

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday July 19, 2014

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on March 15, 2014 at 1006 by Post Commander Carl Edwards.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Mr Nave:

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present
Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present
Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Present
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander – Present
George Driscoll, Adjutant – Absent
Frank Kastl, Chaplin – Absent
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Absent
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Absent
Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Excused
Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Present

Membership present:

Phil Daugherty
Ellison Lockett
Art Gomez
AlexGrimes
David Holcombe
Marjorie Detiege
Jose Guzman
Trazena Jones
Nathan Padilla
John Platt

Guest present:

Mrs. Bob Fraser
Bob Fraser
George Driscoll – the son
Ponia Perna (spelling ?)
Tom Karas – from District #25

10:11 Carl opened the meeting for business

10:15 Claude moved that we suspend regular procedure for a presentation; Mike 2nd the motion; motion passed

10:17 CA VFW Sgt Arms Tom Karas, made a \$2061 award to Claude and Carl for split of funds from the defunct District 25

10:20 Mike Keppel received an award for service as commander from 2008-2013

10:25 George F Driscoll received Scout of the Year 2014, member of troop 277, Carl presented certificate and check for \$100

10:27 Break

-Req to send bobfrazer1@sbcglobal.net picture of George F Dricoll receipt of Scout of the Year Pics

10:36 Called back to order

10:37 Dispensed with the reading of the minutes due to lack of receipt

10:38 Quartermaster report \$Beginning bank balance 5/31/2014 \$20,289.20; payments \$525.46; deposits \$117.00; ending bank balance 6/30/2014 \$19,880.74; outstanding checks \$8.70; book balance \$19,872.04

10:40 Claude moved to accept finance report; Terrance 2nd motion; motion passed

10:41 Committee reports: Mike described Stand Down 9/11-14/2014, which helps homeless Veterans (dental, court records, medical, housing, clothing, 3 meals per day (3-day stay) Alameda County fair grounds; if you don't sign up, they won't let you in; Phil provide rides to volunteers and stay from 10-6. Carl - Voice of Democracy 9-12th (8 minute speech), Patriot Pen 6-8th (written essay), Teacher of the Year committee report - go to schools and find folks to participate; website provides themes. Carl asks for volunteers to help find participants; we have to submit people for these to qualify for All-State and All-American

Mac - Poppy Report; Mac will help but won't be the chairman this year; Terrance will have to get a new chairman

Paul - Scouting Report; presumption made that Paul will want to keep this committee this year

Frank - Activities Report; Frank will likely step down since he joined the Coast Guard auxiliary

Marjorie - Website nothing to report; Post needs find out about how website will be financed now that Dist 25 is defunct

10:52 Claude brought up dues; we're at 99% paid. New system notifies people on their sign up dates annually, but we're not sure how that notification is made. Officer training on July 26th for this.

10:55 Honor Detail Walnut Festival Dave - we missed application date due to poor response at Independence Parade; late comers for honor detail on Independence parade caused chaos and we therefore didn't even receive a mention from the Judges this year. Time commitment is a large factor. Actions of group spoke louder than any voice that the interest is not there for doing Parades. Mac took names down of people willing to commit.

New Business:

11:06 Installment of new officers: Carl turned time over to Mike the former Commander who read the instructions for installation and eligibility requirement of new officers. Carl surrendered gavel to Mike and all former officers were relieved of duty. Newly elected officers came to the front and were sworn in.

11:23 Chaplain read the prayer over the new officers

11:28 Terrance receives the gavel

11:30 Cmdr and Quartermaster (probably 1st Vice too) instructed to attend School of Instruction on July 26th; others are welcome to attend but these are required

11:31 Terrance reminds that it's customary to donate so Mike moves that we donate \$1000 to Stand Down; 2nd by Ellis; motion passes

11:32 Report on new chairs: Lenny says chairs coming soon

11:33 Dave H brings up Walnut Festival 13th Sept again in regards to renewed interest during this meeting and who will spearhead the interface with Festival coordinators. VFW needs to be the lead organization. Dave will train, but he won't be the coordinator. Discussion. Alex volunteered to coordinate. Group will discuss after the meeting. Inappropriate scheduling of Honor Guard practice held during the general meeting. This should have been handled after the meeting.

