

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney Severns
Post 1351 Martinez, CA.
Saturday Dec 3, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on December 3, 2011 at 1:36 p.m. by Commander Mike Keppel following the combined American Legion, VFW Christmas Brunch. The following present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

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

Members:

Roque C J Torres– present
Bobby D Hollingsworth
Shae Rooney
Dennis C Hughes
Frances B Gomes

Guests:

Thomas Pruitt

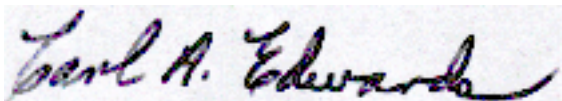
No reports were giving today, but will be given at January's meeting.

Max Cero and Mike Keppel suggested that we change our monthly meetings to the third Thursday evening of each month. A vote will be taken in the January meeting.

It was noted that we distributed 3000 poppies over Veterans Day. Mac Cero received \$500 donation from his sister. Thanks to all those that participated in the poppy drive. Claude Nave has a list of people that participated in the poppy distributions.

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn this meeting. Next meeting will be on January 21, 2012.

Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate

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Post 1351 Martinez, CA.

Saturday November

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on November 19, 2011 at 10:05 a.m. by Commander Mike Keppel. The following present at the meeting:

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander – Present

Terrance Holmes - Sr. Vice-Commander – present

Macario N. Cero – Jr Vice-Commander – present

Claude Nave - Post Quartermaster -present

Frank M Escaranio - Adjutant – absent

Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate present

Tom Zamaria - Post Service Officer – present

Alexander Grimes - Sgt of Arms – present

Mike L. Driggers – Chaplin - excused

Members:

Shae Rooney

Dennis C Hughes

Frances B Gomes

Brent Marker

Leland W. Hamilton

Richard R Akin

George C Driscoll

Jose Badillo

Guests:

Donald L. Black – District Sr. Vice-Commander

New members:

Bobby Hollingsworth; David R. Thompson, transferred; Steven L. Staton; Robert E. Thomas, transferred; and Dennis C. Hughes.

October 15th minutes were read and approve as read.

Quartermaster report:

Beginning balance of September 30th was \$8,998.93 and ending bank statement October 31, 2012 was \$11,337.89, register balance on November 16th \$12,527.86.

Claude Nave filled out the recommended by-laws for the State VFW. So that we would have a copy of bylaws for our post to use. It was moved and second and to approve the bylaws.

No service officers report.

Report on Veterans Memorial building: There was a discussion on the bricks that we are putting out front. Carl Edwards will be leading the way on selling the brick. Tom Zamaria reported on getting work done on the Memorial building such as air-conditioning. More details are available from the hall manager, for those interested.

On December 3 there will be a combined breakfast with the American Legion and VFW. Brunch will start at 11 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mike Keppel and seconded to split the expenses of the brunch. The motion was voted on and passed. Gifts will be exchanged.

A motion was made by Claude Nave and seconded by Alex Grimes to present the Voice of America student winner a \$200 bond, the Patriots Pen student winner a \$200 bond, the second place Patriots Pen a \$100 bond, and the teacher of the year \$200 in cash.

George Driscoll, Alex Grimes, and Brent Marker volunteered to work on the Law Enforcement committee for 2012.

Carl A. Edwards, Tom Zamaria, and George Driscoll was nominated and voted to be on the board of directors for the Martinez Veterans Memorial Building. They will take office during the January 2012 meeting.

Tom Zamaria reported on the Martinez Veterans Commission. The City was very thankful to the following groups, that are associated with our Veterans groups that took part in the ceremony on November 11. The Sea Cadets, Cub Scouts troop 1351, reenactment group, American Legion Post 29, VFW Post 1351 and the Memorial Building.

Brent Marker wanted to know if we would like to work with a group that owns and flies Vietnam helicopters as a fundraiser. More information will be available at a later date.

The VFW and American Legion will have a Christmas brunch on December 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. All members of both organizations are invited and can invite their veterans friend to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M. Next meeting will be December 3, 2011 after the brunch.

Minutes were taken by Carl A. Edwards - Judge Advocate

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Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.

Saturday October 15, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on October 15, 2011 at 10:05 A.M. by Post Senior Vice-Commander Terrance Holmes. Opening ceremonies conducted. Opened with a prayer by Mike Driggers.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - excused

Claude Nave, Quartermaster - excused

Tom Zamaria, Service Officer - Present

Carl A. Edwards, Judge Advocate - excused

Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice - Present

Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice-Commander - Present

Frank M. Escaranio, Adjutant - Present

Mike Driggers, Chaplin - Present

Membership:

Jose Badillo - Present

Dan Pereira - Absent

Leland Hamilton - Absent

Noel S Meza - Absent

Emmett L Schumer - Present

Paul Steelhammer - Present

Lisa Maloney - active duty

Bill Harbin - absent

Mike Gauthier - absent

George Johnson - Present

George Dricoll - absent

Shae E. Rooney - Present

Thomas J. Hickey - Absent

D Patrick - absent

Matthew Sagabaen - Absent

Michel R Khem - Absent

Michael J Baity - Absent

Mario E. Mendez - Absent

Robert Barrickman - Absent

Arthur Gomez - Absent

Visitors: Richard P. Loechner, 25th District Commander - Paul G. Carroll, 25th District Quartermaster for inspection.

Reading of past minutes:

No minutes were read due to recording officer was excused this month.

Finance Report:

No finance report giving this month due to Quartermaster was excused this month.

Scouting report:

Paul Steelhammer led a discussion on having the scouts assist at fundraisers and Buddy Poppy drives, and etc.

One member from another post said he wishes to transfer to our Post and will attend our next meeting.

Closing Prayer by Mike Driggers . Next meeting will be November 19, 2011.

Minutes taken by Terrance Holmes:

VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Judge Advocate

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney

Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.

Saturday August 20, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on August 20, 2011 at 10:05 A.M. by Post Senior Vice-Commander Terrance Holmes. Opening ceremonies conducted. Opening pray was by Comrade Mike Driggers.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - excused
Claude Nave, Quartermaster - Present
Tom Zamaria, Service Officer - Present
Carl A. Edwards, Judge Advocate - Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice - Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice-Commander - Present
Frank M. Escaranio, Adjutant - Excused

Mike Driggers, Chaplin - Present

Membership:

Dan Pereira - Absent
Leland Hamilton - Absent
Noel S Meza - Present
Emmett L Schumer - Present
Paul Steelhammer- Present
Lisa Maloney - active duty
Bill Harbin - Present
Mike Gauthier - Present
George Johnson - Present
George Dricoll - Present
Shae E. Rooney - Present
Thomas J. Hickey - Absent
Jose Badillo - Present
D Patrick - Present
Matthew Sagabaen - Absent
Michel R Khem - Absent
Michael J Baity - Absent
Mario E. Mendez - Absent
Robert Barrickman - Absent
Arthur Gomez - Absent
Visitors: Richard P. Loechner, 25th District Commander - Paul G. Carroll, 25th District Quartermaster for inspection.

Reading of past minutes:

May and Junes minutes were read approved as written.

Finance Report:

Previous statement balance was \$12,701.33, expenses were \$2,673.82. Ending bank statement on July 31, 2011 was \$10,548.01. Register balance on 8/16/2011 was 10,193.51. We had two new life members this month. It was moved and seconded and passed to accept the finance report to be accepted as read. Paid for quartermasters bond for the up coming year.

It was moved and second to write off the money for dues that Gregory L. Papac has not paid. for his life dues. It has become not collectible in the amount of \$310.00. It was voted on and past.

New Member are John Lytle a Vietnam veteran, and Gregory Gibson a Iraqi veteran, Jason freeman, Iraqi, E. Greenfield, Iraq and Afghanistan

Tom Zamaria briefed on the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11th.

Pual Steelhammer: gave the scouting report. Paul's son was approved for his project.

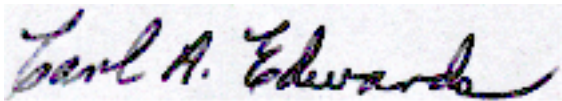
Carl Edwards, moved to pay the five program amount for the annual VFW programs up to the amount of \$500.00 at the discretion of the quartermaster. It was seconded and voted on and pasted.

