



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
August 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1923 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Sgt. at Arms(absent) Scott Mayberry presented

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Sullivan

Tim Sullivan led the reading of the Preamble to the SAL Constitution

Meeting was held at the Post

We have a quorum of general members

Call to Order - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Adjutant conducted the roll call.

A quorum was present, fifteen members besides a qualified presiding officer constituting a quorum. Roll Call List is attached. (Sign-in listing of members - attached)

Tim Sullivan made the following comments during roll call:

We are looking forward to an exciting year and working on our website to enable you to purchase shirts etc.

Excited that you are here at this meeting.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.

Evin Planto current Post Cmdr. and past Post Cmdr .Doug Nye both were in attendance during the meeting. Paul Messmer past detachment Cmdr. also was in attendance.

Art Jimenez is still in the Rehab (recovering from the various health matters)

Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.

Bobby and Jeff from the paddle board company assisting vets on paddle boards.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of past minutes. Meetings are recorded in order to produce the monthly minutes. Copies of the minutes are posted on the Squadron website and placed on the sign in table at the meeting. The recordings are erased upon completion of the minutes.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain-

Reported the following:

Praying - (looking for a recovery for Art Jimenez) and Brad Semonell recovery.

Passed away: -.

Health matters: Virus has been difficult for many individuals

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (22) were read. See attached July 7, 2022 to August 3, 2022 report. For local area individuals who qualify to become a SAL- we would like to encourage them to join. The name of each new member was read during the meeting. Jeff Gottfredson asked the individuals who were present to comment on their background. A motion was passed to approve to bring these fine men into the Squadron. We would like to share a story of your Dad forthcoming on the website. Dues not paid by 30 June - membership is forfeited (Const. Art. VII).

Squadron Activities –Art Jimenez 2nd Vice Cmdr

The fishing trips will be forth coming. A one and half day (overnight) Mexico fishing trip in September or October is being planned for disabled veterans more information to follow. A motion was passed and approved for a budget of \$10,000 for this fishing trip to Mexico. In addition we will have a September 11 event to celebrate this day. Also Sons of the American Revolution will be present as the Honor Guard for the September 11 day event. There will be a memorial wall at the September 11 event also need volunteers. If we have a XMAS boat parade Mexican food (Dec. 14 to 18) price per ticket \$49. Sponsorship banners will be available for \$250.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm. (absent) - Don Allen presented.

The Squadron has approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$19,000, events account \$11,000 and \$107,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan commented

National Convention will be held at the end of August - Jeff Gottfredson and Randy MacDougall E committee members will attend the convention.

If you would like to attend please contact Tim Sullivan. Jeff Gottfredson attended our state convention and the state fee was increased from \$11 to \$13.

Donations Report John Long 3rd Vice Cmdr.

See attached report. A motion was passed and approved for each attached donation in which each were read.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) has been upgraded by our IT outside consultant and will continue to be improved. You will be able to enter the website to purchase various items and other new features. We plan on having the capability to share a story regarding your Dad this feature will be forthcoming.

Concierge Program – Tim Sullivan - Many of you have been volunteering and still need your help going well- Will be trying to improve the experience for the guests. We have new shirts for the volunteers.

Fund Raising Committee – Tim Sullivan

Cmdr - working on new and different fund raising events.

Old Business

Continue to support the Legion

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming. Regarding merchandising a motion was passed and approved for \$6,000 to purchase shirts, hats and blankets to sale at the post.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members. Next SAL meeting September 7, 2022 at the post
Shirt orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2008 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,



Don Allen
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
Sign-in listing of attending members
August Membership Report
August Donation Report



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
2021 Roll Call List
Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: August 3, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1923

Meeting End Time: 2008

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	Jeff Gottfredson	P	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Art Jimenez	P	E	A
Adjutant	Don Allen	P	E	A
Finance Officer	Todd Clucas	P	E	A
Sgt. at Arms	Brad Semonell	P	E	A
Chaplain	Randy MacDougall	P	E	A
Parliamentarian & Historian	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	John Long	P	E	A

Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

Post Advisor	Evin Planto	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Cory Vigil	P	E	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
3 August 2022

1. Bob Perkins	21. Ron Mueller *
2. RAY CRAMPTON	22.
3. Arthur Rivera	23.
* 4. David Rivera	24.
5. ROBERT RIECK	25.
6. PATRICK POTTS	26.
7. Allen Jensen	27.
8. JOE WORDONI	28.
9. PAUL CANNON	29.
10. Jim Braville	30.
11. THOMAS TAYLOR	31.
12. SCOTT MABERRY	32.
13. Mike Morrissey	33.
14. Rolf Schmittbe	34.
15. PAUL MESMER	35.
16. Tom Wood	36.
17. Pat Foley	37.
18. Randy MacDougall	38.
19. Benny Hallock	39.
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Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

