



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
September 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1917 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Mike Morrissey

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. were in attendance. In attendance was Paul Mesmer past state Cmdr. 9-11 event will be held at the post. You are all welcome to attend the 9-11 event (hot dogs and bounce house for the children)

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

Mike Morrissey was appointed by the e board as the Sgt. at Arms for the SALs.

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:

Mike Morrissey's father Thomas Morrissey (SAL) passed away

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon, remember Skipper Tim memorial 9-17-2023

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (17) will be read.

See attached August 3, 2023 to September 6, 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. 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 2nd Vice Cmdr

The fishing trips will be forthcoming 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 Hallck. Note a possible wine tasting event at the post September 23 contact Tim Sullivan for details.

Note we will be having 9/11 event day from 10am to 3pm. We are looking for a XMAS Country band for the boat parade event at the Post December 13-17 (tickets currently on sale \$50).

Planning a 16-day trip to Vietnam in September 2024 details to follow.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of July 31, 2023 approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$25,800, events account \$5,200 and \$106,000 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 3rd Vice Cmdr

See attached donation report. The donation committee met this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. Will donate over \$100,000 this year.

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 ordered 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

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 October 4, 2023 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2002 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday October 4, 2023 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
September Membership Report
September Donation Report



Sons of the American Legion
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2021 Roll Call List
Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: September 6, 2023
Meeting Start Time: 1917
Meeting End Time: 2002

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	Brad Semonell <i>MIKE MORRISSEY</i> <i>RESIGNED</i>	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 Sign-in for General Meeting
6 September 2023

1. Allen Jensen	21. Dan Prinotto
2. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI	22. Tom Arnold xxxx (New)
3. PAUL MESMER	23. M. MOSSLER
4. RAY CRAMPTON	24. Chuck Hibour
5. PATRICK POTTS	25. Don Farmrum
6. DAN GONZALEZ	26. Bill Jink
7. Dennis Priest	27. STEVEN WEINBERG
8. David Lujan	28. Randy MacDonnell
9. Bill GRESCHNER	29. Paul Carr
10. Mike Bryant	30. Jeff Spargur
11. Shane Brosnan	31. JOHN BOSKO
12. Ron Mellen	32. Joseph Riggs
13. GREG OPPEGARD	33. Rolf Schumpke
14. Robert Reed	34. Jan Blakmore
15. VINCE SCIENKE	35. Don Ann
16. Kevin Scherf	36. BLAKE REIGLE *
17. RICK INGRAM	37. John DeRosa *
18. Jacob Ullman	38. Mike Morrissey
19. John A. DeRosa	39.
20. Brent Noblitt	40.

* CAP winners



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Membership Report 2023-09-06

2023 members not renewed	1,554
2024 Renewals	281 - 15.3%
Total membership 2023-2024 (inc. new)	1,836
New members August 3 – September 6	17

New Members 2023-09-06

353351185	Regular	Thomas C	Gray
353373874	Regular	Tom	Arnold
353342501	Junior	John	Brown
353342491	Junior	Steven	Brown
353348523	Regular	Jared	Cooper
353370939	Regular	Mark	Ford
353373133	Regular	Daniel	Freeman
353351203	Regular	David	Graham
353373151	Regular	Steve	Kosch
353376888	Regular	Shawn	Miller
353351147	Regular	Greg	Oppegard
353373132	Regular	Dennis	Priest
353351197	Regular	Joseph Michael	Riggio
353351211	Regular	Samuel	Rubinstein
353370024	Regular	Kevin	Scherf
353351164	Regular	Vincent	Scherf
353335263	Regular	Ian	Wells



Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Proposed Donations for September Meeting

1 message

Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 3:12 PM

To: chrishg975@outlook.com, ckm4loans@hotmail.com, Peter Martin <coastalpeter@yahoo.com>, Johnny C <jclevelandis@hotmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

We have 4 request this month for donation approval by the donation committee.

1 National Charity League of Newport Beach.

This request is from Don Allen and his Daughter from the National Charity League of Newport Beach. NCL Inc. Newport Chapter is a group of mothers and daughters who have come together in a commitment to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. **They have a fundraiser for High Hopes.** High Hopes is located in Tustin. They were started in 1975. They work with head injured people. I called and spoke to the director of High Hopes and they have in that time dealt with about 2,000 military patients with brain injuries and they still do. High Hopes is a one-of-a-kind non-profit charitable organization that is dedicated to the rehabilitation and retraining of loved ones who have been devastated bt traumatic head injuries.

I am Suggesting that we donate \$2,000

2 You Were Worth It Foundation Always Remember Never Forget & Welcome Home

This request came from Randy MacDougall

The Foundation works Veterans and Active Duty. They take WWII Veterans on trips, have them speak to schools, community organizations and on base to military units

Major Billy Hall USMC and USARetired. Billy has been invited to the Medal of Honor Society convention at the WWII Museum from October 30-November 4th. The museum has the Dive and Torpedo bomber models Billy flew in as well as the Higgins boat he made the amphibious landing at Guadalcanal. **Billy is 97 years old. Billy has a GREAT military history.**

The request is for \$2,000 to help pay towards the trip including airfair and lodging for the 6 days in New Orleans to attend the event.

3 KNOTS OF LOVE

Knots of Love recently relocated to Wisconsin and began work on building a new office space, however, Mother Nature provided a serious snag. Heavy snows, followed by dousing rains, causing the new space to flood, hampering progress on the project. While construction is underway, more help is needed to complete the new space. This is where we come in. I spoke to Christine after receiving her email. We have been a great donor to Knots Of Love and they need our help to finish the work.

I am Suggesting that we donate \$2,000.

4 Maui, Lahaina

I have been in contact with Brister Thomas, President, ALA Department Hawaii. ALA Hawaii Girls State Director & NEC-National Executive Committee. I just spoke to George LeCompte, WH6DBA, Adjutant, Department of Hawaii, The American Legion.

They both have said that the BEST thing we can do now is donate money to get earmarked for military personal so they can buy things as needed, **MAUI AND LAHAINA NEED OUR HELP**

I am suggesting that we donate \$5,000 MATCH UP TO ⁺ ~~SEE~~ ^{DEPENDING ON} LEGION DONATION + AUXILIARY AMOUNTS ✓