

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 16 March 2019

Post Commander Trezina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 16 February 2019.

Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present
Rich Cheney – First Vice Commander - Excused
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 - Absent
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:

Phil Dougherty
Bruce Bauer
Shae Rooney
John Lyttle
Alan Munguia

Guests:

None

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

Minutes of February 2019: There being no reported errors or omissions in the minutes posted to the web site, Art Miller moved that they be accepted as posted; Claude seconded. Motion passed.

Quartermaster Report: Claude Nave presented the financial report as of 28 Feb 2019. Ellison moved that the report be accepted, Jorge seconded. Motion passed. Financial data are available only to members so are excluded from this published copy of the minutes.

New Members: None.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we have one new member and one reinstated. We had 73 members 1/1/19, now 70.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen: Rich Cheney is absent due to excused conflict, so no

report.

Scouts: Paul Steelhammer is absent; Carl reported that Paul may have someone to take over from him.

Membership: Claude showed the official VFW spreadsheet used to determine All State qualification. We currently have 100 of the 120 points we need by end of April or May. Claude stressed the need to inform him of every qualifying activity performed.

Web Site: Art Miller reported that a mesothelioma support organization had approached Rich Cheney about adding a link from our web site to theirs. Rich and Art concurred that it was a worthy addition, due especially to the Navy's extensive use of asbestos. Art cited health damage due to his parents' Naval and shipyard exposures. The link is under local organizations on the web site.

All State and All American status: Claude reported that we should qualify for All state with the submission of a Scout of the Year. If we get 100% of membership it would give us an additional 20 points. The benefits are a plaque for the post and qualification for commander and quartermaster to buy and wear a special "all state" hat.

Bocce: Phil reported that he has signed us up. Competition, for our team, will start 25 April, after the rains.

Poppies: Rich arranged our time at Walmart for the weekend before Memorial Day. Carl will arrange with Safeway. 23-25 May. If we have enough people, we will be able to use both doors at Walmart. We need four or five people to optimize results.

Honor Guard: Ellison reported that we have had no memorials this month.

National Home Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

New Business

Next District Meeting: 23 Mar at 0900 at 815 Fulton Shipyard, Antioch.

Building: New stoves and tables in kitchen thanks to Phil and Ellison. Need work on the pool room.

28 April there will be a memorial for Sharon Steelhammer here in this Hall at 1500.

Sick and Distressed Members: Kandie Jones, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Gus Kritikos, Juanita Lockett.

Memorial Day: Need 16 people for Memorial Day ceremonies. Check web site for official times:

- 0830 Flag raising and one volley at Veterans Hall
- 0900 Cemetery ceremony
- 1000 Ignacio Plaza ceremony
- 1100 Community Lunch at Veterans Hall
- 1200 Maritime Wreath Laying ceremony at harbor

Other activities: Kandie mentioned PGA Hope for help getting together with other vets and learning

golf. At Diablo Creek 1st and 3rd Monday. Twelve spots available at \$15. Call 707-449-4742.

Kandie also suggested attending Valor Games are athletic competitions for vets over 3 days on Coast Guard Island, Alameda.

Community Service: Mac Cero has brochures for Operation Care and Comfort (OCC), an organization supporting troops overseas with Care packages. His car club donated \$1500; Mac moved that we donate \$200, ellison seconded; motion passed.

Old Business: None.

Nomination of Officers:

Elected officers:

Commander - Kandie Jones
Sr. Vice Commander - Richard Cheney
Junior Vice Commander - Ellison Lockett
Quartermaster - Claude Nave
Chaplain - Jason Caido
Trustee - Shae Rooney

Appointed officers:

Judge Advocate - Bruce Bauer
Surgeon - Stanley Rux
Adjutant - Art Miller
Service Officer - Lennie Dombach

Closing Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

Meeting closed: 10:53

Signed,
Art Miller
Adjutant

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Members in Attendance:

Phil Dougherty
Bobby Siebenrock
Bruce Bauer
Frank Kastl
Shae Rooney

Guests:

None

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

Minutes of January 2019: There being no reported errors or omissions in the minutes posted to the web site, Art Miller moved that they be accepted as posted; Claude seconded. Motion passed.

Quartermaster Report: Carl Edwards presented the financial report as of 31 Jan 2019. Carl moved that the report be accepted, Ellison locket seconded. Motion passed. Financial data are available only to members so are excluded from this published copy of the minutes.

New Members: None.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we need two more members to pay dues to be 100% and a couple of new members to make All State. Richard Cheney reported that he had approached eligible student veterans at SFSU to join our post, with benefits at all VFW posts. Carl pointed out that there were also disaster benefits of membership.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen: Richard reported that we are out of season for both of these programs, and we will not get this year's topics until possibly as late as June. We will resume activities then. Rich displayed the award presented to our Patriot's Pen candidate last month.

Mare Island Naval Cemetery: Richard reported this congressional session's new congressional bills from Sen Feinstein and Rep Thompson. Frank Kastl questioned the VA's cost estimates as reported in the *Stars and Stripes* story. Rich proposed that we, as a post, lobby our District and Department for support.

Scouts: Paul Steelhammer is absent; Carl reported that Paul may have someone to take over from him.

Membership: Claude showed the official VFW spreadsheet used to determine All State qualification. We currently have 100 of the 120 points we need by end of April or May. Claude stressed the need to inform him of every qualifying activity performed. The report is now available on our website: http://vfwpost1351.org/ESW/Files/10_-_Post_Status_Report_-_02-22-19.pdf

Bocce: Phil reported that he has signed us up. Competition will probably start in April, after the rains.

Phil urged anyone interested to support the American Legion corned beef dinner. See flyer, attached.

