Main Street Martinez & Shell), or **get from VFW.**

3. PA system with Dan Koepke – confirmed.

4. Contact bugler - confirmed

5. Distribute flyers – done.

6. Contact news media

7. Prepare for 150 people for reception: Phil & Lennie will take care of this, but they need help.

8. Clean up and close down the event!! Celebrate!!

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 17 March 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 17 March 2018 at 1005 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Bruce Bauer – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present
Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Excused
Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Excused
Gus Kritikos– Second Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Present
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Excused
Lennie Dombach – Present
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Present

Minutes from February 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Richard Cheney with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed. Claude said that we typically provide the Army Museum and National VFW Home a \$100 donation per year and asked for a motion to approve the donation for 2018. Kandy moved and Bruce Bauer seconded. The membership approved the motion.

Bring a vet to meeting. Kandie Jones brought a Vet to the meeting: Missy J. Lee. Missy is an Army vet, eligible for membership to the American Legion.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – So far, 16 have renewed their membership, with 22 still needing to renew. The Post needs 20 to renew to reach 100%. This year we will not reach All State or All American.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer says he has the application for Scout of the Year. He also reported the troop is looking for a new scout master.

Website – Richard Cheney. All items given to Cheney have been posted. New items include the current meeting minutes, the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, and information on the Martinez War Memorial. No new items posted to the activities calendar.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins on 19 April. There will be 6 two-man teams. The first practice will be on 17 April at 1000.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney. Cheney is actively seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of the Memorial ceremony set for mid-June 2018. The idea is to come up with a specific plan on how we wish the ceremony to be conducted and then present it to the Veterans Commission at their planning meeting on 10 April. Volunteers include Bruce Bauer, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Mike Keppel, and Everett Della Rosa. **MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION!!** See website for updates.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Jory's Flowers of Concord will provide the 22-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$250. Cheney will pick up on 26 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 1000 ceremony on 28 May.

Old business: Post nominees: Commander – Kandie Jones; 1st Vice President – Richard Cheney; 2nd Vice President – Mike Keppel; Chaplain – Ellison Lockett; Quartermaster – Claude Nave; Trustee - Gus Kritikos. Elections will be next month at the April meeting, with installation in May.

National Home Prayer: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said District meeting will be in Antioch on 24 March at 0900. Attendees will be Claude Nave, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Ellison Lockett, Mike Keppel, and Richard Cheney. Cheney will provide transportation for five in his van, leaving from the Hall at 0800.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, are on the remember the sick list.

Closing Prayer: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Next meeting will be on 21 April 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 17 February 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 17 February 2018 at 1000 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Present
Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Absent
Gus Kritikos– Second Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Present
Lennie Dombach – Present
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Present
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Excused
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent

Minutes from January 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero with Carl Edwards second; it was voted on and passed.

Bring a vet to meeting. Ellison Lockett asked the membership to bring one of their veteran friends to a future meeting to help our membership drive.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – there is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap).

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins in April. There will be 6 two-man teams. Find your partner and be ready by April.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – showed the new picture of the membership holding the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India two weeks ago and will arrive in California in about a month. Rich showed the memorial article in the Martinez Gazette. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates.

Website – Richard Cheney – Always seeking new content. The only items in February's calendar were the meeting today.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. The city only provides a wreath with plastic flowers that is reused. It looks pretty tired and, frankly, is disrespectful of our veterans and fallen heroes. Rich distributed pictures of possible replacement wreaths using either real flowers or silk. Real flowers would have to be replaced with each wreath whereas silk flowers would be reused. Cost of real flowers would be \$200/wreath and the silk flowers would be \$300 one time. Cost could be split with American Legion. Other than the obvious advantage of having a high quality wreath for the ceremonies, both Posts benefit because the wreaths would remain in city hall for a week (until the flowers withered) continuing to remind the citizenry of the sacrifices made by the military and acting as a recruiting tool, as the wreaths will have the emblems of both posts attached. A lively discussion followed with concerns about using money for veterans at risk for a flower project. Lennie pointed out how difficult it is to get members to come out for Buddy Poppies – our main source of donations. Claude proposed we try live flowers for one year at \$400 and then re-evaluate. Rich seconded. Approved by the membership.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said post elections are coming up for commander, Senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, chaplain, and one trustee. Nomination and election will follow Bylaws, Sections 216-217. Nominations will be sent to Trazena Jones and Art Miller through March. Elections are in April with installation during the District Convention in June. Lennie Dombach informed us of the upcoming St Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner on 3 March sponsored by the American Legion. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each. See attached flyer.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Jason Caiado are on our remember sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1105.

