



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
February 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1910 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Todd Clucas

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Semonell

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.

Great to see you are here at this meeting.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.

Doug Nye past Cmdr. and Evan Planto Cmdr. are in attendance.

In addition Paul Mesmer former state Cmdr. is also in attendance.

XMAS boat parade event was a success

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

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:

Tony Shaw SAL member passed away.

Health matters:

Praying - (looking for continued recovery- Art Jimenez)

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (15) was read.

See attached January 4, 2023 to February 1, 2023 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 in the future 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr

The fishing trips will be forth coming. A one and half day (overnight) Mexico fishing trip is being planned for disabled veterans more information to follow. Benny Halck will be leading the fishing trips and Golf tournament this year.

.Golf tournament will be held memorial weekend May 27, 2023. A Cinco de Mayo event (7pm to 10pm) will be held this year. Also on February 18, 2023 from 7 pm to 10pm an open house at the remodeled Legion hall with a DJ and appetizers will be held. Super Bowl event this year at the post (Marines will be attending).

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$199,000 (comprised of general checking \$44,000, events account \$35,000 and \$120,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! We have written over \$100,000 in donations this past year.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan commented Paul Mesmer former state Cmdr. provided an overview of the American Legion.

Donations Report John Long 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.

See attached report. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations report.

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. If you know of sponsors for the fishing trips please inform us.

Old Business

Continue to support the Legion

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members.

The next SAL general meeting March 1, 2023 at the post  
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall  
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1954 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday March 1, 2023 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  
February Membership Report  
February 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: February 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 19:10

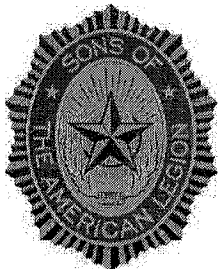
Meeting End Time: 19:54

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 & Judge advocate	Rene Alvarez	P	(E)	A
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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  
1 February 2023

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Pat Sulli        | 21. ROBERT RIECK                      |
| 2. Pat Zary         | 22. Ron Mellem                        |
| 3. Al L. Owen       | 23. Bill Finsta                       |
| 4. PAUL MESMER      | 24. Noem Witt                         |
| 5. Dan Prinotto     | 25. Paul Hahn                         |
| 6. Mike Mostussey   | 26. ROBERT HALLACK SR.                |
| 7. Benny Hallack    | 27. Ed Dano Jr                        |
| 8. David Lujan      | 28. Rick Warkowski                    |
| 9. JOHN FITZPATRICK | 29. STEVEN M MURAN                    |
| 10. Randy Trost     | 30. Kelly Gannett / Kaylene Cavanaugh |
| 11. Brent Noblitt   | 31. John Cleveland                    |
| 12. SCOTTY SEMOWEL  | 32. RYAN KWIAKOWSKI                   |
| 13. BRAD SEMOWEL    | 33. ANDY JOHNSON                      |
| 14. Ron Egerton     | 34. Anthony Babers                    |
| 15. Steve Knutsen   | 35. KAY CRAMPTON                      |
| 16. Carl Harbort    | 36. Frank Ahemiang                    |
| 17. PATRICK POTTS   | 37. Thad R Leingang (New)             |
| * 18. TIM JOHNSON   | 38. Chris McAninger                   |
| 19. STEVEN WEINBERG | 39. Victor W. Cueto                   |
| 20. CHRIS GRAHAM    | 40. James Stephens                    |
|                     | 41. Randy Mc Dorsal                   |
|                     | 42. Rolf Schwabe                      |

\* CAP WINNERS

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Meeting February 2023

Current Members	1749
New Members	135
New Members February	<del>11</del> 15
Total Members	1790 <del>4</del>

New Members 02/2023

Last, First	Type
Freeman, Brett	Regular
Noblitt, Brent	Regular
Baker, Stephen	Regular
Marshall, Todd	Regular
Sauickie, John	Regular
Leingang, Thad	Regular
Plake, Jack	Regular
Yocca, Michael	Regular
Hansen, Kevin	Regular
Galt, Jeffery	Regular
Smith, George	Regular
<i>SMITH, Steven</i>	<i>Regular</i>
<i>WICK, EDWARD</i>	<i>Regular</i>
<i>JOHNSON JOHNS, TIM</i>	<i>REGULAR</i>
<i>GALEY, SCOTT</i>	<i>Regular</i>

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 29 I**

**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

**AUGUST 03, 2022**

Committee Meeting: 2023.01.27

Present: Bill Finster, John Long

Excused (meeting): Chris Graham, Chris Menninger, John Cleveland, and Peter Martin

The Donation Committee met on January 27, 2023. Due to last minute conflicts, we did not have a quorum. All five members of the committee voted on the six donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

- **Walt Wagner Assistance Grants - \$10,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Grants to be made in November of 2023.

- **Heroes Deserve Help - \$3,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. This group of veterans rebuild desktop and laptop computers donated to them and then give them to OCC and CCC for veterans in need.

- **Newport Mesa Schools Foundation - \$3,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Grant is for funding teacher(s) to do a project in either STEM or Americanism training.

- **Boy Scouts of America, Orange County - \$500**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. For the Eagle Scout program

- **YOUNG MARINES - ASSISTED BOAT PARADE \$500**

Cory Vigil submitted two recommendations for consideration: 1<sup>st</sup> and Goal Golf Outing and Tender Touch Ministries. Additional information is needed on both before we consider them.