

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

Ellison Lockett, Carl Edwards, Mike Keppel, and Art Gomez attended the District 10 meeting this morning until 10:30 a.m.

The Christmas Brunch started at 11:00 a.m. Several member showed up and enjoyed the joint brunch with the VFW, American Legion members, and Sea Cadets their families and guests. Gifts was given to those under 12 years of age. Gifts were exchange between those that want to participate.

Attendance was not taken. However, there was close to 100 people attending.

The cooks did a great job and the food was great with a good variety. The party ended and the hall was cleaned up by at 2 p.m.

Next meeting will be on January 16, 2016 for the Christmas Party.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

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**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on Nov. 21, 2015 at 10:07 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jose Guzman – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Art Miller:

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - Excused

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Absent  
Lennie Dombach, – Present  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards -Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes –Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Present  
Frank Macan - Present  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Jorge Martinez – Absent  
Josh McKay - Present New Member  
Nathan Padilla - Present

Shea E. Rooney – Absent  
Stanley Rux - Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Present

Oct. 17, 2015 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; it was moved by Lennie Dombach and seconded by Art Gomez, to accept the minutes as read, voted and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Paul Steelhammer:

Beginning Bank Balance 9-30-2015: \$1,858.42 -Payments \$ 662.36 -Deposits \$802.57 Ending 10-31-2015 Bank Balance \$1998.63 - Outstanding Checks \$ 0.00 - Book balance 10-31-2015 was \$1,998.63. Savings account balance on 10-31-2015 was \$14,000.69. A motion was made by Claude Nave to accept the finance report as read, and seconded by Mac Cero. It was voted on and passed.

Introduced a new members:

William Eberly, served in the U. S. Marines.  
Josh McKay, served in U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan; phone (925) 594-0763.

Committee reports:

Carl Edwards reported on the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy: Our Patriot Pen entry, Sophia Maestri, has been sent to District 10. We did not have any Voice of Democracy entries.

The EMT or Law Enforcement Officer of the year award. Nothing to report.

Teacher of the year award. Nothing to report.

Claude reported we have 85.1 percent renewal for membership.

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman, updated the website to keep count of the visits on the website. So, please use the site so we can show her it is important to us to keep the site up and running.

Frank Kastl Recreation Chairman's report: Frank would like to get some feed back on what activities you would like to do this year, such as VFW Christmas party, breakfast for VFW members and their families.

Tom Zamaria reported that Bocce Ball is on the list for next year. Anyone interested please talk to Tom Zamaria.

All American or All State programs: Claude reported that we are still on target for All State.

Buddy Poppy report: Phil Dougherty researched the meaning of leaving pennies, nickles, dimes or quarters on the grave-sites of Veterans. Details can be found on the internet by searching why do people place coins on soldiers grave-sites.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) reported that we received a total of \$4,588.92 in cash donations and 215 hours donated by our members. Thanks to the following members: Ellison Lockett, Emmett Schumer, Art Miller, Phil Dougherty, Carl Edwards, Mac Cero, Claude Nave, and Trazena Jones (Kandie). If anyone was missed please let Claude Nave know, so you'll get credit.

Ellison reported that Walmart is suggesting people burn a green light, 24 hours seven (7) days a week, to honor the veterans. He also reported that several members attended the honoring veterans at the Contra Costa County Board meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Art Gomez reported that he attended the Service Officers meeting on October 24, 2015. All service work claims need to be turned into the Oakland VFW service office in order for the Post to get credit for the work.

National Home:

Prayer for our national home was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Sick or Distressed members:

Jose Guzman reported that we should keep the following people in our prayers. Hack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, George Driscoll, Ramon Fernandez, and Joseph Rux. George Driscoll is doing much better and is getting bored at home. He would like to hear from some of us now. He said he will soon be attending our meetings again. The auto accident took a lot out of him and he has limited use of his left arm.

Old Business:

Claude reported that he sent \$100.00 to the new US Army Museum. See the finance report.

Claude reported that he sent \$100.00 to the National Home.

