

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

Meeting called to order at 1905 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. The 9-11 event (hot dogs and bounce house for the children) went well. The Walt Wagner recipients were in attendance.

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:

Richard Wolfset (SAL) passed away

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon in addition Drew Hove a sponsor employee is sick - get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (5) will be read.

See attached September 7, 2023 to September 30, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr

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 Halleck. We are looking for sponsors (\$250) for the boat parade event - names will be posted on a banner.

We are looking for a XMAS Country band for the boat parade event at the Post December 13-17 (tickets currently on sale \$50 go on the website). Planning a 16-day trip to Vietnam in September 2024 (Sept. 1 to Sept. 16) \$500 deposit details to follow. If you are interested in attending the trip contact Art Jimenez.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of August 31, 2023 approx. \$122,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,800, events account \$3,200 and \$107,000 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 year- to- date donation report. The donation committee did not meet this month. See the attached Walt Wagner Military Veteran Assistance Donation list of 2023 recipients. These recipients were presented the individual donations. Howard Denghausen organized the Walt Wagner award and donations. Will donate over \$100,000 this year.

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. Looking for an IT professional to assist with the technology.

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.

Note December 6, 2023 we will have the annual XMAS dinner for the SAL's and spouse in lieu of the December SAL meetings.

The next SAL general meeting November 1, 2023 at the post  
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1951 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday November 1, 2023 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,



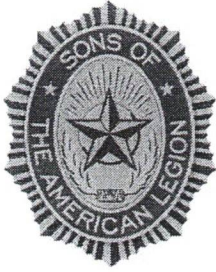
Don Allen  
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee  
Squadron Appointed Positions  
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List  
Sign-in listing of attending members  
October Membership Report  
October Donation Report



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Squadron 291

2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: October 4, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1905

Meeting End Time: 1951

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 <sup>rd</sup> 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  
4 October 2023

1.	JOE DORBONI	21.
2.	Allen Jensen	22.
3.	Tim Fah	23.
4.	RYAN KWIATKOWSKI	24.
5.	SCOTT MABERRY	25.
6.	BILL GRESCHNER	26.
7.	RAY CRAMPTON	27.
8.	ROBERT RIECK	28.
9.	KON Mellen	29.
10.	M. MOSSLER	30.
11.	Row Farnham	31.
12.	Steve McNichols	32.
13.	Brent Noblitt	33.
14.	Howard DENGHAUSEN	34.
15.	Steve Kosch	35.
16.	HUNTER DION	36.
17.	David Stenne	37.
18.	Kevin Jones	38.
19.	Chris Meninger	39.
20.	Don Allen	40.



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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

Nick FAIGAN



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# **The Walter Wagner Military Veteran Assistance Donation**

## **2023 Recipients**

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

	A	B	C	D
6	2023.02.01			
7	2023.02.01	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$500.00	2023.02.20
8	2023.03.01	Walt Wagner Assistance Grants	\$10,000.00	
9	2023.03.01	1st & Goal Project	\$3,000.00	2023.04.28
10	2023.03.01	Fisher House of Southern CA	\$5,000.00	2023.03.11
11	2023.03.01	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
12	2023.03.01	Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation	\$20,000.00	2023.03.11
13	2023.03.01	Ranch Church Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
14	2023.03.01	Tender Touch Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11
15	2023.03.14	American Legion Baseball	\$6,000.00	
16	2023.04.05	Newport Heights Baseball Association	\$250.00	2023.03.14
17	2023.04.05	Swift Boats Sailor Association	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25
18	2023.04.05	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25
19	2023.04.05	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.04.14
20	2023.04.05	Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing	\$2,000.00	2023.05.03
21	2023.04.05	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28
22	2023.04.05	American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG)	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28
23	2023.06.07	Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl	\$2,000.00	2023-05
24	2023.06.07	Homefront America	\$4,000.00	
25	2023.06.07	Vella First Responder Award	\$1,000.00	2023.05.27
26	2023.06.07	Patriots and Paws	\$2,000.00	
27	2023.06.07	Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise	\$3,000.00	
28	2023.08.02	Newport Harbor Cheerleading Squad	\$4,000.00	2023.06.07
29	2023.08.02	Dana Point 5th Regiment Support Group	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02
30	2023.09.06	1/1 Foundation Mess Night	\$2,500.00	2023.08.02
31	2023.09.06	National Charity League, Jrs.	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
32	2023.09.06	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
33	2023.09.06	You were worth it foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11
34		Lahina, HI	\$5,000.00	2023.09.11
35				
36				
37				
38		Approved	\$100,473.80	
39		Pending		
40		Grand Total	\$100,473.80	
41				
42				
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