

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Seaverns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

A special meeting of the Sidney Seaverns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on December 3, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett.

A motion was made by Ellison Lockett to donate \$400.00, to be taken out of the general fund, to the Angles Foundation sponsored by the Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church for needy kids for Christmas presents. The motion was seconded by Kandie, and voted on and passed.

A motion was made to suspend the regular monthly meeting scheduled for December 17, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mac Cero. It was voted on and passed.

There was approximately 15 members present at the meeting and Christmas Dinner. No roll call made.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Next meeting will be January 21, 2017

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Asst. Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes  
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Saturday, November 19, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on November 19, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Kelly Thach – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Art Miller.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Carl A. Edwards

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present

Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present

Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Present

Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present

Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Excused

Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present

Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Excused

John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent

Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present

Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Excused

Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Present

Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Absent

Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Absent

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent

Richard R. Akin – Absent

Bruce Bauer – Present

Derek Byrne – Present

Macario N. Cero Jr. – Present

Richard Cheney – Present

Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent

Brian Chauvin - Absent

Lennie Dombach – Present

Michael Driggers – Absent

George Driscoll – Excused

Roger Edwards - Excused

Ramon Fernandez – Excused

Phil Dougherty – Present

Alex Grimes – Present

Jose Guzman – Absent

Bill Harbin – Absent

Terrance Holmes - Absent

Dennis C Hughes – Absent

Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present

Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present

John Lytle III – Absent

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Frank Macan - Present

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia

Jack Marino – Absent

Josh McKay - Absent

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stephanie Cornejo- Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Kelly Thach – Present  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Excused  
Nineteen members Present

New members were introduced. Derek Byrne is originally from Ireland and served in Iraq with the National Guard in the 49<sup>th</sup> infantry. He was in the Combat Security. He transferred into this post. Kandie made a motion to accept Derek as a member of our Post, Claude Nave seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Carl Edwards, Post Asst. Adjutant, read the minutes for October 15. A correction to the minutes was made to read the the presentation to the fifth grade class Patriots Pen instead of Voice of Democracy. Claude Nave made a motion to accept the minutes as read with corrections. The motion was seconded by Trazena (Kandie) Jones. The motion was voted on and passed.

Ellison informed us that all District Posts are wearing the VFW lapel insignias on the right side of the shirt. Claude Nave informed us that the Christmas Brunch will be December 3 between 1pm and 3pm. Let Ellison know if the number of people that are coming with your family, and how many male and female children under 12 will be coming; so they can get gifts for them.

Claude and Ellison had to leave to attend the Post inspection in Livermore. The meeting was turned over to the Sr. Vice-Commander Trazena Jones (Kandie) for the remainder of the meeting.

Finance Report read by Art Miller:

Beginning Bank Balance 9-30-2016: \$2,763.15 - Payments - \$2,464.00 - Deposits \$1,138.50 - Ending 10-31-2016 Bank Balance: \$1,437.65 - Outstanding Checks \$182.02 - Book Balance 10-31-2016: \$1,255.63. Savings account balance \$10,002.20. A motion was made by Frank Kastl to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Carl Edwards. It was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Website report by Richard Cheney:

Richard worked with Marjorie Detiege the past month and is going to be taking over most of the website duties. A new calendar will be kept up with the up coming activities. Take a look at the site and send Richard things to be posted. Richard made a motion to publish all finances in the minutes on the website. Richard withdrew his motion and made the same motion to be tabled until the next regular meeting. It was seconded by Frank Kastl and voted on and passed.

Send pictures to Richard.

Frank Kastl - Recreation Officer: Come to the Christmas Party.

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Kandie Buddy Poppy report:

We had a good Poppy distribution November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We brought in \$4,923.52 with 181 hrs donated. Thanks for ever.one that participated.

Honor Guard report by Kandie:

We had 25 services since June 1, 2016

The National Home: Prayer was given by the acting Chaplain Kelly Thach.

New Business:

District meeting will be held on December 15, 2016 at the VFW hall in Antioch.

See Macario Cero for any shirts you would like to order long or short sleeves he needs to get a count.

See Richard Cheney if you need to fix the magnetic name tags that keep coming undone.

Kandie made a motion to donate \$400.00 to the Angles Foundation sponsored by the Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church for needy kids for Christmas presents. She withdrew the motion.

Art Gomez made a motion to donate \$200.00 out of the general fund to The Angles Foundation sponsored

by the Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church for Christmas presents for need children. It was seconded and voted on and was defeated.

Sick and distressed members:

Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Ramon Fernandez, and Alex Grimes. Lets keep them in our prayers.

The Good of The Order:

Phil Dougherty reported that the Veterans Memorial Building is going to be painting the kitchen and put in a new sink. They will be working on the floor and looking to find someone to donate on the hood which will run about \$28,000.00 plus.

Lenny gave a report on the Leukemia and Limpoma walk in Walnut Creek. They raised about \$10,000.00. Although Lenny fell short of his goal he had a good time and walked about 30 blocks for the cause. He also reported that his group has brought in about \$2,800.00 for the Post from the work done at Levi Stadium this year with the concession stands.

George May Jr. from the American Legion asked us to advise our membership that the American Legion District #9 will have a Crab Feed February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Antioch Post. The cost is \$45.00. March 4<sup>th</sup> the American Legion Post 29 will have a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at our hall the tentative cost will be \$15.00.

Rifle detail practice after the meeting today.

