

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 17 March 2018

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 17 March 2018 at 1005 by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Bruce Bauer – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Ellison Lockett.

Roll Call:

Officers:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
Richard Cheney – Adjutant, Website - Present
Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Present
Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Excused
Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman – Excused
Gus Kritikos– Second Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Present
Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Absent
Brian Chauvin – Service Officer-Absent

Membership:

Marjorie Detiege – Absent
Macario N Cero Jr– Excused
Lennie Dombach – Present
Michael Driggers – Absent
George Driscoll – Absent
Phil Dougherty – Present
Jose Guzman – Absent
Bill Harbin – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Present
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent
Everett Della Rosa - Present

Minutes from February 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Richard Cheney with Kandie Jones second; it was voted on and passed. Claude said that we typically provide the Army Museum and National VFW Home a \$100 donation per year and asked for a motion to approve the donation for 2018. Kandy moved and Bruce Bauer seconded. The membership approved the motion.

Bring a vet to meeting. Kandie Jones brought a Vet to the meeting: Missy J. Lee. Missy is an Army vet, eligible for membership to the American Legion.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – So far, 16 have renewed their membership, with 22 still needing to renew. The Post needs 20 to renew to reach 100%. This year we will not reach All State or All American.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer says he has the application for Scout of the Year. He also reported the troop is looking for a new scout master.

Website – Richard Cheney. All items given to Cheney have been posted. New items include the current meeting minutes, the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, and information on the Martinez War Memorial. No new items posted to the activities calendar.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins on 19 April. There will be 6 two-man teams. The first practice will be on 17 April at 1000.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – she has reserved Safeway and Walmart the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Memorial Day. She needs everyone to step up and volunteer their time to make this a successful donation drive.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney. Cheney is actively seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of the Memorial ceremony set for mid-June 2018. The idea is to come up with a specific plan on how we wish the ceremony to be conducted and then present it to the Veterans Commission at their planning meeting on 10 April. Volunteers include Bruce Bauer, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Mike Keppel, and Everett Della Rosa. **MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION!!** See website for updates.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. Jory's Flowers of Concord will provide the 22-inch flower wreath, banner, and stand for \$250. Cheney will pick up on 26 May and deliver to the cemetery before the 1000 ceremony on 28 May.

Old business: Post nominees: Commander – Kandie Jones; 1st Vice President – Richard Cheney; 2nd Vice President – Mike Keppel; Chaplain – Ellison Lockett; Quartermaster – Claude Nave; Trustee -

Gus Kritikos. Elections will be next month at the April meeting, with installation in May.

National Home Prayer: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said District meeting will be in Antioch on 24 March at 0900. Attendees will be Claude Nave, Art Miller, Kandie Jones, Ellison Lockett, Mike Keppel, and Richard Cheney. Cheney will provide transportation for five in his van, leaving from the Hall at 0800.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, are on the remember the sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Bruce Bauer acting as Chaplain for today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Next meeting will be on 21 April 2018

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John Platt – Absent

Minutes from January 2018 meeting were posted to the website by Richard Cheney. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Quartermaster Claude Nave provided the update, and available under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero with Carl Edwards second; it was voted on and passed.

Bring a vet to meeting. Ellison Lockett asked the membership to bring one of their veteran friends to a future meeting to help our membership drive.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – there is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap).

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – Play begins in April. There will be 6 two-man teams. Find your partner and be ready by April.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – showed the new picture of the membership holding the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India two weeks ago and will arrive in California in about a month. Rich showed the memorial article in the Martinez Gazette. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates.

Website – Richard Cheney – Always seeking new content. The only items in February's calendar were the meeting today.

Flower wreaths for Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies – Rich Cheney. The city only provides a wreath with plastic flowers that is reused. It looks pretty tired and, frankly, is disrespectful of our veterans and fallen heroes. Rich distributed pictures of possible replacement wreaths using either real flowers or silk. Real flowers would have to be replaced with each wreath whereas silk flowers would be reused. Cost of real flowers would be \$200/wreath and the silk flowers would be \$300 one time. Cost could be split with American Legion. Other than the obvious advantage of having a high quality wreath for the ceremonies, both Posts benefit because the wreaths would remain in city hall for a week (until the flowers withered) continuing to remind the citizenry of the sacrifices made by the military and acting as a recruiting tool, as the wreaths will have the emblems of both posts attached. A lively discussion followed with concerns about using money for veterans at risk for a flower project. Lennie pointed out how difficult it is to get members to come out for Buddy Poppies – our main source of donations. Claude proposed we try live flowers for one year at \$400 and then re-evaluate. Rich seconded. Approved by the membership.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

New business: Ellison Lockett said post elections are coming up for commander, Senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, chaplain, and one trustee. Nomination and election will follow Bylaws, Sections 216-217. Nominations will be sent to Trazena Jones and Art Miller through March. Elections are in April with installation during the District Convention in June. Lennie Dombach informed us of the upcoming St Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner on 3 March sponsored by the American Legion. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each. See attached flyer.

