



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
January 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1805 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 4 January post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 10 January Post General Meeting. 7 pm

The Legion will have a Cigar (\$75) night during the last Wednesday of every month.
Dave Ortolff suspended from the post for hostel behavior. (Legioner and SAL)

Sales for clothing, hats and blankets are performing well.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

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

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

None

Health matters:

Brad Semonell (super sgt.)- is sick get well soon!

A motion was passed to approve a donation for \$1,000 to Drew Hove Go Fund Me -Drew had a stroke and is our liquor representative to the post

Membership Report – John Long, 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 28 new applicants from November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. See attached report. Each applicant's name was read during the meeting. A motion was passed to bring these fine men into the Squadron. Calling on individuals who have not renewed and looking for transfers.

You can receive your gate card when you attend a meeting

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd vice Cmdr

Future fishing day trips will be held on Thursdays for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Halck for time and location). If the boat is not filled then it will be fill in with other vets. Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

XMAS boat parade event (December 13 – 17) was a successful event. For the future event consider preparing a parking map. Future events golf tournament, flag day other possible events.

Vietnam trip next August 17 to September 1, 2024 details will follow regarding the trip Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron as of November 30, 2023 has approx. \$209,000 (comprised of general checking \$42,000 events account \$59,000 and money market accounts \$108,000 at Chase Bank. Todd Clucas presented the accounts balances for the current month. Tim Sullivan will oversee the accounting periodically. Continue to improve financial reporting. Todd Clucas will be providing additional data to the Post monthly. Included in the money market account is a CD for \$50,000 which is currently paying a high rate.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

Donations Report – Bill Finster, Chair

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated by emails this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website Bill will review for the potential of this donation process. Consider branding a new contribution for vets at our local junior college.

Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

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

Fund Raising Committee - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Tim Sullivan will roll out details for future fund -raising events. We will need to investigate the possibility of fund raising from companies in the area.

Technology-Tim Sullivan, Cmdr. Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey will learn the WIX software. Training for the WIX software will be forthcoming – Rene will review the site for a training session. WIX pay will be used for the events and will transition from Square for membership and merchandise thru another software. Website is working and will be improved.

Old Business

We will be following up on inactive members to renew. Benny Halck has organized the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

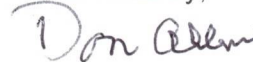
Will discuss next month our renewal policy and golf tournament event financial options.

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 1800 hrs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1855

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

January Membership Report

January 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: January 3, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1805

Meeting End Time: 1855

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	John Long	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	Mike Morrissey	P	E	A
Chaplain	Randy MacDougall	P	E	A
Parliamentarian, Historian & Judge advocate	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	Bill Finster	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 Report 2024.01.03

Membership (2024)	1,188
2023 Not Renewed	739
New members – 11.01.23-12.31.2023	28
Percent Renewed	61.6%

New Members 2024.01.03

First	Last	Type
Eugene	Boyle	Junior
Thomas	Shelton	Junior
Jack	Thomas	Junior
Jasper	Thomas	Junior
Johnson	Thomas	Junior
Sami	Beller	Regular
William	Bergeron	Regular
Scot	Brown	Regular
John	Calder	Regular
Michael	Devine	Regular
Brian	Galey	Regular
Matthew	Gandy	Regular
Michael	Goldfader	Regular
Chris	Gomez	Regular
Jeff	Hardman	Regular
Colin	Jacobs	Regular
Craig	Jacobs	Regular
Kevin	Kelly	Regular
Scott	Lambert	Regular
Mel	Maraney	Regular
Tom	Mockett	Regular
Jeffrey	Monahan	Regular
Michael	Moran	Regular
Terril	Rather	Regular
James "Walkie"	Ray	Regular
Marc	Smaniotto	Regular
Ernest	Wagstaff III	Regular
Ryan	Yoder	Regular

Proposed Donations for January Meeting

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: chrishg975@outlook.com; ckm4loans@hotmail.com; coastalpeter@yahoo.com; jclevelandis@hotmail.com; billfinstersal291@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 12:53 PM PST

Good Afternoon,

First of all I want to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have been out of town since Christmas Eve Day and I just got back yesterday. Sorry of the delay in getting this out to you so late. I had no computer access.

I am going to keep it simple and do 3 donations that we have done in 2023.

1. Walt Wagner Assistance Grants.

I am suggesting that we donate \$10,000 like we did last year.

2. Fisher House of Southern California

I am suggesting we donate \$5,000 like we did last year.

3. Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation

I am suggesting we donate \$25,000 this year. This is up from last years \$20,000.

4. DREW HOVE. GO FUND ME DONATION #1000
COMISSARIAL REPRESENTATIVE

I would like that you all come up with a donation proposed charity that we can consider for the February meeting.

Please get back to me by noon tomorrow because the meeting is tomorrow night. Thank you for all you help and I look forward to another Great Year of Giving from the SALS 291.

Thank you
Bill Finster

2023 YTD Donations

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APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE	CHECK #
2023.01.01	Gift Cards for Veterans in Need (4 @ 300)	\$1,223.80	2023.01.12	CC
2023.02.01	Heroes Deserve Help	\$3,000.00	2023.02.20	425
2023.02.01	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$3,000.00	2023.02.20	426
2023.02.01	Boy Scouts of America	\$500.00	2023.02.20	427
2023.02.01	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$500.00	2023.02.20	428
2023.02.01	Walt Wagner Assistance Grants	\$10,000.00	2023.11.01	
2023.03.01	1st & Goal Project	\$3,000.00	2023.04.28	432
2023.03.01	Fisher House of Southern CA	\$5,000.00	2023.03.11	433
2023.03.01	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	434
2023.03.01	Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation	\$20,000.00	2023.03.11	435
2023.03.01	Ranch Church Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	435
2023.03.01	Tender Touch Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	437
2023.03.01	American Legion Baseball	\$6,000.00		
2023.03.14	Newport Heights Baseball Association	\$250.00	2023.03.14	CC
2023.04.05	Swift Boats Sailor Association	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25	439
2023.04.05	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25	438
2023.04.05	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.04.14	442
2023.04.05	Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing	\$2,000.00	2023.05.03	443
2023.04.05	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28	444
2023.04.05	American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG)	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28	445
2023.04.05	Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl	\$2,000.00	2023-05	447
2023.06.07	Homefront America	\$4,000.00		459
2023.06.07	Vella First Responder Award	\$1,000.00	2023.05.27	Cash
2023.06.07	Patriots and Paws	\$2,000.00		460
2023.06.07	Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise	\$3,000.00		461
2023.06.07	Newport Harbor Cheerleading Squad	\$4,000.00	2023.06.07	234
2023.08.02	Dana Point 5th Regiment Support Group	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02	
2023.08.02	1/1 Foundation Mess Night	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02	
2023.09.06	National Charity League, Jrs.	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11	482
2023.09.06	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11	481
2023.09.06	You were worth it foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11	483
2023.09.06	Lahina, HI	\$5,000.00	2023.09.11	484
2023.10.19	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$800.00	2023.10.19	
2023.11.01	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$2,500.00	2023.11.01	603
2023.11.01	Child Guidance Center	\$3,500.00	2023.11.01	604
2023.11.01	Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$2,000.00	2023.11.01	605
	Approved	\$109,273.80		
	Pending			
	Grand Total	\$109,273.80		

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