Closing prayer was given by acting Chaplain Kelly Thach.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27a.m. Next meeting will be on December 17, 2016.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Asst. Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Art Miller.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Present  
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present  
Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Excused  
Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Excused  
Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Absent  
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Absent  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin - Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr. – Absent  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent  
Brian Chauvin - Present  
Lennie Dombach – Present  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards - Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Jose Guzman – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes – Absent  
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Absent  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stephanie Cornejo- Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen - Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Excused  
Richard Cheney – Present  
Bruce Bauer – Present  
Kelly Thach - Present

Nathan Padilla, Post Adjutant, read the minutes for July 16, August 20, and September 17, 2016. Nathan Padilla made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Trazena (Kandie) Jones. The motion was voted on and passed.

Claude Nave reported that 5,000 new Buddy Poppies have been purchased and have arrived for distribution for Veterans Day. Carl Edwards also informed the post that the post has been approved to distribute Buddy Poppies at Safeway this Veterans Day. Carl Edwards also reported that he has a point of contact on Main Street that will help the post use them to make a display for the VFW State Convention this year.

Finance Report read by Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Senior-Vice Commander  
Beginning Bank Balance 8-31-2016: \$2,417.61 - Payments - \$1, 105.77 - Deposits 2,251.31 - Ending 9-30-2016 Bank Balance: \$2,763.15 - Outstanding Checks \$0.00 - Book Balance 9-30-2016: \$2,763.15. Savings account balance \$11,002.12. A motion was made by Trazena (Kandie) Jones to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Carl Edwards. It was voted on and passed.

#### *New Members:*

*Claude Nave reports that the new year for new members started July 1, 2016 and that we already have six new members signed up since then. Ellison Lockett announced a new member, Bruce Bauer, a Navy veteran. He served on nuclear submarines in the Navy. Bruce announced he was proud to be in the post and hopes to contribute to the veteran community. Frank Kastl made a motion to accept the new member. The motion was seconded by Jason Caiado. The motion was voted on and passed.*

#### *Committee Reports:*

*Carl Edwards had nothing to report on the Patriots Pen or the Voice of Democracy, except Hidden Valley has not responded to the presentation that he gave them in April. Carl Edwards reported that he is interested in advertising The Patriots Pen to fifth grade classes to get more interest and applications to the program. The program is limited to only sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.*

*Frank Kastl - Recreation Officer had nothing to report on the post's activities as it is already the end of the Summer season and most of the activities have been completed. The post picnic went well and was a huge success.*

*Phil Dougherty reported on the bocce team. The season is over and the team finished in eight place overall in the league from tenth place last year. Phil is looking into creating two bocce teams since there was so much interest in playing this year.*

*Phil Dougherty reported that he needs a professional painter to paint the kitchen and a plumber to install a sink into the kitchen. If anyone knows anyone that can help contribute to the project, they can call Phil to pass along that information.*

*Trazena Jones (Kandie)-Buddy Poppy's-The dates for Buddy Poppy distribution have been setup for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 at Wal-Mart, Nob Hill and Safeway. Members should inform Trazena Jones (Kandie) when they can volunteer for Buddy Poppy distribution prior to November 3, 2016. Carl Edwards is going to work to setup a Buddy Poppy distribution site at Safeway at Virginia Hills on the same days.*

*Claude Nave reported that we will have our Veterans Day program at the Martinez City Hall park. The service will be at the cemetery beforehand. VFW and American Legion will provide the firing detail and provide brunch afterward. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event and help if they can.*

*Claude Nave reported that there will be a memorial service at the hall for Paul Gouveia on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm. The post may be providing assistance via a firing detail for the burial service in Dixon. Paul was involved with the American Legion Post 29 and served on the Board of Directors for the Veterans Hall. It would be appreciated if anyone can attend or participate in the honor detail as well.*

*The National Home: Prayer was given by the Chaplain Jason Caiado.*

*New Business:*

Claude Nave reported that the post's honor detail has participated in twenty veteran memorial services since June 1, 2016 and averaging one per week. The post does this for veterans as volunteers and if anyone is available to assist, let the post know.

Lennie Dombach reported that people who sign up to volunteer working concessions at Levi's Stadium events need to follow through with their commitment or communicate to Lennie that they cannot make it. If this continues, the post may lose the ability to fundraise and it is a vital funding source for the post. So far the fundraising events have been successful and if anyone wants to volunteer, they can contact Lennie.

Lennie reported that he signed up for a Leukemia and lymphoma Walk to raise money. Lennie is asking for donations and has a goal of \$500 for the walk. The walk will be at civic park in Walnut Creek on November 5<sup>th</sup> with a check-in time of 5:00 pm and the walk starting at 7:00 pm. Lennie made a motion to donate \$100 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Walk. The motion was seconded by Trazena (Kandie) Jones. The motion was voted on and passed.

Art Miller reported that the post has not been following rituals and regulations put out by the VFW. The post should be following proper regulations and not following their own rules. A discussion followed with the membership in agreement. All resources can be found in the Commanders Handbook available from Nathan Padilla, Post Adjutant.

Carl Edwards reported that Merle Longacre is staying at the Martinez VA Hospital recovering from cancer surgery and radiation therapy. People paying him a visit from time to time would be appreciated. He is a World War II veteran and a part of VFW Post 6158. Carl will send an email out with more information.

Ellison Lockett reports that if there is anyone going out of town to please let him know so that we can prepare for your absence. It is hard getting hold of people and this would be of great help to the post.

Closing prayer was given by *Jason Caiado* – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22a.m. Next meeting will be on November 19, 2016.

*Nathan D. Padilla* – Post 1351 Adjutant



**Monthly Minutes**  
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**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on September 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. by Post Junior Vice Commander Art Miller. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado.