New Business:

The next District meeting is on December the 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., which is the same day as our Christmas Party. Our Post will attend until 10:30 a.m. Please call Ellison and let him know how many people you invited will be attending. Also, inform him how many children under 12, and what sex they are, will be attending by December 3, 2016.

Phil Dougherty and Lennie Dombach is organizing a work party to clean the kitchen after this meeting. If you can help them please meet in the kitchen.

Marjorie Detiege made us aware that the Post was Organized 80 years ago on November 7, 1935. She also donated a cake for the occasion, it is available in the back of the room. Motion was seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie).

Lennie Dombach made a motion to purchase a new coffee pot for the cost of up to \$200.00. Motion was seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). Trazena Jones (Kandie) made a motion to amend the motion to pay for the cost of the coffee pot up to \$300.00. The motion and amendment was seconded by Frank Macan. It was voted on and passed.

Trazena Jones (Kandie) informed us that the Veterans TV recording service is being done on the Local County T.V. Channel. Check your local access channel for the times and programing. Also, Veterans can get their service put on their drivers license for a fee of \$5.00 plus the renewal fee. Take you DD-214 form to the County Veterans Service Office to get your eligibility verified before you go to DMV.

Closing prayer was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Next meeting will be on Dec. 5, 2015 for the Christmas Party.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on October 17, 2015 at 10:03 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Phil Dougherty is appointed as Officer of the Day. Opening Prayer by Jose Guzman – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Art Miller:

Ellison Lockett – Commander –Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – Absent  
Trazena Jones – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Absent  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Present  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - Present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Absent  
Lennie Dombach, – Present  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards - Absent  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes –Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Jack Marino – Absent  
Jorge Martinez – Present  
Shea E. Rooney, – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

Stanley R. Rux - Present

September 19, 2015 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; it was moved by Art Miller and seconded by Mac Cero, to accept the minutes as read, voted and passed.

Quartermaster Report by Claude Nave:

Beginning Bank Balance 8-31-2015: \$1,772.45 - Payments \$ 1,586.53 - Deposits \$ 1,669.50  
Ending 9-30-2015 Bank Balance \$1,858.42 - Outstanding Checks \$ 40.00 - Book balance 9-30-2015 was \$1,818.42. Savings account balance on 8-31-2015 was \$14,000.58. A motion was made by Trazena Jones. to accept the finance report as read and seconded by Paul Steelhammer. It was voted on and passed.

Members and families in distress:

Stanley Rux's son was hit by a car while crossing the street this past Wednesday. George Driscoll is getting much better and is getting bored at home and would like to hear from some of the membership. Terrance Homes and Jack Hafen are still in distress. Frank Kastl's wife fell down the stairs and is not doing to well. Lets keep this people in our prayers and give them a call.

National Home:

Prayer for our national home was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

New Members:

A motion to accept new members Jack Marino, US Marines; and Stanley R. Rux, US Army, was made by Carl Edwards and seconded by Macario N. Cero Jr. Vote on and accepted. Stanley Rux retired from the Army after 20 years. Work in administrative and the Post Office. He served in four years in Vietnam.

Reports:

Mike Keppel reported on membership, three new members, 75.30 percent on membership. Carl Edwards reported on the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy: He has no response on Voice of Democracy, but will receive one Patriots Pen entree. The EMT or Law Enforcement Officer of the year award. Nothing to report.

Macario N. Cero reported on VA giving flu shots this week, Jose Guzman who works there said they will give any veterans whether registered or not at the VA.

Paul Steelhammer reported on the Boy Scouts and Venture group. He has given the Venture group the needed paper work to get their charter approved. There is a new program out for the scouts to help them with reporting on their projects. Paul made a motion to we sponsor the troop and pack with the software with up to \$50.00 to buy the subscriptions for a year on the software use. It was seconded by Art Gomez. Motion voted on and passed.

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman: She is redoing the website page and will be done in about a week.