Next meeting will be on 17 March 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant

American Legion

Henry A McNamara Post 29

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Veterans Memorial Building
930 Ward Street
Martinez, CA

Raffle Prize
tickets sold at
the event

Saturday, March 3, 2018

No Host Pub – 5:00pm

Dinner – 6:00pm

Irish Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Door Prize
drawing

For Reservations call:

Jeff 925-957-1662

Suggested
Donation \$15.⁰⁰



Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 21 January 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 21 January 2018 at 1003 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Art Miller – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present
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Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman –Present
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Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
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Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent

Guests:

Cora Young
Ryan-Thomas Brown

Guest Speakers: Cora Young works in Rep Mike Thompson's Vallejo office and Ryan-Thomas Brown works in Rep Mark DeSaulnier's Walnut Creek office. Although the Federal government shut down effective today, they were here to discuss what their Congressmen can do to assist veterans and how to reach them when an issue arises that can be solved through Federal intervention. They made a special pitch for the Korean government's "Ambassador for Peace" medal. Information on the medal may be found at <https://mikethompsonforms.house.gov/news/email/show.aspx?ID=NSYJYMWDQZHKC>.

Financial Report: First Year Trustee Stephanie Cornejo provided the update, which was provided under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero and Carl Edwards seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – 15 members still need to pay their dues by 1 June. There is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap). Mike Keppel asked if there was a list of those who need to pay; Claude will make it available.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present. Elliot asked for another person to take over this role from Frank.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – reported the team was full and begins play every Thursday morning beginning in April. He's started a new format with 2-man teams.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – reported hanging the Sidney Severns lithograph and is looking to hang a picture of the membership celebrating the arrival of the lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India this past week and will arrive in California in about 6 weeks. Rich is now an intern for the City of Martinez (part of his graduate school requirements) and will shepherd the project as a member of the city staff. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates. Service hours for volunteers working on researching the names of Martinez war dead were reported to Claude Nave.

Website – Richard Cheney – Most pages have new content: home page has link to Rep Mike Thomas' call for Korean War vets; local news will have meeting minute concatenated for the entire year (you can this month's info and then the previous month's immediately after). Rather than send out copies of the minutes to each e-mail address, there will be a link to the minutes on the website. Photo album – new pictures from the Christmas dinner, and additional pictures of Buddy Poppy activity at Safeway, along with the group photo of members with the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Art Miller acting as Chaplain for today.

Donations: Claude Nave reported we annually give \$100 to the National Home and Army Historical Museum.

New business: Ellison Lockett said post elections are coming up for commander, Senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, chaplain, and one trustee. Nomination and election will follow Bylaws, Sections 216-217. Nominations will be sent to Trazena Jones and Art Miller through March. Elections are in April with installation during the District Convention in June.

Information on officer duties can be found here:

<http://www.vfw9785.org/thevfw/PostOfficerDuties.html>. The information is a little dated, but 90% accurate. Ellison also reported the American Legion District 9 will have a crab feed at Veterans Hall on 3 Feb from 1700 to 2100. Tickets are \$50 each, limited to 100 participants. Contact Jeff Roubal at 925-957-1662. There will be a district meeting in Antioch at 0900 on 24 March.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, are on our remember sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Art Miller acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1135.

Next meeting will be on 17 February 2018

Post 1351

Richard Cheney – Adjutant