Ellison Lockett - Commander -District Meeting.  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) - Sr. Vice Commander -District Meeting.  
Art Miller - Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster - District Meeting  
Nathan Padilla - Adjutant - Excused  
Carl Edwards - Asst. Adjutant - Excused  
Jason Caiado - Chaplain - Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate - Absent  
Stanley Rux -Surgeon- Present  
Paul Steelhammer - First Year Trustee-Scout Chairman - Excused  
Art Gomez - Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer - Present  
Gus Kritikos - Third Year Trustee - Excused  
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms-Excused  
Marjorie Detiege - Website Chairman - Absent

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila - Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr., - Present  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr - Absent  
Brian Chauvin - Present  
Lennie Dombach, - Stand Down  
Michael Driggers - Absent  
George Driscoll - Excused  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez - Excused  
Phil Dougherty - Stand Down  
Alex Grimes - Absent  
Jose Guzman - Absent  
Bill Harbin - Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, - Absent  
Frank Kastl, - Recreation Chairman - Excused  
Mike Keppel - Past Commander - Excused  
John Lytle III - Absent  
Frank Macan - Excused  
Lisa Maloney - Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino - Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney - Absent

Stephanie Cornejo- Present  
Emmett Schumer – Excused  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen- Absent  
Tom Zamaria – Excused  
Richard Cheney - Present  
Kelly Thach - Present

Finance Report read by Art Gomez-Trustee.

Beginning Bank Balance 6-30-2016: \$2,604.63-Payments -\$3,750.28 - Deposits \$3,241.54-  
Ending 7-31- 2016 Bank Balance \$2,095.89 -Outstanding Checks \$ 400.90-Book Balance 7  
-31-2016 \$1,694.99. Savings account balance \$15,501.92. Beginning Bank Balance 7-31-20  
16: \$2,095.89-Payments -\$2,862.79 - Deposits \$3,184.51- Ending 8-31-2016 Bank Balance  
\$2,417.61 -Outstanding Checks \$ 697.27-Book Balance 8-31-2016 \$1,720.34. Savings acco  
unt balance \$12,502.03. A motion was made by Mac Cero to accept the finance report as rea  
d, and seconded by Stephanie Cornejo. It was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Art Miller stated no reports because of members at District Meeting, Stand Down and absent  
s.

Honor Detail:

All members reminded about Walnut Festival Parade in Walnut Creek on September 17, 201  
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Prayer National Home:

Jason Caiado let the prayer for our National Home.

New Business:

Art Miller present instructions regarding VFW uniforms and dress code.

Closing ceremony and meeting adjourned 10:55.

Art Miller  
Junior Vice Commander

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on August 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. by Post Senior Vice Commander Trazena Jones. Pledge of allegiance led by Trazena Jones.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Art Gomez.

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present for Picnic-Honor Detail Service During Meeting.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present

Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Present

Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Excused

Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Excused

Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Picnic-Honor Detail

Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Honor Detail-Picnic-Present

John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent

Stanley Rux -Surgeon- Present

Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee-Scout Chairman – Present

Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Honor Detail

Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Present

Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms- Honor Detail-Picnic-Present

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent

Richard R. Akin, - Absent

Macario N. Cero Jr., – Present

Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent

Brian Chauvin - Absent

Lennie Dombach, – Present

Michael Driggers – Absent

George Driscoll – Excused

Roger Edwards -Excused

Ramon Fernandez – Excused

Phil Dougherty – Present

Alex Grimes – Absent

Jose Guzman – Absent

Bill Harbin – Absent

Terrance Holmes, - Absent

Dennis C Hughes, – Absent

Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present

Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Excused

John Lytle III – Absent

Frank Macan - Present

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia

Jack Marino – Absent

Josh McKay - Absent

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stephanie Cornejo- Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen- Present  
Tom Zamaria – Excused  
Ian Kearns-Present

Trazena Jones made a motion to suspend the meeting because of the VFW picnic for members of the VFW, American Legion, Veterans, Boys and Girl Scouts, and Sea Cadets. Approximately 100 people attended the picnic.

Ellison Lockett, Trazena Jones, Art Gomez and Paul Steelhammer presented awards at the picnic. Carl Edwards made the certificates for the presentations.

Trazenda Jones  
Senior Vice Commander

**Monthly Minutes  
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Saturday, July 16, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFWPost 1351 was called to order on July 16, 2016 at 10:00

a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Art Miller.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present

Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present

Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Present

Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present

Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Present

Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present

Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present

John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent

Stanley Rux -Surgeon- Present

Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee-Scout Chairman – Present

Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Present

Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Absent

Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms-Absent

Marjorie Detiege –Website Chairman – Absent

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent

Richard R. Akin, - Absent

Macario N. Cero Jr., – Present

Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent

Brian Chauvin - Absent

Lennie Dombach, – Present

Michael Driggers – Absent

George Driscoll – Excused

Roger Edwards -Excused

Ramon Fernandez – Excused

Phil Dougherty – Present

Alex Grimes – Absent

Jose Guzman – Absent

Bill Harbin – Absent

Terrance Holmes, - Absent

Dennis C Hughes, – Absent

Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present

Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present

John Lytle III – Absent

Frank Macan - Absent

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia

Jack Marino – Absent

Josh McKay - Absent

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stephanie Cornejo- Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Patrick Whalen- Present  
Tom Zamaria – Excused  
Jerry Yahiro- Guest- Present  
Erin Clark – Guest- Present

Claude Nave made a motion to suspend the meeting for an East Bay Stand Down presentation by Jerry

Yahiro, Director of the East Bay Stand Down and a presentation by Erin Clark from the Martinez Tribune.

Carl Edwards seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Jerry Yahiro presented on the East Bay Stand Down, which is a four-day encampment that supports

homeless and displaced veterans. The stand down provides food, clothing, medical, dental, and

psychological services for veterans. The stand down will take place from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> of

September at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Jerry requested that the post become a tent sponsor for the

event for \$500.00. \$1,000 would provide a post banner at the tent and stated that individuals can make a

contribution at their website.

