

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 19 December 2020**

**Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen:**

At 10:00, prior to the actual business meeting, there was a short Zoom meeting to recognize and congratulate Mathew Prado for his first place entry in the Voice of Democracy contest, and Jacob Libby for his first place entry in the Patriots Pen contest. Both winners were in attendance, along with members of their families. At the conclusion of that meeting, the guests disconnected and the regular business meeting commenced.

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:10 on 19 December 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:**

Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander:	Rich Cheney - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Absent
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux - Absent
Officer of the Day:	Jorge Martinez – Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Daugherty  
Kandie Jones

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 21 November meeting as posted online, Kandie moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Carl read the November end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Claude moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; accepted.

**New Members:** none

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: none

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year Richard reported that the contests are closed out until Fall 2021. See above report of pre-meeting congratulations to the 2020 winners. Claude will send out their stipend checks and award documents.

Scouting: Paul was absent, so no report.

Website: Richard reported that Mare Island appears to be back as an SRO.

Poppies: Mac reported that due to Covid restrictions this activity is still dead in the water.

Honor Detail: Ellison

- *Wreaths Across America:* in support of this Daughters of the American Revolution project, Ellison, Claude, Kandie and the District commander participated in Concord Memory Garden and Rich participated in Brentwood.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

District Meetings: The next district meetings are at 0900 on Saturday, 16 January at 2021 in Pleasanton and at 1400 on Sunday, 18 April in Concord. The 18 April meeting is the District convention.

Veterans Memorial Building: Ellison reported that the benches downstairs and the upstairs have been painted. Outside behind the kitchen is done.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl.

Service Hours Report: Claude reported that he has received 26 reports since July for this year and that we are meeting our service hours goals.

**Closing Ceremony:**

Jason led the prayer.

**Next meeting:** 16 January 2021

Rich closed the meeting at 10:41 with a request that we each reach out to someone who is not here to ask how they are doing.

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Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 21 November 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:**

Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present

First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Present

Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent

Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present

Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Present

Adjutant: Art Miller - Present

Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present

Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present

Trustee: Renato Asiain - Present

Surgeon: Stanley Rux – Absent

Service Officer: Kandie Jones - Present

Officer of the Day: Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Daugherty

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 17 Oct meeting as posted online, Art moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Carl read the end-of-month October status of the post's accounts. Claude moved that they be accepted; Mac seconded; passed. Claude reported that our district inspection was due that day and that the reports have been submitted and that he and Rich were going to meet with the district rep.

**New Members:**

Ellison recruited 27-year-old Andreas Lopez, a veteran of Korea and Kuwait. Claude moved that he be accepted for membership; Carl seconded; passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:**

Claude reported that our membership is 86% current on dues, and that we need to be 100%. Cited the advantages of Life Membership.

**Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year:**

Rich reported that the VOD winner this year is Matthew Prado, who also won last year.

The Patriot's Pen winner this year is Jacob Libby, an eighth grade Scout. Each will receive a \$300 stipend from this post. Rich proposes awarding the stipends at the December (Zoom) meeting. Claude will mail the checks. There is no Teacher of the Year for this year.

**Scouting:**

Paul is absent, so no report this month.

**Website:**

Rich reported that the veteran discount vendor list has been updated, and that the Mare Island Naval Cemetery has now been accepted as a National Cemetery under the VA.

The website is under VFWPOST1351.ORG. Billing is once per year.

**Poppies:**

Mac reported that due to public health conditions and restrictions, we will have no further poppy drive activity this year.

Honor Detail:

Ellison reported that there has been nothing lately.

**Other business:**

Wreaths Across America, a Daughters of the American Revolution project, will stage their event on 19 Dec 2020 at 0900 with a virtual ceremony. DAR rep Kathy Nielson requested that the VFW provide a special speaker for a 2-3 minute talk and to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The ceremony commander would then ask people to stand for taps, played on a bugle which we can provide. Claude volunteered that he has a video of a 3-volley firing detail if wanted.