Phil Dougherty recreation report: The picnic was a success, but a lot of people that signed up did not show up. Phil is working on the kitchen prints and has a contractor on board to help with what he can to help us work with the County. He will need volunteers to help clean out the kitchen.

Claude Nave reported on All American or All State programs: Claude reported that we are still on target for All State, but not so bright for All American. More work is need to reach our goal.

Bocce: Ellison Lockett reported that we need some on to be in charge of Bocce coming up in

November in the winter league, because Tom Zamaria will not be here.

Trazena Jones reported on Poppy distribution: Members, Ellison, Trazena, Art, Mac, Claude Nave, will do Poppies at Walmart on October 29th, 30th, 31<sup>st</sup>. Carl Edwards, Art Miller, Emmett Schumer, Phil Dougherty, Ellison Lockett, Claude Nave will do Safeway in Virginia Hills on November 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Ellison Lockett reported on the Walnut Festival: It will be on T.V. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. We all did the Momma Gala in Vallejo flag detail which was a fundraiser to restore an old theater. We did the flag detail for the dedication of the flag pole at Contra Costa Veterans Service Office, 10 Douglas Street, Martinez. It is request that we attend the County Veterans ceremony at the Board of Supervisors on November 10<sup>th</sup>. at 11:00 a.m. We may have to post the flag if the Air Force can not do the posting.

Claude reported: that we did the memorial for Abner D Kuperstein at Oakmont Cemetery, Laffayette, CA. On Oct. 12, 2015.

New Business:

Ellison reported: The VFW District #10 meeting will be on December 5, at 9:30 a.m. In Antioch. Service office's meeting will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trazena Jones: reported on the Historical Home walk through the hall, about 50 people attended .Trazena displayed her uniform collection along with other items on display. Everything look great and had a lot of positive comments.

Claude commented on the coming events for Veterans Day at the Alhambra Cemetery and the Monument. A brunch and Diablo Valley Band will follow at the Veterans Memorial Building. The Christmas Party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. To 2 p.m. Please let us know the number of your family and ages of children and invited members that will be attending.

Closing prayer was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Next meeting will be on November 21, 2015.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
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**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on September 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jose Guzman – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll of Officers was formally called by appointed Officer of the Day – Art Miller:

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander – Present  
Trazena Jones – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Absent  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Excused  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Excused  
Art Miller – Sergeant of Arms - Present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Present  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Absent  
Lennie Dombach, – Present  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Roger Edwards - Present  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Alex Grimes – Absent  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Excused  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Jack Marino – Present - new member  
Jorge Martinez – Present  
Shea E. Rooney, – Absent  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Ruben Tapia – Present



Stanley R. Rux - Present

August 15, 2015 minutes were read by Carl Edwards; it was moved by Gus Kritikos and seconded by Mac Cero, to accept the minutes as read, voted and passed.

Introduced a new member Stanley R. Rux, he was former U.S. Army for twenty years and served in Cam Ranh Bay, & Saigon, Vietnam. Jorge Martinez, member, Capt. U.S. Army and served two tours in Balad, Iraq; and a tour in Taji, Iraq. Jack Marino, USMC retired after eight years, served in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. MSG E-8 Roger Edwards (Retired), first time visit from Salt Lake City, is a member of our Post, served in the U.S. Army and the reserves, he served for 29 years as an office manager and other MOS's, such as instructor for several courses. He served as the Awards Clerk in G1, Recruiting, then in G-3 in the Command E-9 Chemical Slot 351st Civil Affairs Command. He served in Vietnam 554 Engineering Battalion and 79<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion in the second field force.

Quartermaster Report by Claude Nave:

Beginning Bank Balance 8-31-2015: \$4,172.46 -Payments \$ 2,696.42 -Deposits \$299.41  
Ending 8-31-2015 Bank Balance \$1,775.45 - Outstanding Checks \$ 307.00 - Book balance 8-31-2015 was \$1,468.45. Savings account balance on 8-31-2015 was \$15,000.46. A motion was made by Mac Cero to accept the finance report as read and seconded by Trazena Jones. It was voted on and passed.

