



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 7, 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

Paul Martin and Howard DENGHAUSEN (Walt Wagner award rep)
Jim Ubanks past State Detachment Cmdr.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance. We plan on making improvements for the future golf fund event.

Veterans Relief Foundation Cmdr. Sullivan met with them.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 8 September post Ex-com Meeting.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 14 September Post General Meeting.

Cmdr. will schedule a AV instruction session

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

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

Need to address sailing lessons costs at the post see Chaplain's report.

In addition Cmdr. Sullivan will address membership assistant to Jeff Gottfredson.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

No report

Health matters:

Art Jimenez is in Rehab - get well soon

Randy will be present at the 9/11 park event and lead a prayer

Note there are sailing lessons for SAL's at a reduced rate. A motion was passed and approved to pay 1/3 of the sailing lessons. Our share is 1/3 of \$160.

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 August 3, 2022 to September 7, 2022. See attached report. Each applicant's name was read during the meeting. 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 this matter will be addressed in October. In order to obtain a parking card please be present at the introduction meeting a motion was passed and approved for this matter.

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 Hallick for time and location). If the boat is not filled with disabled veterans then will fill in with other vets.

9/11 event will be held in the park with 23 banners representing Afghan, Iraq and 9/11 veterans who died. A motion was passed and approved for the \$6,000 budget for the 9/11 event. A Veteran who was an 82nd airborne will be a guest speaker at the event.

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

Xmas boat parade event is in process planning.

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

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$121,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,000, events account \$3,000 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 attended the annual August convention. Randy indicated we received the award for the largest SAL post. Three day event was informative.

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.

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 rebuild 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.

Old Business

We will be following up on inactive members to renew. Jeff Gottfredson indicated SAL new shirts are for sale \$40. Benny Halck is organizing the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events

The meeting was adjourned at 1901

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

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: 1813

Meeting End Time: 1901

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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Newport Beach, CA 92663

September 7, 2022 Membership

New members ~~July 7~~ ^{Aug 3} to ~~Aug 328~~ ^{Sept 28} - 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	Nunnelly	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 291

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.**

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

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

A MOTION WAS PASSED TO DENY + APPROVED THIS DENIAL

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