Needy and Distressed: Ellison Lockett and his wife Juanita, Sharon Steelhammer, Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, and Jason Caiado are on our remember sick list.

Closing Pray: Given by Claude Nave acting as Chaplain for today.

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American Legion

Henry A McNamara Post 29

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Veterans Memorial Building
930 Ward Street
Martinez, CA

Raffle Prize
tickets sold at
the event

Saturday, March 3, 2018
No Host Pub – 5:00pm
Dinner – 6:00pm

Irish Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Door Prize
drawing

For Reservations call:
Jeff 925-957-1662

Suggested
Donation \$15.⁰⁰



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Guests:

Cora Young
Ryan-Thomas Brown

Guest Speakers: Cora Young works in Rep Mike Thompson's Vallejo office and Ryan-Thomas Brown works in Rep Mark DeSaulnier's Walnut Creek office. Although the Federal government shut down effective today, they were here to discuss what their Congressmen can do to assist veterans and how to reach them when an issue arises that can be solved through Federal intervention. They made a special pitch for the Korean government's "Ambassador for Peace" medal. Information on the medal may be found at <https://mikethompsonforms.house.gov/news/email/show.aspx?ID=NSYJYMWDQZHKC>.

Financial Report: First Year Trustee Stephanie Cornejo provided the update, which was provided under separate cover by Claude Nave. Motion to accept by Mac Cero and Carl Edwards seconded it, it was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports: Membership – Claude Nave – 15 members still need to pay their dues by 1 June. There is a need for 3 new members by 31 May to meet the requirements for All State (it allows all members to purchase and wear a white service cap). Mike Keppel asked if there was a list of those who need to pay; Claude will make it available.

Carl Edwards reported that there was nothing to report for the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen program. Ellison Lockett asked if anyone had volunteered to assist Carl – Carl said no.

Scout of the year program - Paul Steelhammer was not present.

Activity Chair – Frank Kastl – not present. Elliot asked for another person to take over this role from Frank.

Bocce ball – Phil Dougherty – reported the team was full and begins play every Thursday morning beginning in April. He's started a new format with 2-man teams.

Logistics – Trazena Jones – reported hanging the Sidney Severns lithograph and is looking to hang a picture of the membership celebrating the arrival of the lithograph.

Martinez War Memorial – Rich Cheney – reported that Monument Art of Hayward said the granite stone shipped from India this past week and will arrive in California in about 6 weeks. Rich is now an intern for the City of Martinez (part of his graduate school requirements) and will shepherd the project as a member of the city staff. Everything is on track for a June 2018 dedication. See website for updates. Service hours for volunteers working on researching the names of Martinez war dead were reported to Claude Nave.

Website – Richard Cheney – Most pages have new content: home page has link to Rep Mike Thomas' call for Korean War vets; local news will have meeting minute concatenated for the entire year (you can this month's info and then the previous month's immediately after). Rather than send out copies of the minutes to each e-mail address, there will be a link to the minutes on the website. Photo album – new pictures from the Christmas dinner, and additional pictures of Buddy Poppy activity at Safeway, along with the group photo of members with the Sidney Severns lithograph.

Old business: None

National Home Prayer: Given by Art Miller acting as Chaplain for today.

Donations: Claude Nave reported we annually give \$100 to the National Home and Army Historical Museum.

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Information on officer duties can be found here:

<http://www.vfw9785.org/thevfw/PostOfficerDuties.html>. The information is a little dated, but 90% accurate. Ellison also reported the American Legion District 9 will have a crab feed at Veterans Hall on 3 Feb from 1700 to 2100. Tickets are \$50 each, limited to 100 participants. Contact Jeff Roubal at 925-957-1662. There will be a district meeting in Antioch at 0900 on 24 March.

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