Erin Clark from the Martinez Tribune invited all veterans to come to the Tribune if they have any stories

they want the newspaper to cover. She indicated that she was working on getting a monthly feature for our

post in the newspaper to help with public awareness and fundraising events.

Carl Edwards called to move a motion that had been tabled on June 18 to the floor for a vote.

The motion

was made by Carl Edwards to donate \$1,000 to the East Bay Stand Down to be tent sponsors at the event. It

was Voted on and passed.

Claude Nave made a motion to suspend the meeting so the post could take a picture for the Martinez

Tribune presenting the \$1,000 donation to the East Bay Stand Down. The motion was voted on and passed.

June 18, 2016 minutes were read by Nathan Padilla. A motion was made by Paul Steelhammer to accept the

minutes. Jason Caiado seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report read by Paul Steelhammer-Second Year Trustee.

Beginning Bank Balance 5-31-2016: \$10,744.65-Payments -\$8,219.47 - Deposits \$179.44  
Ending 6-30-

2016 Bank Balance \$2,604.63 -Outstanding Checks \$ 214.95-Book Balance 6-30-2016

\$2,389.68. Savings

account balance \$18,501.78. A motion was made by Paul Steelhammer to accept the finance report as read,

and seconded by Frank Castl. It was voted on and passed.

New Members:

Claude Nave reports that the new year for new members started July 1, 2016 and that we are off to a good

start due to having five new members signed up for our post.

Committee Reports:

Carl Edwards had nothing to report on the Patriots Pen or the Voice of Democracy, except Hidden Valley

has not responded to the presentation that I gave them in April. Carl Edwards reported that the post needed

to get started working on the Policeman of the Year award.

Paul Steelhammer made a motion to present Austin Rourke, Eagle Scout of the Year, with a check for

\$100.00 and his certificate at the Post picnic in August. Art Miller seconded the motion. It was voted on and

passed.

Frank Castl-Recreation Officer had nothing to report on the post's activities as they are already scheduled.

The Post shirts that have been ordered have been paid for and should arrive at any time.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that Phoenix Games in Concord has resources for many activities that it

can help provide for members of the post. Someone needs to meet with the owner, Chris, to discuss the

various activities available that he will be able to present to the post.

Phil Dougherty reported on the bocce team. We are trying to stay out of last place and maybe even make the

playoffs. There are only six more games left in the season, so if anyone wants to play they need to come and

see Phil.

Trazena Jones (Kandie)-Buddy Poppy's-The dates for Buddy Poppy distribution have been setup for the 3<sup>rd</sup>,

4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 at Wal-Mart. Members should inform Trazena Jones (Kandie) when they can

volunteer for Buddy Poppy distribution prior to November 3, 2016. Carl Edwards is going to work to setup

a Buddy Poppy distribution site at Safeway at Virginia Hills on the same days.

The National Home: Prayer was given by the Chaplain Jason Caiado.

Ellison Lockett reported that there is a Boys State and Girls State dinner on October 1, 2016.

Anyone can

purchase tickets from American Legion Post 29. The tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.

Claude Nave reported that the Twilight Parade was coming up on September 17, 2016. It was a great event

last year and we want to have a larger contingent marching this year.

Art Gomez made a motion to allocate \$100 to a play structure for the Martinez veterans picnic in August.

Claude Nave seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Mike Kepple made a motion to allocate up to \$100 to purchase a fan for a veteran in need.

Trazena Jones

(Kandie) seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Claude Nave - Post Service Officer report: Members in distress are, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George

Driscoll, Ramon Fernandez and Tom Zamaria

Closing prayer was given by Jason Caiado – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14a.m. Next meeting will be on August 20, 2016.

Nathan Padilla – Post 1351 Adjutant



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**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on June 18, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Art Miller.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Nathan Padilla – Adjutant - Excused  
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present  
Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present - Surgeon  
Paul Steelhammer – First Year Trustee-Scout Chairman – Excused  
Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Present  
Gus Kritikos – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Present  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent  
Brian Chauvin - Present  
Lennie Dombach, – Excused  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Jose Guzman – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present

John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Absent  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Absent  
Tom Zamaria – excused

Sidney Chauvin – Visitor - Present

May 21, 2016 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; A motion was made by Claude Nave to accept the minutes. Art Miller seconded the motion . It was voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – Second Year Trustee.

Beginning Bank Balance 4-30-2016: \$1,721.27-Payments -\$1,823.26 - Deposits \$10,746.65 Ending 5-31-2016 Bank Balance \$10,644.66 -Outstanding Checks \$ 264.95- Book Balance 5-31-2016 \$10,379.71. Savings account balance \$13,501.67. A motion was made by Carl A. Edwards to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Mike Keppel. It was voted on and passed.

