



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 1, 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 2 March post Ex-com Meeting.

Tim Sullivan and Jeff Gottfredson will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 8 March Post General Meeting.

A motion was to approve up to \$6,000 for the American Legion Baseball supporting a local team.

T Robbins donation event went well (Randy MacDougall, Don Allen and Tim Sullivan attended to receive the donation to the SAL 291.

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.
We will continue to assist membership update processing (access update and operating documentation).

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

William Parr SAL- passed away and Bo Hoyt (brother in law to a SAL) passed away

Health matters: Bruce Schoenberger is sick

Skipper Tim – very sick get well soon

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 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 28 new applicants from February 1, 2023 to March 1, 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. The membership committee (Tim Sullivan, John Long and Don Allen) will assist Jeff Gottfredson regarding the membership processing. Will seek a new membership vice Cmdr. for next year.

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. Benny will work with Art regarding future fishing trips.

Future events may out source to 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. Raffle tickets state matter inquiry will be addressed if necessary.

Cinco de Mayo public event from 4 to 8 pm fund raising event \$10 entry fee. Attendees to pay for their food and drinks and a band will be playing.

Flag Day event June 14, 2023 and Golf event memorial weekend (planning in process)

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 January 31, 2023 has approx. \$199,000 (comprised of general checking \$44,000, events account \$35,000 and money market account \$120,000 at First Republic 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. Todd will investigate with our bank placing a portion of our money market into a CD which is currently paying a higher rate than the money market.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

Donations Report – John Long Chair

See attached report. The committee did meet this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – John will review for the potential of this donation process. We will seek a new donation chair for next year.

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.

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

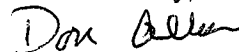
Waiting on SAL covers to be delivered. Rene Alvarez will call for nominations to the board at the general meeting tonight. Current existing board members will run for their positions except Bill Finster will be nominated for Donations Chair and John Long will run for Membership Chair. First Vice Cmdr. Note Jeff Gottfredson will not be running for Membership Chair. In addition nominations will be held again at the April 5, 2023 general meeting. Elections at the May general meeting.

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events
The meeting was adjourned at 1915

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:
Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:
Roll Call List
March Membership Report
March 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: March 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1804

Meeting End Time: 19:15

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 & Judge advocate | Rene Alvarez | (P) | E | A |
| 3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations | John Long | (P) | E | A |

Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

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|--------------|-------------|---|-----|---|
| Post Advisor | Evin Planto | P | (E) | A |
| Post Advisor | Cory Vigil | P | (E) | A |

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 Squadron 291
 March Meeting 2023

Current Members
 New Members
 New Members March
 Total Members

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| 1772 | 1777 |
| 158 | |
| 23 | 28 |
| 1847 | 1822 |

New Members 3/1/2023

| Name | Type |
|---------|---------------------|
| Regular | Blancq, Jeffrey |
| Regular | Borggreve, Cash |
| Regular | Cueto, Victor |
| Regular | Davies, Robert |
| Regular | Dearing, Steve |
| Regular | Dekker, Richard |
| Regular | Gibbs, Paul |
| Regular | Jervis, Donald |
| Regular | Jervis, Jerry |
| Regular | Kenny, Drew |
| Regular | Lasky, Martin |
| Regular | Leingang, Thad |
| Regular | Lietzman, Frederick |
| Regular | McGraw, Thomas |
| Regular | McGreal, Thomas |
| Regular | Michael, Marshall |
| Regular | Parenti, John |
| Regular | Ravera, David |
| Regular | Sanborn, Jake |
| Regular | Spicer, Christopher |
| Regular | Steinke, Karl |

Richardson Jew
Brandon Kinrade
Ray SAPARITA
Connor Kinrade
LARRY LARSEN
~~*KEVIN*~~

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

MARCH 1, 2023

Committee Meeting: 2023.02.28

Present: Chris Graham, Chris Menninger, Bill Finster, John Long, Peter Martin

Excused (meeting): John Cleveland

The Donation Committee met on February 28, 2023. Four members of the committee voted on the seven donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

1. The 1st&Goal Project - \$3,000

This is a new charity headed up by Dave DesRochers, a former Seattle seahawk. The 1st & Goal Project Inc. non-profit 501(c)(3.) Per Dave, he is aligning myself with established programs like CarePossible, Veterans Legal Institute (VLI), Patriots & Paws and MVP. He is leveraging his network of celebrities to raise money for these deserving Orange County veteran support programs Their first event is a golf outing on March 20, 2023.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation. Donation to purchase a Field Goal Sponsorship.

- 2. American Veterans Assistance Group - \$3,000** This is a local group based in Orange. They requested \$5,000 from the post plus both food and gas gift cards. I have reached out to them and need to verify charity status. Focus is supporting local veterans in need. I have reached out to them requesting charity status and am still awaiting information.

Committee voted 4-0 to place request on hold until charity can be vetted.

3. Fisher House of Southern CA - \$5,000

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.

4. Knots of Love - \$4,500

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.

5. Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation - \$20,000

This is an annual donation that we have been making in the past.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.

6. Ranch Church Military Ministry - \$2,000

They support various battalions at Camp Pendleton with special "Warrior Night Parties" and support various other events at the Camp. We have supported them over the last couple of years through requests by Randy McDougal.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation with the stipulation that funds must be used by this ministry.

7. Tender Touch Ministries - \$2,000

A local program (Irvine) focused on homelessness veterans in need. Run by a Veteran who was once homeless. Has been in operation since 2012 and according to IRS has had revenues of less than \$50,000 for the past three years.

Committee voted 4-0 to approve this donation.

8. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

+6000 YTD DONATIONS ON FLIP SIDE