Reports:

Carl Edwards reported on the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy: Some students have been given the information and are hopefully starting to work on the programs. He also suggested other members of the Post to present the programs, and gave them the website address for the programs.

The EMT or Law Enforcement Officer of the year award. Nothing to report.

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman, was on vacation.

All American or All State programs: Claude reported that we are still on target.

Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman's report: excused, out of town.

Commander Ellison Lockett reported that we are expecting 60 to 100 people for the picnic on September 26, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. John Platt made a motion that we spend up to \$1,000.00 for the cost of the picnic. The motion was seconded by Art Gomez, voted on and passed. Open to Veterans and Family invitees. Call Frank Kastl or Art Gomez. Bring a side dish. No charge and paid for out of the general fund.

Bocce: Tom Zamaria reported that Bocce is over and we came in 8<sup>th</sup> at the tournament out of 13 teams, but next to last place for the season. We had a great time! 243 teams participated this year.

Honor detail: We participated in the Walnut Festival parade in Walnut Creek on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We had the flag detail number 3 leading the parade and a military detail at number 33 in the parade.

We need a flag detail on September the 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. to dedicate the new flag pole at the Contra Costa Veterans Service office at 10 Douglas Street in Martinez. We will fire one volley at the ceremony. Oct. 10, there will be a historical walk through in our Veterans Memorial Building. There will be a BBQ at 10 a.m. at the VA clinic, in Martinez, and volunteers are needed. Oct. 24 AARP is having a

ceremony in Pleasanton at the VA. San Francisco is having a parade on November 8 Veterans Day Parade, November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Veterans Day parade in Alameda.

On Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> we may have a funeral, and may also have a funeral on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> to do the rifle detail.

National Home:

Prayer for our national home was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Old Business:

Trazena Jones, reported on the Civil War Cemetery that had requested money in Napa County near Yountville. Their idea did not materialize so we will not donate.

Commander Ellison Lockett received a plaque for the donation given to the Bataan Death March reenactment put on by the Brentwood Post.

New Business:

District 10 would like all posts in the district to donate \$100.00 to the National Home. Carl explained to the membership what the National Home function is. Mac Cero made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the National Home and Trazena Jones seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. Trazena Jones nominated Tom Zamaria for the life membership in the National Home, and Mac Cero seconded it.

The next District meeting is on December the 5<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as our Christmas Party. October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Service Officer meeting.

Carl read the correspondence for the month. The Elk's Lodge is inviting all veterans and their families to a dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Non military personal will be charged \$5.00. You need reservations.

Roger Edwards read the letter for the request for a donation to the future new national army museum. Roger made a motion to donate \$100.00 and it was seconded, voted on and passed.

Phil Dougherty gave a report on getting the work done on the kitchen through the Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors.

Claude presented the new budget for 2015-16.

Mac Cero made a motion to accept the budget with the corrections for the year of 2015-16, it was seconded by Art Miller, voted on and passed.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the sidewalk for the Historical Walk through before October 10<sup>th</sup>; please talk to Ellison Lockett and Art Gomez.

Closing prayer was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Next meeting will be on October 17, 2015.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, August 15, 2015**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on August 15, 2015 at 10:05 a.m. by Post Commander Ellison Lockett. Opening Prayer by Jose Guzman – Chaplain, and pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Ellison Lockett – Commander – Present  
Tom Zamaria – Sr. Vice Commander - Absent  
Trazena Jones – Jr. Vice Commander - Present  
Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Present  
Carl Edwards - Adjutant – Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Present  
John Platt- Judge Advocate – Present  
Art Gomez – Post Service Officer – First Year Trustee -Present  
Gus Kritikos – Second Year Trustee Present  
Paul Steelhammer – Scout Chairman – Third Year Trustee – Excused  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Surgeon – Officer of The Day – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Present

Membership Present:

Rubin Avila – Present  
Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
Jason Caiado - Present  
Lennie Dombach, – Excused  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Ramon Fernandez – Excused  
Alex Grimes – Present  
Emmett Schumer – Present  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman – Present  
Art Miller – Present  
Bill Harbin – Absent  
Terrance Holmes, - Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Absent  
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Excused  
John Lytle III – Absent  
Shea E. Rooney, – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Absent

July 18, 2015 minutes were read by Carl Edwards, Gus Kritikos moved and Art Miller

seconded to accept the minutes as read, it was voted on and passed.

Introduced a new member Ruben Avila, he is a former U.S. Marine and served in the third Marine Division near DaNang, Vietnam.

Quartermaster Report by Claude Nave:

Beginning Bank Balance 7-31-2015: \$5,695.46 -Payments \$1,848.00 -Deposits \$325.00 Ending 7-31-2015 Bank Balance \$4172.46 - Outstanding Checks \$100.93 - Book balance 7-31-2015 was \$4,071.53. Savings account balance on 7-31-2015 was \$15,000.34. A motion was made by Art Miller to accept the finance report as read and seconded by Trazena Jones . It was voted on and passed.

Members in distress:

Ramon Fernandez, George Driscoll, Lennie Dombach, Terrance Holmes, and Jack Hafen. We need to send cards and keep these people in our prayers.

Daniel Pereira passed away July 27, 2015 and a firing detail was requested and provided by The American Legion Post 29 and VFW Post 1351.

National Home:

Prayer for our national home was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Reports:

Carl Edwards reported on the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy: Some students have been given the information and are hopefully starting to work on the programs. School starts soon and more schools will be given the information. Hopefully other members are also working on the programs.

Claude informed us that it is not necessary to do teacher of the year if we do the EMT or Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.

Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman, reported that she posted information for activities that happened last month and the last newsletter.

We should have a good shot at fulfilling the All American or All State programs this year per Claude Nave. Claude also informed the post how to put in reports to the VFW State of California on the hours that we perform for the VFW and our Post.

Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman's report:

The committee is having a great time working on things to do. They have rescheduled the picnic to September 26, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reservations are requested by September 15, 2015. Open to Veterans and Family invitees. Call Frank Kastl or Art Gomez. Bring a side dish. No charge.

Bocce is almost over and we are next to last place, but having a great time.

Old business:

District 10 meeting:

The District 10 meeting and School of Instruction will be August 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. through about 3:00 p.m in Oakland. Commander and Quartermaster must attend and any others may attend.

The Walnut Festival in Walnut Creek will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be the color

guard along with The American Legion to lead the parade. We need about 25 members to show up for the parade.

The Veterans Memorial Building will run the bar for the Alhambra High School reunion on Main Street. We need about 20 volunteers to help with this fund raiser from 3:00 p.m. to about 11:00 p.m. this afternoon. Reunion classes from 1930's through 1990's.

Candie Jones will follow through on the Yountville Civil War Cemetery request for money.

**VetCon 2015 will be held Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am–2pm** at the Concord Hilton Hotel in Concord, CA. This year's event will include representatives from the Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office as well as representatives, counselors and service providers from many veteran and other relevant service organizations to bring a highly concentrated level of support for area veterans and their families. Mike Keppel and Ellison Lockett will go to this event.

New business:

Carl Edwards read the correspondence received during July and August.

Honor detail will have practice after the meeting.

Closing prayer was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Next meeting will be on September 19, 2015.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

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Membership Present:

Richard R. Akin, - Absent  
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Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Present  
John Lytle III – Present  
Shea E. Rooney, – Absent  
Ruben Tapia – Present

June 20, 2015 minutes were read by Tom Zamaria and a motion was made by Gus Kritikos to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Macario Cero. Voted on and passed.

Introduced two guests and prospective members: Jamie Fox and Ann Williams. Jamie Fox was from Pacific Grove, and in Navy 1988 thru 1993. She also works for the Veterans Affairs. Ann Williams joined the Navy in 1970. She qualifies for The American Legion.

We should have a good shot at fulfilling the All State program this year, per Claude Nave. He also reported that the Historical Society would like to put our building on the Annual Home Tour this year, which will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that we need to do some work cleaning up the upstairs room to get it ready for the tour.

