

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA.

Saturday December 15, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on December 15, 2012 at 10:13 A.M. by Post Commander Mike Keppel.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - Present
Claude Nave, Quartermaster -Present
Tom Zamaria, Surgeon -Present
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate -Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander -Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander -Present
George C Driscoll, Adjutant -Excused
Jose Badillo, Chaplin -Absent
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee -Excused
Rickard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee - Present
Lennie A. Dombach, Service Officer -Present

Membership:

Alex Grimes -Absent Joe Eno - Absent
Philip Daugherty -Present Frank Macan -Present
Emmett L Schumer - Present
Gus Krikos - Absent
Lisa Maloney -Excused
Cheppette Timmerman -Present
Roque Torres Excused
George Johnson - Absent
Ben Kuklok - Absent
Harold K. Brown -Present
Ellison Lockett -Present
Melvin Hicks - Present
Marjorie Detiege - Present
Carl A. Edwards - Present
Tom Zamaria - Present

Finance Report:

Beginning bank statement 10-31-2012, was \$9,088.70 and the ending bank statement on 11-30-2012 was \$12,087.98, and the check book balance was \$11,761.65 on December 8, 2012. Finance report was approved as read.

Members in Disstress:

Pete Johnson was in a auto accident. He is unable to attend the meeting. When asked if he needed anything he was reluctant to talk about it. Liliana Bonet recently had a baby. Claude Nave made a motion to give her one hundred dollars. The motion was seconded and passed. She is in the Marine Corps reserves and will most likely be going back on active duty in January.

New Members:

Dennis Gorman a new life member is here today. He was asked to tell a little about himself.

Kent Palmer was recruited by Marjorie Detiege. It was moved by Claude Nave that we accept him into the post. It was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Our Patriot Pen and teacher of the year entries were accepted by the District. Our entree for teacher of the year, Connie Christiansen, won District and was sent on to the State level for review. Our Patriot Pen won 2nd place in the District and was presented \$100.00 at the District Meeting on January 13, 2013.

Macario Cero would like to have another Buddy Poppy distribution sometime around Presidents Day. He will be checking with the retail stores for possible places to have the distribions.

Marjorie Detiege gave a report on the website that she is tranferring from, Go Daddy, to the new host site. Marjorie, Carl and others have met with District 25 and Marjorie has been making good progress on the transfer.

Post statis: We have made All State for the third striaght year and the Post is on track for All American honors this year.

Mike Keppel, Tom Zamaria and Claude Nave asked for more people to volunteer for the rifle detail. They also explained how the program worked and discussed the practices and events that we take part in.

Good of the order: Lenny Dombach informed the Post that Chase Bank on Arnold Road is giving \$200.00 to new savings accounts with free checking and safety deposit box to Veterans.

January 19th the American Legion is having a crab feed and is inviting the VFW to attend. The donation is \$35.00 if purchased by January 15th and \$40.00 if you pay at the door.

March 9th the American Legion is having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and the donation is \$15.00.

Nominations and Elections:

Nominations for the Board of Directors for the Veterans Memorial Building was

taken for the second straight month. George Driscoll, Alex Grimes, John Lytle

and Phil Daugherty was nominated and George Driscoll, and Phil Daugherty were

elected to represent the VFW for the year 2013.

Closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Carl A. Edwards

**Monthly Minutes For Sidney Severns
VFW Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday November 17, 2012**

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on November 17, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. by Post Senior Vice Commander Terrance Holmes. The meeting started with the introduction of guests: Earl Fulk, State Commander, Donald Black, District Commander, Paul Carroll, Post 1525 Commander and Peter Loechner, Post 1525 Quartermaster. Cameron Bass is a student at Los Medanos College and a new post member.

