



Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 291

2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: June 7, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1809

Meeting End Time: 1857

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	(P)	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr. <i>Members</i>	John Long	(P)	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr. <i>ACTIVITIES</i>	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 <i>ELECT</i>	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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Squadron 291  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
June 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1809 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

Jim Carner Legionnaire representing Project Healing Water-teaching vets to fish is asking to present the program in the future.

American Legion baseball July 20, 2023 tournament date at Jackie Robinson stadium.  
In addition Paul Mesmer former state Cmdr. attended the meeting

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 represented the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 1 June post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 14 June Post General Meeting.

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.  
No change in annual dues for the SAL's per the board motion.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

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Health matters:

Skipper Tim – very sick get well soon and Brad Semonell is sick

## Membership Report – John Long , 1st vice Cmdr Elect

Looking forward to renew your membership online (button on website is working well)

We are ahead of our membership renewal goal.

There are 20 new applicants from May 3, 2023 to June 6, 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.

## 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 with disabled veterans then will fill in with other vets. Next fishing  $\frac{3}{4}$  trip (father/son) will be held on July 21, 2023 able to accommodate 35 fishermen. Food tasting will be at the post June 16 for the boat parade. In addition toast to the fathers with a whisky drink June 18 at the post.

Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

For the future Xmas boat parade event consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. Memorial weekend golf event (Fairways of Honor) was a success.

Flag Day event June 14, 2023 (requesting from SAL's wrap gifts to give to the kids)

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 April 30, 2023 has approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$21,000, events account \$10,000 and money market accounts \$106,000 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

State convention Visalia, California June 22, 2023 to June 25, 2023

Note we have 169 votes for attending delegates in addition could split the votes up and that will be decided at the convention. Cmdr. will cast the votes for our Squadron. Per Paul Mesmer a draft of changes to the by-laws as of now is not acceptable.

## Donations Report – Bill Finster Chair Elect

See attached report. The committee did not meet this month also no new donations. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – Bill will review for the potential of this donation process. The report was delivered by John Long American Legion baseball game June 9 at Twinkle park in Costa Mesa (Don Allen and Rene Alvarez will attend) Donation for the American Legion baseball team (Sons of Patriots name) will be resolved.

## Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Program is performing well- requesting for volunteers -always needed and welcomed. We have 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.

Cmdr has engaged an IT assistant to adjust the website. This individual Patty is in process to upgrade the website. Website is working and will be improved. Would like change from the use of constant contact. Rene Alvarez requested at the beginning of the year e board members should email documents to each board member. Add a place for roll forward charitable donations

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.

New Business

Waiting on SAL covers to be delivered. Officer swear-in will occur on June 29, 2023 -6 pm. American Legion baseball team will be supported by the SAL post.

Next meeting location will be at the post  
The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday July 5, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1857

Submitted by,

  
Don Allen Adjutant

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Roll Call List  
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# Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

## Membership Report 2023-06-07

<b>New members May 3, 2023 – June 6, 2023</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total membership 2023</b>	<b>1,727</b>
<b>Membership goal</b>	<b>1,675</b>

## New Members 2023-06-07

Member ID	Type	First	Last
353216886	Regular	David	Boardman
353233359	Regular	Brad	Boeck
353216871	Regular	Thomas	Burnham
353248315	Regular	Michael	D'Alessandro
353248299	Regular	John	DeRosa
353248354	Regular	Christopher	Edmunds
353248336	Junior	Nathan	Flores
353248345	Junior	Blake	Flores
353110228	Regular	Paul	Gibbs
353231347	Regular	Larry	Hall
353225621	Regular	Mark	Holdcroft
353216909	Regular	Brett	Karger
353226844	Regular	Niko	King
353220170	Regular	Konner	Kreutziger
353226824	Regular	John	Lamberton
353248329	Regular	Alan	Leingang
353248313	Regular	Jeff	Ohland
353216930	Regular	Kevin	Rhue
353216764	Regular	Stephen	Tary
353211376	Regular	Larry	Williams

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

**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

**JUNE 6, 2023**

The Donation Committee did not meet in May but reviewed the requested donations via e-mail. All committee members cast their votes for donations below. Committee members are John Cleveland, Bill Finster, Chris Graham, Peter Martin, and Chris Menninger.

**1. Homefront America - \$4,000**

This is a local charity that supports families from Pendleton. We have given them \$2,500/year since at least 2019. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**2. Vella First Responder Award - \$1,000**

This request came from Tim Sullivan. This is a new donation that will be presented to the family of a local first responder chosen by the Fairway of Honors Committee. This year it was presented to Mrs. C. Vella, wife of the Huntington Beach Police Helicopter Pilot who died last year in a helicopter crash. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**3. Patriots and Paws - \$2,000**

Located in Huntington Beach -hires veterans and helps veterans and active-duty service members with furnishing homes/apartments. Have supported in years past. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**4. Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise - \$3000**

Located in San Clemente serving active-duty service members and their families in Southern CA. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**YTD DONATIONS ON FLIP SIDE**

