

**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Saturday, 7 December 2019**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 7 December 2019 at 12:10 PM by Post Commander Kandie Jones.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander –Present  
Mac Cero –Senior Vice Commander -Present  
Art Miller –Junior Vice Commander- Excused  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Richard Cheney –Adjutant - Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present  
Ellison Lockett–First Year Trustee -Present  
Carl Edwards –Second Year Trustee -Present  
Shea Rooney–Third Year Trustee –Present  
Paul Steelhammer–Service Officer -Excused  
Bruce Bauer-Judge Advocate-Excused

**Membership attendance:**

George Driscoll –Present  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Jorge Martinez - Present  
Renato Asiain – Present  
Terry Horton – Present

**Minutes of 18 November 2019**

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.

**Financial Report:**

Rooney, Trustee, delivered the quartermaster report (distributed under separate cover) and was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

**Old Business:**

District Meeting: Date has changed to Saturday 25 Jan 2020 starting at 0900. The Vets@SFSU plan to give us feedback on their time at NATCON2020.

**New Business:**

**Sick and Distressed - (Jason Caiado)**

Art Miller, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll family, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kastl, Juanita Lockett.

Cheney announced the donated laptop for use by VFW and American Legion member use is in our meeting room. A new printer and supplies have also been placed with the laptop.

Meeting closed at 1220.

RICHARD CHENEY, Post Adjutant

**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Saturday, 16 November 2019**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 16 November 2019 at 10:10 am by Post First Vice Commander Macario Cero.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander –Arrived at 1030  
Mac Cero –Senior Vice Commander -Present  
Art Miller –Junior Vice Commander- Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Richard Cheney –Adjutant - Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present  
Ellison Lockett–First Year Trustee -Present  
Carl Edwards –Second Year Trustee -Present  
Shea Rooney–Third Year Trustee –Excused  
Paul Steelhammer–Service Officer -Excused  
Bruce Bauer-Judge Advocate-Excused

**Membership attendance:**

George Driscoll –Present  
Emmett Schumer –Present  
Alan Munguia – Present  
Renato Asiain – Present (new member)  
Everet Dela Rosa - Present  
John Lytle – Present  
Frank Kastl – Present  
Terry Horton – Present (new member)  
Albert Rodriguez – Present (new member)

**Guest Speaker** Maurice Delmar - Concord Vet Center Services

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was given by Jason Caiado.

**Minutes of 19 October 2019**

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

**Financial Report:**

Nave, Quartermaster, delivered the quartermaster report (distributed under separate cover) and was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

**New Members:**

Terry Horton ([terrencelhorton@comcast.net](mailto:terrencelhorton@comcast.net)); Renato Asiain ([reneasiain@yahoo.com](mailto:reneasiain@yahoo.com)); Albert Rodriguez ([inspectorarod@gmail.com](mailto:inspectorarod@gmail.com)). Motion to accept new members: Cheney moved and Miller second. By unanimous vote.

### **Committee Reports:**

Teacher of the Year: Cheney reported our candidate, Matt Harrison's package is at District for their competition. The winner then goes on to State competition. Harrison will receive \$250 from the post. Patriot's Pen: Cheney reported we had no entries this year. Voice of Democracy: Cheney reported we had two entries. An evaluation committee composed of Jones, Cheney, Miller, and Edwards assessed each entry on the matrix developed by VFW national HQ. Matthew Prado came in first place and will receive \$250 from the post. His entry has been forwarded to District for their competition. The winner then goes on to State competition. Mathew Welch was our second place winner and he will receive a \$150 check from the post. Cheney gave his entry to our Pittsburg post for entry into the District competition. All three will receive their checks and certificates at our Christmas lunch on 7 December.

Claude Nave reported that we need three more members for All State honors and have a few more events to complete.

Mac Cero stated Poppies were distributed at Wal-Mart on Oct 31, Nov 1 and Nov 2 and Safeway on be Nov 7, 8, and 9. A total of 171 service hours netted the post \$6867. Well done by all!

Ellison Lockett reported on Honor Detail events. Lockett also reported on the building committee. He asked the commander to form a committee to aid in the set up and cleanup for VFW meal events. The cooks need to cook and the members need to set up and tear down the hall.

Student Vets of America. Cheney reported four members of the Vets@SFSU participated on our Buddy Poppies drive at the Virginia Hill Safeway: two were vets and two were dependents. All are on the GI Bill at SFSU. District 10 approved giving Vets@SFSU \$1500 to attend NATCON2020. Cheney moved we provide \$500 to Vets@SFSU for their attendance at NATCON2020 in January. Kastl second. Vote was unanimous.

### **Old Business:**

Carl Edwards said the Membership Contest for VFW Post 1351 for the VFW California State Convention in 2020 is almost over. Time is short; if interested contact Carl to arrange to stay at his time-share in Reno.

Head count needed for the December 7 Christmas luncheon TODAY.

District Meeting: Date has changed to Saturday 25 Jan 2020 starting at 0900. The Vets@SFSU plan to give us feedback on their time at NATCON2020.

### **New Business:**

**Prayer for the National Home**-led by Jason Caiado – Chaplain.

**Sick and Distressed** - (Jason Caiado)

Art Miller, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll family, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kastl, Juanita Lockett.

Edwards moved we cancel our next regular meeting (third Saturday) and meet during the Christmas luncheon. Mac second. Unanimous approval.

Cheney announced he will donate a laptop for use by VFW and American Legion member use in our meeting room. The computer and printer in the office is restricted to Hall business and not available for member use. Cheney proposed we purchase a laser printer for \$200 to use with the laptop. Mac moved and Claude seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Closing Pray:** Given by Jason Caiado – Chaplain

Meeting closed at 1110.

RICHARD CHENEY, Post Adjutant

**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Saturday, 19 October 2019**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 19 October 2019 at 10:15am by Post First Vice Commander Macario Cero.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Excused  
Mac Cero –Senior Vice Commander -Present  
*Art Miller –Junior Vice Commander-Excused*  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Richard Cheney –Adjutant -Excused  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Excused  
Ellison Lockett–First Year Trustee -Present  
Carl Edwards –Second Year Trustee -Present  
Shea Rooney–Third Year Trustee –Present  
Paul Steelhammer–Service Officer -Excused  
Bruce Bauer-Judge Advocate-Excused

**Membership attendance:**

George Driscoll –Present  
Phil Dougherty –Present

**Guest Speaker** Tami Blaj-VITAS-Healthcare-Hospice Program

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was given by Jason Caiado.

**Minutes of 20 September 2019**

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

**Financial Report:**

Carl Edwards, Trustee, delivered the quartermaster report (distributed under separate cover) and was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Reports:**

George Driscoll reported one entry for Teacher of the year.

Claude Nave reported that we need six more members for All State honors and have a few more events to complete.

Mac Cero stated Poppies will be distributed at Wal-Mart on Oct 31, Nov 1 and Nov 2. Carl Edwards stated Safeway will be Nov 7, 8, and 9.

Ellison Lockett reported on Honor Detail events.

**Old Business:**

Carl Edwards made a motion that we have a Membership Contest for VFW Post 1351 ending at the time the paper work has to be in for the VFW California State Convention in 2020. (see attachment). The participants will be able to stay at Wyndham Resorts in Reno, for the VFW National Convention, on a Guest Certificate provided by Carl Edwards. Four Guest Certificates will be made available for the rooms that are available. The VFW National Convention to be held on July 18 continues to July 23, 2020.

There is a possibility that a cleaning fee will need to be paid by the people staying in each room, and will need to be shared by the people staying in the room. (More research is needed). Each room that is reserved will need someone to provide their name and address and a credit card when reserving the room. The rooms should be reserved as soon as possible, due to reservations can be made 13 months in advance. (See Carl to make reservations.) **Who ever makes a reservation must stay in the room or the Certificate is void. Rules and possible fees are listed. (Needs more research if anyone is interest.)** Will be voted on next month.

Ellison and Carl to review Teacher of the Year entries.

**New Business:**

**Prayer for the National Home**-led by Jason Caiado – Chaplain.

**Sick and Distressed** - (Jason Caiado)

Art Miller, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll family, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kasti, Juanita Lockett.

**Closing Pray:** Given by Jason Caiado – Chaplain

Meeting closed at 10:55 a.m.