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August 3, 2022 Membership

New members July 7 to Aug 3	22
New Member 2021 Year	22
Total Membership (2023)	1614
2019 Members not Renewing	280
Percentage Renewed	105%
2020 Membership Goal	1647
Percentage of Goal	105%

New Members for 2022-2023

Type	Last	First	Type	Last	First
Regular	Barnes	Donald	Regular	Pistone	Dean
Regular	Bellock	Mike	Regular	Pistone	Roman
Regular	Bosko	John	Regular	Rivera	David
Regular	Cunningham	Matthew	Regular	Siegel	Mark
Regular	Deemer	Keven	Regular	Smith	Scott
Regular	Flores	Mike	Regular	Swanson	Gunnar
Regular	Gray	Steven	Regular	Toll	Daron
Regular	Marshall	Michael	Regular	Wackerbarth	Richard
Dually	Newhall	Forrest	Regular	Ward	Daniel
Regular	Pearce	Michael	Regular	Way	Scott
			Regular	Yee	Peter

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DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

AUGUST 03, 2022

Committee Meeting: 2022.07.27

Present: Bill Finster, Chris Graham, John Cleveland, John Long and Peter Martin

Excused (meeting): Chris Menninger

The Donation Committee met on July 27, 2022. All five members of the committee voted on the six donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

- **Visually Impaired Riders - \$310**
Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Purpose of the donation was to cover Post restaurant costs for the ALYC Fourth of July Boat Parade.
- **Team RWB OC - \$750**
Request for help with registration fees for 10 veterans and 1 gold star individual to take part in the Heroes Project climb of Mount Baldy on November 12. Registration fee is \$125/person. Navy Fed pledged \$500 and they asked that we pledge the balance of \$850. **\$750 was approved 5-0 and the payment would go to The Heroes Project directly.**
- **3rd Track Football - \$350**
Randy MacDougall asked that we cover the \$350 registration fee. **\$350 was approved 5-0. NOTE: Randy contacted me after the meeting and withdrew the request.**
- **Life Aid Research Institute - \$10,000**
Cory Vigil sent a request from John Wordin for \$10,000 to continue collaborating with Vets and First Responders for better mental health. **No money was approved due to lack of financials for the past two years. Committee also had questions about the APP. Will continue to follow up with Life Aid to get better understanding of program.**
- **Active Valor - \$1,000**
After discussion of their program, the committee decided to continue supporting this organization work with Gold Star children and families. **\$1,000 was approved 5-0**
- **Vet Cares – Stop, Drop, and Push - \$5,000 to \$10,000**
Request made by Dex Cajigal for \$5,000 - \$10,00 to support their programs. Vet Cares was part of VAREP and has split off from the organization as a separate charity. VAREP funded them with approximately \$250,00. Currently VET CARES plans on directing/supporting veterans in programs run/owned by former VAREP. **Committee voted 5-0 to not fund Vet Cares this year and is open to review next year based on what they conduct this year.**

Walt Wagner Update: OCC sent 21 applications for review. The subcommittee of the Walt Wagner grants will be meeting on August 6 to decide on the ten winners. **Plan is to present to the recipients at the September 7 General Meeting of the SONS.**

YTD Donations on Back

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AUGUST 03, 2022

YTD Donations

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE	CHECK #
2022.02.02	I Am Movement - H Gutschow	\$525.00	2022.03.03	268
2022.03.02	Newport Beach 1st Battalion 1st Marines Foundation	\$20,000.00	2022.03.03	269
2022.03.02	CHOC Follies	\$1,000.00	2022.03.03	270
2022.03.02	Honor Flight Southland	\$1,000.00	2022.03.14	272
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Assistance Program	\$10,000.00		
2022.03.02	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.03.03	271
2022.04.06	BSA-Eagle Scout Banquet	\$500.00	2022.04.14	277
2022.04.06	Dana Point Fifth Marine Regiment	\$1,000.00	2022.04.14	278
2022.04.06	Knots of Love	\$4,000.00	2022.04.14	279
2022.04.06	PORAC - Officer Nicholas Vella	\$500.00	2022.04.14	280
2022.04.06	Patriots and Paws	\$2,222.00	2022.04.14	281
2022.04.06	Post 262 Roof Repairs Match to \$1250	\$1,250.00	2022.04.14	282
2022.04.06	Child Guidance Center - SFSC	\$5,000.00	2022.04.14	283
2022.04.06	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$2,000.00	2022.04.14	284
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2022.05.06	287
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00	2022.05.06	288
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	2022.05.06	289
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2022.05.06	290
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00	2022.05.06	286
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00	2022.06.07	297
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00	2022.06.07	298
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00	2022.07.29	304
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00	2022.07.29	305
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00	2022.07.29	306
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00		
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00	2022.07.29	307
Pending	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00		
Pending	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00		
Pending	Active Valor	\$1,000.00		
	Approved	\$85,347.00		
	Pending	\$2,060.00		