Activities: Frank Kastl suggested that the Post consider joining the *Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club* for inter-club yacht club benefits. It would give us an additional way to network with other vets as well as with yacht clubs.

Poppies: Rich arranged our time at Walmart for the weekend before Memorial Day. Carl will arrange with Safeway. 23-25 May.

Student Veterans: Rich read thank-you card from Moira Holman for our financial support to them for their national conference. Ms. Holman represented the SFSU student veterans at a District 10 meeting to solicit their support. Post 1351 contributed \$250, District contributed \$1000. See attached.

Honor Guard: Ellison reported that we have had no memorials this month.

National Home Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

New Business

Next District Meeting: 23 Mar at 0900 at 815 Fulton Shipyard, Antioch.

Building: Ellison reported that we need help today to remove old stove from the Kitchen, and we need to clean up the pool room. The stove was removed to Phil's truck immediately after the meeting, then Phil took it to the dump.

Sick and Distressed Members: Kandie Jones, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley

Rux, Gus Kritikos, and Juanita Lockett.

Juanita Locket had two seizures in the week before the meeting. Terrance Holme's son passed away. We send our condolences to Paul Steelhammer on the passing of his wife, Sharon Steelhammer.

New Business: St. Patrick's dinner sponsored by the American Legion: 2 Mar, \$15.

Old Business: Exterior light for flag pole: The existing light's wiring gauge is too small and must be replaced, but not before rain ends.

Closing Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

Meeting closed: 11:07

American Legion
Henry A McNamara Post 29

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Veterans Memorial Building
930 Ward Street
Martinez, CA

Saturday, March 2, 2019
No Host Pub – 5:00pm
Dinner – 6:00pm

Irish Dinner
Corned Beef & Cabbage

For Reservations call:
Jeff 925-957-1662

Donation \$15.⁰⁰
per person

Door Prize drawing



Vets@SFSU
1600 Holloway Ave
#55B303
San Francisco, CA
94132



VFW Sidney Severns
930 Ward St
Martinez, CA

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On Behalf of the veterans @ SFSU,

I'd like to thank you for your contribution to help us get to the 2019 Student Veterans of America's National Convention. We were able to reach half of our goal & sent 4 students this year!

Thank you for believing in the student veterans @ San Francisco State University

Myra Hallman
Director of Veterans Affairs
Vets@SFSU

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Saturday, 19 January 2019

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 19 January 2019 at 1028 by Post Vice Commander Richard Cheney after an informal meeting with guests that began at 1000.

I. Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Excused
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 -Absent
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Present
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer –Absent

II. Members in attendance:

Phil Dougherty
Emmett Schumer
Mac Cero
Everett Della Rosa
Frank Kastl
JohnH Lyttle III
Bruce Bauer
Frank Macan
Emmett Schumer

III. Guests:

Raul Andrade
Diego Andrade
Joe Prado
Matthew Prado

IV. The official meeting started late to accommodate two guest presentations. The guests were not present for the official meeting.

V. Guest Presentations (before official meeting)

Matthew Prado, accompanied by his father, Joe Prado, offered to assist the Post with service projects. Matthew is an Eagle Scout, and wishes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. Suggestions included maintenance work on the Hall and on the Mare Island cemetery. Diego Andrade won the Patriots Pen competition at the Post 1351 level, so was awarded our \$250 stipend at this meeting. He was accompanied by his father, Raul Andrade. The official meeting was called to order at 10:28.

VI. Opening Prayer:Jason Caiado led.

VII. Minutes of 15 Dec 2018:

Motion to accept minutes posted on website by Ellison Lockett, seconded by Claude Nave. Approved with one correction -that the financial report be deleted and that all future minutes

be annotated to state that financial data are excluded.

VIII. Quartermaster Report: Carl Edwards presented the financial report as of 31 Dec 2018. Financial data are available only to members so are excluded from this published copy of the minutes.

IX. New Members: None.

X. Returning members: John Lyttle, George Driscoll

XI. Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we have one new this year, and should have another 5 or 6, but it is not a qualifier for all state this year.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Penand Teacher of the Year: In the pre-meeting, Rich Cheney described each competition and their prize levels and encouraged Matthew Prado to continue participating. 2019 is a new year for these competitions. Schools are given the information on the student programs, but they don't generally produce entrants. Claude suggested following the Martinez Gazette's lead for Teacher of the Year.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was not present, so did not report.

Website: Rich Cheney reported updated entry reMare Island Naval Cemetery. He has asked the city contact, Erin Hanford (Economic Development for City of Vallejo) to assist with a campaign to shame the VA into taking up the maintenance.

All State Status: Claude reported that we get points for each community activity we complete, and support for military unit.

Bocce: Phil reported that we need 4 more for our team. Meets on Thursday morning (0900), practices on Tuesday morning.

Poppies: Rich suggested doing both Walmart and Safeway the weekend of Memorial Day, rather than separate weekends, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Student Veterans of America: Rich attended the 2019 conference 3-5 Jan. Our post contributed \$250; District gave \$1000. Contributions were distributed among the SFSU participants. At least 1500 veterans attended the conference; 75 agencies attended including VFW and American Legion. There were over 100 breakout sessions covering veterans' issues and employers' needs. Prospective employers interviewed vet attendees.

Honor Detail: Three funerals since Veterans Day. In one, only two attended. Of the other two, we received donations of \$700.

XII. Prayer for National Home: Jason Caiado led prayer.

XIII. New Business: Carl reminded us of the American Legion's corned beef dinner in March.

Next district meeting 0900 on 23 March at 815 Fulton Shipyard in Antioch.

Next building meeting 16 March. The commercial stove that leaks gas will be replaced by two home kitchen stoves.

XIV. Sick/distressed members: Kandie Jones, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett.

XV. Closing Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

XVI. Meeting closed: 11:20