Warriors Veterans Day Thank You requests that we announce that on 3 Dec they will be co-hosting a free resume workshop for veterans at the Chase Center. Announced, but no action is required on our part.

**Prayer for the National Home:**

Jason led.

**Next District Meetings:**

Saturday 16 Jan 2121 at 0900 in Pleasanton

Sunday 18 Apr 2121 at 1400 in Concord

**Veterans Hall Update:**

There was no revenue in September and October. Eagle scouts have a project coming up to paint upstairs at a cost of \$2800. The lights on the main floor have been replaced. The stairway walls have been painted. Outside maintenance must be done by Contra Costa County. *[Adjutant's note: So why can we not repair the ceiling plaster in our meeting room?]*

**Sick or distressed members:**

Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl.

**Service Hours Report:**

Claude described the reporting form. The reporting year is from 1July to 30 June.

**Closing Prayer:**

Jason led.

Next meeting will be 19 December 2020 via Zoom at 1000 hours.

Rich closed the meeting at 11:13

Submitted 8 December 2020

Art Miller, Adjutant

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**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
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**Saturday, 17 October 2020**

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 17 October 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:**

Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present

First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Present

Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent

Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present

Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Present

Adjutant: Art Miller - Present

Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present

Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present

Trustee: Renato Asiain - Present

Surgeon: Stanley Rux - Present

Officer of the Day: Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Kandie Jones

Phil Daugherty

Robert Siebenrock

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Correction to attribution of statement regarding memorial trees for Emmett Schumer. Was attributed to Claude; changed to Carl.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Claude Nave read the report. Ellison moved for acceptance; Carl seconded; passed.

**New Members:**

No new members.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership – Claude reported that we still need at least 5 for All State, but 7 or 8 after attrition.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year – Richard announced that he, Carl and Mac, (all current and past Post Commanders) had agreed to judge this year.

Scouting – Paul was absent, so no report.

Website – Richard reported that the only change this month is the addition of last month's minutes.

Poppies – Mac reported that at this point, Walmart has only one door, and that Safeway will not commit at this time. Mac proposed a booth outside this (Martinez Veterans Memorial) building. Rich will check with the city.

Honor Detail – Ellison reported that we had two this month, and that the next one was scheduled for

October 14.

Prayer for the National Home – Jason.

Department Zoom Meeting – Rich summarized the 14 October meeting of the California Department. One notable point is that post inspections will be thorough, not cursory. Claude reported that he is ready for our next inspection, due in November.

Veterans Memorial Building – Ellison reported that the main floor and bar floor have been replaced; the lights remain to be done. We need more painting, to be done by a professional.

**Sick and Distressed Members** – Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl.

**Service Hours Report** (new) – Claude emphasized that our service hours are reported to Congress to help justify keeping charters. They are also part of qualification for All State.

**Closing Prayer** – Jason.

Rich closed the meeting at 11:05.

Next meeting will be, hopefully at the Hall, on 21 November, 2020 at 1000.

Submitted 4 November 2020

Art Miller, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes  
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Saturday, 19 September 2020**

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 19 September 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present

First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Excused, attending District 10 School of Instruction

Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent

Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present, after end of District 10 School of Instruction

Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Present

Adjutant: Art Miller - Present

Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present

Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present

Trustee: Renato Asiain - Absent

Surgeon: Stanley Rux - Absent

Officer of the Day: Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Kandie Jones

Phil Daugherty

**Minutes of previous meeting:** No corrections noted; Accepted as posted.

**Quartermaster Report:** Claude Nave read the report. Rich moved for acceptance; Art seconded; passed.

**New Members:** No new members.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Claude reported that with our 85 or 86% retention, we easily exceeded the standard goal of 75%. We will need 6 or 7 new members to make all state.

**Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year:** Rich showed the current forms, available on the Post website, with our Post 1351 information pre-entered so candidates can print from the website. The due date for submissions is 10/31, then we will have two weeks to judge them and pass along to District.

