



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
November 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1801 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 November post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 8 November Post General Meeting. 7 pm

November 28 at the Legion for Cigar night.

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.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Ray Bindorf (SAL) and Jerry Clark a Ligonier passed away

Health matters:

Brad Semonell (super sgt.)- is sick get well soon!

### Membership Report – John Long, 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 6 new applicants from September 27, 2023 to October 31, 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.

You can receive your gate card when you attend a meeting

### Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd vice Cmdr

Future fishing day trips will be held on Thursdays for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Halck for time and location). If the boat is not filled then it will be fill in with other vets. Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

XMAS boat parade event (December 13 – 17) in addition consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. A drawing will be held for gifts at the XMAS boat parade. Ticket sales for the XMAS boat parade performing well.

Vietnam trip next August 17 to September 1, 2024 details will follow regarding the trip  
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 September 30, 2023 has approx. \$138,500 (comprised of general checking \$31,200 events account \$70 and money market accounts \$107,230 at Chase 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. Included in the money market account is a CD for \$50,000 which is currently paying a high rate.

### District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

### Donations Report – Bill Finster, Chair

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee did meet this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website Bill 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 are ordering more shirts for the volunteers.

Fund Raising Committee - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Tim Sullivan will roll out details for future fund -raising events. We will need to investigate the possibility of fund raising from companies in the area.

Technology-Tim Sullivan, Cmdr. Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey will learn the WIX software. Training for the WIX software will be forthcoming – Rene will review the site for a training session. WIX pay will be used for the events and will transition from Square for membership and merchandise to WIX software. Website is working and will be improved.

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

John Long will order covers for the SAL's

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 1800 hrs.

December 6, 2023 XMAS dinner will be held for SAL and guest.

The meeting was adjourned at 1859

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

November Membership Report

November 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: November 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1801

Meeting End Time: 1859

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	John Long	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	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 Report 2023.11.01

Total membership 2023-2024 (inc. new)	1,859 <i>1,800</i>
2024 Renewals	547
Percent Renewed	29,4%
New members – 9.27.23 – 10.31.2023	50

## New Members 2023-11-01

Robert	Captain
Jeff	Gailey
Jon	Muller
Mike	Perry
Christopher	Perry
William	Shattuck



## Proposed Donations for November Meeting

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Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 1:06 PM

Good Afternoon,

We have 5 request this month for donation approval by the donation committee.

### 1. Newport Mesa School Foundation

This is our annual support for the Newport Mesa School Foundation.

I am suggesting that we donate \$2,500 like we did last year.

### 2. Child Guidance Center, Santa Ana

Cory Vigil request, The center has been around for 50 years. They work with children and there mental health when their parent is deployed, strong family and children ties, help with legal issues and other issues. They help veterans when they get out of the service into the real world. They have 5 centers in Orange County. Santa Ana, Buena Park, Anaheim, San Clemente and Fullerton.

I am suggesting that we donate <sup>3500</sup> \$2,500

### 3. Paralyzed Veterans of America

75 years, PVA has been fighting for heroes who put their country first in a time of tragedy. Thanks to patriots donations to PVA they are able to give our military personnel the best care possible.

I am suggesting that we donate \$2,000

### 4. Laguna Community Concert and Jazz Band

The Laguna Community Concert Band (LCCB) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization of over 50 members from Laguna Beach and the surrounding communities. The community c\band celebrates the musical arts and performances appeal to audiences of all ages. The also support scholarships for Laguna Beach High School seniors pursuing music in college. Educational support for K-12 music programs in Laguna Beach and performs at local community events when requested. NO

None of the members of the band are paid for their time.

Eight of the members are Veterans:

Rick Collins, Air Force veteran. serves 1979-92

Roger Dennis, US Naval Officer. He spent 3 tours of duty with the 6th fleet aboard a Navy destroyer.

Tom Hall, United States Army. Served in the 3rd Army in Kentucky 1967 and the 8th Army in Korea in 1968

Barry Hench, Active duty in the US Air Force as a Major in the late 80s early 90s

Chuck Johnson, US Navy 2nd Class Petty Officer. Served as a Gunner Mate USS Kittyhawk

Lynn Olinger, Army Band/National Guard for 6 years.

Phil Simmergren, USMC, Camp Pendalton.

Stan Steele, California Air National Guard.

**I am Suggesting that we donate \$2,500**

**5. Beach Cities Interfaith Services**

Requested by Cory Vigil. They are requesting that we consider donating to help prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. Their mission is to help low income families, veterans and the elderly avoid homelessness.

**I am Suggesting that we donate \$1,000**

**Please get back to me by Tuesday night. If you have any questions please call me at (949)400-9739**

**Thank you  
Bill Finster**

