Veterans of Foreign Wars - Sidney Severns Post
1351
930 Ward Street, Martinez, CA. 94553
NEWSLETTER-MARCH-JUNE 2017
Meetings: Third Saturday every month at 10:00 A.M.
As of July 1, 2017
Commander Ellison Lockett 925-812-0871
Senior Vice Commander Trazena (Kandie) Jones 925-497-8383
Junior Vice Commander Art Miller 770-861-4197
Quartermaster Claude Nave 925-229-1649
Chaplain Jason Caiado 925-812-0036
Judge Advocate Mike Keppel 925-914-9219
Surgeon Stanley Rux 510-232-1361
1st Year Trustee Gus Kritikos 925-370-0575
2nd Year Trustee Stephany Cornejo
3rd Year Trustee Paul Steelhammer 925-458-1427
Adjutant Richard Cheney 925-289-1265
Service Officer Brian Chauvin 510-439-6061

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. Save the date of July 15-2017 for our Third Annual Picnic with the
American Legion.
More details will be available soon so watch your emails for updates.
Bring your
family for a fun day with great food.
2. Phil and Ellison have spent many hours remodeling the kitchen in
our Veterans Hall.
The work has been completed and looks great.
3. The Honor Detail has provided thirty rifle services from June 1st
through March 31st.
More volunteers are needed for the rifle detail. Practices are held
after our meetings.
4. Richard Cheney is updating our website with our meeting minutes
and the calendar
for upcoming events. (vfwpost1351.org). Check out the site.
5. The Annual Convention will be held in Ontario June 8 through June 11th.
6. New Post Officers have been elected. They are listed on the first page of the newsletter.
7. Our Post BOCCE team is ready to begin the new season. The first game had to be postponed because of the rains. They are anxious to get started.
8. Our Post is interested in forming a Bowling Team. If you are interested let Ellison Lockett know.
9. Poppies will be distributed May 25th through May 27th. If you can help let Trazena Jones know your availability. This is one of our fund raisers to help veterans.
10. Memorial Day ceremonies will be held on May 29th. Watch for further listings for a schedule of events. A brunch will be held after the services at our Veterans Hall.
11. July 4th parade will be held in Martinez. We will be meeting at the Hall before the parade. Come and participate in a great event and hear the cheers.
12. The East Bay Stand-down will be held in Antioch August 8th through the 14th. Volunteers are needed. If you can help let Ellison Lockett know so can be signed up.
13. The Martinez Vintage Fair will be held August 19th. If you can help by volunteering at our booth Ellison needs volunteers.
14. American Legion Boys and Girls State dinner will be held on September 30th. Come and have a great dinner and hear some of our youth speak. See Ellison for tickets.

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:

May
VE Day Declared May 8, 1945
Mother’s Day May 14
Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15
Armed Forces Day May 20
National Maritime Day May 22
Memorial Day Observed May 29

June
D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe June 6, 1944
USS Liberty Attacked June 8, 1967
Flag Day June 14
U.S. Army Founded June 14, 1775
Father’s Day June 18
First Day of Summer June 21
Pledge of Allegiance Recognized June 22, 1942
GI Bill Signed into Law June 22, 1944
Korean Way Began June 30, 1950

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POST MEETINGS - May 20-June 17
POST IMPORTANT DATES
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 Convention, Ontario, Ca.
July 4 4th of July Parade

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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.
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1. Thank you to Ellison, Phil, Lennie and all that helped make our Post’s second annual picnic a success. We had a great turnout.
2. Ellison, Trazena, Mac, Art and others decorated the meeting room in the hall with many military uniforms and military mementos. The meeting room looks great.
3. Post members participated in the in the Walnut Festival Parade again this year. A great reception by the attendees and good time for all. Members also participated in the Car and Motorcycle show in Antioch.
4. The Honor Detail has provided twenty rifle services from June 1st through October 31st this year.
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: Bruce Bauer, Stephany Conejos, Brian Chauvin, Richard Cheney, Robert Siebenrock and Kelly Thach. These are new member since June 1st. If you know anyone that qualifies please sign them up.
7. Our Post with the American Legion is hosting a Christmas brunch on Saturday December 3rd, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for members and their families. Presents will be provided for young children. Come and enjoy. RSVP to Ellison Lockett.
8. On November 3rd, 4th and 5th we will be distributing Poppies. Please come and help. Contact Trazena (Candie) about when you will be available to help.
9. The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors will honor Military personnel and Veterans on November 10th at 11 a.m. at 651 Pine Street. Come and enjoy.
10. Veterans Day services will be held on November 11th at 10 a.m. at the Cemetery and 11 a.m. at the Memorial. Our Post and The American Legion will host a brunch after the services. Come and participate.
11. Congratulations to Commander Ellison. At the State convention he was honored for being an ALL STATE Post. You will see him wearing his white hat.
12. Congratulations to our Post BOCCE team. They came in 8th place in their division. An improvement over last year.
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Ellison Lockett,
Commander
Veterans Important Dates:

**NOVEMBER**
Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6
Election Day November 8
U.S. Marine Corp Established November 10, 1775
Veterans Day November 11
Signing of WWI Armistice November 11, 1918
Thanksgiving Day November 24

**DECEMBER**
Pearl Harbor Day December 7
Intervention in Somalia Began December 9, 1992
Human Rights Day December 10
Bill of Rights Day December 15
First Day of Winter December 21
Christmas December 25
Hanukkah December 25
Official End of WWII December 31, 1946

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**POST MEETINGS - November 19-December 3**

**POST IMPORTANT DATES**
November 3,4,5 Poppy Distribution
November 8 Board of Supervisors honoring Veterans 11:00 a.m. 651 Pine St. Martinez
November 11 Veterans Day Services
December 10 District Meeting - Antioch
December 3 Christmas Brunch
February 25, 2017 District Meeting - Martinez
May 20, 2017 District Convention-Meeting-Elections-Official Visit - Pleasanton

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