

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351



930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

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Meetings: Third Saturday every month at 10:00 A.M.

As of July 1, 2016

Commander	Ellison Lockett	925-812-0871
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Commander's Corner

Highlights and coming events follow:

Thank you to all our members that participated in the following events and that helped plan our upcoming events.

1. Thank you to Ellison, Phil, Lennie and all that helped make our Post's and American Legion Post 29 Christmas Brunch a fun time.
2. Phil and Lennie have planned our Second Annual Crab Feed on February 25th. Contact Phil at 925-372-8939 for tickets. Great food and a good time. Look forward to seeing all our member in attendance.
3. Phil and Ellison have spent many hours remodeling the kitchen in our Veterans Hall. Hopefully they will have most of the work completed by January 20th.
4. The Honor Detail has provided twenty-five rifle services from June 1st through Decmeber31st. More volunteers are needed for the rifle detail. Practices are held after our meetings.
5. Richard Cheney is continuing Marjorie's work on our website, vfwpost1351.org. Check out the site and the calendar for upcoming events.
6. Welcome new member: Derek Byrne. If you know anyone that qualifies please sign them up.
7. VFW Dept of California Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Sacramento on January 21. The Annual Conference will be held in Ontario June 8 through June 11th.
8. Post nominations for our Officers will begin at our March meeting. Nominations will continue in April and elections will be at the April meeting. If you would like an officer's position advise Ellison of your interest. The Officers positions are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.
9. Our Post BOCCE team signs need to be turned in by February 1. Please let Ellison know of your interest to be on the team. If there is enough interest we may be able to have two teams this year. Bocce is a great fun and community involvement.
10. In the last 3 months we have been notified that three member of our post have died. These members are Richard Akins, Stanley Woinoski, and Daniel Powers.
11. The American Legion Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be held on March 4th in our Veterans Hall. A fun and good dinner by Phil, Lennie and Gerry.

Thank all of you members for an outstanding year and for your continued support. Dues will be due soon and I hope all will continue your membership. If you know of prospective members please sign them up to join our Post.

Ellison Lockett,
Commander

Veterans Important Dates:

JANUARY

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16
Operation Desert Storm Began	January 17, 1991
Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord	January 27, 1973

FEBRUARY

Boy Scouts of America Founded	February 8, 1910
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12
Operation Homecoming Began	February 12, 1973
Valentine's Day	February 14
Sinking of USS Maine	February 15, 1898
US Marines Landed on Iwo Jima	February 19, 1945
President's Day	February 20
US Marines Raised Flag on Iwo Jima	February 23, 1945
Operation Desert Storm Ground Began	February 24, 1991

Veterans Important Dates:

U.S. Army Founded	June 14, 1775
U.S. Navy Established	October 13, 1775
U.S. Marine Corp Established	November 10, 1775
U.S. Coast Guard Established	August 4, 1790
U.S. Army Air Corp Established	July 2, 1926
U.S. Air Force Established	September 18, 1947

POST MEETINGS - . November 19-December 3

POST IMPORTANT DATES

February 25	Post 1351 Crab Feed (Martinez)
February 25	VFW District 10 Meeting at our Post 9:30 a.m. (Martinez)
March 4	Am Leg Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
May 18-27	Poppies Distribution
May 20	District Convention Elections, 301 Main, Pleasanton 9:30 a.m.
May 29	Memorial Day Program and Brunch
June 8-11	VFW Department of California Annual Conference, Ontario, Ca.
July 4	4 th of July Parade

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR MEMORIAL BRICKS—Call Carl Edwards for any questions.

Concord Veterans Hall serves breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast costs \$5.00 per person.