**Website:** Richard showed the current state of the Post website, discussing updates.

**Poppies:** No update this month. Mac was at the District 10 School of Instruction, but there will be no new information until November at any rate.

**Honor Detail:** Ellison was at the District 10 School of Instruction, so no report.

**Prayer for National Home:** Jason led.

**Update on Veterans Memorial Hall:** Phil reported the installation of a new floor in the main room and bar. The suggestion last month for making the Hall available as a community cooling center was rejected due to lack of parking.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl.

New Business:

- Rich reported that he has prepared a PDF form for reporting activity hours based on the form the Department has.
- Carl reported that memorial trees have been planted for Emmett, and that allocated money remains available for a memorial event.

**Closing Ceremony:** Jason led the closing prayer and Rich closed the meeting at 10:38.

Submitted 26 September 2020

Art Miller, Adjutant



**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
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**Saturday, 15 August 2020**

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:02 on 15 August 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:**

Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander:	Rich Cheney - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero - Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave - Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Absent
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux - Absent
Officer of the Day:	Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Kandie Jones  
Roger Edwards

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

No changes noted; Accepted as posted.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Claude Nave read the report. Carl moved for acceptance; Rich seconded; passed.

**New Members:**

No new members.

**Committee Reports:**

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year - Rich reported that National and District requirements are now posted on our site and linked from our site. Our site has the application form ready to print, with our post info pre-entered. Entries are due to us by 31 Oct, and to District from us by 15 Nov. Rich proposed that our stipends be set at \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third places. The measure passed. Teacher of the Year stipend of \$200, seconded by Mac, passed.

Website – Rich summarized current content of the website, including a report that Rep. Thompson added MINC (Mare Island Naval Cemetery) funding to the NDAA (National Defense Auth. Act).

Student Veterans – Schools are closed for the semester.

Poppies – Mac reported that nothing can be done until the stores authorize. Maybe November.

Honor Detail – Ellison reported no activity this month.

**Prayer for the National Home:** Jason led.

**District Meeting:** The August meeting was held 15 Aug via Zoom. The next two meetings will be: (9am Sat 1-16-2021 at Pleasanton) and the District Convention (2pm Sun 4-18-2021 at Concord).

**Veterans Memorial Building** – Ellison reported that there is no update. Rich suggested opening the building as a community cooling center. Discussion followed, with Ellison expressing doubts that the County would allow it. George volunteered to ask. [Subsequent to the meeting, it was found not to be allowed.]

**Sick and Distressed Members** – Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kastl and Mac Cero. Ellison reports his chief issue is intestinal cancer; Mac is undergoing chemo therapy. Carl reported that Emmett's wife has purchased a crepe myrtle for Emmett's memorial tree.

**Closing Prayer:** Jason led.

Meeting ended at 11:00.

Submitted 22 August 2020  
Art Miller, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
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**Saturday, 18 July 2020**

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 18 July 2020 via Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:**

Jason Caiado read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander:	Rich Cheney - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero - Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Absent
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave - Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Absent
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux - Present
Officer of the Day:	Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Terry Horton  
Kandie Jones  
Paul Steelhammer

**Quartermaster Report:**

Claude Nave read the report. Rich moved for acceptance; seconded; passed.

**New Members:**

No new members.

Alex Grimes (not in attendance) wishes to rejoin this Post. Rich moved to accept him; Ellison seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen – Rich reported that the new requirements were not yet out, but that he expected them by next month.

Scouting – Paul reported that there is nothing new to report.

Website – Rich displayed the website and went over the changes since June's meeting.

All State – Claude reported that we are one of only 20 posts to make All State this year. Criteria for All State include community activities, e.g., our flag raising on 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc., and guarding the Hall

during the Black Lives Matter demonstrations this month.

Student Veterans – Rich reported his intention to reach out to local student groups in Contra Costa County.

