



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
September 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1916 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-
Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer
POW chair cover was presented by Sgt. at Arms
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.
Great to see you are here at this meeting.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.
Evin Planto current Post Cmdr. and past Post Cmdr .Doug Nye both were in attendance during the meeting. Paul Mesmer past detachment Cmdr. also was in attendance.
Cmdr. Tim Sullivan met with a disabled veteran who was a member of the Veterans Relief Foundation this veteran participated in a paddle board activity.
Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.
Jim Ubanks past state detachment Cmdr. was present. He presented an award for the SAL Post achievement award for 107 percent membership to Jeff Gottfredson. In addition Jim Ubanks presented to Cmdr. Tim Sullivan and staff the certificate of excellence award to the SAL post. In addition Jim Ubanks presented the Blue Brigade to Rene Alvarez for recruiting over 30 new members.

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:
Praying - (looking for a recovery for Art Jimenez)
Passed away: - Health matters-

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (28) was read. See attached August 3, 2022 to September 7, 2022 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. Jeff Gottfredson asked the individuals who were present to comment on their background. A motion was passed to approve to bring these fine men into the Squadron. We would like 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 forth coming. A one and half day (overnight) Mexico fishing trip in September or October is being planned for disabled veterans more information to follow. In addition we will have a September 11 event to celebrate this day. The 9/11 event from 10am to 2pm we will have 23 banners representing veterans from the Iraq, Afghan and 9/11 who died. Also Sons of the American Revolution will be present as the Honor Guard for the September 11 day event. There will be a veteran speaker at the September 11 event and we will also need volunteers. A XMAS boat parade Mexican food (Dec. 14 to 18) price per ticket \$49 planning is in process. Sponsorship banners will be available for \$250.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm. (absent) - Don Allen presented.

The Squadron has approx. \$121,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,000, events account \$3,000 and \$107,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan commented National Convention will be held at the end of August - Jeff Gottfredson and Randy MacDougall E committee members attended the convention. Randy MacDougall was proud of the program we have in this Post.

Donations Report John Long 3rd Vice Cmdr.

See attached report. A motion was passed and approved for each attached donation in which each were read.

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 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

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members. Next SAL meeting October 5, 2022 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday October 5, 2022 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
Squadron 291
2021 Roll Call List

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

Date: September 7, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 2010

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	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	John Long	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
7 September 2022

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| 1. ZAY CRAMPTON | 21. Garrett Minneley |
| 2. Bob Perkins | 22. John Downey & Chr. Styfsgewiss |
| 3. Eric Specht | 23. SCOTT MABERRY |
| 4. PATRICK POTTS | 24. Benq Hallock |
| 5. Peter Martin | 25. Jeff Hastell |
| 6. Chad Harbour | 26. Allen Jensen |
| 7. Robert Reed | 27. William Collins |
| 8. JOE DIESTEL | 28. JOE DORDONI |
| 9. Marvin R. Nancy | 29. Ron Castelli |
| 10. Tom Haney | 30. SCOTTY SEMONELL |
| 11. Kevin Astup | 31. BRAD SEMONELL |
| 12. MALR FATOR | 32. PAUL MESMER |
| 13. MIKE PASKERIAN | 33. James Eubanks Guest 555 |
| 14. Jeff Spargur | 34. MARTY DORDONI |
| 15. MARC SIEGEL | 35. Jon Long |
| 16. Linda Siegel | 36. Scott Fitzsimons |
| 17. Steve Gray | 37. Michael Pearce |
| 18. Mary Gray | 38. Bill Finster |
| * 19. LAWRENCE JONES | 39. Randy MacDassall |
| 20. RANDALL NUNNEWY | 40. James Blanche |
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* DAVID WARREN



Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

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Newport Beach, CA 92663

September 7, 2022 Membership

New members ~~July 7~~ ^{Aug 3} to ~~Aug 328~~ ^{Sept 7} - 28
 New Member 2021 Year 50
 Total Membership (2023) 1642
 Percentage Renewed 107%
 2020 Membership Goal 1647