11:46 Terrance welcomes new member John Platt, a Vietnam Veteran served in US Army

11:47 Carl made motion to accept new member; Mac 2nd motion; motion passes

11:48 Lenny gives report on building, asks for help from Phil; Clxde said elevator will be installed; Phil is working on chairs and tables; Eagle project on fence in the back and kitchen remodel; Lenny won a kegerator and wants to work out something with the board to make it available for parties

11:50 Hall schedule so we know where

11:50 Carl moves that the board be notified that the room be cleared out for meetings; 2nd by Marjorie; discussion Phil also suggests we write something up; Mac asks about cleaning deposit and streamers from ceiling; motion passes

11:54 Terrance asks for a new board member as Mac will drop out. George Driscoll is willing but would be fine if someone else wants to handle. This is a job which takes minutes at the meeting.

11:56 Claude moves that George be new board member, Ellison 2nds motion; motion passes

11:57 Lenny asks for reconsideration since George is so busy that someone who can commit more time would be better since George is in the reserves. Ellison volunteers to be the member. Lenny nominates withdrawal of George and nominates Ellison; Candy 2nds motion; motion passes

12:00 Claude reads Thank You note from Wayne Family for Honor Detail and donated \$100 to VFW; Thank You from City of Martinez for the Memorial Day Ceremony and brunch

12:01 Lenny makes plea for volunteers for 49er Beer Pulling. Need more people or opportunity may be lost. Discussion. Go out, set up, pour beer, in new stadium, cut loose at end of 3rd Q and can watch 4th Q of game, reimbursed for gas/tolls if you're a driver, usually make \$150 per head/volunteer; emails for training will be sent; tips training, other class for all home games; Lenny needs phone number, email, sized (for uniform), hosting Superbowl for 2016; \$15 for online training and tips training \$30.

Unfinished Business:

12:07 financing the website after district change

12:08 Claude makes motion to approve the budget; Lenny 2nds motion; motion passes

Margie Detiege 🙋

**Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
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Saturday, May 17, 2014**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on May 17, 2014 at 1007 by Post Commander Carl Edwards.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Mr Nave:

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present

Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present

Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Present

Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present

Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present

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

George Driscoll, Adjutant – Present

Frank Kastl, Chaplin – Present

Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Absent

Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Present

Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Absent

Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Present

Membership present:

William Boyd

Ellison Lockett

Alex Grimes

Marjorie Detiege

Jose Guzman

Emmett Schumer

Phil Dougherty

Kent Palmer

Guest present: N/A

1007: CDR Edwards led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1008: Chaplain Kastl led opening prayer.

1009: Mr. Driscoll conducted the formal roll call of the POST Officers (see above).

1014: CDR Edwards directed the reading of the meeting minutes from April 2014. After Mr. Nave read the minutes, CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read. Mr. Kastl made the motion. Mr. Boyd seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

1018: CDR Edwards called for the New Members report. Mr. Nave reported a new member, Mr. Everett Della-Rosa, US Army. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the new member. Mr. Nave made the motion. Mr. Lockett seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

1019: CDR Edwards called for the Quartermaster's report. Mr. Nave provided the Quartermaster and finance report as follows: Beginning Bank Balance on 3-31-14: \$14,170.44 – Payments \$1,321.60 – Deposits \$431.79; Ending 4-30-14 Bank Balance: \$13,280.63; Outstanding Checks: \$0.00; Book Balance: \$13,280.63. Mr. Nave announced the finance report was available to all members for personal review. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the finance report as read. Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by Mr. Kastl and passed unanimously.