Tom Zamaria said he could print up some historical pictures that he has located while working with the Historical Society. He can print them quite large, 17" X 22", to hang on the walls.

Quartermaster Report by Claude Nave:

Beginning Bank Balance 5-31-2015: \$6,242.58 -Payments \$557.39 -Deposits \$10.27 Ending 6-30-2015 Bank Balance \$5,695.46 - Outstanding Checks \$50.00 - Book balance 6-30-2015 was \$5,665.46. Savings account balance on 6-30-2015 was \$15,000.22. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read by Frank Kastl and seconded by Marjorie Detiege. Voted on and passed.

Website report:

Marjorie would like to get more items to post on the website, like pictures and activities we are involved in.

Report on Bocce Ball activity by Tom Zamaria:

We are about halfway through the season and as of last week we are tied for last place. Actually we moved up we were in last place before. The feedback that we are getting from the other teams has been great. They seem to like us and enjoy having our veteran's team play with them this year and would like us to be back next year.

Members in distress:

Ramon Fernandez, George Driscoll, Lennie Dombach, Terrance Holmes, and Jack Hafen. We need to send cards and keep these people in our prayers.

National Home:

Pray for our national home was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Old business:

Picnic date has been cancelled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. A new date needs to be selected as soon as possible and what we want to do and bring.

New business:

The District 10 meeting and School of Instruction will be August 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. through about 3:00 p.m. Commander and Quartermaster must attend and any others may attend.

The Walnut Festival in Walnut Creek will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be the color guard along with The American Legion to lead the parade. We need about 25 member to show up for the parade.

The Veterans Memorial Building will run the bar for the Alhambra High School reunion on Main Street. We need about 20 volunteers to help with this fund raiser from 3:00 p.m. to about 11:00 p.m. Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Reunion class's from 1930's through 1990's.

Candie Jones will follow through on the Yountville Civil War Cemetery request for money.

**VetCon 2015 will be held Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am–2pm** at the Concord Hilton Hotel in Concord, CA. This year's event will include representatives from the Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office as well as representatives, counselors and service providers from many veteran and other relevant service organizations to bring a highly concentrated level of support for area veterans and their families. Mike Keppel and Ellison Lockett will go to this event.

Claude reported all the annual reports have been filed for the year.

Honor detail will have practice after the meeting.

Closing prayer was given by Jose Guzman – Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Next meeting will be on August 15, 2015.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant



**Monthly Minutes**  
**For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on June 20, 2015 at 1007 by Post Past Commander Carl Edwards.

Opening Prayer by Claude Nave and pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Terrance Holmes, Commander – Absent  
Alex Grimes – Sr. Vice Commander – Absent  
Dennis C Hughes, – Jr. Vice Commander - Absent  
Carl Edwards, Post Past Commander – Present  
Claude Nave, Quartermaster – Present  
Marjorie Detiege – Adjutant - Website Chairman - Present  
Jose Guzman – Chaplain – Excused  
Ellison Lockett – Judge Advocate – Present  
William Boyd - Surgeon – Absent  
Mike Keppel, Service Officer – Absent  
Richard R. Akin, 1st Year Trustee – Absent  
Shea E. Rooney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Absent  
Paul Steelhammer, 3rd Year Trustee – Boy Scout Chairman – Present

Membership Present:

Lennie Dombach, – Absent  
George Driscoll – Excused  
Macario N. Cero Jr., – Excused  
John Platt- Present  
Emmett Schumer – Absent  
Phil Dougherty – Present  
Frank Kastl, – Recreation Chairman - Present  
Art Miller – Present  
Art Gomez – Present  
Gus Kritikos – Present  
Ramon Fernandez – Present  
Tom Zamaria – Present  
Trazena Jones – Present  
Jason Caiado - New Member – Present

Introduced a new member, Jason Caiado who served in the U. S. Navy 1995 -1999.

May minutes were read by Claude Nave and a motion was made **by** Ellison Lockett to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Art Gomez. Voted on and passed.

Finance report was read by Paul Steelhammer. Beginning Bank Balance 4-30-2015: \$5,970.58 – Payments \$5,137.77 – Deposits \$5,409.67 Ending 5-31-2015 Bank Balance \$6,242.58 – Outstanding Checks \$374.87 – Book Balance 5-31-2015 was \$5,867.71. Savings account balance \$15,000.10. a motion was made to accept the finance report as read by Frank Kastl and seconded by Ellison Lockett. Voted on and passed.

Installation of officers was **performed** by Past Commander Carl A. Edwards. New officers:

Commander: Ellison R. Lockett  
Senior Vice Commander: George T. Zamaria  
Junior Vice Commander: Trazena M. Jones  
Quartermaster: Claude A. Nave  
Chaplain: Jose R. Guzman  
Judge Advocate (appointed): John G. Platt  
Surgeon (appointed): Macario N. Cero  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee: Arthur C. Gomez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee: Gus Kritikos  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee: Paul Steelhammer  
Adjutant (appointed): Carl A. Edwards  
Service Officer (appointed): Arthur C. Gomez

The gavel was turned over to the new Commander Ellison Lockett and Ellison conducted the remaining portion of the meeting.

Carl Edwards reported on the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. He said he had contacted one school as of this date. Carl asked the comrades for help so we can get a larger group of students this year. He also advised our Comrades that the date of the Teacher of the Year award has been changed by the Department of California VFW to a later date for this coming year. The date will be given at a later time.

Paul Steelhammer reported on the Scouts. The Scout Troop we sponsor would like to form a Venture Scout Group with a cost to us of about \$200.00. Paul Steelhammer made a motion to sponsor the Venture group if they decide to form the group, Carl Edwards seconded the motion. It was voted on and accepted. The Scouts will not be available to march in the parade this year because of Scouting commitments. If the VA participates in the parade they would like us to help with getting the people to the parade and help take care of them while they are there.

Frank Kastl reported on the recreation committee activities. Bocce ball is being run by Tom Zamaria as the captain. They have not won many games, but are having fun. They are planning a picnic in August with an eight piece band which comes with the backyard BBQ for about 15 people and will be donated by Carl Edwards. If we have more people than that the Post will need to pick up the tab for the extra cost involved. More information will be sent out later.

Claude reported that we didn't make All-State this year. We did receive a plaque from the State of California for the \$500.00 donation for the Wheelchair Games. Claude wants any activities reports that have not been completed to be entered by next week to get credit for the time we have spent on projects. We performed two honor guard funeral details this month, one at Oakmont and one at Dixon.

Ellison Lockett reported on the Veterans Memorial Building. A donation for 10 bricks was made by the Lillian Golino Living Trust for \$2000.00 plus a donation of \$3,586.00 to the building fund for a total of \$5,386.00. Also, the ladies bathroom has been finished by the Toll Bridge Trollers with art work. The hall is sending a thank you letter to both the Lillian Golino Trust and the Toll Bridge Trollers. Lillian Golino had over 60,000 volunteer hours at the VA hospital in Martinez.

Carl Edwards reported on the VFW State Convention that was held in Bakersfield. He passed the books around for the comrades to look at. Mike Keppel and Carl Edwards attended classes for the Quartermaster and the Canteen operations. Tom Karas from District 10 ran for Jr. Vice Commander, but was eliminated on the first round of voting.

Claude Nave gave the prayer for the National Home.

A motion was made by Paul Steelhammer to buy two VFW medal reflective emblem signs to place at entry points to the City of Martinez, at a cost of \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Carl Edwards and voted on and passed.

Paul is going to contact the Streets of Martinez to see if we can get a table to recruit new members at the Farmers Market.

We received a letter asking us to donate to the Civil War Cemetery at Yountville. Trazena (Candy) Jones will look into to it.

Closing prayer was given by Claude Nave.  
Meeting was adjourned at 11.17 a.m.

Carl A. Edwards – Post 1351 Adjutant

Monthly Minutes For Sidney Severns  
VFW Post 1351 Martinez, CA.  
Saturday February 21, 2015

The meeting of Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on January 17, 2015 at 10:15 A.M. by Post Senior Vice Commander Alex Grimes who led the opening ceremony.

Jose Guzman led the opening prayer.

Claude Nave confirmed all were eligible to be in attendance.

Officers

Terrance Holmes, Post Commander-Excused  
Alex Grimes, Senior Vice Commander-Present  
Dennis Hughes, Junior Vice Commander-Absent  
Claude Nave, Quartermaster-Present  
Jose Guzman, Chaplin-Present  
Ellison Lockett, Judge Advocate-Present  
William Boyd, Surgeon-Excused  
Marjorie Detiege, Adjutant-Present  
Rickard Akin, 1st Year Trustee-Excused  
Shea Rooney, 2nd Year Trustee-Excused  
Paul Steelhammer, 3rd Year Trustee-Excused  
Macario Cero, Service Officer-Excused

Membership: Present

Philip Daugherty Art Miller Robert Maestri Gus Kritikos

Carl Edwards Art Gomez Bill Harbin

Trazena Jones Ruben Tapia Tom Zamaria

Guests: Robert Nellan-Veteran, Michelle, Sophia and Danielle Maestri, Marty Turcios and Melody Lacy, and Mrs. Gomez.

Claude Nave made a motion to suspend meeting so we could have presentations by our guests. Ellison seconded, motion passed.

Marty Turcios presented a slide show about his Therapeutic Golf Foundation to help disabled veterans and non-veterans to learn the game of golf. Claude Nave made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the foundation. Ellison Lockett second. Motion passed.

Sophia Maestri presented her Post winning Patriots Pen essay. She was presented with a check for \$200.00 by Carl Edwards.

Regular meeting resumed.

Carl Edwards read the January 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Ellison Lockett made a motion to accept and second by Trazena Jones. Motion passed.

Finance Report by Quartermaster, Claude Nave:

Beginning bank statement 12-31-2014, \$21,935.05, payments \$8,583.90, deposits \$4,469.50 and the ending bank statement on 1-31-2015 was \$17,824.65, outstanding checks \$268.47 and the check book balance was \$17,566.18. Claude Nave said a statement was available for all to see. Ellison Lockett made a motion to accept, Marjorie Detiege second. Motion passed.

New Members: None Motion passed.

Committee reports:

Carl Edwards reported on Membership, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of The Year. Claude Nave reported membership at 75% and that we need about 25 members to pay their dues and new members to attain Allstate status this year. Ellison Lockett reported the Honor Detail had performed six services in the month of February and Honor Detail practice will be after our meeting today. Marjorie had nothing to report on the Website. Ellison Lockett read Frank Kastl's report from the Activities committee meeting (copy attached).

Jose Guzman led the prayer for the National Home.

Alex Grimes reported our Post recorded a net income from the Crab Feed of \$1,300.00

Ellison Lockett reported the Veterans Hall is still in the process of obtaining new tables and chairs for the building. The Veterans Hall Board has agreed to a date of May 31, 2015 to have the Hall cleared of stored items.

Alex Grimes reported the next District meeting will be held in San Leandro on February 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Alex Grimes, Claude Nave and Ellison Lockett will attend.

Alex Grimes reported Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Mike Keppel, Sharon Steelhammer and Alex Grimes need our thoughts and prayers.

Alex Grimes will invite personnel from the Vet Center to address our next meeting.

Alex Grimes requested \$100.00 to help with his commute cost to attend school.

Ellison made a motion, second by Marjorie. Motion passed.

Alex Grimes volunteered to set up a Post Facebook page. Ellison made the motion and Marjorie second. Motion Passed.

George May, Jr., President of the Veterans Memorial Hall Board of Directors entered the meeting and a discussion was held about the donated items and an agreement about the items being out of the Hall by June 1, 2015.

Jose Guzman led the Closing Prayer.

Closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.  
Claude Nave, Quartermaster