

Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
February 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1914 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Benny Halck

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.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. greeted all in attendance.

Doug Nye past Post Cmdr. and Evan Planto Post Cmdr. and Jim Ubanks district Cmdr. were in attendance. Jim Ubanks commented regarding the support SAL 291 members have provided. XMAS SAL event at the post was well attended.

Rules for the post will be posted on the Legion website.

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:

The following individual passed away:

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (4) will be read.

See attached January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024 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. John Long asked the individuals who were present to comment on their background. A motion was passed to approve to (induct) 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 -absent Cmdr. Tim Sullivan commented

The fishing trips will be forth coming and if the boat is not filled with disabled veterans, then will fill in with other vets (able to accommodate 35 fishermen). The fishing ¾ trips (father/child) will be led by Benny Halck. Possible Chili Cookoff event. Planning a 16-day trip to Vietnam - (August 15 to September 1, 2024) \$500 deposit details to follow. If you are interested in attending the trip contact Art Jimenez. Approximate cost \$5,500 to \$6,000. Future events golf tournament (Benny Halck manager), flag day (June 14) and 9-11 event.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of December 31, 2023 approx. \$216,000 (comprised of general checking \$41,000, events account \$71,000 and \$104,000 in money market which includes a CD at the Chase Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

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

No report

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated this month via email. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. We donated over \$120,000 this past year. We plan on expanding our donations.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) 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. Training for our software program will be forthcoming for our board members Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey. We are exploring a webstore to sale items for additional resources.

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. Please sign up on our website to volunteer.

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

Benny Halck has for sale SAL merchandise for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was not held.

The next SAL general meeting March 6, 2024 at the post

Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Next month Board elections first nominations.

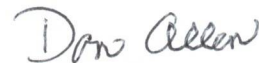
Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1959 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday March 6, 2024 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 7, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1914

Meeting End Time: 1959

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
3rd 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 Sign-in for General Meeting  
7 February 2024

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. Benny Hallock   | 21. M. MOSSLER         |
| 2. Tom Sullivan  | 22. Robert L. Carr     |
| 3. Don Ann   | 23. David Stennel      |
| 4. Ron Costabilli  | 24. Randy Trost        |
| 5. RAY CRAMPTON  | 25. Brent Noblitt      |
| 6. THOMAS TAYLOR   | 26. <i>Beef Frinte</i> |
| 7. Pat Sullivan  | 27. Rolf Schwalbe      |
| 8. Paul Zacks  | 28. Randy MacPussid    |
| 9. Matt Parisi (new member)  | 29.                    |
| 10. Nicholas Rangel  | 30.                    |
| 11. ROBERT Rieck   | 31.                    |
| 12. NATHAN Rieck   | 32.                    |
| 13. Jackson' Hewitt  | 33.                    |
| 14. Jonathan Hewitt  | 34.                    |
| 15. JOE DORDONI  | 35.                    |
| 16. MARTY DORDONI  | 36.                    |
| 17. JEFF MONTANAN  | 37.                    |
| 18. <i>R.D.C. James Eubanks</i> <sup>DIST 29</sup> <sub>comr</sub> | 38.                    |
| 19. Steve Knutson  | 39.                    |
| 20. RON FARNAM   | 40.                    |



# Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

## Membership Report 2024.02.07

Membership (2024)	1,404
2023 Not Renewed	548
New members – 01.31.2024	4
Percent Renewed	71.9%
National Goal	60%

## New Members 2024.01.31

Matthew	Parisi
Scott	Springborn
William	Tookoian
Michael	Wooden

**Tim Sullivan request**

1. Donation towards the renovation of the patio for the post. Exterior patio area.

**Request \$5,000**

NO

2. **March Madness Ruck March for Veteran Suicide Awareness.**

Details:

March 23, 2024, Check In 8AM check off time 0900, \$22 per participants open to anyone.

\* Minimum 22lbs in the Ruck Backpack

\* Starting point Huntington Beach

\* Ending Point American Legion Post 291

\* BBQ, music & Vendors after at the Post

**Request \$4,000 for food, shirts, and water bottles**

\$ 1000

**Cory Vigil request**

\* **Celldogs.org**

Spoke to Lynn Middleton from celldogs.org and one of the things they do is train support dogs for Veterans who need them. It takes 8-12 months to train the dog. the cost to do this is \$25,000 per dog.

**Request \$2,000**

**Boy Scouts of America**

2024 OCBSA Annual Celebration Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Silver Palm Sponsor. 4 tickets, Sponsor 4 Eagle Scouts, and 1/2 Page Ad in the Program

**Silver Palm Sponsor \$1,500**

**Jonathan & Jackson Hewitt.** Junior SAL Members along with 3rd brother and the Dad is a SAL

They are enthusiastic members of the Ethel Dwyer Middle School esteemed Wind Ensemble in Huntington Beach. Their Band has been bestowed with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City.

**Donation \$300**

**Laguna Beach Police Foundation**

The LBPF provides funds to access counseling, and wellness services, promote employee recognition initiatives and facilitate employee development and training. Additionally, the LBPF provides information, resources, and financial support for deceased, injured, disabled or catastrophically ill or displaced members of the Laguna Beach Police Department and their families.

**Donation \$2,000**