1020: CDR Edwards called for a status report from the various committees. Mr. Keppel provided his report from the Membership Committee with NSTR except for an announcement that Mr. Jorge Martinez was not able to attend this meeting but will be attending next month's

meeting, and that he (Mr. Keppel) had been in contact with the mother of a former Post recipient of the Voice of Democracy award who once again thanked the Post and gave an update on the successful status of the recipient. Mr. Keppel was unable to recall the name of the recipient or their mother's name. A discussion ensued about the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen awards. The membership was reminded that the Patriot Pen Award goes to 7th or 8th graders, and Voice of Democracy Awards go to high school students. The discussion included due dates for the submission of the nomination paperwork at both the Post level and the District level. The membership was directed to the VFW national web-site for specific details. CDR Edwards solicited nominations for the Teacher of the Year award because none had been submitted to-date. Mr. Cero, leading the Poppy Sales committee, called for volunteers for Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday to sell the poppies. Several members volunteered (including, Mr. Schumer, Keppel, Dougherty, Dombach, and Guzman). Mr. Cero announced that he will schedule the shifts and locations for each volunteer. Mr. Steelhammer provided the Boy Scout report. To date no scout had been nominated for the Scout of the Year award; however, he made a motion recommending the Post recognize recent Eagle Scout George F. Driscoll, Troop 277, as the Post's 2014 Scout of the Year and provide him with a \$100.00 scholarship. Mr. Dombach seconded the motion, and after a discussion the motion passed unanimously. He then gave an update of the on-going Eagle Scout project which will be a security and cosmetic fence and gate for the service area on the southeast side of the Hall; and a recently submitted Eagle Scout project proposal to establish a static display for various military uniforms from different eras. He reminded the membership this project has not been approved yet. Also, a formal request has been received from the Cub Scouts to rent the Hall for an annual event. That request has been forwarded to Mr. Jackson for action. Mr. Steelhammer reminded the membership of the full-spectrum of those eligible for the Scout of the Year Award. CDR Edwards challenged the membership to nominate worthy scouts for the Scout of the Year award. CDR Edwards also noted that the on-going Martinez Peddlers Fair includes a booth manned by VFW and American Legion members. He invited all to visit the booth and the fair; and he solicited volunteers to work the booth. Mr. Boyd and Lockett volunteered. Mr. Holmes reported that the Communications Committee has NSTR. Mr. Dombach provided a report from the last Veteran's Memorial Building Board meeting, where he is the Vice-chair. He described the status of the Eagle Scout project mentioned by Mr. Steelhammer; the plan to purchase a printer for the Hall's office; the discussion and exploration of possibly hosting a dinner at the Hall designed to help raise funds for the Hall's kitchen remodeling effort which is not progressing as quickly as some anticipated; the increase in numbers of ceremonial bricks sold and a ceremony for their unveiling; he also solicited assistance for a Costco run on Sunday the 25th to pick up donated food for the memorial day events. He also announced that the American Legion Post, under Mr. Jackson's leadership has taken over the franchise from the Association of American University Women to sell beer at the new 49ers Levis stadium in Santa Clara. He emphasized the valuable fund raising success of this program. He also announced that volunteers have some training requirements in order to work the beer-pooling program, but they do not have to be veterans to work it; moreover, those who volunteer will get head-of-the-line privileges when the Super Bowl is played at the stadium in two years. Ms. Marjorie announced NTSR regarding the Post's web-site.

1103: Mr. Nave reported that the recruitment efforts fell short and therefore the Post will not make All-state or All-American status this year.

1105: CDR Edwards provided the membership with an overview of the schedules of events for the Memorial Day and the 4th of July activities. He included the practice schedules for the honor guard detail which will be performing during both events. Further, he announced that

interested members could attend the American Legion convention and gave a brief overview of its schedule of events.

1109: Mr. Nave announced that the honor guard detail has been asked to perform at the Walnut Festival in September in Walnut Creek. Mr. Nave then provided an after action report of Ms. Lilian Golino's funeral where the honor guard performed and the chaplain presided. He reminded the membership that Ms. Golino had volunteered for over 60-years giving over 35,000 hours to the VA hospital in Martinez.

1111: Mr. Nave had NSTR on availability of VFW hats.

1112: CDR Edwards provided an after action report from the recent District meeting and some of the new officers. He reminded everyone that due to recent re-organization we are now called District 10.

