



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
October 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1904 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Sgt. at Arms

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jessie Palmer

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.

Evin Planto current Post Cmdr. and past Post Cmdr .Doug Nye both were in attendance during the meeting.

Mike Hennessey a representative of the Heroes project was present as a guest. Looking to raise funds for the Mt. Baldy location which will be a Military retreat for the veterans. A video was presented and viewed regarding the project.

Walt Wagner Financial Aid recipients were present to accept their awards.

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:

Praying - (looking for continued recovery- Art Jimenez)

Passed away: - Health matters-

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (36) was read.

See attached September 7, 2022 to October 5, 2022 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 2nd 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.

The September 11 event at the Post Park was a success. A XMAS boat parade Mexican food (Dec. 14 to 18) price per ticket \$50 planning is in process. In addition we will need volunteers for the XMAS boat parade event. There will be a XMAS SAL member's dinner on December 7 in lieu of our general meeting.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm. (absent) - Don Allen presented.

The Squadron has approx. \$115,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,000, events account \$6,000 and \$98,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan commented
Past due invoice to be paid to the detachment.

Donations Report John Long 3rd Vice Cmdr.

See attached report. The committee did not meet this month. John Long introduced each Walt Wagner recipient (8 out of the 10 were present)

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. We save the Post over \$130,000 a year for the concierge services.

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. Working to obtain funds for the overnight fishing trips.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members. Next SAL meeting November 2, 2022 at the post

Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday November 2, 2022 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
October Membership Report
October 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: October 5, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1904

Meeting End Time: 2005

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 JUDGE ADVOCATE	P	E	A

3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	John Long	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



Sons of the American Legion
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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
5 October 2022

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| 1. Bob Perkins | 21. DAVE THEIL |
| 2. RYAN KWINTKOWSKI | 22. GORDON HENRY |
| 3. SCOT SEONLII | 23. GREG DOKE |
| 4. BRAD SEMONIA | 24. BEN WILDE |
| 5. STEVEN WEINBERG | 25. ROBERT RIECK |
| 6. RAY CRAMPTON | 26. George Rodas |
| 7. BUTCH RANS | 27. Phil Rodas |
| 8. Mike Morrissey | 28. Chris Menninger |
| 9. BILL GRESCHNER | 29. Howard Dughouse |
| 10. Allen Jensen | 30. J. Stephens |
| 11. PAUL CANNON | 31. Chris Lynn * |
| 12. Randy MacPorgall | 32. Tom Unver * |
| 13. Anthony Baber | 33. Dan Ann |
| 14. MICHAEL HARRIS | 34. |
| 15. Don Albrecht | 35. |
| 16. JOE DORFANI | 36. |
| 17. JOHN WOOD | 37. |
| 18. Bill Fusch | 38. |
| 19. Michael Hennacy | 39. |
| 20. Duncan McCulloch | 40. |

* CAP winners



Sons of the American Legion
Newport Harbor Squadron 291

215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

October 5th, 2022 Membership

New members Sept 7 to now	39 38 30
New Member 2021 Year	106
Total Membership (2023)	1691
Percentage Renewed	109%
2020 Membership Goal	1675

New Members for 2022-2023

First	Last	First	Last
Paul	Aylward	Scott	Michaels
Daniel	Baba	Robert	Miller
Nicholas	Baba	Mike	Moulard
Jake	Bartusick	Jim	O'Malley
Blake	Bertea	Jesse	Palmer
Kent	Brawner	Thomas	Penny
Neil	Buttermore	Michael	Peterson
Steve	Canto	Albert	Rendon
Richard	Dewberry	Phillip	Rodas
Greg	Doke	Andrew	Schilling
Jon	Fasola	Jeffrey	Stokes
Joseph	Gręco	Randall	Trost
Richard	Haney	Tom	Unvert
Jeff	Haskell	Todd	Waltz
Gordon	Henry	David	Warren
Tim	Johnson	Ben	Wilde
Lawrence	Jones	Marshall	Wilkerson
Eric	Keys	Thomas	Williams
Brian	Kleindienst	Timothy	Wuerfel
Duncan	McCulloch	<i>MICHAEL</i>	<i>HARRIS</i>
Scott	Michaels	<i>CHAS</i>	<i>BYM</i>
		<i>DAVID</i>	<i>PHILIP</i>
		<i>MIKE</i>	<i>FLORES</i>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD

OCTOBER 5, 2022

The Donation Committee did not meet in September. We have several charities need additional vetting. To date, we have donated \$98,657 and are approaching the budget of \$100,000. Need to get clarification for balance of year from E-Board.

We have invited the Walt Wagner Financial Aid recipients to the October General Meeting for a presentation of the checks. Currently 9 Of the 10 recipients have indicated that they would be attending. A brief bio on each recipient is below.

2022 – Jesse Barnes - \$1000

Mr. Barnes is 23 and served 3½ years in the Army. He now serves in the National Guard. Over the summer he lived in the dorms at UCI and participated in a computer technology research experience for undergraduates (REU) while simultaneously taking 2 classes at OCC. His goal is to get either a Master or PhD in computer technology and work for a top technology company such as Google or Amazon.