Poppies – Mac reported that he intends to meet with the store managers to arrange for access.

Honor Detail – Ellison reported on one honor detail on 11<sup>th</sup> July at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Prayer for the National Home** – Jason led.

**Next District Meeting** – Scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> August, 09:00 at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Rich will find out whether the meeting will be on site or virtual. Minimum post attendance requirement is for the commander, quartermaster and one trustee.

**Veterans Memorial Building** – Ellison reported that there is nothing new. The meeting room has not yet been sanitized, but Dave can get the work done on short notice. Although the Covid-19 lockdown has curtailed rental revenues, the bills continue, but the building has enough savings to pay them.

**Sick and Distressed Members** – Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux and Frank Kastl.

Emmet Schumer's family is in mourning due to his recent passing. Carl reported that Emmet's wife, Jane, would prefer that we plant fruit trees in the family yard in lieu of flowers. After discussion, Carl moved that we set aside \$250 for that and other memorial expenses; Mac seconded; passed. However, any large memorial gathering must be postponed until after the shutdown.

**Next Meeting** – 15 August, hopefully at the Hall

**Closing Prayer** – Jason led.

Meeting ended 10:50.

Submitted 21 July 2020  
Art Miller, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 20 June 2020**

Post Commander Trezina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 20 June 2020 via Zoom, hosted by Rich Cheney.

**Opening Prayer:**

Rich Cheney read.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Commander:	Trazena (Kandie) Jones - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero - Present
Second Vice Commander:	Art Miller - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave - Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Absent
Adjutant:	Rich Cheney - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Shae Rooney - Absent
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux - Present
Officer of the Day:	Jorge Martinez - Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Terry Horton  
Renato Asiain  
George Driscoll  
John Lyttle  
Roger Edwards

**Quartermaster Report:**

Claude Nave read the report. Rich moved for acceptance; seconded; passed.

**Installation of Officers:**

Commander Jones Trezina passed the gavel to past commander Carl Edwards for the swearing in ceremony. The ceremony proceeded in the virtual environment. At the end of the ceremony, Carl passed the gavel to the new commander, Richard Cheney. The new slate of officers, elected and appointed, is:

Commander: Rich Cheney  
Senior Vice Commander: Mac Cero  
Junior Vice Commander: George Driscoll  
Quartermaster: Claude Nave  
Chaplain: Jason Caiado  
Trustee (1st yr): Still open  
Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup> yr): Ellison Lockett

Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup> yr): Renato Asiain

Appointed officers

Adjutant: Art Miller (new to this position)

Judge Advocate: Bruce Bauer

Surgeon: Stanley Rux

Service Officer: Still open; awaiting feedback from nominee.

Officer of the Day / Guard: Jorge Martinez

**New members:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Claude reported that we have met All State requirements.

Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy: Rich reported that this year's requirements have not yet been announced.

Scouting: Paul is absent, so no report.

Website: Rich reported on updates to the Post website contents, notably that the Mare Island Naval Cemetery has had some maintenance completed and that the Army cemetery in Benicia has been turned over to the VA and will become a National Cemetery.

Bocce: Phil – The season has been cancelled for 2020 and moneys will be refunded.

Student Vets: Rich reported that there are no updates.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported that November has yet to be set up.

Independence Day: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade has been cancelled, but George is coordinating with the Martinez police for a flag raising ceremony at the Veterans Hall.

Honor Detail: Ellison reported that there have been no ceremonies this period.

Building: No change.

**Prayer for the National Home:** Rich led.

Carl moved that we conduct future meetings in person at the Hall as soon as possible, beginning with July; Ellison seconded; passed.

Claude has hats for Terrance, Renee and Charles Guthmann.

Ace Hardware has donated a box of commemorative grave flags. Next meeting we should decide how to make use of them on Veterans Day.

**Sick and Distressed Members:**

Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kastl.

*Emmett Schumer* was reported to be in hospital after a heart attack. But later in the day, we learned that he had passed away. We will organize a memorial service for him once Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed.