1114: CDR Edwards called for any new business. Mr. Cero asked about purchasing a chair rack for the efficient management and storage of the Hall's chairs. He was directed to Mr. Dombach as that is a VMBB issue. With no other new business presented, CDR Edwards read a thank you card from Ms. Rooney, and announced a scheduled joint AMVETS and VA social event for Wednesday 5-21-14 at the Martinez waterfront. All are invited.

1117: CDR Edwards asked if any member has heard of any other member in extremis. Mr. Nave mentioned that Mr. Jack Hafen and Ms. Sharon Steelhammer were both recovering from health issues. Chaplain Kastl announced that he will take this for action by sending both cards and offering any assistance needed.

1118: CDR Edwards reminded the membership to pay their annual dues by May 31.

1110: CDR Edwards called for anything for the good of the order. Mr. Keppel made a motion to purchase new flag poles and staff ornaments. Mr. Schumer seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Keppel then made a motion for the Post to purchase him a Past-CDR ring. Mr. Steelhammer seconded it. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn.

1125: CDR Edwards called Chaplain Kastl to lead a prayer for the National Home and for the closing prayer after which CDR Edwards adjourned the meeting and announced the next meeting on 6-21-14, and that Mr. Holmes will be the presiding officer because CDR Edwards will be out of the state.

George Driscoll

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, April 19, 2014

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on April 19, 2014 at 1020 by Post Commander Carl Edwards and led opening ceremonies.

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present
Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present
Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Present
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander – Present
George Driscoll, Adjutant – Excused
Frank Kastl, Chaplin – Present
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Absent
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Excused
Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Absent
Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Excused

Membership present:

David Holcombe
Gus Kritikos
Trazena Jones
Ellison Lockett
Ruben Tapia
Arthur Gomez
William Boyd

Guests:

Ron Harris
Sophia Maestri
Robert Maestri
Michelle Maestri
Daniele Maestri
Catherine Valenzuela

1010: Claude Nave made a motion to suspend meeting to hear from guest speaker Ron Harris that spoke on reverse mortgages.

1025: Sophia Maestri read her Patriot's Pen essay. She won Post first place and District second place.

1055: Meeting resumed. Claude Nave made a motion to approve minutes from March 19, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Frank Kastl and motion passed.

1100: CDR Edwards called for the Quartermaster's report. Claude Nave provided the Quartermaster and finance report as follows: Beginning Bank balance on 2-28-2014: \$15,367.07 – Payments

\$2,417.85 – Deposits \$1,221.19; Ending 3-31-2014 Bank Balance: \$14,170.44; Outstanding Checks: \$0.00; Book Balance: \$14,170.44. Mr. Nave announced the finance report was available to all members for personal review. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the finance report as read. Terrance Holmes made a motion to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by William Boyd and passed unanimously.

1105: Mr. Nave announced no new members in March, 2014.

1107: CDR Edwards called for committee reports. Mac reported on Poppies. Frank Kastl reported on the Sports Committee that not enough members signed up for the baseball team. No other committees had reports.

1110: CDR Edwards reminded members that the District Meeting will be held in Pleasanton on April 26, 2014 at 10 a.m. We will car pool to the meeting.

1113: Frank Kastl advised that he repairs computers for veterans and if anyone needs assistance that he is available to repair computers.

1114: Trazena Jones advised she has been using the Move program to lose weight and for better health and is very pleased with the results.

1115: Lennie reported on the Veterans Memorial Building meeting minutes.

1117: CDR Edwards reported Jack Hafen and John Lewis are ill or in distress and need our prayers.

1118: Chaplain Kastl led a prayer for the National Home. Motion made by Trazena Jones to send \$100.00 to the National Home and seconded by Mac Cero. Motion passed.

1120: CDR Edwards called for closing ceremonies. Chaplain Kastl led the membership in a closing prayer. CDR Edwards led the Post in rendering honors to the colors; adjourned the meeting.