2022 – William Bui - \$1000

Mr. Bui, an immigrant, is 37 and served 7 years in the Navy, now in the Navy Reserves. He married a Japanese lady while stationed in Japan. They now live in California, where his wife works full time as he goes to school. He is saving his G.I Bill for university where he will get a bachelor's degree in computer science and then an MBA. He has participated in and highly recommends the Warrior Scholar Project which prepares one for university by talking to Professors and Counselors.

2022 – Brent Dawson - \$1000

Mr. Dawson is 24 and served 5 years in the Navy, where he was the leading Petty Officer in charge of underwater communication on a nuclear sub. He will transfer to UCI for his bachelor's degree, and then to law school. He is currently engaged and works part time for a company with government contracts. He documents prevailing wage requirements for the company. His goal is to take the bar exam and become a sports lawyer.

2022 – Ulises Herrera - \$1000

Mr. Herrera is 33 and served 3 years in the Army and 2 years in the National Guard. He was working as a rough framer for several years. He then decided to go through the OCC Construction Technology program so that he can get his contractor's license. His goal is to start his own construction company.

2022 – Bethany Garces - \$1000

Miss Garces is 27 and served 5 years in the Marines as a radio technician. Her military exposure to systems engineers and network administrators created her interest in computer science. She is engaged to a disabled veteran who she provides support for daily. She is currently working in the OCC Veterans Resource Center while taking summer school classes. Her goal is to attend UCI and get a degree in Computer Science. She wants to have a work from home job in the computer science or business information management sectors so she can continue to provide support for partner.

2022- Jasmine Jackson - \$1000

Ms. Jackson is 35 and served 8 years in the Air Force. She was a network intelligence operative, in Okinawa. She was married right out of High School but is separated and soon to be divorced. She is focused on obtaining a degree in geology and pursuing a career as a research soil scientist. Her goal is to work for the Dept. of the Interior in the soil conservation field. Her dream job would be as a volcanologist in Hawaii.

2022 – Joseph Jun - \$1000

Mr. Jun is 27 and served 7 years in the Army. He is currently taking 12 units, a combination of day and night classes, while also working as a server at a shabu-shabu restaurant and as an assistant manager at a student tutoring company. He is saving his G. I. Bill for when he attends UCSD next year where he will work towards a Master or PhD in Computer Science. His goal is to create software that assists employees in tracking and managing their lives more efficiently.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD

OCTOBER 5, 2022

2022 – Jose Pina - \$1000

Mr. Pina is 25 and is currently on active duty in the Army. He lives with this wife and 2 children on base at Ft. Irwin. His MOB is a truck driver but is also part of a security detail for his unit and has a service dog that sniff out drugs and explosives. He will be transferred to Germany in January 2023 for 3½ years. He plans to be in the Army for 8 – 10 years minimum, and then get a job as a DEA agent. His military training will superbly qualify him as a drug enforcement agent. He wants to be in drug enforcement because he has seen what drugs do to his neighborhood in Santa Ana.

2022 – Eduardo Segura - \$1000

Mr. Segura is 26 and served 6 years in the Air Force. He lives with his girlfriend who is a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). She works full time while Eduardo studies to be a Surgical Technologist (the person next to the operating doctor assisting in the operation). He will very soon be transferring to a specialty college for another 1½ years of study to obtain his surgical technologist certification. He has just found out that his girlfriend is pregnant and they are excited to be parents. Eduardo wants to work for a major hospital or HMO like Kaiser.

2022 – Brian Vu - \$1000

Mr. Vu is 26 and served 6 years in the Navy. He was a nuclear & electrical technician and spent his time maintaining and repairing equipment. After getting an Associates in Mathematics at OCC he is looking to transfer to CSLB and get a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He saw so many things that could be improved during his time in the Navy maintaining and repairing equipment. His goal is to work developing items that will help people in everyday life.

YTD Donations 2022-10-05

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE
2022.02.02	I Am Movement - H Gutschow	\$525.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	Newport Beach 1st Battalion 1st Marines Foundation	\$20,000.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	CHOC Follies	\$1,000.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	Honor Flight Southland	\$1,000.00	2022.03.14
2022.03.02	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.03.03
2022.04.06	BSA-Eagle Scout Banquet	\$500.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Dana Point Fifth Marine Regiment	\$1,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Knots of Love	\$4,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	PORAC - Officer Nicholas Vella	\$500.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Patriots and Paws	\$2,222.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Post 262 Roof Repairs Match to \$1250	\$1,250.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Child Guidance Center - SFSC	\$5,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$2,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00	2022.06.07
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00	2022.06.07
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00	2022.08.23
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00	2022.07.29
2022.08.03	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00	
2022.08.03	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00	2022.08.23
2022.08.03	Active Valor	\$1,000.00	2022.08.23
2022.08.25	Jonathon Hermosillo Post 291 100 mile challenge	\$250.00	2022.09.14
2022.09.07	Life Aid Research Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	Coastline Community College VRC	\$5,000.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	Heroes Deserve Help	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	CarePossible	\$1,000.00	2022.09.16
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jesse Barnes	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner William Bui	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brent Dawson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Bethany Garces	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Ulises Herrera	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jasmine Jackson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Joseph Jun	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jose Pina	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Eduardo Segura	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brian Vu	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
	Approved	\$98,667.00	
	Pending	\$0.00	
	Grand Total	\$98,667.00	