**Closing Prayer:** Rich led.

**Next meeting:** 18 July 2020

**Meeting Close:** Commander closed meeting at 10:48.

... Art Miller, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes  
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
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Saturday, 16 May 2020**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 16 May 2020 at 1015 by Commander Kandie Jones. The meeting was by Zoom teleconference

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present  
Rich Cheney – Adjutant – Present  
Mac Cero – First Vice Commander - Present  
Ellison Lockett – Trustee – Present  
Carl Edwards – Trustee - Present  
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Absent  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present  
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present  
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Absent  
Bruce Bauer - Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Service Officer – Absent  
Shae Rooney – Trustee - Absent

**Members in attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Roger Edwards

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Minutes of 17 April 2020**

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the April minutes published on the Post website. Rich proposed the minutes be accept; Kandie seconded; Motion approved.

**Quartermaster Report**

No report was available.

**New Members**

None

**Committee Reports**

Membership – No report.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). The 2019 program has closed out.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). No changes.



Bocce Team (Phil). Season is probably cancelled due to the coronavirus. More news available in June.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) No news.

Honor Detail (Ellison). All honors and burials cancelled due to the coronavirus. Memorial Day activities have been cancelled.

**Prayer for the National Home** - led by Jason.

**Memorial Building** – Ellison reported the building was sanitized. Our meeting room will also be sanitized before we hold meetings in it again.

**Sick and Distressed** - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett, Mac Cero and family members.

**New Business.**

- a. Rich presented a Post challenge coin PowerPoint. The design was generally accepted with minor modifications. See attached. Carl Edwards said the Post establishment date on the coin differs from his records and he will provide an update. Cost estimates varied from \$433 to \$774.
- b. Rich proposed purchasing 100 coins at a cost not to exceed \$550. There was no second.
- c. Ellison proposed we incorporate the design changes and review after we are through the coronavirus shelter-in-place and we are meeting in person again. Art seconded; the motion passed.

**Officer elections.** The following officers were elected at this meeting to take office in May or June:

- Commander: Rich Cheney
- Senior Vice Commander: Mac Cero
- Junior Vice Commander: George Driscoll
- Quartermaster: Claude Nave
- Chaplain: Jason Caiado
- Trustee (1<sup>st</sup>yr)
- Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup>yr): Ellison Lockett
- Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup>yr): Renato Asiain

Appointed officers (from the e-mail):

- Adjutant: Art Miller (new to this position)
- Judge Advocate: Bruce Bauer
- Surgeon: Stanley Rux
- Service Officer: Still open; awaiting feedback from nominee.
- Officer of the Day / Guard: Jorge Martinez (new to this position)

**Closing Prayer** - Jason.

**Next meeting** will be 20 June 2020, 1000. Members can anticipate that it will be a teleconference.

Meeting adjourned at 1109

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant



**Monthly Minutes**  
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**Saturday, 18 April 2020**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 18 April 2020 at 1013 by Commander Kandie Jones. The meeting was by Zoom teleconference

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present  
Rich Cheney – Adjutant – Present  
Mac Cero – First Vice Commander - Present  
Ellison Lockett – Trustee – Present  
Carl Edwards – Trustee - Present  
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present  
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present  
Stanley Rux – Surgeon – Excused  
Paul Steelhammer – Service Officer – Excused  
Shae rooney – Trustee - Excused

**Members in attendance:**

Art Gomez (from Las Vegas)  
Phil Dougherty

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Minutes of 15 February and 21 March 2020**

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the February minutes published on the Post website. The March meeting was cancelled and there were no minutes. Ellison Lockett moved that both reports be accepted; Carl Edwards seconded; Motion approved.

**Quartermaster Report**

Claude Nave read the Quartermaster Report of the Post's financial books. Art Miller moved that they be accepted as read; Rich Cheney seconded: motion passed.

**New Members**

None

**Committee Reports**

Membership - Claude reported we are at 101% and need two new members to make All State honors.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). The 2019 program has closed out.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). No changes.

Bocce Team (Phil). Season is probably cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) No news.

Honor Detail (Ellison). All honors and burials cancelled due to the coronavirus.

**Prayer for the National Home** - led by Jason.

**District Meeting** – Cancelled due to the coronavirus.

**Memorial Building** – Ellison reported the lights have been installed. Ellison proposed the building be sanitized before we hold meetings in it again. Rich Cheney proposed VFW contribute up to \$200 for this sanitization (assuming a like amount by the American Legion) the week prior to our meeting (unknown when that may be). Ellison seconded: Motion approved.

**Sick and Distressed** - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett, Mac Cero and family members.

**New Business.**

- d. Rich proposed the Post create a Post challenge coin that would be issued/offered to each member. Carl said the VFW has a lock on the design and charges \$1000 for 300 coins. Rich Cheney said he thinks he can beat that price. Kandie asked that he come back with specific pricing by the next meeting for further discussion.
- e. Carl Edwards proposed we teleconference future meetings so our members who cannot attend (out of state, etc.) can participate. Art Miller second: Motion approved.

**Officer elections.** The following officers were elected at this meeting to take office in May:

Senior Vice Commander: Mac Cero

Junior Vice Commander: George Driscoll

Quartermaster: Claude Nave

Chaplain: Jason Caiado

Trustee (2ndyr): Ellison Lockett

Trustee (3rdyr): Renato Asiain

Since the Commander's position was competed, the membership agreed to a secret e-mail or phone-in vote to be delivered to Claude Nave. Claude will prepare an e-mail and send out to all our members, with a required response by 24 April 2020. The candidates are Rich Cheney & Kandie Jones

**Closing Prayer** - Jason.

**Next meeting** will be 16 May 2020, 1000. Members can anticipate that it will be a teleconference.

Meeting adjourned at 1120

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes  
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Saturday, 21 March 2020**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was cancelled due to the county-wide shelter-in-place order due to the coronavirus outbreak. The Post will reconvene next month, if possible. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 April, 2020.

**Monthly Minutes  
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
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Saturday, 15 February 2020**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 15 February 2020 at 1009 by Post First Vice Commander Max Cero

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Excused  
Rich Cheney – Adjutant – Present  
Mac Cero – First Vice Commander - Present  
Ellison Lockett – Trustee - Present  
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present  
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present  
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present

**Members in attendance:**

Timothy Gillet  
Phil Dougherty  
Emmett Schumer  
Renato Asiain  
Terry Horton  
Frank Macan  
George Driscoll  
Frank Kastl

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Minutes of 18 January 2020**

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the minutes published on the Post website. Cheney moved that they be accepted; Frank Kastl seconded; Motion approved.

**Quartermaster Report**

Claude Nave read the Quartermaster Report of the Post's financial books. Claude moved that they be accepted as read; Ellison seconded: motion passed.

**New Members**

Frank Rossetti is new to our post. He served in Vietnam in the Army. Claude moved we accept his application; Art second: Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

Membership - Claude reported we need one or two new members to make All State honors.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). Matt Harrison was the post candidate and District winner. No news on the Department competition.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). Our post sponsored students from SFSU with a \$500 donation. SFSU sent us a letter of thanks for the contribution (attached).

Bocce Team (Phil). Team held its first practice; looking forward to a new year of competition.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) Rep Thompson and Sen Dianne Feinstein are still pursuing VA responsibility. No change in the current Congress.

Honor Detail (Ellison). Nothing to report. Honor Guard demonstration in Napa for Max's granddaughter's class. Seeking new members.

Social Events. Kandie organized a Community social 29 March 2020 (1500 – 2100).

**Prayer for the National Home** - led by Jason.

**District Meeting** - Next District meeting is in Lafayette, April 18, 2020, 9am. 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Memorial Building** (Ellison) County working on the lights.

**Sick and Distressed** - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett, Carl Edwards' family member.

**New Business**. Rich proposed the Post contribute \$250 for the flower wreathes used by Martinez at the Memorial and Veteran's Day activities. Second by Claude. Unanimous approval.

**Upcoming Dates** – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – 8 March 2020. Cost will be \$15 for all you can eat.

**Officer elections in April**. Nominating committee is Max and Rich.

**Closing Prayer** - Jason.

**Next meeting** will be 21 March 2020, 1000.

Meeting adjourned at 1107

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant

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**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 18 January 2020**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 18 January 2020 at 1007 by Post Commander Kandie Jones.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Present  
Rich Cheney – Adjutant – Present  
Mac Cero – First Vice Commander - Present  
Ellison Lockett – Trustee - Present  
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present  
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present  
Carl Edwards – Trustee and Asst. Adjutant - Present  
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present  
Shae Rooney – First Year Trustee - Present  
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Present

**Members in attendance:**

Timothy Gillet  
Phil Dougherty  
Emmett Schumer  
Rianato Asian  
Bruce Bauer  
Terry Horton  
Chuck Guthman  
John Littell

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Minutes of 8 December 2019**

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the minutes published on the Post website. Cheney moved that they be accepted; Claude seconded; Motion approved.

**Quartermaster Report**

Shae Rooney read the Quartermaster Report of the Post's financial books. Shae moved that they be accepted as read; Art Miller seconded: motion passed.

**New Members**

Tim Gillette is new to our post. He served in Iraq in the Army and received his commission through ROTC using the Army's Green to Gold Program. He lives in Martinez. Cheney moved we accept his application; Mac second: Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

Membership - Claude reported we need 6-7 new members to make All State honors.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). Matt Harrison was the post candidate and also won the District award. He will next compete at State.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). Our post sponsored students from SFSU with a \$500 donation. The District also kicked in \$1500. With that money SFSU sent 5 veteran students to SVA's National Convention in Los Angeles. We're attempting to get them to speak to us on their experiences at the convention.

All State (Claude) we're at 80% need 6-7 new members.

Bocce Team (Phil). Signup now for the team with competition starting in a couple of months. This will be our fourth year of play, with each year's performance improving from the year before.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) Rep Thompson and Sen Dianne Feinstein are still pursuing VA responsibility. No change in the current Congress.

Honor Detail (Ellison). Nothing to report. Asked for honor guard to be ready for short-notice requests. Mac said his daughter asked for the honor guard to provide her school in Napa with a demonstration of how honors are rendered during a funeral.

Christmas Party Planning. Phil said the post needs to do a better job of organizing this event. Everyone left after eating and spent no time socializing. He and Ellison spent more time setting up than the actual party. Kandie said we would organize a committee to put this together starting next month. Phil also needs permanent help in the kitchen. Terry Horton volunteered.

Social Events. Kandie organized two events to open the hall to all vets: 19 January 202 – 49ers NFC game (1500 – 2100); Community social 29 March 2020 (1500 – 2100). These are experiments – participation will be the key to see them continue!

VFW National Convention will be held in Reno 18-23 July 2020. Carl said it is not too late to use his free access to rooms in town for this event. Contact Carl for more information.

**Prayer for the National Home** - led by Jason.

**District Meeting** - Next District meeting is in Lafayette, April 18, 2020, 9am. 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Memorial Building** (Ellison) County finished repairs in Scout Room.

**Sick and Distressed** - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Frank Kastl, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett.

**Upcoming Dates** – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – 8 March 2020. Details next month.

Computer and Printer – Up and running, available for everyone's use. Jorge Martinez asked if the Sea Cadets could use the computer for their tests under adult supervision. Second by Ellison; approved.

**Closing Prayer** - Jason.

**Next meeting** will be 15 February 2020, 1000.

Meeting adjourned at 1100

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant