

**Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
18 December, 2021**

No, meeting for the month of December 2021.

Carl A. Edwards

**Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
20 November, 2021**

Art Miller called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 1000 hours on 16 October, 2021 and led the opening ceremony in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Art Miller - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	Stanley Rux - Excused
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Ellison Lockett – Present
1 st Year Trustee:	Phil Daugherty – Present
2 nd Year Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
3rd Year Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Excused
Judge Advocate:	Bruce Bauer – Present
Service Officer	Trazena Jones - Present
Surgeon:	Terry Horton - Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Terry Horton

Members in Attendance:

John Lytle	Frank Kastl	Frank Macan	Chuck Guthmann
G David Brown			

Minutes of previous meeting:

Ellison Lockett presented the October 16, minutes. Motion to accept by Claude Nave, second Mac Cero. Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report:

Claude Nave read the October 2021 finance report, motion to accept Ellison Lockett, second Mac Cero. Motion approved.

New Members:

None.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Art Miller reported that our Post winners are: Al Boyce (\$250), Teacher of the Year, Matthew Prado (\$250) is Voice of Democracy winner and Nicholas Vernon (\$150) is Patriot Pen winner. Motion to pay the above amounts by Art Miller, second Claude Nave. Motion approved.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent,

Website: Still working on website.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported donations received from the Poppy Drive totaled \$4997.00 and 135 hours worked.

Honor Detail: Mac Cero reported on Veterans Day Ceremony and Hospice Tree of Lights program.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison nothing to report.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

New Business:

Commemorative dates:

District Meeting: January 15, 2022, 6655 Mission Street, Daly City, CA.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason Caiado led the prayer.

Art Miller adjourned meeting at 1030 hours.

Speakers: Deputy Brad Imhoff and his partner from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Custody Alternative Facility.

Submitted 20, November 2021
Ellison Lockett, Adjutant

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Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Art Miller - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	Stanley Rux - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Ellison Lockett – Present
1 st Year Trustee:	Phil Daugherty – Present
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3rd Year Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Judge Advocate:	Bruce Bauer – Present
Service Officer	Trazena Jones - Excused
Surgeon:	Terry Horton - Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Terry Horton

Members in Attendance:

George Driscoll	Frank Kastl	Frank Macan	Chuck Guthmann
G David Brown	George Martinez	Timothy Gillett	

Minutes of previous meeting:

Ellison Lockett presented the September 2021 minutes. Motion to accept by Claude Nave, second Bruce Bauer. Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report:

Carl Edwards, Trustee, read the September 2021 finance report, motion to accept Stanley Rux, second Mac Cero. Motion approved.

New Members:

None.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: No report.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent,

Website: Still working on website.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported November 4,5 & 6 at Safeway in Virginia Hills. Wal-Mart: none this year because of virus.

Honor Detail: Will have program at Veterans Hall for November 11, Veterans Day, meeting at 1030 hours.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison nothing to report.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

New Business: Have not been notified of Board of Supervisors meeting honoring of Veterans.

Membership room. George Driscoll reported his son out of hospital and staying in the Navy.

Commemorative dates:

November 11 Veterans Day ceremony. 100-year anniversary of Tomb of Unknown Soldier ceremony on November 10 & 11.

District Meeting: January 15, 2022, 6655 Mission Street, Daly City, CA.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason Caiado led the prayer.

Art Miller adjourned meeting at 1100 hours.

Submitted 18, September 2021
Ellison Lockett, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes
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18 September, 2021**

Art Miller called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 1000 hours on 18 September 2021 and led the opening ceremony in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Art Miller - Present
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	Stanley Rux - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Excused
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Ellison Lockett – Present
1 st Year Trustee:	Phil Daugherty – Excused
2 nd Year Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
3rd Year Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Excused
Judge Advocate:	Bruce Bauer – Present
Service Officer	Trazena Jones - Present
Surgeon:	Terry Horton - Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Terry Horton

Members in Attendance:

George Driscoll Frank Kastl John Lytle
G David Brown (Prospective Member)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Ellison Lockett presented the August 2021 minutes. Motion to accept by Jason Caiado, second John Lytle. Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report:

Ellison Lockett read the August 2021 finance report, motion to accept Jason Caiado, second Stanley Rux. Motion approved.

New Members:

David Brown, USN. Motion to accept Jason Caiado, second Ellison Lockett. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: No report.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent,

Website: No report.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported date approved for Safeway in Virginia Hills.

Honor Detail: Antioch Car Show on October 2, 2021.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

New Business: Ellison Lockett reported September 28, 2021, 12:00 noon cleanup of Veterans Membership room. George Driscoll reported his son out of hospital and staying in the Navy.

Commemorative dates:
November 11 Veterans Day ceremony.

District Meeting:

Closing Ceremony:
Jason Caiado led the prayer.

Art Miller adjourned meeting.

Submitted 18, September 2021
Ellison Lockett, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
21 August, 2021**

Mac Cero called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 1000 hours on 21 August 2021 and led the opening ceremony in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Art Miller - Excused Attending VFW District Meeting
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	Stanley Rux - Excused
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Excused Attending VFW District Meeting
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Ellison Lockett – Present
1 st Year Trustee:	Phil Daugherty – Excused Attending VFW District Meeting
2 nd Year Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Excused
3rd Year Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Excused Attending VFW District Meeting
Judge Advocate:	Bruce Bauer – Excused
Service Officer	Trazena Jones - Present
Surgeon:	Terry Horton - Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Terry Horton

Members in Attendance:

George Driscoll David Holcombe
G David Brown (Prospective Member)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Ellison Lockett presented the July 2021 minutes. Motion to accept with a correction to Mary Knox name by Ellison Lockett, second Trazena Jones. Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report:

Jason Caiado read the July 2021 finance report, motion to accept Ellison Lockett, second Trazena Jones. Motion approved.

New Members:

No new members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: No report.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent,

Website: No report.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported date approved for Safeway in Virginia Hills.

Honor Detail: Antioch Car Show on October 2, 2021.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Welcome to member David Holcombe visiting from Florida.

Commemorative dates:

September 11 ceremony will be held at the memorial at 8 a.m.

District Meeting:

Closing Ceremony:

Mac Cero and Jason led the prayer.

Meeting adjourned 1035 hours.

Submitted 21, August 2021

Ellison Lockett, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 15 July 2021**

Mac Cero called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00a.m. on 19 June 2021 in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Rich Cheney – Absent, excused
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux – Present
Service Officer	Trazena Jones-Present

Members in Attendance:

Phil Daugherty	Mike Mitchell	Robert Siebenrock	Frank Macan
Charles Guzmann	Terry Horton	Nathan Padilla	John Lytle

Installation of Officers for 2021-2022 and they assumed their stations.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The June 2021 minutes were not available.

Quartermaster Report:

Carl Edwards read the June 2021 end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Trazena moved that the report be accepted; Jason seconded; passed.

New Members:

No new members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we qualified for All State and All-American honors for the 2020-2021 year.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Art will take the lead for this year's programs.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent,

Website: Carl will manage the website.

Poppies: Claude reported that we need an account of Poppies on hand for November drive.

Honor Detail: Nothing to report.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported no update.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Commemorative dates:

September 11 will be held at the memorial at 8 a.m.

District Meeting:

Saturday, 21 August 0900 at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. School of instruction will follow for approximately 1 hr. Commander; Quartermaster and two trustees must attend. Online attendance may be available.

Closing Ceremony:

Art Miller and Jason led the prayer.

Guest Speaker:

Mary Know from Contra Costa District Attorneys office.

Submitted 22 July 2021
Ellison Lockett, Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes
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Saturday, 19 June 2021**

Mac Cero called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 19 June 2021 in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Rich Cheney – Absent, excused
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Absent
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Absent
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux – Present

Members in Attendance:

Phil Daugherty
Charles Guzmann

Minutes of previous meeting:

The May 2021 minutes had not yet been posted to the web site, so Adjutant Art Miller read them aloud for members' review. No changes were requested. Claude moved that they be approved; Ellison seconded; approved.

Quartermaster Report:

Carl Edwards read the May 2021 end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Carl moved that the report be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

New Members:

Richard Nannini, an Army veteran of the Viet Nam war, recruited by Carl Edwards after the Brentwood memorial service on 22 May.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we are in good shape for this year with 102% so we will be “All State.”

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Claude suggested that we contact last year's winners for repeats.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent, so there was no report for this month.

Website: Carl will manage the website going forward.

Poppies: Claude reported that we received \$6031.88 over the Memorial Day poppy drive, with 138 hours of member time donated.

Honor Detail: Ellison announced one upcoming memorial service:
18 June, meet 0800 at Hall for Dixon ceremony for Emmett Shumer.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported no update.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Service Hours: Claude spoke about the importance of reporting all hours.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Commemorative dates:

Independence Day. We will have a flag raising ceremony at the Hall with a single volley at 0900. Claude will notify the city police and county sheriff in writing.

District Meeting:

Saturday, 21 August 0900 at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. School of instruction will follow for approximately 1 hr. Commander, Quartermaster and one trustee must attend. Online attendance may be available.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason led the prayer.

Submitted 9 July 2021
Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 15 May 2021

Mac Cero called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:05 on 15 May 2021 in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Rich Cheney – Absent, excused
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Absent
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux – Present

Members in Attendance:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones
Phil Daugherty
Bobby Siebenrock
Timothy Gillett
Terry Horton
Phil Daugherty
John Lytle
Chuck Guthmann

Minutes of previous meeting:

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 17 April 2021 meeting as posted online, Claude moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

Quartermaster Report:

Carl Edwards read the January end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Carl moved that the report be accepted; Kandie seconded; passed.

New Members:

Mike Mitchell, a marine artilleryman who served with Carl Edwards in Viet Nam and was a guest at our meeting in April. Approval as a member of Post 1351 moved by Claude; Seconded by Ellison; passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we are in good shape for this year with 97%, need 3 more to be 100% for All State.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Claude suggested that we contact last year's winners for repeats.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent, so there was no report for this month.

Website: Carl will manage the website going forward.

Poppies: Mac Cero reported that Walmart will not allow any tables this time. He will check with Nob Hill. Carl reported that Virginia Hills Safeway is lined up for Thursday – Saturday before Memorial Day.

Honor Detail: Ellison announced two upcoming memorial services:

22 May, meet 0930 at Hall for 2401 Shady Willow Ln, Brentwood (Golden Hills Church)

18 June, meet 0800 at Hall for Dixon ceremony for Emmett Shumer

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported that there is still little rental activity. Art Miller will join the Veterans Memorial Building board.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero, Frank Kastl and Linda Cheney.

Service Hours: Claude spoke about the importance of reporting all hours.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Commemorative dates:

Memorial Day. We will have a flag raising ceremony at the Hall with a single volley. Claude will notify the city police and county sheriff in writing.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason led the prayer.

Change in slate of officers: Adjutant will be Ellison Lockett, in place of George Driscoll. Phil will be trustee. Claude moved that these changes be approved; Kandie seconded; approved.

Submitted 9 June 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 17 April 2021

Mac Cero called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 17 April 2021 via Zoom due to absence of Post Commander Rich Cheney, who is in the process of moving out of state.

Opening Prayer:

Jason led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander:	Rich Cheney - Absent
First Vice Commander:	Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander:	George Driscoll - Present
Quartermaster:	Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain:	Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant:	Art Miller - Present
Trustee:	Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee:	Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee:	Renato Asiain - Present
Surgeon:	Stanley Rux – Present

Members in Attendance:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones
Frank Kastl
Jorge Martinez
Terry Horton
Carl Edwards
Bruce Bauer
Phil Daugherty
... and one other whose name I cannot read.

Guest:

Mike Mitchell (a Marine Artilleryman, guest of Carl Edwards)

Minutes of previous meeting:

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 20 March 2021 meeting, Claude moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

Quartermaster Report:

Claude read the March end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Carl moved that the report be accepted; Kandie seconded; passed.

New Members:

None this month.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we are in good shape for this year with 90%. We need 7 more to pay dues before 6/30 to reach 100%, and 100% is the only criterion we need to meet for All State.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Closed out until Fall 2021.

Bocce: Phil reported that league play starts the second week of May, on Thursdays, as before. Practice will be at 1000 on Tuesdays, starting the first Tuesday of May.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent, so there was no report for this month.

Website: Richard was absent, so no report for this month. Carl Edwards will assume responsibility for this function.

Poppies: Mac needs volunteers and permission from stores.

Honor Detail: Ellison reported that there were none this month. George May is leaving the state, so Honor Detail needs a new leader and an armorer.

Upcoming memorials:

- 10:30 on 22 May at 2401 Shady Willow Lane in Brentwood
- 0900 on 18 June in Dixon for Emmett Schumer

Memorial Hall Update: We met in the Hall, at last!

Next District Meeting will be at 1400 on 18 April at 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl, Linda Cheney.

Service Hours: Claude spoke about the report on the Department website.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Election of Officers:

The following nominees ran unopposed. Claude moved that they be approved by acclamation; passed.

- Commander – Art Miller.
- Vice Commander – Mac Cero.
- Second Vice Commander – George Driscoll
- Quartermaster – Claude Nave
- Trustee – Carl Edwards (3rd year)
- Chaplain – Jason

Appointed officers:

- Adjutant: Ellison Lockett
- Judge Advocate: Bruce Bauer
- Surgeon: Terry Horton
- Officer of the Day: Jorge Martinez

Other responsibilities:

- Website: Carl Edwards
- Electronic Sign: Art Miller

Delegates to National Convention: Kandie Jones volunteered.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason led the prayer.

Annual Dues: can be paid to Claude or online.

Mac closed the meeting.

Submitted 5 May 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 20 March 2021

Kandie Jones called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:10 on 20 March

2021 via Zoom due to delayed arrival of Post Commander Rich Cheney.

Opening Prayer:

Claude Nave led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present

First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Present

Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent

Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present

Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Absent

Adjutant: Art Miller - Present

Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present

Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present

Trustee: Renato Asiain - Present

Surgeon: Stanley Rux – Present

Members in Attendance:

Kandie Jones

Minutes of previous meeting:

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 16 January 2021 meeting as posted online, Rich moved that they be accepted; Ellison seconded; passed.

Quartermaster Report:

Claude read the January end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Ellison moved that the report be

accepted; Kandie seconded; passed.

New Members:

None this month.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we are in good shape for this year with 98.7% shown on the state

report but that it should be 106%.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Richard reported that these are closed out until Fall 2021.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer was absent, so there was no report for this month.

Website: Richard pointed out updates, including links to the District 10 newsletter and the District

Commander's letter.

Poppies: Closed.

Honor Detail: Ellison reported that there were none this month. Claude reported that there was a donation from the family from the last memorial service.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported that we are close to being able to use the Hall. There remains

a question about how many can occupy the space. The American Legion post, with fewer members

attending, will probably meet there in April.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley

Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl.

Service Hours: Claude spoke about the report on the Department website.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Nomination of Officers:

Rich reported that he will be moving to Oregon soon, so will not stand for reelection as Post Commander.

The following nominations were made:

- Commander – Mac nominated Art Miller.
- Vice Commander – Kandie nominated Mac Cero.
- Second Vice Commander – George Driscoll
- Quartermaster – Rich nominated Claude Nave for reelection.
- Trustee – Carl Edwards (3rd year)
- Chaplain – Rich nominated Jason for reelection.

Closing Ceremony:

Claude led the prayer.

Rich closed the meeting at 10:50.

Submitted 13 April 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553

Saturday, 20 February 2021

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:10 on 20 February 2021 via Zoom. But at 10:00, prior to the actual business meeting, Rich introduced two guest speakers.

Victoria Bianco, of the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County, spoke about a selfportrait painting class she leads for veterans. To sign up for the class, see the post website for a link to <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/5824/ABOUTFACE>

Nestor Aliga spoke about VFW's goals for 2021 with regard to fostering better cooperation between VA and HHS and counties. Highlights included the VA's acceptance of responsibility for the Benicia Army cemetery and the Mare Island Naval cemetery. One of the factors in the Mare Island case was the IRT work done by the Corps of Engineers to correct the golf course drainage issues.

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present
First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Present
Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent
Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present
Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Present
Adjutant: Art Miller - Present
Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present
Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present
Trustee: Renato Asiain - Present
Surgeon: Stanley Rux – Present
Members in Attendance:

Kandie Jones

Paul Steelhammer

Minutes of previous meeting: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 16 January 2021 meeting as posted online, Kandie moved that they be accepted; Art seconded; passed.

Quartermaster Report:

Carl read the January end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Rich asked about checks to V.O.D.

and P.P. Winners. Claude reported that the checks cleared in February. Kandie moved that the report

be accepted; Rich seconded; passed.

New Members:

William Matthew McHugh, an Air Force veteran of Korea, a Life member. Carl moved for acceptance; Ellison seconded; passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Claude reported that we are in good shape for this year.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Richard reported that these are closed out

until Fall 2021.

Scouting: Paul Steelhammer joined the meeting late, so there was no report for this month.

Website: Richard pointed out updates, including the addition of a form for requesting a Covid-19 vaccine.

Poppies: Closed.

Honor Detail: At the time of the meeting, George May was reported as sick, so Ellison and Claude would be handling our responses.

Memorial Hall Update: Ellison reported that there is a possibility that someone will paint the outside of the building. He will check on getting the burned-out flag light fixed.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl.

Service Hours: Claude spoke about the report on the Department website.

Prayer for the National Home: Jason led.

Other Business: Rich reported on outreach letters sent to distant members.

The next District meeting will be Sunday, 18 April 2021 in Concord. (Note the day is Sunday.)

Closing Ceremony: Jason led the prayer.

Rich closed the meeting at 11:17.

Submitted 2 March 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

Monthly Minutes
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Saturday, 16 January 2021

Post Commander Rich Cheney called the meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 to order at 10:00 on 16 January 2021 via Zoom.

Opening Prayer:

Jason Caiado read.

Roll Call, Officers:

Commander: Rich Cheney - Present

First Vice Commander: Mac Cero – Present

Second Vice Commander: George Driscoll - Absent

Quartermaster: Claude Nave – Present

Chaplain: Jason Caiado - Present

Adjutant: Art Miller - Present

Trustee: Carl Edwards - Present

Trustee: Ellison Lockett – Present

Trustee: Renato Asiain - Present

Surgeon: Stanley Rux - Absent

Officer of the Day: Absent

Post Service Officer Kandie Jones -- PresentPresent

Members in Attendance:

Phil Daugherty

Minutes of previous meeting:

There being no corrections to the minutes of the 19 December 2020 meeting as posted online, Art moved that they be accepted; Kandie seconded; passed.

Quartermaster Report:

Art read the December end-of-month status of the post's accounts. Kandie moved that they be approved; Rich seconded; passed.

New Members: none

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year: Richard reported that our two winners had been passed on to District, but that they had not placed first at that level, so were not passed up to Department.

Scouting: Paul was absent, so no report.

Poppies: Mac reported that due to Covid restrictions this activity is still dead in the water.

Website: Richard reported that one new feature of the website shows that he and Claude have applied for a \$5000 grant from the California Relief Grant Program. We are eligible for this program because we have lost all of our normal revenue (i.e. poppy drives) due to Covid-19.

Rich also showed Claude's service hours report and the Admin status report links from the website. New links are "Hire a Hero USA" and "Wreaths Across America." cf <https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/reportsview.asp?vid=1290&columnid2=1351&columnid5=10&columnid3=7%2F1%2F2020&columnid4=6%2F30%2F2021&Submit=Search>)

Covid-19 Vaccinations: Art reported that Martinez VA Clinic is now vaccinating veterans aged 75+ and those with serious medical conditions. He received his own first dose on 11 Jan and has had virtually no ill effects. To schedule an appointment for a vaccination, call the regular scheduling number, 1-800-382-8387. A copy of the email announcing vaccinations is attached to these minutes, below.

Honor Detail: Ellison had left the meeting earlier to attend a funeral, so no report.

Prayer for the National Home:

Jason led.

The next District meetings are Saturday, 16 Jan at 0900 in Pleasanton and Sunday, 18 Apr at 1400 in Concord. The 18 Apr meeting is the District Convention. Anyone interested in becoming involved in VFW at the District level should contact Mark Steinberg: coachsteiny@msn.com.

Memorial Building Update: Phil reported that nothing is going on at this time.

Sick and Distressed Members: Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison and Juanita Lockett, Stanley Rux, Mac Cero and Frank Kastl.

Closing Ceremony:

Jason led the prayer.

Rich closed the meeting at 10:38.

Submitted 22 January 2021

Art Miller, Adjutant

Attachment, the vaccine availability announcement, dated 7 January 2021:

Right now we are opening scheduling COVID vaccination appointments for Veteran patients 75 years or older. Right now we are opening scheduling COVID vaccination appointments for Veteran patients 75 years or older. If you are interested in scheduling a COVID Vaccination appointment, please contact us at 1--800800--382382--8387.8387. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 7am--6pm. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 7am--6pm.

The Moderna COVID

The Moderna COVID--19 vaccine is being administered throughout VA Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) via a phased plan. In addition to Veterans living in our Long Term Care facilities, VANCHCS will begin offering vaccines to Veterans who are at the highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID--19. 19.

Your VA health care team will contact you as soon as you

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We follow CDC guidelines to determine who is at highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID--19. Factors that may influence the risk of severe disease include the following:

Age-- The risk of severe illness or death from COVID--19 increases with age.

Existing health problems-- People with certain health problems (like diabetes, heart disease, or obesity) have a higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID--19.

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