



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
August 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1811 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

Benny Halck –fishing trips representative for SAL 291 and assisting in merchandizing to the SAL 291

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance. We plan on making improvements for the future golf fund event. The Fourth of July event went well.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 4 August post Ex-com Meeting.

Jeff Gottfredson will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 10 August Post General Meeting.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

We have a quorum and a thank you to Rene Alvarez for timely posting the minutes.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

No report

Health matters:

Art Jimenez is in Rehab - get well soon

Pray for Super Sgt.to get well

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 22 new applicants from July 7, 2022 to August 3, 2022. See attached report. Each applicant's name was read during the meeting. A motion was passed to approve the applicants and present to the Squadron for acceptance. (no exceptions)

Calling on individuals who have not renewed and looking for transfers. Software for renewals is a problem for membership dues and this should be resolved in the next few months. Cmdr. Tim Sullivan is reaching out to Marty Raymond to possibly become a membership assistant to Jeff Gottfredson. Jeff submitted 7 Blue Blade awards.

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd vice Cmdr

Future fishing trips will be held on Thursday's possible trip in September or October for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Halck for time and location). If the boat is not filled with disabled veterans will fill in with other vets. A motion was passed and approved for an overnight day and half fishing trip to Mexico for a budget of \$10,000 Benny Halck will organize.

9/11 event will be held in the park – We plan on having the Sons of American Revolution for the Honor Guard for 9/11 event. Sunday 10am to 2pm in addition would like to place names on a fence. In addition would like to place the names on the banner for the 13 who died during Afgan departure.

Future events may out source to Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

If Xmas boat parade occurs a motion was passed and approved for Mexican food and tickets for \$49 each for the event.

Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

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

The Squadron has approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$19,000, events account \$11,000 and money market account \$107,000 at First Republic Bank. Todd Clucas presented the accounts balances. Tim Sullivan will oversee the accounting periodically. Continue to improve financial reporting. Todd Clucas will be providing additional data to the Post monthly.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

Jeff Gottfredson and Randy MacDougall plan on attending the annual August convention.

Donations Report – John Long Chair

See attached report. A motion was passed and approved for each attached donation in which each were read. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – John will review for the potential of this donation process. (Rene Alvarez will assist in this donation process matter)

Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

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



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2021 Roll Call List
~~Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)~~
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: August 3, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1811

Meeting End Time: 1908

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



Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

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August 3, 2022 Membership

New members July 7 to Aug 3	22
New Member 2021 Year	22
Total Membership (2023)	1614
2019 Members not Renewing	280
Percentage Renewed	105%
2020 Membership Goal	1647
Percentage of Goal	105%

New Members for 2022-2023

Type	Last	First	Type	Last	First
Regular	Barnes	Donald	Regular	Pistone	Dean
Regular	Bellock	Mike	Regular	Pistone	Roman
Regular	Bosko	John	Regular	Rivera	David
Regular	Cunningham	Matthew	Regular	Siegel	Mark
Regular	Deemer	Keven	Regular	Smith	Scott
Regular	Flores	Mike	Regular	Swanson	Gunnar
Regular	Gray	Steven	Regular	Toll	Daron
Regular	Marshall	Michael	Regular	Wackerbarth	Richard
Dually	Newhall	Forrest	Regular	Ward	Daniel
Regular	Pearce	Michael	Regular	Way	Scott
			Regular	Yee	Peter

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DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

AUGUST 03, 2022

Committee Meeting: 2022.07.27

Present: Bill Finster, Chris Graham, John Cleveland, John Long and Peter Martin

Excused (meeting): Chris Menninger

The Donation Committee met on July 27, 2022. All five members of the committee voted on the six donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

- **Visually Impaired Riders - \$310**
Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Purpose of the donation was to cover Post restaurant costs for the ALYC Fourth of July Boat Parade.
- **Team RWB OC - \$750**
Request for help with registration fees for 10 veterans and 1 gold star individual to take part in the Heroes Project climb of Mount Baldy on November 12. Registration fee is \$125/person. Navy Fed pledged \$500 and they asked that we pledge the balance of \$850. **\$750 was approved 5-0 and the payment would go to The Heroes Project directly.**
- **3rd Track Football - \$350**
Randy MacDougall asked that we cover the \$350 registration fee. **\$350 was approved 5-0. NOTE: Randy contacted me after the meeting and withdrew the request.**
- **Life Aid Research Institute - \$10,000**
Cory Vigil sent a request from John Wordin for \$10,000 to continue collaborating with Vets and First Responders for better mental health. **No money was approved due to lack of financials for the past two years. Committee also had questions about the APP. Will continue to follow up with Life Aid to get better understanding of program.**
- **Active Valor - \$1,000**
After discussion of their program, the committee decided to continue supporting this organization work with Gold Star children and families. **\$1,000 was approved 5-0**
- **Vet Cares – Stop, Drop, and Push - \$5,000 to \$10,000**
Request made by Dex Cajigal for \$5,000 - \$10,00 to support their programs. Vet Cares was part of VAREP and has split off from the organization as a separate charity. VAREP funded them with approximately \$250,00. Currently VET CARES plans on directing/supporting veterans in programs run/owned by former VAREP. **Committee voted 5-0 to not fund Vet Cares this year and is open to review next year based on what they conduct this year.**

Walt Wagner Update: OCC sent 21 applications for review. The subcommittee of the Walt Wagner grants will be meeting on August 6 to decide on the ten winners. **Plan is to present to the recipients at the September 7 General Meeting of the SONS.**

YTD Donations on Back

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YTD Donations

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE	CHECK #
2022.02.02	I Am Movement - H Gutschow	\$525.00	2022.03.03	268
2022.03.02	Newport Beach 1st Battalion 1st Marines Foundation	\$20,000.00	2022.03.03	269
2022.03.02	CHOC Follies	\$1,000.00	2022.03.03	270
2022.03.02	Honor Flight Southland	\$1,000.00	2022.03.14	272
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Assistance Program	\$10,000.00		
2022.03.02	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.03.03	271
2022.04.06	BSA-Eagle Scout Banquet	\$500.00	2022.04.14	277
2022.04.06	Dana Point Fifth Marine Regiment	\$1,000.00	2022.04.14	278
2022.04.06	Knots of Love	\$4,000.00	2022.04.14	279
2022.04.06	PORAC - Officer Nicholas Vella	\$500.00	2022.04.14	280
2022.04.06	Patriots and Paws	\$2,222.00	2022.04.14	281
2022.04.06	Post 262 Roof Repairs Match to \$1250	\$1,250.00	2022.04.14	282
2022.04.06	Child Guidance Center - SFSC	\$5,000.00	2022.04.14	283
2022.04.06	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$2,000.00	2022.04.14	284
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2022.05.06	287
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00	2022.05.06	288
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	2022.05.06	289
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2022.05.06	290
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00	2022.05.06	286
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00	2022.06.07	297
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00	2022.06.07	298
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00	2022.07.29	304
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00	2022.07.29	305
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00	2022.07.29	306
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00		
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00	2022.07.29	307
Pending	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00		
Pending	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00		
Pending	Active Valor	\$1,000.00		
	Approved	\$85,347.00		
	Pending	\$2,060.00		