*New Members:*

*Richard Cheney, U.S. Air Force, Born in the Bay Area and joined the Air Force in 1972 and served in Hawaii and the Middle East, Clark Air Force Base, also the UK. He received his commission out of ROTC and flew C141's and C130's and also worked with spy satellites. He retired from the Air Force.*

*Brian Chauvin, U.S. Navy Sea Bees, served 1987 to 1993, Philippines, Okinawa, Puerto Rico(2), Iceland, Bahrain in Desert Shield/Storm for 45days. He had his father visiting with him today.*

*Claude Nave made a motion to accept our new members, and Trazena Jones (Kandie) seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.*

*Committee Reports:*

*Claude Nave reported that congratulations was due to our Commander and Quartermaster that received awards for obtaining Allstate stasis at the State Convention in Sacramento last week. They received the honors by having 108 percent membership plus fulfilling all the other requirements needed for Allstate honors.*

*We have some new members to turn in for the new year, so lets everyone work on getting new members this year.*

*Carl Edwards had nothing to report on the Patriots Pen or the Voice of Democracy, except Hidden Valley has not responded to the presentation that I gave them in April.*

*Marjorie Detiege wants to be put on the email for the newsletter so she can put it on the website. People have been looking for the activities we have been participating in. It was brought up that we need some one to take on that responsibility.*

*Phil Dougherty reported on the bocce team, we're winning a few and losing a lot, but the season is about half over.*

*Trazena Jones (Kandie), Buddy Poppy's report \$7,466.55 with 248 donated hours to the Memorial Day Buddy Poppy distribution program. Thanks to all that participated.*

*Ellison reported that we are having heavy honor detail requests and anyone that works, but would like to be in the Honor Guard and help when they can, on the weekend or your days off, please sign up. We need you. Sunday August 21 we have a funeral for Bonnie Bryan that belonged to our American Legion Post. Services will be at this building It would be nice to have as many people from our Posts as can make it.*

*Art Gomez - Post Service Officer report: Members in distress are, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll and Ramon Fernandez Tom Zamaria. George Driscoll just had another of many operations on his foot and needs to keep it elevated for about the next month and will not be able to attend today's meeting.*

*The National Home: Prayer was given by the Chaplain Jason Caiado.*

*Good of The Order: Fourth of July Parade will only be marching down main street nothing fancy. Where your uniform if you have one. Meet at 8:00a.m. at the hall for flag raising, Parade at 10a.m.*

*Claude Nave made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Army Museum in Washington D.C. Is was seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.*

*Carl Edwards made a motion to sponsor a tent for the East Bay Stand Down, which will be held September 15th through 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds. Also, take pictures and get a newspaper article. The motion was tabled until we get a finance report from the East Bay Stand Down.*

*Mac Cero made a motion to buy two new pop-up tents. The motion was amended by Claude Nave to spend up-to \$250.00 for the new tents, seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.*

*Closing prayer was given by Jason Caiado – Chaplain.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m. Next meeting will be on July 16, 2016.*

*Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant*

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on May 21, 2016 at 10:05 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jason Caiado – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – excused  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Absent  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee – Present  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Absent  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent  
Jason Caiado -Present  
Lennie Dombach, – Absent  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Absent  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Absent

Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Jorge Martinez – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Nathan Padilla – Present  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

April 16, 2016 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; Kandie requested a correction to the April Minutes to read as Buddy Poppy's will be at Walmart and Safeway, Virginia Hills, both in Martinez, on May 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Claude Nave to accept the minutes with corrections, Trazena Jones (Kandie) seconded the motion . It was voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee.

Beginning Bank Balance 3-31-2016: \$1,514.00-Payments -1,120.23 -Deposits 1,327.50 Ending 4-30-2016 Bank Balance 1,721.27 -Outstanding Checks \$-295.00-Book Balance 4-30-2016 \$1,426.27. Savings account balance \$15,501.55. A motion was made by Art Miller to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.

*Post Service Officer report -Art Gomez:*

*Art Gomez sent a get well card to Tom Zamaria, and got a email response thanking him. Tom is still not able to get around to much.*

*New Members: None to report.*

*Committee Reports:*

*Membership report: Claude Nave reported that we are at 108.64% and the Post has qualified for All-State honors.*

*Programs:*

Carl reported he had nothing to report on Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy at this time..

Frank Kastl reported on the Activities committee. Frank attended he Boat parade which turned out to be a *wonderful parade, It was organized in 1917 by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA). The first place winner was a landing craft carrying old time members of all branches of the service.*

*Frank gave a report on the bocce team shirts. Sign-up on the sign-in sheet for shirt sizes. The shirts will be red, white and blue and should cost no more than \$8.00 plus tax. Extra large sizes cost a little more. Kandie made a motion to purchase a shirt for all active members. It was seconded by Art Gomez, voted on and passed.*

*Phil Dougherty reported on the Bocce program . Due to some unsportman like conduct the last couple meets the team Capo will kick anyone off the team that he feels is not putting forth a good image for the VFW team, at his own desecration. So, please conduct yourself in a good professional manner.*

*Phil reported that the kitchen is on hold until he can get a hold of the contact with Contra Costa Electric. Shell is holding a turn around at this time also. Phil will keep use informed on the progress.*

*Kandie reported that we will have Poppy's distrabutions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. So, those in charge pick up what you need. Cans and Poppy's are on the table and available for those that want to put them out in donation places.*

*The Memorial Day Services will be at the Alhambra Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. and then to the Park in front of the Police Department for the Service at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Veterans Memorial Building at 8:30 a.m. A free brunch will be served at the Veteran Memorial Building after the 10 o'clock service. Another service will be at 1:00 p.m. at the County WWI Monument on Contra Costa Blvd. In Pleasant Hill. Two flag carriers are need .*

*Those that can need to meet at Costco Sunday evening May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to pick up food donations for the Memorial Day Brunch. Those that can bring a pickup please do so.*

*The National Home: Prayer was given by the acting Chaplain Jason Caiado.*

*Ellison reported that the State Convention would be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento. The National Convention is July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup> in North Carolina.*

The following are the Delegates to the Convention:  
Ellison Lockett, Art Gomez, and Trazena Jones (Kandie).

The following people attended Legislative Day:  
Ellison Lockett, Mike Keppel, Nathan Padilla, Art Gomez, and Carl Edwards.

Sick or distressed members:  
- Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll and Ramon Fernandez Tom Zamaria and Art Gomez.

