

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 21 Oct 2017

1. The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 21 October 2017 at 1015 by Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Claude Nave – acting as Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance led by Mac Cero.

2. Roll Call:
 - Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present
 - Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
 - Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander – Present
 - Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present
 - Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Present
 - Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Present
 - Jason Caiado – Chaplain –Excused
 - Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
 - Stanley Rux –Surgeon – Present
 - Stephanie Cornejo –First Year Trustee- Scout Chairman –Absent
 - Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas
 - Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Present
 - Jorge Martinez-Sergeant of Arms Absent
 - Marjorie Detiege – Absent
 - Membership :
 - Rubin Avila – Absent
 - Macario N Cero Jr–Present
 - Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent
 - Brian Chauvin - Absent
 - Lennie Dombach – Absent
 - Michael Driggers – Absent
 - George Driscoll – Absent
 - Roger Edwards – Excused Lives in Salt Lake Utah
 - Phil Dougherty – Present
 - Alex Grimes – Absent
 - 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
 - Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia
 - Jack Marino – Absent
 - Josh McKay - Absent
 - Shea E. Rooney – Absent
 - Emmett Schumer – Absent
 - Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Present
 - Ruben Tapia – Absent

Patrick Whalen - Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Kelly Thach – Absent
Edward Aderholt – Absent
John Platt – Absent

3. Minutes from the September meeting apparently were not received by e-mail. Richard Cheney resent the minutes on 21 October for membership review.
4. Claude Nave e-mailed the financial report to members. Paul Steelhammer read the report. Mac Cero moved that the report be accepted. Kandy Trazena second. Motion passed.
5. Service Officer report: nothing to report:.
6. Members in distress are Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Mike Keppel, and Ellison Lockett. Sharon Steelhammer and Juanita Lockett are on our remember sick list.
7. Prayer for the National home was given by Claude Nave.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Claude Nave membership report, no new members. We need five new members by May 2018 plus everyone needs to renew by December to get All State status.
 - b. Phil Dougherty – Bocce: Season is over, we finished 3rd from bottom.
 - c. Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Poppy's: Veterans Day distribution Safeway and Wal-Mart on 2-3-4 Nov 0900-1700. Need sign ups. Poppies are available for distribution.
 - d. Richard Cheney – Website – new content constantly being placed on website, especially the events calendar. All newsletters and meeting minutes are current as of August 2017.
 - e. Carl Edwards - VOD/Patriot Pen/Teacher of the Year: Nothing to report. Ellison Lockett asked for volunteers to assist Carl, since he lives out of area.
 - f. Paul Steelhammer – Boy Scouts and Trap Shooting. Boy Scouts want to move their meeting from Las Juantas School to the hall. Trap Shooting is a possibility, but he needs to gauge interest before setting anything up.
 - g. Ellison - Family Christmas Brunch: Sponsored by VFW and AL, set for 1100-1300 9 Dec at the hall. See attached flyer for details.
9. Sidney Severns gravesite litho. Cheney provided background on ABMC's creation of the litho for the post. He provided details of the cemetery, how he ordered the litho, and now it is ready to be displayed in the hall. He requested everyone remain after the meeting so that a photo of the members holding the litho could be sent to ABMC's Carolyn Taylor thanking her for providing the litho to the post. See attached.
10. Richard Cheney briefed the status of the Martinez War Memorial. The city council met on 4 Oct and approved the installation of the war memorial in Veterans Park for a rededication ceremony for June 2018. Questions from the membership: Will the font for each name be the same? Answer: The vendor was told to make best effort for uniform size; however, given the number of war dead from WWII, that may be impossible. Q: Has the Marine Auxiliary been contacted to contribute? A: No, the project is fully funded from the VFW and AL.
 - a. Cheney asked for a vote to pay half the cost of the project (AL has already contributed \$3500). Second by Steelhammer. Vote was unanimous in favor.
11. Carl has the T-shirts "we love our veterans" ready.
12. Ellison said he was looking for people to attend Contra Costa Veterans Recognition Day, 7 Nov, at 1100, 651 Pine St.
13. Next month the District will have their meeting at our hall during our monthly meeting time, 18 Nov. We will have a truncated meeting to give the floor to the district speakers. Our focus will be to set up tables for food and then cleanup.

14. Closing pray was given by Claude Nave acting Chaplain.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 1116. Next meeting is 18 Nov 2017 at 1000 - downstairs.

Richard Cheney – Post 1351 Adjutant

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1. Letter to ABMC
2. Family Christmas Brunch Flyer

21 October 2017

Carolyn D. Tyler
2300 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201-3367

Dear Ms. Tyler

Thank you for fulfilling our order for a lithograph of Private Sidney Severns' grave site at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, France. We honor his memory by naming our Post after him. We understand and respect the sacrifice he and all service men and women have made over the years in fighting for and defending our rights and freedom as Americans. All of us in the VFW understand the unique challenges faced by our service personnel today and work on their behalf to see their efforts are recognized by a grateful nation.

Private Severns died at the Battle of Belleau Woods, which all Marines – including myself – hold as sacred ground. We hang the lithograph of Private Severns' gravesite in a place of honor and respect. Again, many thanks for providing us this tribute to a fallen hero.

ELLISON LOCKETT
Commander, VFW Post 1351
Martinez, California

Family Christmas Brunch



Saturday, December 9, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Veterans Memorial Building
930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA 94553

Adults and Children Christmas Fun

Gift Exchange for adults (\$10 Gifts)

Prize for Best Christmas Costume

A gift will be provided to each child 12 years and under. Please give the child's name and age when making reservations so gifts are available

*Please join us for
our annual party --
an afternoon of
holiday comradery,
tasty foods, and
merry-making for
the whole family.*

RSVP: Jeff 925-957-1662 or Ellison 925-372-3884
Deadline for Reservations: 4pm on December 2, 2017

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