Claude Nave

1 Attachment: Wyndham Resorts Contest

Carl Edwards made a motion that we have a Membership Contest for VFW Post 1351 ending at the time the paper work has to be in for the VFW California State Convention in 2020. (see the adjutant ) the participates will be able to stay at Wyndham Resorts in Reno, for the VFW National Convention, on a Guest Certificate provided by Carl Edwards. Four Guest Certificates will be made available for rooms that are available. The VFW National Convention to be held on July 18 continues July 23, 2020

The chart below shows how many people are allowed in each room type. There is a possibility that a cleaning fee will need to be paid by the people staying in each room, and will need to be shared by the people staying in the room. (More research is needed) Each room that is reserved will need someone to provide their name and address and a credit card when reserving the room. The rooms should be reserved as soon as possible, due to reservations can be made 13 months in advance. (see Carl to make

reservations.) **Who ever makes a reservation must stay in the room or the Certificate is void. Rules and possible fees are listed below. (needs more research if anyone is interested.)**

**Animals.** No animals or pets may be brought onto any of the Resort properties, including in any type of vehicle, except for service animals assisting the handicapped, such as seeing eye dogs.

**13. Guest Certificate Fee.** A Guest Certificate ("Guest Certificate") is required for each confirmed reservation by the Owner for a Guest.

Guest Certificates will be awarded each Anniversary Year based on the number of Vacation Credits owned. Guest Certificates will not carry over and will expire at the end of the Owner's Anniversary Year. Guest Certificates may not be borrowed from future years and are

non-transferrable and non-refundable. Modifying a Guest name on a confirmed reservation requires the use of an additional Guest Certificate. Once an Owner's complimentary Guest Certificates have been used, additional Guest usage will be subject to the

Guest Certificate fee per reservation booked during each owner's Anniversary Year. The amount of the fee shall be determined by the Club

Board and is currently \$99 when booked online and \$129 when booked by telephone. Annual awards are calculated by taking the number of Vacation Credits owned divided by 10,000 and rounding up to the nearest whole number. For example, an Owner that owns

between 5,000 and 10,000 Vacation Credits will be awarded one Guest Certificate each Anniversary Year and an Owner that owns

between 11,000 and 20,000 Vacation Credits will be awarded two Guest Certificates each Anniversary Year. Please see the Guest Certificate Schedule attached to these Guidelines for additional information.

**14. Multiple Reservations.** An Owner may book multiple reservations at a resort for the same time period. Each Owner on the account is allowed to check into a reservation for the specific unit they will occupy. Any further reservations will require a guest name.

The guest listed on the reservation must be present at check-in and occupy the unit.

**22. Cancellation.** It is recommended that all cancellations be made online between 6:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. daily or by telephone



by calling 1.800.457.0103 during regular business hours. The Club will not be responsible for lost documents or timeliness of bookings when done by letter or e-mail. Owners may cancel reservations by giving written or telephone notice within the following periods :

**For Reservations Made: No Later Than: For Reservations Made: No Later Than:**

91 days to 13 months in advance

30 days before use 3 days to 14 days in advance 2 days before use

15 days to 90 days in advance

10 days before use 0 hours to 2 days in advance No cancellation

**2. Occupancy Limits.** The number of persons, including children of any age, which may occupy a Unit is as follows:

**Occupancy (Sleeps Private/Max.) Unit Types**

2/2 Hotel Rooms, Studio Hotel, Compact, Standard, Deluxe and Presidential style units. 1 Bedroom Compact and Compact Hotel style units

3/2 Studio Plus style units

4/2 Studio Loft, Studio Cottage, 1 Bedroom Hotel, Suite, Standard, Deluxe, Loft, Cottage, Penthouse and Presidential style units

4/4 2 Bedroom Compact and Presidential style units

6/4 1 Bedroom Plus style units 2 Bedroom Hotel, Suite, Standard, Deluxe, Chalet, Penthouse and Presidential style units

6/6 2 Bedroom Presidential Casita style units

3 Bedroom Penthouse and Presidential style units

8/4 2 Bedroom Plus and Presidential Deluxe style units

8/6 2 Bedroom Loft style units 3 Bedroom Standard, Deluxe, Chalet and Presidential style units

8/8 4 Bedroom Penthouse and Presidential style units

10/6 3 Bedroom Plus style units

10/8 4 Bedroom Deluxe style units

10/10 3 Bedroom Presidential Casita style units

12/12 4 Bedroom Presidential Casita style units

**10. Animals.** No animals or pets may be brought onto any of the Resort properties, including in any type of vehicle, except for service animals assisting the handicapped, such as seeing eye dogs.

**Housekeeping Fees Unit Types**

\$70.00 Hotel Room, Studio Hotel, Studio Compact, Studio, Studio Cottage, Studio Plus, Studio Deluxe, Studio Loft and Studio Presidential style units

\$93.00 1 Bedroom Compact, 1 Bedroom Compact Hotel, 1 Bedroom Hotel, 1 Bedroom, 1 Bedroom Cottage, 1 Bedroom Loft, 1 Bedroom Suite, 1 Bedroom Plus, 1 Bedroom Deluxe, 1 Bedroom Penthouse and 1 Bedroom Presidential style units

\$106.00 2 Bedroom Compact, 2 Bedroom Hotel, 2 Bedroom, 2 Bedroom Loft, 2 Bedroom Suite, 2 Bedroom Plus, 2 Bedroom Deluxe, 2 Bedroom Chalet, 2 Bedroom Penthouse, 2 Bedroom Presidential, 2 Bedroom Presidential Deluxe and 2 Bedroom Presidential Casita style units

\$118.00 3 Bedroom, 3 Bedroom Plus, 3 Bedroom Deluxe, 3 Bedroom Deluxe Loft, 3 Bedroom Chalet, 3 Bedroom Penthouse, 3 Bedroom Presidential, and 3 Bedroom Presidential Casita style units

\$156.00 4 Bedroom Deluxe, 4 Bedroom Penthouse, 4 Bedroom Presidential, and 4 Bedroom Presidential Casita style

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 21 September 2019**

Post Commander Trazina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:09 on 21 September 2019. Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –Adjutant -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –First Vice Commander -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Present  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Absent  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Mac Cerro  
Shae Rooney  
Everett Della Rosa  
Carl Edwards  
George Driscoll

1. The minutes from the 17 August meeting were posted to the website. No corrections were sent to the adjutant. The minutes were **approved by unanimous consent**.
2. Shea Rooney delivered the quartermaster report (distributed under separate cover) and were accepted by **unanimous voice vote**.
4. There was one new member. Jerald Lawrence Walters – a Korean War veteran. Claude moved we accept him. Second by Ellison. **Approved by unanimous consent**.
5. Committee Reports.
  - a. Membership –One new member this month.
  - b. VOD &PP –The 2019-2020 theme for both is “What Makes America Great.” Close out of both programs is 31 Oct 2019. There have been no submissions in the past 30 days.
  - c. Teacher of the Year. George Driscoll nominated Matthew L. Harrison, a former Marine artillery Captain, who teaches at De La Salle High School in Concord. The submission package is complete and will be held until the contest closes out on 31 Oct 2019. George moved that a Post Nomination Committee to be composed of Ellison, Carl, and Rich to select the winner – assuming multiple entries. Second by Ellison. **Motion passed**. George moved we provide the same cash awards as VOD & PP (\$250, \$150, \$100). Second by Art. **Motion passed**.
  - d. Website update –Rich –only minor changes and updates to the website.
  - e. Scouts –Paul Steelhammer –absent, no report. Phil asked if the scoutmaster had seen and approved the storage space offered by Rich. The answer was yes.
  - f. Bocce –Phil announced the team ended the season in sixth place – its highest finish ever.

g. Poppies –Mac –Veterans Day is on a Monday so the next distribution will be the weekend before (7-9 Nov) at Virginia Hills Safeway. Walmart distribution will be 31 October through 2 November, 0830 to 1630. Expect two tables, so MANY volunteers required.

h. Honor Guard –Ellison –next service will be at the Hall on 29 September at 1300.

i. Building –Ellison –New lights need to be installed.

6. The next District Meeting is January 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. at our hall in Martinez. Post inspection at 815 Fulton Shipyard Rd., Antioch on 18 Jan at 1100.

7. Jason Caiado led the National Home prayer.

8. Sick and distressed members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Frank Kastl, and the George Driscoll Family.

9. Old business. Court of Honor is on 14 Oct. Carl offered to host several members at next years national convention in Reno NV. Contact Carl for details.

10. The closing prayer was led by Jason Caiado.

11. Kandie closed the meeting at 1113.

Signed,

Richard Cheney, Adjutant

1 attachment. Teacher of the Year nominee

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

Post Commander Trazina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:08 on 18 August 2019. Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –Adjutant -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –First Vice Commander -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Present  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Absent  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Mac Cerro  
Shae Rooney  
John Lytle  
Carl Edwards  
Emmet Schumer

1. The charter was uncovered after 30 days for the passing of Gus Krikitos. Jason Caiado led the prayer.
2. The July 2019 minutes led to a lengthy discussion concerning the inclusion of the proposed budget. Art Miller moved to include future proposed budgets in the minutes. Second by Cheney. Vote was 14 yes, 1 no. **The motion passed.** The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Shea Rooney delivered the financial report (distributed under separate cover) and were accepted by unanimous voice vote.
4. There were no new members.
5. Committee Reports.
  - a. Membership –Claude will reinstate a former member. This is a new year for recruiting and Claude asked everyone to sign up eligible veterans.
  - b. VOD &PP –The 2019-2020 theme for both is “What Makes America Great.” Our website has been updated with an information brochures and entry forms for both programs. Rich has contacted all local schools’ principles with the brochures and entry forms and offered to make a personal presentation to the schools, if desired. The following schools were contacted: middle schools: St Catherine’s, Martinez M.S., Valley View; high schools: Alhambra and College Park. Close out of both programs is 31 Oct 2019. Rich proposed cash awards for both programs: first place -\$250, second place -\$150, third place -\$100. Second by Mac. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.
  - c. Website update –Rich –posting of new pictures for the 2018 and 2019 Fourth of July parade. Discussion on linking our site to the Mesothelioma.com website. The discussion ended in a vote stating our website would only endorse causes that are on the vfw.org website. **The motion passed** by unanimous consent. Rich will remove any advocacy website not meeting this criterion.

- d. Scouts –Paul Steelhammer –we have 22 scouts in Troops 1351. The scout master will store the recently purchased scout equipment in Rich’s storage locker.
  - e. Bocce –Phil announced we have two more weeks and may end up in fifth place –a new high for our team.
  - f. Poppies –Mac –the next distribution will be on Sept 11 at the AMTRACK station in Martinez at 0800. All are welcome to this event. Veterans Day is on a Monday so the next distribution will be the weekend before (7-9 Nov) at Virginia Hills Safeway. Walmart is unavailable that weekend –Mac will attempt to find a new date –TBD.
  - g. Honor Guard –Ellison –next service will be at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on 25 August.
  - h. Building –Ellison –New lights need to be installed.
  - i. There was no interest in hosting a Labor Day BBQ at the Post.
6. The next District Meeting is January 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. at our hall in Martinez. The School of Instructions is September 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at our hall in Martinez.
  7. Jason Caiado led the National Home prayer.
  8. Old business. The 2020 budget was discussed. Claude proposed and Ellison seconded. The **2020 budget was approved** by unanimous consent.
  9. New business.
    - a. Rich announced an initiative to provide more information on the service personnel who are on the Martinez War Memorial. Information would include pictures, family stories, maps showing the battle areas and YouTube videos of the battle sites. Five of the Fallen were researched for the memorial service and will form the core of the project. Members were invited to join in the effort. All work to be posted to the website.
    - b. Mac proposed we create a wall of pictures of our former post commanders. The question was asked how far back should we go. Mac’s answer was as far back as we can.
    - c. Carl suggested a contest (details to follow) for the person who brings in the most new members. The prize would be a World Mart room (location TBD).
    - d. Shea has organized a walk around a reservoir on 23 August at 1400. Contact her for details.
    - e. Mac: DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS -No Fee (Lifetime Park Pass). Honorably discharged war veterans who are residents of California with an overall / combined rating at 50% or greater service-connected disability, or were held as prisoners of war by forces hostile to the United States, or recipients of the Medal of Honor are eligible to receive the Distinguished Veteran Pass (formerly Disabled War Veteran/Prisoner of War Pass). More information at: <https://www.parks.ca.gov/>
    - f. Veterans’Voices is a live interactive TV show for Vets by Vets. The live show is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 1900: <http://www.contracostatv.org/veteransvoices>.
  10. The closing prayer was led by Jason Caiado.
  11. Kandie closed the meeting at 1125.

Signed,  
Richard Cheney, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 20 July 2019**

Post Commander Trazina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:03 on 20 July 2019. Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –Adjutant -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –First Vice Commander -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Present  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Present  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Absent  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Mac Cerro  
Shae Rooney  
John Lyttle  
Carl Edwards  
George Driscoll  
Dave Hol

12. The charter was covered to honor the passing of Gus Krikitos thispast month. Jason Caiado led the prayer.

13. The June 2019 minutes were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

14. Carl Edwards delivered the financial report (distributed under separate cover) and were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

15. Carl Edwards led the ceremony to install the new officers for 2019-2020.

16. There were no new members.

17. Committee Reports.

a. Membership –Claude said no new members as the national convention is in session.

b. VOD & PP –Rich -awaiting national new topics for this year; Carl announced the topics are on the VFW website. The 2019-2020 theme for both is “What Makes America Great.” Our website will be updated from national’s: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

c. Website update –Rich –posting of Kandie’s selection as Woman of the Year for Contra Costa County from Congressman Thompson’s office; also the minutes from June 2019.

d. Scouts –Paul Steelhammer –we have 20 scouts in Troops 1351. The scout master requested \$500 for new supplies. The motion was moved, seconded and approved by

unanimous vote.

e. Bocce –Phil announced we have won 11 out of 12 games –a new record for our team!

f. Poppies –Rich –the next distribution will be on Sept 11 at the AMTRACK station in Martinez at 0800. All are welcome to this event. Veterans Day is on a Monday so the next distribution will be the weekend before (7-9 Nov) at Walmart and Virginia Hills Safeway. Rich is bowing out for Walmart and asked for a volunteer. Ellison said the lead is the responsibility of the First Vice Commander –no volunteer required.

g. Honor Guard –Ellison –last event was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. There have been no funeral details in the past month.

h. Building –Ellison –New lights need to be installed. The materials for the ceiling were donated by Art; now we need the labor to complete the work. The peeling paint in the front of the building continues but it is the County that must complete this work.

18. The next District meeting will be in Hayward on 10 August at 0900. Instruction will be in Martinez on the same day starting at 0930. Post inspection will be in Antioch at 1100.

19. Kandie announce Taco Daddy on Main Street offers a military discount on their food.

20. The National Home prayer was led by Jason Caiado.

21. Kandie announced we will have a speaker at our next meeting discussing hospice care.

22. The closing prayer was led by Jason Caiado.

23. Claude circulated next year's budget (attached). It will be discussed at next month's meeting.

24. Kandie closed the meeting at 1105.

Signed,

Richard Cheney

Adjutant

**1 Attachment**

VFW Budget 2019-2020

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 15 June 2019**

Post Commander Trezina (Kandie) Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 18 May 2019.

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –Adjutant -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –First Vice Commander -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Absent  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Mac Cerro  
Shae Rooney  
Frank Kastl  
John Lyttle

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

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

**Minutes of May 2019:**There being no reported errors or omissions in the minutes posted to the web site, Claude Nave moved that they be accepted as posted; Rich Cheney seconded. Motion passed.

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

**New Members:**Brian Long –WWII Air Force. Motion to accept by Claude, second by Mac. Vote was unanimous.

**Committee Reports:** Membership:Claude Nave reported we did not qualify for all state this year. New year for membership begins 1 May.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen:Rich Cheney reported these programs are currently in abeyance, awaiting HQ VFW proposed subjects this year.

Website.Rich spoke to the updates on the website.

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

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

Fourth of Julyevents: flag raising at 0900; parade on Main Street at 1000.



Veterans Memorial Building: Ellison said that for every Post sponsored meal, there needs to be a committee to set up, serve, and clean up. Phil reported the flag light has been installed and new all-weatherflags have been ordered.

Bocce:Phil reported current status: 6 wins –games every Thursday morning.

National Home Prayer:Jason Caiado led.

**Sick and Distressed Members:** Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, Gus Kritikos (has had two strokes), Juanita Lockett, Jack Kastl.

**Old business:** The certificates for BABS were ready but they did not show. Will try again next month.

**New Business**

Next District Meeting: 10 August, 0900, 22737 Main St Hayward; School of Instruction, 0930in Martinez. Post inspection –Antioch 1100 (unknown date).

**Closing Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:**1057

Signed,

Richard Cheney

Adjutant

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

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

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –First Vice Commander -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –Adjutant -Present  
Carl Edwards –Asst. Adjutant -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Present  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

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

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

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

**Convention Delegates:**

National: Kandie, Paul, Carl (July 20-24 in Orlando)

California: Carl, Kandie, Claude, Ellison (June 6-9 in Ontario, Doubletree Hotel)

**New Members:**None.

**Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Poppies:** Rich arranged our time at Walmart for the weekend before Memorial Day. Carl will arrange with Safeway. 23-25 May. If we have enough people, we will be able to use both doors at Walmart. We need four or five people to optimize results. At Walmart, set NLT 08:30; Rich will set up there, but someone else must shut down. At Safeway, Carl reported that we will set up at 09:00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **New Business**

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

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

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

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

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

**Closing Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:** 11:15

Signed,

Art Miller

Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 20 April 2019**

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

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –First Vice Commander -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –Adjutant -Present  
Carl Edwards –Asst. Adjutant -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Present  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Present  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

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

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

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

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

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

Nomination of Officers for next year:

Commander  
Kandie Jones  
Rich Cheney  
Senior Vice Commander  
Kandie Jones  
Mac Cero  
Junior Vice Commander  
Art Miller  
Quartermaster  
Claude Nave  
Chaplain  
Jason Caiado

Trustee (3 year term)

Shae Rooney

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

Commander: Kandie Jones

Senior Vice Commander: Mac Cero

Junior Vice Commander: Art Miller

Quartermaster: Claude Nave

Chaplain: Jason Caiado

Trustee (for 3 year term): Shae Rooney

**Appointed Officers:**

Adjutant: Rich Cheney

Judge Advocate: Bruce Bauer

Surgeon: Stanley Rux

Trustee (1<sup>st</sup>yr): Gus Kritikos

Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup>yr): Carl Edwards

Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup>yr): Shae Rooney

Service Officer: Paul Steelhammer

**Convention Delegates:**

National: Kandie, Paul, Carl (July 20-24 in Orlando)

California: Carl, Kandie, Claude, Ellison (June 6-9 in Ontario, Doubletree Hotel)

**New Members:**None.

**Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

All State and All American status: Claude reported that we should qualify for All state with the submission of a Scout of the Year, worth 20 points that are not yet showing on the report. If we get 100% of membership it would give us an additional 20 points. The benefits are a plaque for the post and qualification for commander and quartermaster to buy and wear a special "all state" hat.

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

Memorial Day Schedule:

0830 Flag raising, here, single volley salute

0900 Cemetery

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

Toll the Bell -Kandie

Read the names -Art, Ellison, Paul

1100 Lunch at the Hall

1200 Maritime Wreath Laying

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

Poppies:Rich arranged our time at Walmart for the weekend before Memorial Day. Carl will arrange with Safeway. 23-25 May. If we have enough people, we will be able to use both doors at Walmart. We need four or five people to optimize results. At Walmart, set up at 08:00; Rich will set up there, but someone else must shut down. At Safeway, Carl reported that we will set up at 09:00.

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

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

National Home Prayer:Jason Caiado led.

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

Building:Need work on the pool room.

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

Jorge Martinez moved that we donate \$100 to Sea Cadets' poker tournament. Rich seconded. Passed.

Sea cadet of the year is Cadet Martinez.

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

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

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

**Old Business:**None.

**Closing Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:**11:25

Signed,

Art Miller

Adjutant

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

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

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –First Vice Commander -Excused  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –Adjutant -Present  
Carl Edwards –Asst. Adjutant -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Present  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bruce Bauer  
Shae Rooney  
John Lyttle  
Alan Munguia

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

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

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

**New Members:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Home Prayer:Jason Caiado led.

### **New Business**

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

Building:New stoves and tables in kitchen thanks to Phil and Ellison. Need work on the pool room. 28 April there will be a memorial for Sharon Steelhammer here in this Hall at 1500.

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

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

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

Other activities:Kandie mentioned *PGA Hope* for help getting together with other vets and learning golf. At Diablo Creek 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Twelve spots available at \$15. Call 707-449-4742.

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

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

**Old Business:**None.

### **Nomination of Officers:**

Elected officers:

Commander -Kandie Jones

Sr. Vice Commander -Richard Cheney

Junior Vice Commander -Ellison Lockett

Quartermaster -Claude Nave

Chaplain -Jason Caido

Trustee -Shae Rooney

Appointed officers:

Judge Advocate -Bruce Bauer

Surgeon -Stanley Rux

Adjutant -Art Miller

Service Officer -Lennie Dombach

**Closing Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:**10:53

Signed,

Art Miller

Adjutant



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

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

**Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Present  
Rich Cheney –First Vice Commander -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –Adjutant -Present  
Carl Edwards –Asst. Adjutant -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Absent  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer -Absent

**Members in Attendance:**

Phil Dougherty  
Bobby Siebenrock  
Bruce Bauer  
Frank Kastl  
Shae Rooney

**Guests:**

None

**Opening Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

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

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

**New Members:**None.

**Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Bocce:**Phil reported that he has signed us up. Competition will probably start in April, after the rains. Phil urged anyone interested to support the American Legion corned beef dinner. See flyer, attached.  
**Activities:**Frank Kastl suggested that the Post consider joining the *Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club* for inter-club yacht club benefits. It would give us an additional way to network with other vets as well as with yacht clubs.

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

**Student Veterans:**Rich read thank-you card from Moira Holman for our financial support to them for their national conference. Ms. Holman represented the SFSU student veterans at a District 10 meeting to solicit their support. Post 1351 contributed \$250, District contributed \$1000. See attached.  
**Honor Guard:**Ellison reported that we have had no memorials this month.

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

### **New Business**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Closing Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

**Meeting closed:**11:07

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, 19 January 2019**

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

**I. Roll Call, Officers:**

Trazena (Kandie) Jones –Commander -Excused  
Rich Cheney –First Vice Commander -Present  
Ellison Lockett –Second Vice Commander -Present  
Claude Nave –Quartermaster -Present  
Jason Caiado –Chaplain -Present  
Art Miller –Adjutant -Present  
Carl Edwards –Asst. Adjutant -Present  
Stanley Rux –Surgeon -Present  
Gus Kritikos –First Year Trustee -Absent  
Stephany Cornejo –Second Year Trustee -Absent  
Paul Steelhammer –Third Year Trustee –Absent  
Jorge Martinez –Sergeant of Arms -Present  
Brian Chauvin –Service Officer –Absent

**II. Members in attendance:**

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

**III. Guests:**

Raul Andrade  
Diego Andrade  
Joe Prado  
Matthew Prado

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

**V. Guest Presentations** (before official meeting)

Matthew Prado, accompanied by his father, Joe Prado, offered to assist the Post with service projects. Matthew is an Eagle Scout, and wishes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. Sug-gestions included maintenance work on the Hall and on the Mare Island cemetery.

Diego Andrade won the Patriots Pen competition at the Post 1351 level, so was awarded our \$250 stipend at this meeting. He was accompanied by his father, Raul Andrade.

The official meeting was called to order at 10:28.

**VI. Opening Prayer:**Jason Caiado led.

**VII. Minutes of 15 Dec 2018:** Motion to accept minutes posted on website by Ellison Locket, seconded by Claude Nave. Approved with one correction -that the financial report be deleted and that all future minutes

be annotated to state that financial data are excluded.

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

**IX. New Members:** None.

**X. Returning members:** John Lyttle, George Driscoll

**XI. Committee Reports:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**XV. Closing Prayer:** Jason Caiado led.

**XVI. Meeting closed:** 11:20