Closing prayer was given by *Jason Caiado* – Acting Chaplain.  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. Next meeting will be on June 18, 2016.  
*Carl A. Edwards* – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on April 16, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Claude Nave

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – excused  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Absent  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee – Present  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - present?

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Present  
Jason Caiado - Present  
Lennie Dombach, – Absent  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Absent  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Present  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent

Frank Macan - Absent  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Jorge Martinez – Present  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Nathan Padilla – Present  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Robert Siebenrock – Guest  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

Visiting speaker is Nathan Johnson from the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office, in Martinez. Nathan gave a 40 minute presentation presentation on Veterans Benefits available to veterans. He also told us about the East Bay Stand-down which will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. Volunteers and Donations are needed.

March 19, 2016 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; A motion was made by Mike Keppel to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Claude Nave. It was voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Paul Steelhammer - Trustee:

Beginning Bank Balance 2-29-2016: \$2,068.23-Payments \$1,339.91-Deposits \$785.68 Ending 3-31-2016 Bank Balance \$1,514.00-Outstanding Checks \$395.62-Book Balance 3-31-2016 \$1,118.38. Savings account balance \$16,501.42. A motion was made by Paul Steelhammer to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Macario N. Cero. It was voted on and passed.

New Members: It was moved that we accept Jordan Michael Neumann, and Robert Lee Siebenrock as a new members. Carl A. Edwards made a motion and Macario N. Cero seconded the motion. It was voted and passed.

Danny J. Contreras Jr. 1970 and 1971 served in Vietnam 101<sup>st</sup> U.S Army Airborne. Robert Lee Siebenrock served in the U.S. Navy on a surface vessel and earned a expeditionary medal in the Persian Gulf. He moved to the Bay Area in 1986 and works at Shell Oil. He also worked at Chevron for 18 years.

Membership report: Mike Keppel reported that we have six new members and a total of 88 paid members. are at 108.64% and the Post Commander has signed up three new members. Robert Siebenrock has decided to sign up as a life member. The post has qualified for All-State honors.

Programs:

Carl reported that he present The Patriots Pen Contest to the Hidden Valley School fifth grade class on April 7<sup>th</sup>. There were close to 75 or 100 students present for the presentation. They are going to get me the results toward the end of May.



Ellison reported that we have a nomination for Policeman of The Year Award. His name is Shawn Moore from the City of Martinez. Ellison would like some help with the application and resume.

Frank Kastl reported on the Activities committee. The Boat parade is still available, and you can sign up on line. *This wonderful parade has been organized since 1917 by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA). This event is on April 24<sup>th</sup>. See Frank after the meeting for details.*

*Claude Nave reported on All State Status see Claude for the paper report showing that we made All State this year.*

*Phil Dougherty reported on the Bocce program that is scheduled to start on Thursday. Phil has the rule for anyone that would like to read them. Tom Zamaria the team Capo from last year is having heart surgery on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign the get well card for Tom. Also, sign the sign in sheet for the size of shirt for the Bocce team.*

*Phil also reported the kitchen remodel is being post-poned until at least July due to Shell turn arounds in May and June and the contact with Contra Costa Electric husband is ill with a heart problem. Phil also called VFW in Castro Valley and requested help getting a couple refrigerators. They told him they would see what they could do.*

*Ellison reported on the up-coming calendar:*

*April 18<sup>th</sup> – Bocce practic at 10am.*

*April 19<sup>th</sup> Rifle detail at Queen of Heaven Cemetery at 1:30pm in Lafayette.*

*April 20<sup>th</sup> is Legislative Day for the VFW from 8:30 to about 7pm. In Sacramento.*

*April 21<sup>st</sup> Salute to Vietnam Veterans at the Marine Corps Club in San Francisco. Address is 609 Sutter Street at 6pm.*

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> District #10 meeting at 9:30a.m. In Veterans Hall in Lafayette.*

*Every Thursday is Bocce at 9am.*

*Buddy Poppy's:*

*Buddy Poppy's will be at Walmart, see Mac, and Safeway, Virginia Hills, both in Martinez, on May 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. see Carl.*

*27 and 28 at Nob Hill see Mike Keppel and Phil Dougherty*

*The National Home: Prayer was given by the acting Chaplain Jason Caiado.*

*Good of the order:*

*Claude, Ellison, Kandie and Art stained the poles and had the floors waxed*

*Elections:*

*Commander Ellison Lockett on a white ballet.*

*Senior Vice-Commander Trazena Jones (Kandie) on a white ballet.*

*Junior Vice-Commander Art Miller on a white ballet.*

*Quartermaster is Claude Nave on a white ballet.*

*Chaplain is Jason Caiado on a white ballet.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee Paul Steelhammer on a white ballet.*

*Service officer Art Gomez appointed by Ellison Lockett.*

*Adjutant Nathan Padilla appointed by Ellison Lockett.*

*Surgeon is Stanley Rux on a white ballet.*

*Sergeant at Arms is Jorge Martinez on a white ballet.*

*John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present*

*It was move by Carl A. Edwards to donate to The VA in Sacramento and ear mark the money to the Bingo games in Martinez VA and have a newspaper article written up with a picture of the check presentation. It was seconded by Kandie Jones. It was voted on and passed.*

*August 20<sup>th</sup> is the VFW picnic and awards ceremony at Hidden Valley Park in Martinez. Paul Steelhammer volunteered to have the Sausage made for the picnic. See Paul for details.*

*Lennie Dombach presented the details on the fundraiser for concessions at Levy Stadium, see Lennie for details if you want to participate. The American Legion brought in approxiately \$15,000 last year.*

*Closing prayer was given by Jason Caiado – Acting Chaplain.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm. Next meeting will be on May 21, 2016.*

*Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant*

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on March 19, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Lennie Dombach:

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – excused  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Absent  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee - Present  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Excused  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - present?