Roll of Officers called:
Mike Keppel, Post commander -Ill-excused
Claude Nave, Quartermaster -Present
Tom Zamaria, Surgeon -Present
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate -Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander -Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander -Present
George C Driscoll, Adjutant -Excused
Jose Badillo, Chaplin -Absent
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee -Present-Officer of the Day
Rickard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee -Excused
Lennie A. Dombach, Service Officer -Present

Membership:
Alex Grimes -Absent Joe Eno - Present
Philip Daugherty - Present Frank Macan -Present
Emmett L Schumer -Excused Gus Krikos -Present
Lisa Maloney -Excused Cheppette Timmerman -Present
Roque Torres Excused
George Johnson -Excused
Ben Kuklok -Excused
Harold K. Brown -Present
Ellison Lockett -Present

Reading of past minutes-Not Available.
Claude Nave reported on Commander Mike's illness.

Finance Report:
Beginning bank statement 10-31-2012, \$9,257.40 and the ending bank statement on 10-31-2012 was \$9,088.70, and the check book balance was \$9,035.70.
Finance report was approved as read.
Voted to approve new member Nathan Padilla.
Ellison Lockett, Frank Macan, Cheppette Timmerman and Cameron Bass told about their military history.
Mac Cero presented a report about the Poppy distribution on 11-8,11-12-2012.
Donations received totaled \$3,419.68 and hours donated totaled 148.
Poppy distribution was lower because of Nob Hill strike.

Paul Steelhammer reported on Boy and Cub Scout activities and the Sea Cadets.

Motion for Paul to research gun control safety program for the Cub Scouts was

approved. He also reported about his coming trip to Maine for the Wreaths

Across America participation.

Paul Steelhammer reported the last of the post baseball type hats had been

distributed.

Motion passed to buy two dozen made in America hats to be given to our members

that attend meetings and donations will be accepted for the hats.

Claude Nave reported that the Teacher of the Year, Voice of Democracy and

Patriot's Pen winners have been sent to District. Claude also reported on All

American and All State program status.

Tom Zamaria reported on the Veterans Day services and brunch.

Claude reported he would attend the Commander's dinner and that he and Terrance

Holmes would attend the District meeting.

Mike Keppel and Gene Williams were reported as sick members.

Members were reminded about December 1st Brunch with the American Legion.

Earl Fulk addressed the meeting and stressed membership and post responsibility

to provide service to veterans

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George Driscoll, Phil Daugherty, Alex Grimes and John Lytle are the nominees

for the Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors. The election will be

held at the December meeting.

Closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Claude Nave,
Quartermaster

VFW meeting, October 20, 2012.

Meeting was called to order by Mike Keppel commander at 10:08 A.M.

Mike Keppel, Carl Edwards, Claude Nave

Terrance Holmes, Lennie Dombach, Tom Zamaria, Dennis Hughes, Mac Cero, Bobby Hollingsworth,

Joe Eno, Dick Brennan, Phil Daugherty, Alex Grimes, Richard Akins, Harold Brown, Marjorie

Detiege, Kent C Palmer (visitor), John Lytle III, Gus Kritikos, Shea E. Rooney

Claude Nave, gave a report on the finance previous balance, August 31, 2012 was 10,555.53. We had

checks and payments \$1065.31. Deposits and other credits \$567.18. Ending bank balance on

September 30, was \$9257.40. Ending register balance on October 1, was \$9257.40.

Claude Nave made

a motion to accept the financial report as read, Carl Edwards seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.

Claude Nave made a motion that we drape the charter in honor of Lee Hamilton who passed away last

week. Dave Holcombe, Mike Keppel, Claude Nave, Alex Grimes, George May Jr., Carl Edwards, Mac

Cero, and Shea E. Rooney was present for the firing detail at Oakmont cemetery in Laffayette.

Tom Zamaria reported on the Veterans Day up coming event at the Alhambra Cemetery and the All

Veterans Monument at the split on Alhambra and Berralesa, he asked that the VFW and American

Legion and the Veterans Memorial Hall do our regular brunch afterward. We need a honor guard to be present for the event.

Claude Nave made a motion that we authorize up to \$100 toward the event. It was seconded and passed.

It member Gene William is recovering from a hospital stay, and is in a nursing home. Claude Nave and

Mike Keppel will be paying him a visit soon.

The California VFW Commander will be visiting on November 17, 2012 and there will be a dinner for

him. Everyone is invited. A donation of \$35.00 per couple. Sunday the 18th there will be a district

meeting in Antioch and the State Commander will be there. November the 19 th the County Supervisors

will have a meeting to honor the Veterans and Veterans Groups in the County. It will be held in the

Board room, 651 Pine Street in Martinez. Time will be at 11:00 a.m.

Cero Macario, informed us that there poppy drive will be on November 8-11 at Luckys and Walmart.

New Members:

Marjorie Detiege served in Iraqi Freedom 2002 and 2003 U.S. Army.

Danielle L Kogut — U.S. Air Force

Cheppette J Timmerman — U.S. Army

Michael B Kreulen — U.S. Air Force

It was vote on and approved that we accept these new members to our Post.

Claude Nave reported on Allstate status. It looks like will make all Allstate this again year. And we're

working toward making All-American this year.

Carl Edwards gave a report on what was going on at the Veterans Memorial building in the next couple months.

Nominations for the Veterans Memorial building Board of Directors were held today.

Phil Daugherty,

John Lytle III, Alex Grimes were nominated. We need one more month of nominations before we vote

in December.

Kathleen Clancy of the American Legion Post 29 wants to put together the individual history of the

members of the VFW and American Legion for the Historical Society and our posts.

A motion was made to send out a email message to all members. Requesting authorization to give

Kathleen Clancy their names, addresses and phone numbers so she can contact them for their personal interviews.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney Severns
Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday September 15, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on September 15, 2012 at 10:07 a.m. by Commander Mike Keppel. The following were present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander –present
Lennie Dombach - Post Service Officer – present
Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – Present
Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present
Mike Keppel, Post commander – Present
Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster -present
Paul Steelhammer – Scouting Cordinator - present
Members: Edward Aderholt -present
Richard R Akin – present
Jose Badillo –present
Jay Bowen - present
James Brott -absent
Wilbur Daily III - present
Philip Daugherty –excused
Joe Eno - present
Carl A. Edwards - present
Bill Harbin - present
Bobby D Hollingsworth – absent
Dennis C Hughes –absent
Frank Kastl - present
Brent Marker - absent
Shae Rooney –absent
Emmett Schumer - present
Roque C J Torres – absent
Tom Zamaria – excused

Carl Edwards read the minutes from the last meeting. The adjutant George Driscoll was excused. Minutes were approved as read.

Quartermaster report: the previous bank statement balance was \$11,154.57 that ending bank statement as of the July 31, 2012. We had checks and payments totaling \$932.17. Ending bank statement as of August 31, 2012 was \$10,555.53. Register balance on September 1, 2012 was \$10,555.53.

Claude Nave advised us that \$1000 was delivered to the East Bay standdown which will be on September's report. Phil Daugherty and his wife are working the standdown this year. There was an article run in the newspaper this morning.

Members in distress: Cero Macario, had open-heart surgery. However he is here with us today. Terrance Holmes, finally got approved for section 8 housing. So he won't have to live in his car anymore. However, he would like to get some furniture donated to him if possible. Richard Akins had a little surgery done. Emmett Schumer, had a slight stroke however he is here with us today and doing better.

New members: Edward C. Aderholt, U.S. Army, 1967-68 Highlands Vietnam; Wilber T. Daily, U.S. Army, 1956-57 in Korea. Joe Eno, US Air Force served with the Marines in I Corps in Vietnam and the whole length of Vietnam.

Committee reports:

(1) Membership: 11 new members so far year.

(2) Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of The Year Award: Carl Edwards presented

the programs to private school in Walnut Creek, Carl and Claude will present them to The New

Leaf school in Martinez.