There is a ceremony for 9/11 at the 9/11 monument in Martinez tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

It is requested to get our post to host the Post Service Officer class on November 19th at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We need to contact Dave Jackson to get the hall.

Post Senior Vice-Commander closed the meeting at 11:36 AM PT, on February 19, 2011. Next meeting will be Sept. 17, 2011.

Minutes by Carl A. Edwards:

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VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Judge Advocate

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VFW Post 1351 1983-3482
July 16, 2011

Recorded
by Frank Escaranio

10:30 - START OF MTG. - OPEN By CMR Mike

- CHAPLIN - OPEN PRAY

- SGT @ ARMS - ESCORT - TOM HARRIS -
DISTRICT COMMANDER. Running for JR
Vice Commander.

- Reading of New Members/OFFICERS

As Follows;

① MATT CERRO JR Vice Commander

① Quarter Master CLAUD

① Michael Diggers - ABSENT -

① Tom Zambran - SERV OFF

① Claude Nave - Quartermaster

① Paul Steelhammer - Scouts Serv.

① Carl Edwards - Judge Advocate

① Frank Escaranio - Adjacent

① Terry Holmes - SR Vice Commander

① Duly installed 10:45

10:45 - Break

① 10:50 MTG - resumed to order

~~adj~~ Adjacent asked to read previous minutes

① Quartermaster Rpt.

Prev Bal. 8/07.67 check 2395.00

Deposit 6988.66 EBS 12,701.33

Register 11,752.83

Post Relief - Quarter Rpt scanned 7/16/11

Will be mailed out

Continued.

① questions - None all Trustees signed completed RPT

Quartermaster Report

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Alex^{anderson} - Grimes, E. Brandon Edwards
Frank Macan, Jose Badillo, Richard Abin

TRANSFER came-in as new member
No Name available

① Service Rpt. continue to help comrades
in need TOM Samana reported.

Discussed claims status in San Bruno - Do not
expect prompt return. Expedite now means
put into action no hurry up motion due
to slow process. Remind that Tom is
available to assist. Check into acct #
for platels donation of blood. Tom Harris
will be asked this info on 7/17/11.

① Bricks for \$200 are now available as
soon as 50 are accumulated order will
be ordered. Forms are available today for
anyone interested.

① Family in Distress - 2 @ present time.
Need 4 people to be on Board for Needy
Vets.

① Motion to have a ~~board~~ board to set-up
a committee led by Commander Mike to
vote - Seconded

✓
① Scouting Report - Paul Steelhammer has been meeting here for meetings.

- 6:30 August 2 - will be proper procedure to dispose of flags. E-mail will be put out for information about Nite-out.

Did a memorial prayer for Comrade Willy

Claude Nave Unfinished Business - Newsletter is out for last 4 months \$5000 used to assist Veterans and shipping Willy's body back to Alabama. funds are dwindling the October poppy sales will help supplement funds

② Flag disposal for Harbor Office @ Martinez Alex will find-out about acquiring a replacement.

③ Picnic for Veterans Home next Saturday in Yountville Details to follow.

④ Carl Edwards - Read a letter from Legal Justice ^{July 26} 6-8pm Program Pamphlets available to assist members about legal problems.

⑤ Discussed VFW rifle needs for Springfield rifles and or M1's. Claude Nave.

⑥ motion to request (15) rifles for VFM by Carl Edwards. Seconded.

(4) Motion and Shea/~~MAC~~^{MAC} Life membership.
Seconded and

11:50 Closed meeting next mtg will be
August 20TH

July 16 2011

ATTENDANCE SHEET

- ① Frank Escarano
- ② Carl A. Edwards
- ③ Dan Pereira
- ④ Mike Kerpel
- ⑤ Gary L. Rath
- ⑥ TERRANCE F. HOLMES
- ⑦ Shae Rooney
- ⑧ MJC CERRO
- ⑨ Alex Grimes
- ⑩ Tom Zamana
- ⑪ Claude Nave
- ⑫ Paul Steelhammer

Monthly Minutes for VFW Sidney Severns

Post 1351 Martinez, Ca.

Saturday June 18, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on June 18, 2011 at 10 a.m. by the Senior Vice Commander Terrance Holmes. Those members present or excused.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post Commander – Excused

Tom Zamaria, Vice Commander – Present

Carl Edwards-Excused

Terrance Holmes-Present

Dan Pereira-Absent

Willie Jones-Absent

Membership: Present

Claude Nave

Mike Gauthier

Noel Meza

David Patriot (Vietnam Veteran-visitor)

Finance Report:

Claude Nave read the previous bank balance was \$10,184.79 with the Bank Statement ending May 31, 2011 was \$8,107.67. Check register balance as of June 9, 2011 was \$12,906.33. Poppy donations totaled \$4,568.66 and a special donation was received for \$2,000.00. Very successful event. The VFW Ending 5-31-2011 reconciliation summary can be reviewed for all deposits and expenditures.

Motion Made:

No motions made.

Good of the VFW:

Terrance Holmes reported that Mike Keppel and Carl Edwards were attending the State VFW convention in Ontario where they were receiving awards for our post receiving ALL STATE honors.

Tom Zamaria reported on the Quilts of Honors presented to eleven of our VFW members at the Glenbrook Middle School on June 6th. Tom presented pictures he had taken during the ceremony and a beautiful collage he made of the pictures.

Claude Nave reported on the disappearance of our member Willie Jones and the assistance our post provided his family in paying \$895.00 in transportation charges having his body returned to Alabama.

A discussion was held about our participating in the July 4th flag raising ceremony at the Veterans Hall at 8 a.m. on July 4th. Members were advised to watch for emails detailing our involvement in the July 4th parade.

The Sea Cadets invited VFW and American Legion members to lunch after our meeting.

Terrance and Claude attended.

Next meeting is July 16, 2011.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Claude Nave

VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Trustee

Monthly Minutes for VFW Sidney Severns

Post 1351 Martinez, Ca

Saturday May 21, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on May 21, 2011 at 10 a.m. by the Commander

Mike Keppel. Those members present or excused.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post Commander – Present

Tom Zamaria, Vice Commander – Absent

Carl Edwards-Excused

Terrance Holmes-Present

Dan Pereira-Absent

Willie Jones-Absent

Membership: Present

Lee Hamilton

Claude Nave

Tom Hickey

Macario Cero

Shea Rooney

Richard (from El Cerrito)

George Johnson

Finance Report:

Claude Nave read the previous bank balance was \$11,481.76 with the Bank Statement ending April 30, 2011 was

\$10,184.79. Check register balance as of May 19, 2011 was \$8,251.29. The VFW Ending 4-30-2011 reconciliation

summary can be reviewed for all deposits and expenditures.

Motion Made:

A motion was made and passed to send \$25 to Paul Gouveia to help the Veterans Remembrance organization pay for

the expenses of Memorial Day Services in Pleasant Hill.

Good of the VFW:

Terrance Holmes reported Poppy Distribution will be at Lucky's on May 27th through May 29th.

Macario and Shea will be at Wal-Mart May 27th through May 29th distributing Poppies.

Macario advised he had purchased for the VFW three Pop-Up-Covers to protect members distributing poppies from

the sun and rain.

Mike Keppel discussed plans for Memorial Day. Rifle practice will be at 8 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building.

At 9 a.m. a short service at the cemetery. The main service will be at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Monument and a brunch

at the Veterans Memorial Building at 11:30 a.m. The service at Pleasant Hill will be at 1 p.m. with our post

presenting its colors.

Next meeting is June 18, 2011.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Claude Nave VFW Sidney

Severns Post 1351 Trustee

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney

Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.

Saturday April 16, 2011

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on April 16, 2011 at 10 AM. by the Commander Mike Keppel. Those members present or excused.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - Present

Tom Zamaria, Vice Commander - Absent

Carl A. Edwards - Present

Terrance Holmes - Present

Dan Pereira - Absent

Willie Jones – excused

Membership:

Leland Hamilton - present

Claude Nave - present

Ronnie Dudley - Absent

Lisa Maloney - Present

Paul Steelhammer - Present

Bill Harbin - absent

Gary Rath - Absent

Mike Gauthier - Present

Mike Driggers - excused

George Johnson - Present

George Dricoll - Active Duty

Shae Rooney - Present

Finance report:

The previous bank statement was \$12,261.57. The Bank Statement ending in 3/31/2011 was \$ 11, 481.76. Check register balance as of April 12, 2011 was \$ 11,210.01. Carl reported that we sold 12 tins of cookies, at the WalMart poppy drive, for the CERTS Program and wrote a check to CERTS for \$180.00. We received a \$100.00 for the rifle detail that needs to be shared with the American Legion 50/50. Two other checks were also written to the VFW and we need to write a check to the Veterans Memorial Building in the amount of the two checks. The Quarterly Finance Report was reviewed and signed by the trustees and will be sent to Dept. of CA.

Motions made:

A motion was made to send the seven rifles to be cleaned and repaired by the armory, the motion was made by Carl Edwards and seconded by Claude Nave. Voted on and passed.

A motion was made to send three people to the VFW convention on June 17, 18, 19, 20, & 21st and to pay the lodging and delegate fees at the convention in Ontario, CA. It was seconded by Terrance Holmes, voted on and passed.

A motion by Mike Keppel and seconded by Carl Edwards was voted on and passed to order 3,000 Buddy Poppy's to be sent after May 1st so it would count for 2012.

Claude Nave made a motion to donate up to \$100.00 for the lunch on Memorial Day held at the Veterans Memorial Building. Carl Edwards seconded the motion and it was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Lisa Maloney to split the rifle detail money that was made to the VFW. Since both VFW and American Legion is to be split 50/50 and funds will be held in a firing detail account in each organization. It was seconded by Mike Keppel, voted on and passed.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed to transfer the money that belonged to the VMB Hall, but checks were written to the VFW, for the funeral services.

Mike asked for volunteers for the rifle detail on Memorial Day. Several people volunteered to take part. Shae Rooney, Brent Marker, Cero Macario , Carl Edwards, Mike Keppel, and Cluade Nave. Practice will be on May 14th at 10.00 a.m., and May 30th at 8:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Poppy distribution was discussed and plans were made to set up several places a few day before Memorial Day and at the All Veterans Monument. Terrance Holmes is the Poppy Chairman.

There will be a Peddler Fair on May 21th and the VFW and the American Legion will join together for a Membership drive. VFW will distribute Buddy Poppy's and the American Legion will distribute mini U.S. Flags. Meet for set-up at 6:30 a.m. on the 21st of May.

Good of the VFW:

George May Jr. from the VMW board explained the brick program and passed out order forms that will be used.

Carl Edwards explained the up coming BBQ contest that will be set up at the Marina in June.

The schedule of up coming events for the American Legion was presented.

Claude discussed the home coming events that some of our members attended for the War Veterans coming home. He explained that several veteran's groups attended these events.

Claude reviewed the Sea Cadet event that Carl Edwards, Mike Keppel and Claude Nave attended and presented the Cadet of the year award which was a certificate and medal with ribbons. A perpetual plaque was given to the Sea Cadets for future years awards.

Claude also reviewed the event that veterans from all eras attended and mingled with the students that attended from the advanced high school in Martinez.

Claude advised our Comrades that we had turned in our form 12's and other requirements needed to make All-State honors from The Department of California.

New business:

Lisa Maloney explained how the zones are set-up with the officers in charge of each zone in the city of Martinez. She told us that it would be good to get to know the officer in your zone if you live or work in Martinez.

Lisa said she would provide us the information regarding the Police Officer and Teacher of the year award for 2012.

Sick and Death Report:

Willie Jones has been in the SF VA Hospital for the last two weeks and was released two days ago.

Next meeting is May 21, 2011

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Carl A. Edwards

VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Quartermaster

Monthly Minutes For VFW Sidney
Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.
Saturday February 19, 2011

I. The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on February 19, 2011 at 10:05 A.M. by Post Commander Mike Keppel

A. Opening ceremonies conducted. Opening pray was by Comrade Mike Driggers.

Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - Present
Tom Zamaria, Vice Commander - Present
Carl A. Edwards - Present
Terrance Holmes - Present
Dan Pereira - Absent
Willie Jones - Absent

Membership:

Leland Hamilton - Present
Claude Nave - Present
Ronnie Dudley - Absent
Lisa Maloney - Present
Paul Steelhammer - Present
Bill Harbin - Absent
Gary Rath - Absent
Mike Gauthier - Present
Mike Driggers - Present
George Johnson - Absent
George Dricoll - Active Duty
Macario N. Cero Jr. - Present
Shae E. Rooney - Present
Thomas J. Hickey - Absent
Joseph R. Barthollmew III - Absent
Matthew Sagabaen - Absent
Michel R Khem - Absent
Michael J Baity - Absent
Mario E. Mendez - Absent
Robert Barrickman - present
Arthur Gomez - present
Visitors: Carol Gomez -Present

II Introduction of two new members to the post:

A. Arthur Gomez - Air Force
B. Edward Aderholt - Army

III Reading of Minutes and Quarter Master Report

A. Carl provide key points of last month's' meeting. He will finish documenting the minutes and email out to members
B. Carl presented the Quarter Master Report as of February 18, 2011. Post balance is \$11,111.96

IV Post Activities

- A. This week the post conducted Poppy donation drive at the Wall Mart Store.
 - 1. This donation drive consisted of Poppy and Cookies. Cookies were provided by the Search and Rescue team.
 - 2. As of Friday, Feb 18, we have collected \$340.00. Part of the funds collected will go to the Search and Rescue for the cookies. The Poppy drive will continue today, Feb 19 and Monday, Feb 21.
 - 3. Mac, Shae, and Robert are staffing the Poppy stand today and are excused from the meeting.
 - 4. Post Commander asked for volunteers to help out for today and Monday.
 - 5. Post is running out of Poppies, we have only 500 left and they will be gone by Monday. We need to order 1000 more in preparation for Memorial Day. Carl will follow up on completing the order.
 - 6. Paul will see if we can set up our Poppy stand at the Martinez Gun Club for an upcoming "Shoot Off" event that will be held in March.

V Updates

- A. Paul provide information concerning our sponsored Boy Scout Troop.
 - 1. The Cub Scouts birthday is this year and they will be 100 years old. A birthday party is planned for Feb 22 in Martinez. Post members that are interested in attending should contact Paul as soon as possible.
 - 2. Our Scout Troop need flag poles, flags (Boy Scout and US) and lettered flags
 - 3. Members discussed lettering that will be on the lettered flags and patches. Paul will provide additional information on design.
 - 4. Members discussed required cost to provide these items and determined that \$400 should cover the cost. If more funds are needed over the \$400, Paul will present additional cost to the post finance committee for approval. A motion was presented for this and seconded, and approved by the members present at the meeting.
- B. Post Commander presented a VFW coin to Lisa. The post is presenting coins to our female veterans for their past and continuing service to our country.
- C. On Feb 25, there will be a luncheon at our building to honor our Veterans.
- D. Update was provided on the improvements of our building. Several of our members were volunteered their time and skills to help with these improvements. The Sea Cadets also volunteer their time to assist in the improvement. Shell Oil covered the cost for painting the building. Some of the building improvements are:
 - 1. Inside walls were repainted.
 - 2. New walkway at lower entrance was constructed.
 - 3. New lights were installed
 - 4. Covers were washed
 - 5. Ceiling was repainted (Sea Cadets)
 - 6. New plants were planted in front of the building
 - 7. Martinez Historical Society presented our building with a plaque that will be mounted upstairs.
- E. Members discussed purchasing baseball hats with the VFW logo and our post number on it to sell to our members. These hats would be worn at our next formal meeting and events. Paul will obtain the membership emails from Carl and send out a survey to the membership to determine if we should purchase the hats, what color, design, etc. for the hat and any feedback the membership would like to provide concerning this.

VI Unfinished Business

- A. Carl presented the letter that we received from the Secretary of State concerning the need for our post bylaws in conjunction with our incorporation. We need to develop bylaws for our post. Carl and Claude will see if we can use the VFW National bylaws to create our own.
- B. If any member would like a copy of the letter from the Secretary of State, please send Carl Edwards and email and he will provide a copy.

VII Meeting Conclusion

- A. Meeting closing ceremonies were conducted.
- B. Post Commander closed the meeting at 11:36 AM PT, on February 19, 2011. Next meeting March 19, 2011.

Minutes by Mike Driggers:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl A. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Quartermaster

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Post 1351 Severns Martinez, CA.

Saturday January 15, 2011

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Roll of Officers called:

Mike Keppel, Post commander - Present
Tom Zamaria, Vice Commander - Absent
Carl A. Edwards - Present
Terrance Holmes - Present
Dan Pereira - Present
Willie Jones - Present

Membership:

Leland Hamilton - Present
Claude Nave - Present
Ronnie Dudley - Absent
Lisa Maloney - Present
Paul Steelhammer - Present
Bill Harbin - Absent
Gary Rath - Absent
Mike Gauthier - Absent
Mike Driggers - Present
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Macario N. Cero Jr. - Present
Shae E. Rooney - Present
Thomas J. Hickey - Absent
Joseph R. Barthollmew III - Absent
Matthew Sagabaen - Absent
Michel R Khem - Absent
Michael J Baity - Absent
Mario E. Mendez - Absent
Robert Barrickman - present
Visitors: Guest George May Jr.

Carl Edwards read the minutes from the Decembers meeting, and they were approved.

Introduction of new members: Robert Barrickman was introduced at the meeting and told us about himself. Robert spent 4 1/2 years in the United States Marine Corps. He served three tours of duty in Iraq.

Dan Pereira gave the opening prayer.

December minutes were read by Carl Edwards and approved.

Mike Keppel advised the membership that the annual Mercury insurance premiums was due on January 8, 2011 and the VFW share of one quarter of the cost is \$228.15. Vote on and passed to pay this bill.

Quartermaster Report:

The previous bank statement in November was \$9,837.97 check were \$438.00 and deposits of 3,318.95 which was the Poppy income from Veterans Day week. The Bank Statement balance was \$12,718.65 with the register balance of \$11,155.81.

The previous bank statement in December was \$12,718.65 check were \$1,971.24 and deposits were \$89.90. The December 31 Bank Statement balance was \$10,837.31 with the register balance on January 13th was \$11,155.81.

Mike reported that the landscaping was completed and the inside auditorium would be painted soon by Claude Nave and Dave Jackson and their group of volunteers.

Mike showed the welcome home coin that we ordered for the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Claude gave a report on the welcome home ceremonies that we have attended.

Paul Steelhammer reported on the cub scouts that are being formed. Things are progressing and he will keep us informed.

Nominations were brought up to the floor and the election was held. The following is the results:

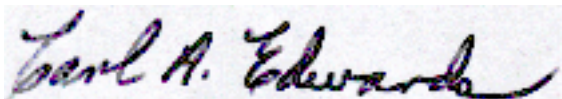
Commander - Mike Keppel
Sr. Vice-Commander - Terrance Holmes
Jr. Vice-Commander - Macario N. Cero Jr.
Quartermaster - Claude Nave
Chaplin - Mike Driggers
Post Service Officer - Tom Zamaria

1st Year Trustee: Willie Jones
2nd Year Trustee: Terrance Holmes
3yr Year Trustee: Mike Driggers
Sgt. of Arms: Robert Barrickman
Officer of the Day - Willie Jones
Surgeon - Lisa Maloney
Photographer - Willie Jones and Shae Rooney
Scouting - Paul Steelhammer

Carl Edwards moved to help the CERT program sell the cookies that CERTS bought from us at the Poppy Drive that were will put on in February. We will try to get donations for \$15.00 to give to the CERT Program. We are not to buy them back just help to sell them. It was seconded and passed. Mac Cero will set a date with Wal Mart to do the Poppy Drive.

Meeting was closed and next meeting is February 19, 2011.

Minutes by Carl A. Edwards



VFW Sidney Severns Post 1351 Quartermaster