

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 18 May 2019**

Post Commander Trezina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 18 May 2019.

**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 - 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

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Kandie Jones led.

**Minutes of April 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; Rich Cheney seconded. Motion passed.

**Quartermaster Report:** Carl Edwards presented the financial report as of 30 Apr 2019. Claude moved that the report be accepted, Ellison seconded. Motion passed. Financial data are available only to members so are excluded from this published copy of the minutes.

**Convention Delegates:**

National: Kandie, Paul, Carl (July 20-24 in Orlando)  
California: Carl, Kandie, Claude, Ellison (June 6-9 in Ontario, Doubletree Hotel)

**New Members:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we are at 95.89% . We need 2 more to pay dues to

make all state.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen: Rich Cheney reported these programs are currently in abeyance. Carl reported that the new theme for both VOD and PP will be “What Makes America Great.”

Scouts: Paul Steelhammer was absent, so there was no report on Scouting.

Replica Monument: Rich presented Shea a full sized replica of the monument in Veterans Park. It was created by Shay Clary, of Bay Area Barricade Services, in heavy gauge aluminum. He moved that we allocate half of the \$395 cost of materials, with the remainder to be contributed by A.L. Art seconded; motion passed. Certificates of appreciation may be presented to Shay and her company next month.

Wreaths for Memorial Day and Veterans Day have been made of live flowers for the past year as an experiment. Rich moved that we continue to buy live flower wreaths at \$250 each, half to be contributed by Am. Legion. The motion passed. The wreath will not be cast into the strait this time due to time issues.

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: Rich urged members to check web site for the calendar.

Claude passed along George May's request for people to go to the Monument in Pleasant Hill after lunch on Memorial Day.

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. At Walmart, set NLT 08:30; Rich will set up there, but someone else must shut down. At Safeway, Carl reported that we will set up at 09:00.

Honor Guard: Ellison reported need for honor detail 22 May at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 11:30 meet time.

Veterans Memorial Building: Ellison reported we are still waiting for Dave to clean out his room. Phil reported that we have the material for lighting the flag, just waiting for a break in the weather to install.

Bocce: Phil reported current status: 2 wins, 7 losses.

Service Records: Kandie showed how to obtain service records using *Form 180 (OMB No 3095-0029)* through the state Vet Center (on Willow Pass) or the county Vet Services (on Douglas). Rich has used the process and reports quick turnaround. The Vet Center will have a dinner, with us invited. Kandie moved that we contribute \$200 toward meal sides; Carl seconded; motion passed.

National Home Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

**Sick and Distressed Members:** Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Gus Kritikos (has had two strokes), Juanita Lockett, Jack Kastl. Also, George Driscoll's son is at Walter Reed Hospital with a skull injury and eye lost due to a climbing accident. He is here in Palo Alto for now. Art Gomez has a spot on his lung and is now using a walker.

**New Business**

Senior Vet Visits: Claude passed along George May's request for people to visit a WWII vet.

Next District Meeting: In July, but no details yet.

Claude reported that Stephanie Conejo has borne her baby and also has a name change from Conejo to [Tete (sp?)]. He moved that we send her \$100 for her baby. Rich seconded; motion passed.

VetTix.com web site has tickets for veterans to attend events.

Rich asked whether we should have a picnic this year, possibly here at the Hall. As a 501C3 organization, the city might give us space in a park.

**Closing Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:** 11:15

Signed,  
Art Miller  
Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
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**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 20 April 2019**

Post Commander Trezina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 20 April 2019.

**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 - Absent  
Stephany Cornejo – Second Year Trustee - Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Present  
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Shae Rooney  
John Lyttle  
Alan Munguia  
Mac Cero

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Kandie Jones led.

**Minutes of March 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; Rich Cheney seconded. Motion passed.

**Quartermaster Report:** Carl Edwards presented the financial report as of 31 Mar 2019. Claude 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.