(3) Buddy Poppy's: Cero Macario is putting the list of places to do the body poppy program for

Veterans Day. Terrance will do Luckys is 9th 10th and 11th of November. Mac and Mike will pick

up a proclamation from the city of Martinez this month. Mac will give us locations and for the

dates eight, nineth, tenth of November.

(4) Paul Steelhammer gave a report on the Boy Scouts that we sponsor six Boy Scouts advanced in rank. Two of the Boy Scouts went two summer camps. Were working on the names for Eagle Scout of the year award. Our Boy Scouts from troop 1351 are doing very well.

New business: Dues are being talked about being raised about 30 to 40% so if you're interested in being a life member now would be a good time to do it.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m., next meeting will be October 20, 2012.

Minutes by Carl A. Edwards

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney Severns
Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday August 18, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on August 18, 2012 at 10:05 a.m. by Commander Mike Keppel. The following were present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander – excused
Lennie Dombach - Post Service Officer – present
Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – Present
Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present
Mike Keppel, Post commander – Present
Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster -present
Paul Steelhammer – Scouting Cordinator - present

Members:

Richard R Akin – present
Jose Badillo – Absent
Jay Bowen - present
James Brott - present
Philip Daugherty – present
Carl A. Edwards - present
Bobby D Hollingsworth – absent
Dennis C Hughes – present
Frank Kastl - present
Brent Marker - absent
Shae Rooney – excused
Roque C J Torres – absent
Tom Zamaria – excused
Donald L. Black- VFW Dist. 25 Commander - Visitor
Paul Carrol - VFW Dist. 25 Inspector - Visitor

Introduction of Guest-Don Black, District Commander, Paul Carroll, District Inspector.

New member introduced. Joseph Eno - US Airforce, Frank Kasti - US Army, Wilbur Daly III - US Army, Lockett - US Army, Marjorie Detiege - US Army, and James Brott - US Navy. It was voted they be accepted into the Post.

No minutes were read George Driscoll was excused due to a meetin in Washington D.C.

Finance report: Beginning Bank Balance 6-30-2012 was \$12,000.63. Ending bank balance on 7-31-2012 was \$11,154.57. Check book balance on 7-31-2012 was

\$11,092.12.

Committee reports were made by, Mike Keppel - Membership; Carl Edwards Patriot Pen, and Voice of Democracy; Claude Nave - Teacher of The Year .

New busniess:

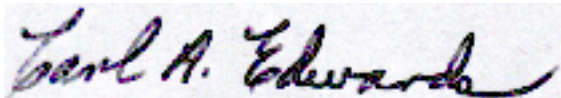
\$50.00 a month was approved to provide coffee, condiments and fresh fruit to the Contra Costa County Veterans office on a three month trial period.

A report on the National Convention was made by Mike Keppel, Claude Nave, and Carl Edwards. They seen and here the President and the republican nominee for President in Reno.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Alhambra High School Reunion. Bar processes will go the the Veterans Memorial Building.

\$1000.00 was approved to be paid to the East Bay Standdown, and \$500.00 for the North Bay Standdown for the year 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M., next meeting will be Sept. 15, 2012.
Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl A. Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, July 21, 2012

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on July 21, 2012 at 1010 by Senior Vice Commander Terrance Holmes.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post Commander – Excused
Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Excused

Tom Zamaria, Surgeon – Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander – Excused
George Driscoll, Adjutant – Present
Jose Badillo, Chaplin – Present
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Present
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Present
Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Present
Lennie A. Dombach, Service Officer – Present

Membership:

Dennis Hughes - Present
Philip Daugherty - Present
Bill Harbin - Present
Harold Brown - Present
Carl Edwards – Excused

George Driscoll read the Monthly Minutes from the June 23, 2012 meeting. They were accepted as “published”.

Quartermaster report:

Financial Report: Beginning Bank balance 5-31-2012: \$12,188.45; Payments: \$215.10; Deposits: \$27.28; Ending Bank Balance 6-30-2012 \$12,000.63; Outstanding Checks: \$50.00; Book Balance: \$11,950.63. Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Financial Report.

Purposed 2013 Budget: Total income \$12,180.00; Total Expenses: \$10,405.00; Total income: \$1,775.00. Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Purposed 2013 Budget.

A discussion on Restated Articles of Incorporation in order to make the POST a mutual benefit corporation. Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to revise the POST’s Articles of Incorporation.

New Members: Dennis Gorman – Navy, Ian Kearns – Marine, John Parker – Air Force, Shane Bower – Army, William Francis – Navy, Steve Johnston – Navy, Thomas Dorscher – Navy, James Anderson – Marine, Harold brown – Navy. Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to admit all the new members.

Committee Reports: All committee reports were tabled until August meeting.

New Business: Post received 15 new ceremonial rifles. Members were reminded that there is honor guard/drill team training scheduled for the third Saturday of the month immediately after the VFW meeting.

Announcement: Mike Keppel, Carl Edwards, and Claude Nave were excused from the meeting because they were attending the annual VFW convention in Reno.

Senior Vice Commander Terrance Holmes adjourned the meeting at 1104.

Adjutant Post 1351

George Driscoll

Monthly Minutes For Sidney Severns
VFW Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday June 23, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 23, 2012 at 10:10 A.M. by Post Commander Mike Keppel. The meeting started with the Installation of Officers by Tom Karas, Commander of the VFW Antioch Post. After a five minute break the opening ceremonies were conducted by Commander Mike Keppel. Jose Badillo, Post Chaplain, opened with a prayer.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander -Present
Claude Nave, Quartermaster -Present
Tom Zamaria, Surgeon -Excused
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate -Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander -Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander -Present
George C Driscoll, Adjutant -Present
Jose Badillo, Chaplin -Present
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee -Present
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee -Excused
Rickard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee -Present -Officer of the Day
Lennie A. Dombach, Service Officer -Present

Membership;

Alex Grimes -Absent
Philip Daugherty -Present
Leland Hamilton -Excused -sick
Emmett L Schumer -Excused -sick
Lisa Maloney -Excused
Roque Torrrres -Excused
George Johnson -Present
Ben Kuklok -Present
Harold K. Brown -Present

Reading of past minutes:

George Driscoll read the minutes for May 19, 2012 and were approved as read.

Finance Report:

Beginning bank statement 4-30-2012, \$6360,8.68 and the ending bank statement on 5-31, 2012 was \$12,188.45, and the check book balance was

\$12038.45. Finance report was approved as read.

Mac Cero presented a report about the Poppy distribution on the last two weekends of May. Donations received totaled \$6,930.60 and hours donated totaled 305.

Commander Mike requested a report from the Law Enforcement, Fire and EMT committee. Committee members are Alex, George, and Brent.

Commander Mike appointed Claude to Teacher of the Year committee and Carl Edwards to Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen committee.

Dennis and Lennie were appointed to the Service Program committee by Commander Mike.

Commander Mike reminded all members that we need as many new members as we can get. Mike stressed that our Post is trying to obtain All American status this year.

On July 3rd, members are needed to help pick up food at Costco for the 4th of July brunch. All available are to meet Commander Mike at the Veterans Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.

At 9 a.m. on July 4th(the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars members will do a flag raising ceremony with one volley of Honor Detail firing one round with the M1 rifles. The veterans will lead the parade beginning at 10 a.m.

New member Harold Brown was welcomed to the Post. George Johnson was welcomed back after his surgery.

Chaplain Jose Badillo closed the meeting with a prayer

Mike Keppel, Commander

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney
Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.
Saturday May 19, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on May 19, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. by

Post Commander Mike Keppel. Opening ceremonies conducted. Opened with a prayer.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - Present

Claude Nave, Quartermaster - Present

Tom Zamaria, Service Officer – Excused - sick

Carl A. Edwards, Judge Advocate - Present

Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice - Present

Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice-Commander - Excused Poppy's at Walmart

Frank M. Escarano, Adjutant - Absent

Mike Driggers, Chaplin - Absent

Membership:

Alex Grimes - Present

Jose Badillo - Excused Poppy's at Walmart

Philip Daugherty - Present

Leland Hamilton – Excused sick

Emmett L Schumer – Excused - sick

Paul Steelhammer- Excused Poppy's at Peddler Fair

Lisa Maloney – excused - working

George Dricoll – Excused – reserve duty

Shae E. Rooney - Excused Poppy's at Walmart

Richard Akins – Ex cused Poppy's at Walmart

Roque Torres - Excused Poppy's at Peddler Fair

Lennie A Dombach - Present

Reading of past minutes:

Minutes for March 17, 2012 and April 21, 2012 was read and approved as read.

Finance Report:

Beginning bank statement was \$6,852.13 and the ending bank statement on march 31, 2012

was \$6,360.68, and the check book balance was \$6003.86. Finance report was approved as read.

Scouting report:

Thank you card was received for the donation that we gave to the Cub Scout Pack 1351.

Old business:

The Huey rides were a great success, and the people that rode really enjoyed the ride.

Terrance Holmes wife Nancy was selected to the position that the VFW had open in Oakland in the

Veterans Service Office.

New business:

We need a combine number of eight volunteers for Memorial Day services from the VFW and

American Legion. We also need two volunteers to post the post colors at the Pleasant Hill Monument

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on Memorial Day.

We will participate in a combined veterans with the VFW and American Legion in the 4th of July

parade. The combined group will lead the parade.

Our Post is listed as number five in the state as for as membership for the year expect to move to

number three when the new postings come out.

Our post will be receiving All-State honors at this years VFW State Convention.

June 2nd the Concord Vet. Center is going to have a function and all veterans are invite.

Claude made a motion to have the meeting changed to the 23rd of June instead of June 16th because

of the VFW State Convention. It was seconded and pasted.

Sick report:

Tom Zamaria is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Gil French is recovering from bi-pass surgery.

Emmit Schumer had a stroke.

Thomas Matthews is now on hospic.

Terrance Holmes is still recovering from being sick.

Leland Hamilton is home bound now and visitors are welcome, just call before coming.

Closing Prayer by Mike Keppel. Next meeting will be June 23, 2012.

Minutes taken by Carl A. Edwards:

VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Judge Advocate

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney Severns
Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday April 21, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on April 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. by Sr. Vice-Commander Terrance Holmes. The following were present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander – Present
Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate - Excused
Frank M Escaranio - Adjutant – absent
Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present
Mike Keppel, Post commander – excused
Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster - Excused
Paul Steelhammer – Scouting Coordinator - Excused
Tom Zamaria - Post Service Officer – Present

Members:

Richard R Akin – present
Jose Badillo – Present
Philip Daugherty – present
Lennie Dombach – present
Frances B Gomes – absent
Lee Hamilton – Excused
Bobby D Hollingsworth – absent
Dennis C Hughes – present
Brent Marker - Present
Shae Rooney – present
Roque C J Torres – absent
Mike Driggers - Present

Minutes were will be read at May's meeting.

Finance report will be made at May's meeting.

Scouts are needed for the flag detail on Memorial Day. The are needed for prepping flags for

destruction and to preform destruction ceremonies.

Discussed the Poppy Detail for the Monument at the “Y” during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

It was suggested that those that can not attend meeting to call in at a set time on conference call to

find out whats going on.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M., next meeting will be May 19, 2012.

Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate

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Post 1351 Martinez, CA.

Saturday March 17, 2012

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Roll of Officers called:

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander – Present
Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate - present
Frank M Escaranio - Adjutant – absent
Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present
Mike Keppel, Post commander – Present
Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster -present
Paul Steelhammer – Scouting Coordinator - present
Tom Zamaria - Post Service Officer – Present

Members:

Richard R Akin – Present
Richard E. Brennan - Present
Jose Badillo – Present
Philip Daugherty – Present
Lennie Dombach – present
George C Driscoll - Present
Frances B Gomes – absent
Lee Hamilton – present
William H. Harbin - Present
Bobby D Hollingsworth – absent
Dennis C Hughes – present
Brent Marker – absent
Robert L Maestri - Present
Shae Rooney – Present
Roque C J Torres – absent
Emmett Schumer - Present
Jim Wilder – Present

Guests:

Richard (Pete) Loechner – VFW District 25 Commander
Daniele Maestri – Patriot's Pen winner
Michele Maestri – Daniele's mother
Sophia Maestri – Daniele's sister
Zoe A Halsne – Voice of Democracy winner
Ron Halsne – Zoe's father
Julia Halsne – Zoe's mother

The district commander P Lochner was introduced by Paul steel hammer. The patriot pen winner was

introduced Daniele Maestri. Zoe Halston was presented as the winner of the voice of democracy. Both families of Daniele and Zoe were introduced. Carl Edwards was called to the front to present the

awards to the girls. Carl had the girls read their essays and what they had turned in on tape for the voice of America. Carl present the certificate and a \$100 award to the winners of the two events. The second place winner of the patriots pen could not attend the meeting today because of prior commitments with the blue Devils. A \$50 award was given to them Maestri family to deliver to the second place winner Hannah Clift.

A brief recess was taken.

Richard Brannon signed up with a life membership this month. A new member was introduced

Benedict Kuklok; however, he was in a fishing contest today and couldn't attend the meeting. It was

voted on to except him as a new member of post.

It was announced by Claude Nave that the American Legion is holding their annual corned beef and

cabbage dinner tonight. Tickets are still available, see Carl Edwards for tickets.

Finance report:

The bank account as of January 31, was \$7,852.84. Bank statement ending February 28 was \$6,972.60.

It was moved by Claude Nave that the VFW splits the \$150 received on that Himenez Memorial

between the American Legion VFW and the Veterans Memorial building. It was seconded by Paul

Steelhammer, it was voted on and passed. We received \$50 for the Memorial service as a donation from

the Himenez Memorial Memorial. That \$50 goes into the rifle detail account. As a joint venture the

American Legion and VFW bought some white gloves which cost \$17.50 out of that account.

Claude Nave made a motion to provide up to \$100 toward the Memorial day brunch on 28 May. Carl

Edwards seconded the motion it was voted on and passed.

We received correspondence from the Army Historical Museum in Washington DC requesting a

donation. Bill Harbin made a motion to donate \$100 to the Army historical Museum in Washington

DC, Jose Badillo seconded the motion and it was voted on and passed.

Claude Nave announced we were doing the rifle detail at the monument in Martinez at the Memorial

Day celebration. Sign up with Claude to be able to participate. Practices will be forthcoming.

George MayIII presented Vietnam Veterans Day program held on March 30 at Buchanan field in

Concord. Helicopter rides will be available for \$150 per person, sign-ups will be necessary to ride.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup and event. Talk to George May III. Brent Marker advised

us the rides would last about 25 or 30 min. The American Legion post 29 will sponsor the event.

It was moved by Paul Steelhammer and seconded by Claude Nave to bring in a scout troop 212 under

the name of pack 1351 to meet in our building and be sponsored by the VFW post 1351; and any costs

for power or heat costs would be paid by the VFW. The motion was voted on and passed.

Members in distress:

Thomas Matthews is now on him and hospice, Carl went to his house to visit him. Carl advised him of

free burial at the VA National Cemetery. Tom Zamaria said he would contact Thomas Monday, and

advise him of what's benefits are available to him.

Obituaries:

Dennis J. Cowell passed away this month. His wife would like to have a rifle detail for him one day.

Good of the order:

Shay Rooney reported that the exercise class will probably not go.

Mac reported on the body poppy sign-ups for Memorial Day. Also, the places we will distribute

poppies, Walmart, Nob Hill, Lucky Stores, downtown booth at peddlers fair.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M., next meeting will be April 17, 2012.

Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney Severns
Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday January 21, 2012

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on January 21, 2012 at

10:19 a.m. by Commander Mike Keppel. The following were present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander – excused
Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate - present
Frank M Escaranio - Adjutant – absent
Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – Absent
Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present
Mike Keppel, Post commander – Present
Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster -present
Paul Steelhammer – Scouting Cordinator - present
Tom Zamaria - Post Service Officer – Present

Members:

Richard R Akin – present
Jose Badillo – present
Philip Daugherty – present
Lennie Dombach – present
Frances B Gomes – absent
Lee Hamilton – present
Bobby D Hollingsworth – absent
Dennis C Hughes – present
Brent Marker - present
Shae Rooney – present
Roque C J Torres – absent

Nash Program-visitor

November and December minutes were read and approved as read.

New member introduced. Phil Daugherty who has retired from the Sheriff's Department.

It was

voted that he be accepted into the Post.

Mike Keppel took a ride on the helicopter with Brent Marker being the pilot. This was a demo ride

showing how we could incorporate a fundraiser with the helicopters.

Report from Hall:

Shell Oil is considering remodeling our kitchen at the hall if we give them a set of plans of what we want.

Scouting:

Paul Steelhammer reports he received pictures from our cub scout troop that we sponsor. He also

would like to request that we allow him to invite the troop to have their blue and gold banquet at our

Hall. It should be held February or March sometime. Paul made a motion that we have the banquet at our hall. Claude Nave seconded it, and the motion was passed.

Members in this distress:

Gil French reported that he had heart surgery and will be out of commission for a few weeks. A card was signed and sent.

Quartermaster report:

Bank account ending November 30, 2011 was \$12,220.92. Checks and payments for \$4,229.13.

Ending bank statement on December 31, 2011 was \$8,566.79. Register balance on December 31, 2011

was \$8,504.62. We had two veterans in need over the past month, which was the biggest part of our

expenditures. Claude make a motion, which was seconded by Carl Edwards that we except the finance

report as read, it was voted on and passed.

Claude moved that we give \$50 to Palo Alto VA system, and \$100 to the VFW National Home. It

was seconded by Tom Zamaria, the motion was voted on and passed.

The quarterly report has been sent to Department of California.

Claude went over the requirements to make all Allstate for the year.

Carl Edwards made a motion, and seconded by Terrance Holmes, that we invite the Teacher of the

Year, the Patriot's Pen and that Voice of America candidates to the March meeting. It was voted on

and passed.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the National Commander complimenting Post 1351 on 100% membership for 2012.

A letter from the National Commander was received complimenting Carl Edwards, Mike Keppel,

Mac Cero and Shae Rooney for their recruiting efforts.

Awards:

Mike Keppel presented Claude Nave with a quartermaster award for outstanding service.

New business:

Shae Rooney brought up a couple suggestions on how to make some money on fundraisers. One

was through an exercise program and the other one was through a museum set up. Shae is going to do

some more research on it and report back.

Good of the order:

Paul Steelhammer said he could set up a website to display our pictures, he will look into it and

possibly set it up.

Old business:

It was discussed on whether we should change the meeting dates or leave them the same.

It was

voted that we leave them the same. Nominations: (Elected Offices)

Commander: Mike Keppel

Senior Vice-Commander: Terrance Holmes

Junior Vice-Commander: Mac Cero

Quartermaster: Claude Nave

Chaplin: Jose Badillo

Judge Advocate: Dennis Hughes

Surgeon:

Third-Year Trustee: Richard Akin

Appointed:

Adjutant:

Service Officer: Lennie Dombach

George May III, with the American Legion Post 29, presented Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

Day celebration which will be held on March 30th & 31st. It will probably be at Buchanan field,

Concord. There should be a set up for recruiting. The VFW it is invited to participate.

This will be

discussed at the February and March meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M., next meeting will be February 18, 2012.

Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate