

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 16 January 2021**

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 16 January 2021 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:	Absent
Post Service Officer	Kandie Jones - Present

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Daugherty

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 19 December 2020 meeting as posted online, Art moved that they be accepted; Kandie seconded; passed.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Art read the December end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Kandie moved that they be approved; Rich seconded; passed.

**New Members:** none

**Committee Reports:**

Membership:

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Richard reported that our two winners had been passed on to District, but that they had not placed first at that level, so were not passed up to Department.

Scouting: Paul was absent, so no report.

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

Website: Richard reported that one new feature of the website shows that he and Claude have applied for a \$5000 grant from the *California Relief Grant Program*. We are eligible for this program because we have lost all of our normal revenue (i.e. poppy drives) due to Covid-19.

Rich also showed Claude's service hours report and the Admin status report links from the website. New links are "Hire a Hero USA" and "Wreaths Across America." cf <https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/reportsview.asp?vid=1290&columnid2=1351&columnid5=10&columnid3=7%2F1%2F2020&columnid4=6%2F30%2F2021&Submit=Search>)

Covid-19 Vaccinations: Art reported that Martinez VA Clinic is now vaccinating veterans aged 75+ and those with serious medical conditions. He received his own first dose on 11 Jan and has had virtually no ill effects. To schedule an appointment for a vaccination, call the regular scheduling number, 1-800-382-8387. A copy of the email announcing vaccinations is attached to these minutes, below.

Honor Detail: Ellison had left the meeting earlier to attend a funeral, so no report.

**Prayer for the National Home:**

Jason led.

The next **District meetings** are Saturday, 16 Jan at 0900 in Pleasanton and Sunday, 18 Apr at 1400 in Concord. The 18 Apr meeting is the District Convention. Anyone interested in becoming involved in VFW at the District level should contact Mark Steinberg: [coachsteiny@msn.com](mailto:coachsteiny@msn.com).

**Memorial Building Update:** Phil reported that nothing is going on at this time.

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

**Closing Ceremony:**

Jason led the prayer.

Rich closed the meeting at 10:38.

Submitted 22 January 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

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**Attachment, the vaccine availability announcement, dated 7 January 2021:**

*Right now we are opening scheduling COVID vaccination appointments for Veteran patients 75 years or older. If you are interested in scheduling a COVID Vaccination appointment, please contact us at 1-800-382-8387. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 7am-6pm.*

*The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is being administered throughout VA Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) via a phased plan. In addition to Veterans living in our Long Term Care facilities, VANCHCS will begin offering vaccines to Veterans who are at the highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19.*

