



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

Meeting called to order at 1916 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Chuck Hirbour

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.

Great to see you are here at this meeting.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.

Tim Sullivan presented the T Robins Ford donation check for \$25,000 to the SAL.

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

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

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:

Bo Hoyt (brother in law to a SAL) and William Parr SAL passed away.

Health matters:

Praying – for Skipper Tim and Bruce Schoenberger both have serious health conditions.

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (28) was read.

See attached February 1, 2023 to March 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 fund raiser this year.

Benny Halck commented regarding the Golf tournament (Fairways of Honor) which will be held memorial weekend May 27, 2023. In addition need volunteers and sponsors for the tournament. Would like to challenge each member to raise \$1,000 for the Golf

Tournament event. A foursome will cost \$400 or individual players at a cost of \$150. A Cinco de Mayo event including a band (4pm to 10pm) will be held this year (\$10 cover charge).

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of January 31, 2023 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

Paul Mesmer commented to keep up the good work at this post.

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

See attached donation report. The donations were presented and discussed with the general meeting members. Motions were passed to approve each donation request.

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.

Rene Alvarez held nominations for the E board positions. Current existing board members will run for their positions except Jeff Gottfredson will not run for the Membership First Vice Cmdr and John Long will run for the Membership (First Vice Cmdr. In addition Bill Finster was nominated for Donations 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr. No other nominations were presented. Rene Alvarez will conduct additional nominations at the April 5, 2023 general meeting. Election for the board positions will be held at the May 6, 2023 general meeting.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members.

The next SAL general meeting April 5, 2023 at the post  
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall  
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,

*Don Allen*

Don Allen  
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee  
Squadron Appointed Positions  
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List  
Sign-in listing of attending members  
March Membership Report  
March 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)

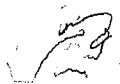
Date: March 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1916

Meeting End Time: 2015

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
3rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	John Long	P	E	A



Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

Post Advisor	Evin Planto	P	<del>E</del>	A
Post Advisor	Cory Vigil	P	<del>E</del>	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting  
1 March 2023

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Benny Halloway    | 21. Chad Airbourn  |
| 2. RAY CRAMPTON      | 22. Mike Morrissey |
| 3. Bob Perkins       | 23. Allen Jensen   |
| 4. PAUL MESMER       | 24. JOE DORNON     |
| 5. DAVE HAYES        | 25. MATT DORNON    |
| 6. Bill GRESCHNER    | 26. Ron Castille   |
| 7. Chris Menninger   | 27. LARRY LARSON   |
| 8. Pat Sullivan      | 28. Rolf Schwalbe  |
| 9. Paul Ecks         | 29. DAVE THEIL     |
| 10. FREDRICK LETZMAN | 30. Jeff Spargur   |
| 11. KARL STEINKE     | 31.                |
| 12. Alex Hansen      | 32.                |
| 13. James Hansen     | 33.                |
| 14. R. EGGER         | 34.                |
| 15. THOMAS TAYLOR    | 35.                |
| 16. Bill Finster     | 36.                |
| 17. Kevin Hansen     | 37.                |
| 18. Steve Knutsen    | 38.                |
| 19. PAUL CANNON      | 39.                |
| 20. MIKE MOSSLER     | 40.                |

**Sons of the American Legion  
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March Meeting 2023**

Current Members	<del>1772</del>	1777
New Members	158	
New Members March	<del>23</del>	28
Total Members	<del>1847</del>	1822

New Members 3/1/2023

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>
Regular	Blancq, Jeffrey
Regular	Borggreve, Cash
Regular	Cueto, Victor
Regular	Davies, Robert
Regular	Dearing, Steve
Regular	Dekker, Richard
Regular	Gibbs, Paul
Regular	Jervis, Donald
Regular	Jervis, Jerry
Regular	Kenny, Drew
Regular	Lasky, Martin
Regular	Leingang, Thad
Regular	Lietzman, Frederick
Regular	McGraw, Thomas
Regular	McGreal, Thomas
Regular	Michael, Marshall
Regular	Parenti, John
Regular	Ravera, David
Regular	Sanborn, Jake
Regular	Spicer, Christopher
Regular	Steinke, Karl

Richardson Jew  
 Brandon Kinade  
 Ray SAPARITA  
 Connor Kinade  
 LARRY LARSEN  
~~KEVIN~~

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291**

**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

**MARCH 1, 2023**

Committee Meeting: 2023.02.28

Present: Chris Graham, Chris Menninger, Bill Finster, John Long, Peter Martin

Excused (meeting): John Cleveland

The Donation Committee met on February 28, 2023. Four members of the committee voted on the seven donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

**1. The 1<sup>st</sup>&Goal Project - \$3,000**

This is a new charity headed up by Dave DesRochers, a former Seattle seahawk. The 1st & Goal Project Inc. non-profit 501(c)(3.) Per Dave, he is aligning myself with established programs like CarePossible, Veterans Legal Institute (VLI), Patriots & Paws and MVP. He is leveraging his network of celebrities to raise money for these deserving Orange County veteran support programs Their first event is a golf outing on March 20, 2023.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation. Donation to purchase a Field Goal Sponsorship.**

- 2. American Veterans Assistance Group - \$3,000** This is a local group based in Orange. They requested \$5,000 from the post plus both food and gas gift cards. I have reached out to them and need to verify charity status. Focus is supporting local veterans in need. I have reached out to them requesting charity status and am still awaiting information.

**Committee voted 4-0 to place request on hold until charity can be vetted.**

**3. Fisher House of Southern CA - \$5,000**

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.**

**4. Knots of Love - \$4,500**

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.**

**5. Newport Beach 1<sup>st</sup> Marines 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Foundation - \$20,000**

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.**

**6. Ranch Church Military Ministry - \$2,000**

They support various battalions at Camp Pendleton with special "Warrior Night Parties" and support various other events at the Camp. We have supported them over the last couple of years through requests by Randy McDougal.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation with the stipulation that funds must be used by this ministry.**

**7. Tender Touch Ministries - \$2,000**

A local program (Irvine) focused on homelessness veterans in need. Run by a Veteran who was once homeless. Has been in operation since 2012 and according to IRS has had revenues of less than \$50,000 for the past three years.

**Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.**

**8. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

**† 6000 YTD DONATIONS ON FLIP SIDE**

