



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
October 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1804 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 5 October post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 11 October Post General Meeting. 7 pm

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:

Richard Wolfset (SAL) passed away

Health matters:

Brad Semonell (super sgt.)- is sick get well soon in addition Drew Hove sponsor employee is also sick get well soon

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 5 new applicants from September 7, 2023 to September 30, 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 Thursday's 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.

For the future XMAS boat parade event (December 13 – 17) consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. A drawing will be set for prizes at the XMAS boat parade.

Vietnam trip next September 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 August 31, 2023 has approx. \$122,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,800 events account \$3,200 and money market accounts \$107,000 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. The committee did not meet this month in addition the year-to-date donations are attached. See the attached Walter Wagner Military Veteran Assistance Donation list of 2023 recipients. These recipients were presented the individual donations. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – Bill will review for the potential of this donation process. We received a thank you for our donation from Kristene representative of Knots for Love (FaceTime on the computer)

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 of future fund raising events. In addition 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. A motion was passed to budget up to \$1,000 for training on the WIX software. WIX pay will be used for the events and Square for membership and merchandise. Website is working and will be improved. Looking for an additional IT professional to assist with the technology.

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. Need a photo of Mike Morrissey for the SAL's board plaque.

New Business

John Long will order covers for the SAL's

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday November 1, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

A motion was passed to budget up to \$6,000 for a December 6, 2023 XMAS dinner for SAL members and significant other in place of the monthly December meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1900

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

October Membership Report

October Donation Report



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2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: October 4, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1804

Meeting End Time: 1900

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr. Membership	John Long	P	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr. Activities	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 2023-10-04

Total membership 2023-2024 (inc. new)	1,845
2024 Renewals	357
Percent Renewed	19.3%
New members - 9/07/2023 – 9/30/2023	5

New Members 2023-09-30

Kevin Jones
J. R. Means
Kevin O'Campo - Junior Member
Raife Rogers - Junior Member
Jeffrey Tibbets



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The Walter Wagner Military Veteran Assistance Donation

2023 Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sophia Bocanegra	\$1,000
Jacob Brown	\$1,000
Robert Carbajal	\$1,000
Anthony Carothers	\$1,000
Gregory Costa	\$1,000
Michael Francis	\$1,000
Derek Hansen	\$1,000
Rick Hoang	\$1,000
Seth Lunas	\$1,000
Arron John Silva	\$1,000

	A	B	C	D
6	2023.02.01	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$500.00	2023.02.20
7	2023.02.01	Walt Wagner Assistance Grants	\$10,000.00	
8	2023.03.01	1st & Goal Project	\$3,000.00	2023.04.28
9	2023.03.01	Fisher House of Southern CA	\$5,000.00	2023.03.11
10	2023.03.01	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
11	2023.03.01	Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation	\$20,000.00	2023.03.11
12	2023.03.01	Ranch Church Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
13	2023.03.01	Tender Touch Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
14	2023.03.01	American Legion Baseball	\$6,000.00	
15	2023.03.14	Newport Heights Baseball Association	\$250.00	2023.03.14
16	2023.04.05	Swift Boats Sailor Association	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25
17	2023.04.05	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25
18	2023.04.05	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.04.14
19	2023.04.05	Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing	\$2,000.00	2023.05.03
20	2023.04.05	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28
21	2023.04.05	American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG)	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28
22	2023.04.05	Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl	\$2,000.00	2023-05
23	2023.06.07	Homefront America	\$4,000.00	
24	2023.06.07	Vella First Responder Award	\$1,000.00	2023.05.27
25	2023.06.07	Patriots and Paws	\$2,000.00	
26	2023.06.07	Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise	\$3,000.00	
27	2023.06.07	Newport Harbor Cheerleading Squad	\$4,000.00	2023.06.07
28	2023.08.02	Dana Point 5th Regiment Support Group	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02
29	2023.08.02	1/1 Foundation Mess Night	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02
30	2023.09.06	National Charity League, Jrs.	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
31	2023.09.06	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
32	2023.09.06	You were worth it foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
33	2023.09.06	Lahina, HI	\$5,000.00	2023.09.11
34				
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37				
38		Approved	\$100,473.80	
39		Pending		
40		Grand Total	\$100,473.80	
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