Claude Nave

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The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on March 15, 2014 at 1006 by Post Commander Carl Edwards.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Mr Nave:

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present
Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present
Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Absent
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander – Excused
George Driscoll, Adjutant – Present
Frank Kastl, Chaplin – Present
Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Absent
Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Present
Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Excused
Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Present

Membership present:

William Boyd
Ellison Lockett
Art Gomez
Alex Grimes
Gus Kritikos
David Holcombe
Marjorie Detiege
Jose Guzman
Emmett Schumer
Mike Driggers
Lisa Maloney
Nathan Padilla

Guest present:

George May

1006: CDR Edwards called the meeting to order and Mr. Nave verified the roll and authorization for all present.

1007: CDR Edwards led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1008: Chaplain Kastl led opening prayer.

1009: Mr. Nave conducted the formal roll call of the POST Officers (see above).

1012: CDR Edwards directed the Adjutant to read the Post's meeting minutes from the February 2014 meeting. After Mr. Driscoll read the minutes, CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read. Mr. Nave made the motion. Mr. Keppel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

1018: CDR Edwards called for the Quartermaster's report. Mr. Nave provided the Quartermaster and finance report as follows: Beginning Bank balance on 1-31-14: \$17,012.25 – Payments \$1,719.68 – Deposits \$74.50; Ending 2-28-14 Bank Balance: \$15,367.07; Outstanding Checks: \$0.00; Book Balance: \$15,367.07. Mr. Nave announced the finance report was available to all members for personal review. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the finance report as read. Mr. Steelhammer made a motion to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd and passed unanimously.

1019: CDR Edwards announced the New Leaf School event does not have a confirmed date as yet. He solicited volunteers who would be interested in allowing themselves to be interviewed by students as part of the annual event. Specifically, he sought members who could represent experiences from Korea, Vietnam, and all recent conflicts and combat operations. He directed those interested to contact him off-line. Mr. Nave described the New Leaf School's annual event and the VFW's traditional involvement. He gave a brief overview of the Schedule-of-events to include the school luncheon. Further, Mr. Nave reminded the membership that teachers at New Leaf School have been the recipients of the Post's Teacher-of-the-Year awards over the years.

1025: CDR Edwards called for the New Members report. Mr. Nave reported no new members.

1026: CDR Edwards called for a status report from the various committees and awards efforts, and acknowledged the membership committee's recent report. CDR Edwards personally provided the Voice of Democracy report. After describing the process, he announced that as of this date no nominees for this award have submitted. Mr. Nave provided a status report on the Teacher of the Year award—Ms. Rona Zollinger, New Leaf School won the Post's Teacher of the Year award. She then went on to win the District's award. Sadly, however, she did not win the State award. CDR Edwards reminded the membership that Mr. Cero was excused from attendance today; however, Mr. Cero was still leading the Poppy Sales committee. Mr. Steelhammer provided the Boy Scout report. To date no scout had been nominated for the Scout of the Year award and the deadline had past. He then gave an overview of the recently completed Eagle Scout project of the benches along the Memorial Walk on the west side of the Hall, and the on-going Eagle Scout project which will be a security and cosmetic fence and gate for the service area on the southeast side of the Hall. This on-going project is projected to be completed in May. Mr. Steelhammer then provided the status of the Sea Cadet award announcing that Cadet Brandon Chang has been selected as the recipient and will receive the award in April, a date TBD. Mr. Holmes reported that the Communications Committee has NSTR. Mr. Kastl provided a status report on the development of a Post baseball team. He had conducted research into both the possibility of a formal and an informal program. Further, there are several other posts that have baseball teams and the VFW has various baseball leagues. He announced if the Post moves forward with a baseball program it will require a sincere time commitment, and could include games against not only

other VFW halls but also others, such as celebrities. He solicited volunteers for a committee, players, coaches, managers, etc. He posted a sign-up form for members to express their interest.

CDR Edwards called for any other committee reports. Mr. Holcombe provided the Post Rifle Team training schedule and performance report. Specifically, he described the various events and activities where the team performs, and described that the American Legion Post team will be competing in the American Legion's state-wide competition. Adding if any VFW member were also in the American Legion they may be able to participate in that competition. Mr. Keppel announced to the members that the Post's All-American award pins were available to all, then provided them to the members.

1036: CDR Edwards passed out the ballots for the election of the new Post Officers. Before directing the members to vote, he solicited any new nominations. After an extensive discussion of the procedures surrounding the elected and appointed positions, and the Post's trustees, the members began their voting.

1049: While the members were marking their ballots, CDR Edwards called for the status of the Post's efforts toward All-State. Mr. Nave announced that the Post is not "even close at all."

1051: Mr. Nave described the 4th of July schedule of events and solicited volunteers and vehicles to participate in the parade and the surrounding events.

1056: CDR Edwards announced the results of the Post elections:

Post Commander: Mr. Holmes
Sr. Vice CDR: Mr. Grimes
Jr. Vice CDR: Mr. Hughes
Quartermaster: Mr. Nave
Chaplain: Mr. Jose Guzman

Trustees:
Mr. Akins
Ms. Rooney
Mr. Steelhammer

Delegates:
Mr Jose Badillo
Mr. Keppel
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Nave
Mr. Lockett
Mr. Boyd

1059: CDR Edwards called for a report on the Post web-site status. Ms. Marjorie reported NSTR, except that the web-site did have links to tax assistance information and other web sites.

1101: Mr. Nave announced that All-American hats and protectors were available for purchase. Also, insurance is available from the VA which members should review for their own consideration. Lastly, he announced that, free of charge, is a recently published book on the Korean War available from the VA. Noting, that it was published by the Republic of Korea to honor and recognize the significant U.S. contributions.

1104: Mr. Nave described the VFW's State convention in May in Riverside and the National convention in June. Also, the District's meeting at the Pleasanton VFW hall at 1000 on 4-26-14. Mr. Keppel announced that he was considering running for Jr. Vice CDR of the District.

1106: CDR Edwards called for any new business. Mr. Holcombe reminded the membership that there will be a special Rifle Team practice on 3-23-14 at 1330 to drill with the Re-enactors who will be part of the 4th of July events.

1108: CDR Edwards asked if any member has heard of any other member in extremis. Nothing new was reported. Mr. Nave mentioned that Mr. Ramon Fernandez was recovering well from his hip replacement surgery.

1109: Mr. Nave reminded the membership to pay their annual dues.

1110: CDR Edwards called for anything for the good of the order. Mr. Steelhammer announced that during the American Legion monthly meeting on 3-17-14 will be a guest speaker who is a Pearl Harbor survivor, and invited all VFW members to attend. Mr. Nave reminded the membership about the on-going Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Kastl updated the membership on his research regarding establishing a Post yacht club. He reported that there is no VFW authority for a Post to have its own yacht club; however, the American Legion does. Therefore, last month's discussions of beginning a yacht club have ended. Mr. Grimes announced his intention of re-invigorating a Post Womens' Auxiliary unit and solicited volunteers.

1114: CDR Edwards called for Chaplain Kastl to lead a prayer for the National Home.

1115: CDR Edwards called Chaplain Kastl for the closing prayer after which CDR Edwards adjourned the meeting and announced the next meeting on 4-19-14.

George Driscoll

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Roll of Officers was informally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Mr Nave:

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present
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Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Absent
Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present
Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Present
Macario N. Cero Jr., Junior Vice Commander – Excused
George Driscoll, Adjutant – Present
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Membership present:

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William Boyd
Trazena Jones
Ellison Lockett
Jose Badillo
Ruben Tapia
Art Gomez
Alex Grimes
Bill Harbin
Frank Macan
Gus Kritikos
David Holcombe
Margie Detiege
Jose Guzman
Emmett Schumer
Kent Palmer

Guest present:

Sebastian O'loughlin
George May

1004: CDR Edwards called the meeting to order and Mr. Nave verified the roll and authorization for all present.

1005: CDR Edwards led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1006: Chaplain Kastl led opening prayer.

1008: Mr. Nave requested the first order of business be a presentation from Sebastian O'loughlin, from the Boy (Cub) Scouts. CDR Edwards called to the podium Boy Scout O'loughlin who announced, and extended an invitation to all members, the Blue-and-Gold Boy Scout Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 at 1815.