New Members for 2022-2023

Type	Last	First	Type	Last	First
Regular	Canto	Steven	Regular	Moulard	Mike
Regular	Collins	Thomas	Dually	Newhall	Forrest
Regular	Deemer	Kevin	Regular	Newton	Ryan
Regular	Fitzsimons	Scott	Regular	Nunnely	Garrett
Regular	Freidman	Robert	Regular	Penny	Thomas
Regular	Foley	Patrick	Regular	Rhodes	Joshua
Regular	Hahn	David	Regular	Rivera	David
Regular	Haney	Richard	Regular	Schilling	Andrew
Regular	Haskell	Jeff	Regular	Skillman	Michael
Regular	Jones	Lawrence	Regular	Smith	Scott
Regular	Marshall	Michael	Regular	Specht	Eric
Regular	Martell	Christian	Regular	Thompson	Nathan
Regular	Moroso	Phil	Regular	Unvert	Tom

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 29 I

DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Committee Meeting: 2022.08.25

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

Excused: John Cleveland

The Donation Committee met on August 25, 2022. All five members of the committee voted on the six donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

- **Life Aid Research Institute: \$2,500**

After discussion of latest information submitted by John Wordin about the program, the committee decided to support the effort. **\$5,000 was approved 6-0. Note: After vote a conversation with Tim Sullivan and Cory Vigil it was decided to reduce this request to \$2,500.**

- **Coastline Community College Veteran Resource Centers: \$5,000**

After a review of the broad range of support that the VRC supports not only student veterans but also supports community veterans (non-students) and incarcerated veterans. They have three locations (Fountain Valley), Garden Grove, and Newport Beach) that are staffed, availability of computers, snacks, and food baskets. **\$5,000 was approved 6-0.**

- **Heroes Deserve Help: \$2,500**

We have supported this group of veterans that rebuild laptops and desk top computers that are then distributed to veterans at no cost. **\$2,500 was approved 6-0.**

- **CarePossible: \$1,000**

Cory recommended this to us for support. This non-profit provides free mental health, and addiction care for veterans and low-income families in Orange County. **\$1,000 was approved 6-0.**

- **Orange County Rescue Mission – Tustin Veterans Outpost: \$5,000**

Recommended to us by Don Allen. Supplies housing, medical/dental care, meals, and training for veterans living at their campus. **\$5,000 was approved 6-0.**

A MOTION WAS PASSED TO DENY + APPROVED ~~THIS~~ denial

- **Sponsor Post Veteran 100 Mile Challenge: \$250**

Sponsor Jonathon Hermosillo for 100-mile challenge. **\$250 was approved 6-0.**

To better share with the General Membership meeting, the Committee was wondering if once a quarter, we can find a way to carve 30 minutes out of the normal meeting and have speakers from 2-4 of the charities that we have funded speak about what they do.

YTD Donations on Back

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

YTD Donations

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
2022.02.02	I Am Movement - H Gutschow	\$525.00
2022.03.02	Newport Beach 1st Battalion 1st Marines Foundation	\$20,000.00
2022.03.02	CHOC Follies	\$1,000.00
2022.03.02	Honor Flight Southland	\$1,000.00
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Assistance Program	\$10,000.00
2022.03.02	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00
2022.04.06	BSA-Eagle Scout Banquet	\$500.00
2022.04.06	Dana Point Fifth Marine Regiment	\$1,000.00
2022.04.06	Knots of Love	\$4,000.00
2022.04.06	PORAC - Officer Nicholas Vella	\$500.00
2022.04.06	Patriots and Paws	\$2,222.00
2022.04.06	Post 262 Roof Repairs Match to \$1250	\$1,250.00
2022.04.06	Child Guidance Center - SFSC	\$5,000.00
2022.04.06	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$2,000.00
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00
2022.08.03	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00
2022.08.03	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00
2022.08.03	Active Valor	\$1,000.00
2022.08.25	Jonathon Hermosillo Post 291 100 mile challenge	\$250.00
Pending	Life Aid Research Institute	\$2,500.00
Pending	Coastline Community College VRC	\$5,000.00
Pending	Heroes Deserve Help	\$2,500.00
Pending	CarePossible	\$1,000.00
Pending	Tustin Veterans Outpost - OC Rescue Mission	\$5,000.00
	Approved	\$87,657.00
	Pending	\$16,000.00
	Grand Total	\$103,657.00