Nomination of Officers for next year:

Commander

Kandie Jones

Rich Cheney

Senior Vice Commander  
Kandie Jones  
Mac Cero  
Junior Vice Commander  
Art Miller  
Quartermaster  
Claude Nave  
Chaplain  
Jason Caiado  
Trustee (3 year term)  
Shae Rooney

**Election of Officers:** Vote for Commander was presided over by Ellison Lockett because the Commander was up for that office. She was elected Commander, so there was no contest for Sr. Vice Commander or for the remaining offices. The final results are:

Commander: Kandie Jones  
Senior Vice Commander: Mac Cero  
Junior Vice Commander: Art Miller  
Quartermaster: Claude Nave  
Chaplain: Jason Caiado  
Trustee (for 3 year term): Shae Rooney

**Appointed Officers:**

Adjutant: Rich Cheney  
Judge Advocate: Bruce Bauer  
Surgeon: Stanley Rux  
Trustee (1<sup>st</sup> yr): Gus Kritikos  
Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup> yr): Carl Edwards  
Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup> yr): Shae Rooney  
Service Officer: Paul Steelhammer

**Convention Delegates:**

National: Kandie, Paul, Carl (July 20-24 in Orlando)  
California: Carl, Kandie, Claude, Ellison (June 6-9 in Ontario, Doubletree Hotel)

**New Members:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Claude Nave reported that we are at 95.89% . We need 2 more to pay dues to make all state.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen: Rich Cheney reported these programs are currently in abeyance.

Scouts: Paul Steelhammer has doubled to 22 members; 3 nearing Eagle. New scout master Carlotta Canari appears to be well organized and making improvements. Troop needs equipment storage facility, approx 10 ft x 10 ft. Rich volunteered garage space. Rich questioned currentness of web page; Paul said he would start updating now that he is again

active in the troop.

Bocce: Phil reports season is starting 25 April. We have 12 members. Games on Thursday at 09:30, practice Tuesday 9:30 - 10.

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: Rich presented a tour of the web site and how we can use it to stay current. Claude explained the score sheet showing how posts are graded:

All State and All American status: Claude reported that we should qualify for All state with the submission of a Scout of the Year, worth 20 points that are not yet showing on the report. 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.

Valor Games: One part of the web site announces Valor Games. Kandie encouraged all to participate.

Memorial Day Schedule:

0830 Flag raising, here, single volley salute

0900 Cemetery

1000 City Hall, 3 volley salute plus reading the names of the fallen in battle

Toll the Bell - Kandie

Read the names - Art, Ellison, Paul

1100 Lunch at the Hall

1200 Maritime Wreath Laying

Mare Island Naval Cemetery: Rich reported that he and Kandie toured the cemetery with Congressman Tanaka (VA Committee) and Congressman Mike Thompson. Discussed the issues with the city engineer and the Congressmen. Volunteered us to help. Support Sen Feinstein's S127 and Rep Thompson's HR 528.

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. At Walmart, set up at 08:00; Rich will set up there, but someone else must shut down. At Safeway, Carl reported that we will set up at 09:00.

Celebration of Life for Sharon Steelhammer: Sunday, 28 April here at the Hall at 15:00.

Honor Guard: Ellison reported that we have had one memorial this month.

National Home Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

## **New Business**

Next District Meeting: In July, but no details yet.

Building: Need work on the pool room.

Claude reported that Kandie was named Congressman Mike Thompson's Woman of the Year.

Jorge Martinez moved that we donate \$100 to Sea Cadets' poker tournament. Rich seconded. Passed. Sea cadet of the year is Cadet Martinez.

Alan Munguia announced that he is being deployed to Guyana for four months.

Picnic - considered having it on the Hall's lawn. To be discussed later.

**Sick and Distressed Members:** Kandie Jones, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Gus Kritikos (has had two strokes), Juanita Lockett. Also, George Driscoll's son is at Walter Reed Hospital with a skull injury due to a climbing accident. Art Gomez has a spot on his lung and is now using a walker.

**Old Business:** None.

**Closing Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:** 11:25

Signed,  
Art Miller  
Adjutant

## Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

- 10 Douglas Drive, #100  
Martinez, CA 94553-4078  
(925) 313-1481 FAX (925) 313-1490
- 100 - 37th Street, #1033  
Richmond, CA 94805-2179  
(510) 374-3241 FAX (510) 374-7955



- 3361 Walnut Blvd. #140  
Brentwood, CA 94513  
(925) 313-1481 FAX (925) 313-1490
- 400 Hartz Avenue, #208  
Danville, CA 94526  
(925) 313-1481 FAX (925) 313-1490

### Burial Benefits

*Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
707 693-2460*

#### What is a VA Burial Allowance?

A VA Burial Allowance is a partial reimbursement of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not-service related, the reimbursement is generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot interment allowance.

#### Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- You paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, **AND**
- You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased Veteran's employer, **AND**
- The Veteran's discharge was under condition other than dishonorable. In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:
- The Veteran died because of service-related disability, **OR**
- The Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, **OR**
- The Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, **OR**
- The Veteran dies in a VA hospital or while in a nursing home under VA contract.

#### How Much Does the VA Pay?

**Service-related death** – VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses, VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some of all of the cost to move the deceased may be reimbursed.

**Non service-related death** – For deaths on or after October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at the time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at the time of death), and a \$700 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance. The plot-interment allowance of \$150 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the Veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed. An annual increase in burial and plot allowances, for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011, begins in the fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.



## **What the VA Cannot Do?**

- Gravesites in a National Cemetery cannot be reserved.
- The National Cemeteries, normally do not conduct burials on weekends.
- National Cemeteries cannot place headstones or markers from outside sources.
- The National Cemetery system cannot enter into contracts or agreements with local Funeral Directors or Mortuaries.
  
- The National Cemetery Administration cannot endorse local mortuaries or offer any discounts through a local Funeral Director or Mortuary.
- The veteran and/or family can purchase a prepaid burial plan through any organization of their choice. No Funeral Director or Mortuary can claim that they have any contract or agreement with the National Cemetery Association

**Please report any questionable claims or advertisements to your local VA or National Cemetery Office.**

## **Related Benefits**

Burial in VA National Cemeteries Headstones and Markers  
Presidential Memorial Certificates Burial Flags

## **What Do I Need To Apply?**

Veterans Service Representatives are available to assist you with burial, survivors' or to discuss any veterans' benefit with you. You should bring proof of the veteran's military service (discharge or DD 214), a death certificate, and copies of funeral/burial contracts and receipts for expenses paid by you.

## **How Do I Get Help Or More Information?**

Veterans Service Representatives are available to discuss this or any veterans' issue with you.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

## Veterans Memorial Benefits Seminar

Did you know your status as a U.S. Armed Forces veteran qualifies you for special funeral benefits? Honor your service while protecting your loved ones from unnecessary financial and emotional pain. Oh behalf of Ouimet Bros., join us for this important informational seminar and free meal. Spouses and loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, May 22**  
**12:00pm**

Back Forty Texas BBQ  
100 Coggins Dr.  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Please RSVP at (925) 401-7423**

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A Name To Remember In Time Of Need

# TAI CHI CLASS

**Thursdays**  
**8:30 -**  
**9:30 AM**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEDITATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS IS TO TRANSITION THROUGH A SERIES OF GENTLE, HEALTH-GIVING EXERCISES IN A RELAXED AND JOYOUS ENVIRONMENT. TAI CHI COMBINES THE FLUIDITY OF DANCE WITH ENERGETIC MOVEMENTS THAT TONE THE BODY AND IMPROVE CIRCULATION, BALANCE AND POSTURE.

TAUGHT BY  
HURSEY BAKER



HURSEY, A MARINE CORPS VETERAN, HAS BEEN PRACTICING TAI CHI FOR 30 YEARS. HE HAS MORE THAN 15 YEARS OF TAI CHI TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CURRENTLY CONDUCTS MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES AT THE COLLEGE OF MARIN, MEETS WITH A GROUP OF ADVANCED KARATE STUDENTS IN SAN RAMON VALLEY AND PLEASANT HILL. HE TEACHES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS IN BERKELEY AT THE BORP FITNESS STUDIO...

Offered through a collaboration between:



Concord Vet Center

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**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  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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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

**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:

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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](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.

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

National Home Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

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## **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 Lockett 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

Door Prize  
drawing

For Reservations call:

Jeff 925-957-1662

Donation \$15.<sup>00</sup>

per person

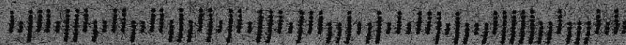


Vets@SFSU  
1600 Holloway Ave  
#55B303  
San Francisco, CA  
94132



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