1012: CDR Edwards directed Mr. Nave to read the Post's meeting minutes from the January 2014 meeting. After Mr. Nave read the minutes CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read. Mr. Boyd made the motion. Mr. Keppel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

1017: CDR Edwards called for the Quartermaster's report. Mr. Nave provided the Quartermaster and finance report as follows: Beginning Bank balance on 12-31-13: \$17,337.36 – Payments \$880.05 – Deposits \$554.94; Ending 1-31-14 Bank Balance: \$17,012.25; Outstanding Checks: \$35.00; Book Balance: \$16,977.25. Mr. Nave announced the finance report was available to all members for personal review. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the finance report as read. Mr. Nave made a motion to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by Mr. Lockett and passed unanimously.

1019: CDR Edwards called for new members report. Mr. Nave announced a new member, Floyd Huntman, U.S. Army. Mr. Huntman was not present. Mr. Nave made a motion to accept the new member. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1021: CDR Edwards called for a status report from the various committees and awards efforts. Mr. Keppel solicited the membership for interest in participating in a deep-sea fishing expedition. Four members expressed interest. Mr. Keppel announced that he will continue researching the project and report back to the Post with a date to be determined (TBD). Mr. Keppel then announced that Mr. Art Gomez had just received a 60% disability from the VA. Mr. Keppel re-informed the membership that he is the Post's POC for members and the VA. Mr. Ruben Tapia announced personal difficulties with the VA and Home Depot. Mr. Keppel acknowledged the issues and agreed to personally address them.

1026: Mr. Nave reported the sad tragedy of the death of member Ben Meirs. CDR Edwards directed Chaplain Kastl appropriately cover and display the Charter. After which Chaplain Kastl led the bereavement prayer.

1029: CDR Edwards called for any other committee reports. Mr. Kastl reported on the effort to establish various sports teams from the Post to challenge other Posts, and solicited interest in establishing a Post yacht club. After several members expressed interest, Mr. Kastl agreed to research the requirements and will report back.

1033: CDR Edwards announced that, although Mr. Cero was excused from the meeting, he still wanted an update of the Poppy sales effort. Mr. Nave reported that efforts were underway for this year's Poppy sales; however, as of this report the dates were TBD.

1034: CDR Edwards announced that he had been personally defrauded by an individual who represented himself as a veteran in extremis requiring immediate financial support. CDR Edwards, because of the time sensitivity, only minimally attempted to verify the imposter's status. **Carl Edwards will assume the lose since he did not follow the proper proceedure.** CDR Edwards, following Post procedures and concurrence from Post leadership, provided resources and support to the imposter **in a earlier instant**. CDR Edwards reminded the members of the requirements to ensure veteran status of individuals seeking Post resources.

1036: CDR Edwards called for Post nominations for officers, trustees, and delegates. CDR Edwards expressed a personal opinion that more members get involved in leadership positions and offices be rotated to ensure more members become familiar with Post management requirements. After a general discussion the following nominations were made:

Post Commander: Mr. Nave nominated Mr. Holmes
Sr. Vice CDR: Mr. Nave nominated Mr. Cero
Jr. Vice CDR: Mr. Holmes nominated Mr. Hughes
Quartermaster: Mr. Holcombe nominated Mr. Nave
Chaplain: Mr. Nave nominated Mr. Jose Guzman

Trustees:
Mr. Nave nominated Mr. Daugherty
Mr. Holmes Mr. Keppel

Delegates:

General membership discussion resulted in the following nominations:

Mr Jose Badillo
Mr. Keppel
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Nave
Mr. Lockett
Mr. Boyd

1054: CDR Edwards asked for any new business or topics for the good of the order. Mr. Nave announced the homecoming celebration of USMC LCPL Isaac Marker, son of Post member and USMC veteran Brent Marker. Mr. solicited the membership to participate at the event on Sunday, 2-16-14, at 1130, at 2223 Bridgeport Way, Martinez. A formal escort will be provided by the Flag Brigade and the Legion Riders. Mr. Frank Macan announced that the Marines Memorial Hotel in San Francisco will be hosting a 69th anniversary celebration commemorating the battle of Iwo Jima on 2-23-14.

1101: CDR Edwards asked if any member has heard of any other member in extremis. Mr. Nave reported that he and CDR Edwards recently visited Mr. Ramon Fernandez who had just been released from the hospital after hip replacement surgery. Also, they had recently visited and consoled Mr. Gene Williams' widow.

1102: Mr. Nave reminded the membership of the upcoming American Legion Corn beef and Cabbage dinner on 3-18-14^w and that tickets were available through CDR Edwards.

1103: CDR Edwards called for the Chaplain Kastl to lead a prayer for the National Home.

1104: CDR Edwards reminded the members that the Post's Rifle Team will be rendering honors at the Martinez cemetery at 1230. Guest Mr. May announced the 4th of July celebration/parade will require volunteer participants and military vehicles.

1106: CDR Edwards called Chaplain Kastl for the closing prayer after which CDR Edwards adjourned the meeting and announced the next meeting on 3-15-14.

George Driscoll

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, January 18, 2014

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on September 18, 2014 at 1020 by Post Commander Carl Edwards and led opening ceremonies.

Carl Edwards, Post Commander – Present

Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present

Lennie Dombach, Surgeon – Present

Dennis C Hughes, Judge Advocate – Present

Terrance Holmes, Senior Vice Commander – Absent

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

George Driscoll, Adjutant – Excused

Frank Kastl, Chaplin – Present

Shea E. Rooney, 1st Year Trustee – Absent

Paul Steelhammer, 2nd Year Trustee – Present

Richard R. Akin, 3rd Year Trustee – Absent

Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Excused

Membership present:

Gus Kritikos Trazena Jones

Ellison Lockett Emmett Schumer

Mike Driggers Ramon Fernandez

Arthur Gomez Marjorie Detiege

Jose Guzman Phil Daugherty

William Boyd John Lytle

David Holcombe

1025: Claude Nave made a motion to suspend meeting to hear from guest speaker Kitty Toms from the Veterans Administration that spoke about weight control and health care.

1055: Meeting resumed. Claude Nave confirmed all present were entitled to attend the meeting.

1056: Minutes of December meeting were approved. CDR Edwards called for new members report.

1058: CDR Edwards called for the Quartermaster's report. Mr. Nave provided the Quartermaster and finance report as follows: Beginning Bank balance on 11-30-2013: \$18,213.17 – Payments \$1,972.59 – Deposits \$1,096.78; Ending 12-31-2013 Bank

Balance: \$17,337.36; Outstanding Checks: \$135.00; Book Balance: \$17,202.36. Mr. Nave announced the finance report was available to all members for personal review. CDR Edwards called for a motion to accept the finance report as read. Mr. Nave made a motion to accept the financial report as read. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd and passed unanimously.

1103: Mr. Nave announced new members, Gustavoluis Zamorano, U.S. Army and David Holcombe, U.S. Army. Mr. Cero made a motion to accept the new members and Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1107: CDR Edwards called for committee reports. Mac reported on Poppies and made a motion to purchase up to \$100.00 of U.S. flags to give to children at Wal-Mart. In addition he noted 5,000 poppies needed to be ordered as well as poppy brochures. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Paul Steelhammer reported on Scouting and Sea Cadets. No other committees had reports.

1108: CDR Edwards requested Mr. Nave to provide a report on the request to have the Post purchase required uniform accessories for the Honor Detail and flag poles for parade and other events. Mr. Nave made a motion to spend up to \$500.00 for the requested items. Mr. Cero seconded and motion passed.

1115: Arthur Gomez, Mac Cero and Phil Daugherty were elected to Veterans Memorial Board.

1120: CDR Edwards reminded the membership of the District meeting on 2-1-14 at 1300 in Antioch.

1124: CDR Edwards asked if any member has heard of any member in extremis. Ramon Fernandez reported that he will have a hip replacement soon.

1125: Chaplain Kastl led a prayer for the National Home.

1128: CDR Edwards reminded about the American Legion Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 8.

1129: CDR Edwards called for closing ceremonies. Chaplain Kastl led the membership in a closing prayer.

CDR Edwards led the Post in rendering honors to the colors; adjourned the meeting.

Claude Nave