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Present  
Lennie Dombach, – Present  
Michael Driggers – Absent  
George Driscoll – Absent  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Present  
Bill Harbin – Present  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Present  
Frank Macan - Present  
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia  
Jack Marino – Absent

Jorge Martinez – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Nathan Padilla - Absent  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

February 20, 2016 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; A motion was made by Claude Nave to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Paul Steelhammer - Trustee:

Beginning Bank Balance 1-31-2015: \$2,036.63 -Payments \$ 1,533.80 - Deposits \$1,565.40 Ending 2-29-2016 Bank Balance \$2,068.23 - Outstanding Checks \$ 532.09 - Book balance 2-29-2016 was \$1,536.14. Savings account balance on 2-29-2016 was \$16,501.29. A motion was made by Art Miller to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Marjorie Detiege. It was voted on and passed.

Service Officer Report: Special needs for Alex Grimes was taken care of by Art Gomez and the Service Officer Committee. Art Miller reported on Tom Zamaria, who will be going in for a heart operation soon.

New Members: It was moved that we accept Danny J. Contreras Jr. as a new member. Mike Keppel made a motion and Trazena Jones (Kandie) seconded the motion. It was voted and passed. Danny served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

The National Home: Prayer was given by Claude Nave.

Membership report: Claude Nave reported that we are at 110% and the post qualified for All-State honors. We received a letter and streamers for the banner.

Programs: Carl reported that he will present to the Hidden Valley School, in Martinez, the Patriots Pen contest to the fifth grade class on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Carl reported that the Post received a Scout of The Year application from another Post to enter into the District competition. We will need to honor this Scout as one of our own.

Paul Steelhammer reported on the scouts. In order for the scouts to be awarded the scout of the year award they need reference letters. The scouts changed the rules this year and have to destroy the letters after the project is over. So, they have to submit to the people another request for a letter for the VFW Scout of the year award. Our post just ran out of time to get the request filled from the troop we sponsor. Our Venture Scout Troop 1351, ages 14 to 21 both boys and girls, met for the first time last Tuesday night. The Ventures will do things like merchant service, search and rescue and community service. Paul made a motion to give the Boy Scout of the Year a \$100.00 award; it was seconded by Carl Edwards. It was voted on and passed.

Activities: Frank Kastl, there will be a boat parade by Crissy Field, near Golden Gate Park, on April 24. See Frank after the meeting for details, for those interested.

Phil Dougherty reported that Bocce meeting will be April 6 and field maintenance will be on April 16 with a dinner at:

Martinez Moose Lodge, 414 Escobar Street, No Host Cocktails at 6.00pm, Dinner at 6.30pm, Menu choice of Steak or Chicken, with Veggies, Salad & Dessert, \$25. Bocce will probably start around the first of May.

There is a Motor Cross Bike event at Levi Stadium on April 2. The money for working the booths will be given to our Post as a charity event and the hours count as community service. There is a whole list of events and you get to see some of the event and is a lot of fun. See Phil to sign up and car pool.

Poppies: Trazena Jones (Kandie) will be taking sign-ups for Poppy distribution in May for Memorial Day.

New Business: We have a funeral today in Antioch at the VFW Hall at 1:00 p.m.

The District meeting will be on Sat. April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Lafayette. Election of officers will be held.

It was moved by Trazena Jones (Kandie) that we purchase the Bocce shirts from the VFW Store and seconded by Marjorie Detiege, voted on and passed. Ellison will collect sizes and give them to Phil and Claude to be ordered. Color will be blue. Anyone will be able to order one if they are a member of the post. There was no agreement on who would pay for the shirts not on the bocce team.

The picnic was discussed for a possible date on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions were made to invite The American Legion to participate with us. Nothing was made firm. Ellison will present it to The American Legion.

Legislative Day for the VFW is April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sacramento State Capital at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be held later in the evening inviting State Representatives from 5 to 7 p.m.

Website: Marjorie Detiege worked on the sign for the Veterans Memorial Building and got it up and going. Marjorie said, that we need to get someone from the sign company to come and train a team of people on the sign, because there is a problem with connecting to the WIFI and Marjorie does not have time to try to make it work properly and maintain the working of the sign.

Sick or Distressed members:

We should keep the following people in our prayers. Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Tom Zamaria and Ramon Fernandez.

Good of the Order: Paul Steelhammer went over the State Program of reporting the things that we do and the hours spent doing our volunteer projects. Be sure to go to the [www.vfwca.org](http://www.vfwca.org) and report the hours on the State website on things you're doing for the VFW.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) suggested that we donate money and time as volunteers to the VA Hospital's Bingo program that takes place twice a week. It will be

looked into by Kandie and Ellison and will be reported back to the group on how to do the donations at our next meeting.

Closing prayer was given by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Next meeting will be on April 16, 2016.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on February 20, 2016 at 10:02 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Lennie Dombach :

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – excused  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Absent  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Excused  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Absent  
Lennie Dombach, – Present  
Michael Driggers – Present  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes –Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Present  
Lisa Maloney – Absent  
Jack Marino – Absent

Jorge Martinez – Absent  
Josh McKay - Absent  
Nathan Padilla - Present  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

January 16, 2016 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; A motion was made by Mike Keppel to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Paul Steelhammer - Trustee:

Beginning Bank Balance 12-31-2015: \$2,565.61 -Payments \$ 737.26 -Deposits \$208.28  
Ending 1-31-2016 Bank Balance \$2,036.63 - Outstanding Checks \$ 97.00 - Book balance  
1-31-2016 was \$1,939.63. Savings account balance on 1-31-2016 was \$18,001.01. A  
motion was made by Marjorie Detiege to accept the finance report as read, and seconded  
by Trazena Jones (Kandie). It was voted on and passed.

