



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
May 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1804 hrs.

Call to Order - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

A quorum was present, five members of the Executive Committee constituting a quorum.
Roll Call List attached.

Guests Present

None

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance. We plan on making improvements for the future golf fund event.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 5 May post Ex-com Meeting.

Jeff Gottfredson will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 11 May Post General Meeting.

Richard Sweeny will make presentation at the general meeting regarding the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor.

Paul Messer x State detachment Cmdr will be at the general meeting.

Judy Leonardo from the American Legion baseball my attend the general meeting

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

We have a quorum and a thank you to Rene Alvarez for timely posting the minutes.

Rene Alvarez will discuss the future board member expansion in June.

Rene will obtain password to get into the website from Patty our tech consultant.

Jeff Gottfredson will comment at the general meeting to make a motion to honor Tim Sullivan as (5 years Cmdr.) for a honorary life membership. The board also made a motion and passed to approve to make Tim Sullivan as an honorary life membership.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Kenny Dodd family members past away

Health matters:

Art Jimenez is in a Rehab facility - get well soon

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st vice Cmdr

Looking forward to renew your membership online (button on website is working well)

We are ahead of our membership renewal goal.

There are 21 new applicants from April 6, 2022 to May 4, 2022. See attached report. Each applicant's name was read during the meeting. A motion was passed to approve the applicants and present to the Squadron for acceptance.

Calling on individuals who have not renewed and looking for transfers. Software for renewals is a problem for membership dues and this should be resolved in the next few months. Cmdr. would like to add junior members to the SAL's

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd Vice Cmdr (Art is in the Rehab facility) and Tim Sullivan commented

Future fishing trips will be held on Thursdays (3/4 days) yet to determine the dates. Reviewing the effectiveness (cost and benefit) of the fishing trips for the veterans.

We are also planning on having the Fins and Fairways event in May 2022 (memorial weekend).
Website- Fins and Fairway.com

Tim Sullivan indicated that the Fins and Fairway event will be improved. Need sponsors for the Fins and Fairways event. The Flag Day event will be forthcoming – June 14, 2022. (New Originals will be performing and will provide a bounce house)
Plan on out sourcing our Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$142,000 (comprised of general checking \$20,000 events account \$20,000 and money market account \$102,000 at First Republic Bank. Todd Clucas presented the accounts balances. Tim Sullivan will oversee the accounting periodically. Continue to improve financial reporting. Todd Clucas will be providing additional data to the Post monthly.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

Hank Elder Chaplain District asked for our support regarding an individual for the State Cmdr. position

Donations Report – John Long Chair

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

Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Program is performing well- requesting for volunteers -always needed and welcomed. We have shirts for the volunteers.

Fund Raising Committee - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Tim Sullivan will roll out details of future fund raising events. In addition we will need to investigate the possibility of fund raising from companies in the area.

Technology-Tim Sullivan, Cmdr. -Cmdr found an IT assistant to rebuild the website. This individual Patty is in process to upgrade the website and is almost completed. Rollout of the website will be forthcoming. Website is being reviewed by the board and completed by the next meeting.

Old Business

We will be following up on inactive members to renew. Jeff Gottfredson indicated SAL new shirts are for sale \$40.

New Business

We will discuss after the May election adding a possible 3rd Vice Cmdr. In addition we will review Rene Alvarez possible agenda matters at our June 2022 meeting. Current board is running unopposed. The election process will be conducted at the May general meeting.

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events
The meeting was adjourned at 1851

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:
Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:
Roll Call List
May Membership Report
May 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: May 4, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1804

Meeting End Time: 1851

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

Appointed Positions:

Donations	John Long (Non-voting)	(P)	E	A
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Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

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



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May 4, 2022 Membership Report

New members April 6, 2022 to May 4	21
New Members 2022 Year	214
Total Membership (2021-2022)	1799
2021 Members not Renewing	102
Percentage Renewed	116%
June 9 th 2022 Membership Goal	1548
Members over 2022 Goal	251

New Members for April 6, 2022

Type	Last	First
Regular	Abrahams	Mark
Regular	Armstrong	Scott
Regular	Baker	Christopher
Regular	Brutacao	Louis
Regular	Cunningham	Patrick
Junior	Kaustinen	Nixon
Regular	Kearsley	Steve
Regular	Kuper	Greg
Regular	Lowrey	Douglas
Regular	Mahfood	James
Regular	Miller	Scott
Regular	Millett	Ryan
Regular	Monnig	Gary
Regular	Schmidt	Dale
Regular	Schrader	Gene
Regular	Schugg	Gene
Regular	Shopshire	Connor
Regular	Stouffer	Richard
Regular	Vyn	Christopher
Regular	White	Tim
Regular	White	Danny

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS CHAIR E-BOARD REPORT

MAY 4, 2022

The Donation Committee met on April 18, 2022.

Present: John Long, Peter Martin

Absent: John Cleveland, Bill Finster, Chris Graham, Chris Menninger

Since we did not have a quorum, the donation requests were sent via e-mail to all committee members and they voted via return e-mail on the donation recommendations. The committee approved recommending the four donations below for presentation to the E-Board and at the General Meeting.

- **Exchange Club of Newport Harbor - \$3,000.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. Upon conclusion of the Field of Honor, the Exchange Club will give the SONS fifty (50) new flags (not flown at FOH) for our use at our flag day event.
- **Network for Exceptional Military Families - \$2,500.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. This is a new charity at Pendleton recommended by Cory Vigil.
- **Wreaths Across America - \$600**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. Tim Covert originated this request. This is for 40 wreaths to be placed at Veterans gravesites.
- **Veterans Relief Foundation - \$5,000.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. New local veteran run charity for disabled veterans. This will help fund wheelchair equipped paddle boards.
- **Cop Bowl - \$2,000**
Just added they finally got IRS approval. For two \$1,000 scholarships for OC HS athletes.

Richard Swinney will be making a brief (7-10 minute) presentation on both the upcoming Field of Honor and the other charitable activities of the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor. He is the Past President of the Exchange Club.

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DONATIONS CHAIR E-BOARD REPORT

MAY 4, 2022

YTD Donations on Back

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
Pending	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00		
Pending	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00		
Pending	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00		
Pending	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00		
Pending	Cop Bowl - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00		
	Approved	\$51,497.00		
	Pending	\$13,100.00		