

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post 1351



930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553

NEWSLETTER-July-August, 2015

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

As of July 1, 2015

Commander	Ellison Lockett	925-812-0871
Vice Commander	George (Tom) Zamaria	925-487-1137
Junior Vice Commander	Trazena (Candy) Jones	925-497-8383
Quartermaster	Claude Nave	925-229-1649
Chaplain	Jose Guzman	510-435-2561
Judge Advocate	John Platt	530-391-7184
Surgeon	Mac Cero	707-712-2423
1st Year Trustee	Arthur Gomez	925-726-5930
1 st Year Trustee	Paul Steelhammer	925-458-1427
2 nd Year Trustee	Gus Kritikos	925-370-0575
3 rd Year Trustee	Paul Steelhammer	925-458-1427
Adjutant	Carl Edwards	925-372-0133
Service Officer	Arthur Gomez	925-726-5930

Commander's Corner

Highlights and coming events follow:

Congratulations to Post Commander Elect Ellison Lockett and his Officers. Thank you to all that helped when I was unable to attend events. Our Post accomplished much during the past year and I am proud of all that participated.

1. Since July, 2014, the Honor Detail (Firing Detail) has performed thirty services. In addition, they have led the July 4th parade, the Walnut Festival parade and performed in three flag ceremonies.
2. Poppies were distributed for 9/11 services, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Poppy distributions were very successful with many members participating. Thank you for all that volunteered their time. Lunch was provided at our Veterans Hall after the Veterans Day and Memorial Day services.
3. Paul Steelhammer continues his participation in the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and the Sea Cadets that our post supports and sponsors.
4. Our post and the American Legion post sponsored the annual Christmas party for our members. Brunch was provided and presents for the children.
5. Marjorie is continuing her work on our website, vfwpost1351.org. Check out the site and the calendar for upcoming events.
6. Welcome new members: Daniel Powers, Major King, Joaquin Gomez, George (Art) Miller and Jason Caiado. If you know anyone that qualifies please sign them up.
7. Our Post has donated to the East Bay Stand down, Vet Center, National Home, and the Wheel Chair Games. We have also assisted veterans in distress. These expenditures exceeded \$6,000.00.
8. Our post hosted a Crab Feed on January 17, 2015. Phil and Lennie, our cooks, provided a great dinner. All attendees had a great time.
9. Tom Zamaria and Frank Kastl organized a Post Bocce Ball team. Twelve Post members are on the Senior League Bocce team. Members are having a great time and have won a few games.

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.

Terrance Holmes,
Commander

Chairman's Report

VFW Post 1351 General Activities Committee (AKA-Special Ops)

- 1) The General Activities Committee (GAC) is still heavily involved supporting the Bocce Ball Team effort. We are in the process of getting some sports shirts made up for the team. The team has not won many games but is having a great time playing in the Martinez Bocce League each Thursday morning at 9:30 am. Tom Zamaria is doing a fine job as our team captain. With the interest in the game by our comrades it is possible we may have two teams next season. Drop down some time and see the team play.
- 2) The GAC is planning a VFW Bar-B-Que in August at the nice picnic area behind the Bocce Ball facility. Our new Post Commander (Ellison Lockett 925-812-0871) is chair for the activity and is requesting others to sign up. Likely, we will ask you all to bring a dish to share, but the main course comes off the Bar-B-Que. More info to follow in time for the July Post meeting.
- 3) Don't forget about the July 4th festivities/ parade in Martinez. Read Claud's newsletter concerning these events and think about attending to show support for our POST and let the public know we veterans still exist.
- 4) We are looking into a few other things to do for fun such as taking a train trip to Reno as an overnight affair. Also, for those of you who like to fish we are thinking about a possible boat trip in the bay or delta if the darn wind winds down a little. A list of those interested is being made. We may also go the Lafayette reservoir which has produced some nice size Trout, with limits the norm. Give me a call at 925-372-3884 or send an email to me (flkastl@hotmail.com) to get on the fishing list or volunteer to chair an activity.

Please get involved and give us some ideas and support.

Frank Kastl

General Activities Chair
925-372-3884

Veterans Important Dates:

JULY

Independence Day	July 4
Final US Ground Combat of Korea War Began	July 24, 1953
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	July 27
Korean War Ended	July 27, 1953

AUGUST

Operation Desert Shield Began	August 2, 1990
First Atomic Bomb Mission, Hiroshima	August 6, 1945
Purple Heart Medal Established	August 7, 1782
Second Atomic Bomb Mission, Nagasaki	August 9, 1945
Battle of Bunker Hill (122) Began	August 12, 1952
Japan Surrendered Ending WWII	August 14, 1945
Allied Invasion of Southern France	August 15, 1944

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 July18 AND August 15, 2015.

POST IMPORTANT DATES

July 4, 2015	Parade
August 1, 2015	Martinez Peddlers Faire 0800-1600hrs
August 17, 2015	Vet Con Concord Hilton-0900-1400hrs
September 19, 2015	Walnut Festival Twilight Parade-1800hrs

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.