Claude reported that Tom Zamaria is going to have heart surgery in the near future.

Claude Nave gave the prayer for the National Home.

Committee Reports:

Mike Keppel reported that we are at 110% for membership. We received a letter telling us we have made All State Honors this year and received a streamer for the banner.

Carl reported on the Patriots Pen. Sophia Maestri could not make the meeting today due to illness in the family. Carl will give her the check from the district award because it is getting a little old and needs to be cashed. Carl reported that he will present the Patriots Pen on April 7, 2016 at Hidden Valley School.

Paul Steelhammer reported on his findings about putting together a shotgun shooting team or teams. It will need further looking into.

Paul Steelhammer reported that the Scouts have been chartered for another year and the recruiting will increase the number by a large number this coming year. Sea Cadets held their inspection and received their awards. We presented the Sea Cadet of the year award. We were unable to receive a Boy Scout of the year, because of the changes in scouting rules and we will not have time to get the paper work. They are talking about putting together a Venture Troop ages 14 to 21 years of age.

Bocce will begin practice in April per Ellison Lockett.

Website Marjorie Detiege: Nothing to report.



Poppy report Trazena Jones (Kandie): Nothing to report.

Funerals Ellison Lockett: Anthony Tonti was preformed on February 11, 2016 at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1965 Reliez Valley RD, Lafayette, CA 94549

New Business:

District Meeting will be held here in Martinez on Saturday February 27, 2016. Phil Dougherty will do the cooking. We need volunteers to help.

Honor Guard: Turn in sizes of rain coats to Ellison Lockett or Trazena Jones (Kandie) so they can give them to George May Jr., American Legion.

American Legion will have the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 5, 2016. Get your tickets now for \$15.00.

The picnic will be held at Hidden Valley Park this year August 20, 2016. Units of Scouts that we sponsor will be invited. Bring the game you want to play.

Marty Turcios is still giving golf lessons at Bucannon Field on Tuesdays for those interested. A few of our members have been attending his classes.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) made a motion to donate to Marty Turcios Therapeutic Golf Foundation \$100.00 it was seconded by Marjorie Detiege. It was voted on and passed.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) made a motion to donate \$150.00 and seconded by Claude Nave to a Richmond Policeman's family Augustine "Gus" Vegas. Augustine was killed by his Grandsons father on February 11, 2016 during a domestic dispute. The motion was voted on and passed.

**A fund has been set up for the Vegas family:**

**Mechanics Bank**

**Routing number: 121102036**

**Account number: 041305213**

**Richmond POA in memory of Gus Vegas**

DAV will hold a free claims Seminar March 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. To 10:30 a.m. to help veterans understand and file claims. It will be held at The Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Closing prayer was given by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. Next meeting will be on March 19, 2016.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on January 16, 2015 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Art Miller:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – Absent  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Absent  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Absent  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Absent  
Lennie Dombach, – Absent  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Frank Macan - Present  
Lisa Maloney – Present  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Jorge Martinez – Absent

Josh McKay - Absent  
Nathan Padilla - Present  
Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

Guest speaker, Karen Basting, from Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) gave a informative presentation about the new things that are going to be happening in the near future with BART. The meeting was recessed during the presentation.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:55 a.m.  
Nov 21, 2015 and December 5, 2015 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; A motion was made by Art Gomez and seconded by Macario N. Cero, to accept the minutes as read, voted on and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Art Gomez:  
Beginning Bank Balance 11-30-2015: \$2,103.23 -Payments \$ 567.88 -Deposits \$1,030.26  
Ending 12-31-2015 Bank Balance \$2,565.61 - Outstanding Checks \$ 55.00 - Book  
balance 12-31-2015 was \$2,510.61. Savings account balance on 12-31-2015 was  
\$18,001.01. A motion was made by Trazena Jones (Kandie) to accept the finance report  
as read, and seconded by Art Miller. It was voted on and passed.

Claude Nave gave the membership report: He reported that we are at 93% toward All-State. We still need to do more work, and Ellison has been making phone calls. Looks like we should make All-State this year.

Carl Edwards reported on The Voice of Democracy and The Patriots Pen. Our Patriots Pen winner won third place at District 10 and received \$75.00 from the District. We are giving her \$200.00 from our Post, so she will receive \$275.00 total for her entree this year. Also, Carl Edwards, Ellison Lockett, and Mike Keppel gave the Vice-Principle a presentation for the fifth grade class suggesting that they make a class project out of the Patriots Pen for next year. Carl heard back from them and they would like us to make a presentation on April 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. to the fifth grade classes and teachers at Hidden Valley School in Martinez.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that we had a very good Buddy Poppy event in November and we should start planning soon for Memorial Day week, so we can have a very successful program for Memorial Day.

The National Home Prayer was given by Claude Nave.

Mike Keppel reported on the joint flag presentation held by the VFW and The American Legion at the Hidden Valley School. We will donate approximately 45 flags for the class rooms. The cost will be spit between the VFW and The American Legion.

We need volunteers to help set up and clean-up for the VFW District 10 meeting on February 27, 2016.

Sign-ups for Bocce is now being taken. See Ellison.

Phil Dougherty made a motion that the VFW pay \$500.00 toward a computer sign for the window to display items to the community of upcoming events at the hall. It is to be displayed inside the Veterans Memorial Building. Carl Edwards seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Closing prayer was given by Claude Nave – Acting Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. Next meeting will be on February 20, 2016.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant