



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

Meeting called to order at 1910 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Mike Morrissey

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.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. greeted all in attendance.

Doug Nye past Post Cmdr. and Evan Planto Post Cmdr. and Paul Mesmer past state detachment Cmdr. were in attendance. 9-11 event went well.

Rules for the post will be posted on the Legion website.

Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.

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:

The following individual passed away:

Ray Bindorf (SAL), Jerry Clark (Ligonier), Sam Brrorr (Tim Sullivan's friend) passed away

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr. absent Tim Sullivan presented the report. Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (6) will be read. See attached September 27, 2023 to October 31, 2023 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. ~~John Long~~ asked the individuals who were present to comment on their background. A motion was passed to approve to (induct) bring these fine men into the Squadron. We would like in the future to share a story of your Dad forthcoming on the website. Rick Flores (father) and Nathan Flores (Pup program graduate 14 -17 yrs. old at Camp Pendleton) previously inducted were present. Rick Flores made a presentation regarding this program.
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 and if the boat is not filled with disabled veterans, then will fill in with other vets (able to accommodate 35 fishermen). The fishing ¾ trips (father/child) will be led by Benny Halleck. We are looking for volunteers for the XMAS boat parade.
The boat parade event at the Post December 13-17 (tickets currently on sale \$50 go on the website). Planning a 16-day trip to Vietnam - (August 15 to September 1, 2024) \$500 deposit details to follow. If you are interested in attending the trip contact Art Jimenez.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.
The Squadron has as of September 30, 2023 approx. \$138,500 (comprised of general checking \$31,200, events account \$70 and \$107,230 in money market which includes a CD at the Chase Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan
Paul Mesmer past state detachment American Legion Cmdr. commented on the state Legion status which is doing well.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr
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. Will donate over \$100,000 this year.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) 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. Training for our software program will be forthcoming for our board members Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey.

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 ordered 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

Benny Halck has for sale SAL merchandise for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was not held.

Note December 6, 2023 we will have the annual XMAS dinner (5 to 10 pm) for the SAL's and spouse in lieu of the December SAL meetings.

The next SAL general meeting January 3, 2024 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday January 1, 2024 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,



Don Allen

Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

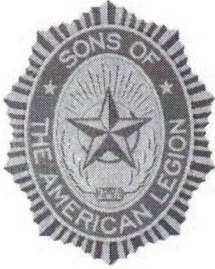
Attachments:

Roll Call List

Sign-in listing of attending members

November Membership Report

November 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: November 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 1955

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 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations | Bill Finster | 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 |



Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

Membership Report 2023.11.01

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | 56 |

New Members 2023-11-01

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



Proposed Donations for November Meeting

bill finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 1:06 PM

To: Chris Graham <chrishg975@outlook.com>, "C. Menninger" <ckm4loans@hotmail.com>, Peter Martin <coastalpeter@yahoo.com>, "Johnny C." <jclevelandis@hotmail.com>, Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

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 ³⁵⁰⁰ \$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**

2023 YTD Donations

10/31/23

| APPROVAL DATE | RECIPIENT | AMOUNT | DATE |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|------------|
| 2023.01.01 | Gift Cards for Veterans in Need (4 @ 300) | \$1,223.80 | 2023.01.12 |
| 2023.02.01 | Heroes Deserve Help | \$3,000.00 | 2023.02.20 |
| 2023.02.01 | Newport Mesa Schools Foundation | \$3,000.00 | 2023.02.20 |
| 2023.02.01 | Boy Scouts of America | \$500.00 | 2023.02.20 |
| 2023.02.01 | MCAS Tustin Young Marines | \$500.00 | 2023.02.20 |
| 2023.02.01 | Walt Wagner Assistance Grants | \$10,000.00 | |
| 2023.03.01 | 1st & Goal Project | \$3,000.00 | 2023.04.28 |
| 2023.03.01 | Fisher House of Southern CA | \$5,000.00 | 2023.03.11 |
| 2023.03.01 | Knots of Love | \$2,000.00 | 2023.03.11 |
| 2023.03.01 | Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation | \$20,000.00 | 2023.03.11 |
| 2023.03.01 | Ranch Church Ministries | \$2,000.00 | 2023.03.11 |
| 2023.03.01 | Tender Touch Ministries | \$2,000.00 | 2023.03.11 |
| 2023.03.01 | American Legion Baseball | \$6,000.00 | |
| 2023.03.14 | Newport Heights Baseball Association | \$250.00 | 2023.03.14 |
| 2023.04.05 | Swift Boats Sailor Association | \$1,000.00 | 2023.03.25 |
| 2023.04.05 | Vietnam Veterans Association 1024 | \$1,000.00 | 2023.03.25 |
| 2023.04.05 | American Legion Child Welfare Foundation | \$2,000.00 | 2023.04.14 |
| 2023.04.05 | Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing | \$2,000.00 | 2023.05.03 |
| 2023.04.05 | CHOC Follies | \$2,000.00 | 2023.04.28 |
| 2023.04.05 | American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG) | \$2,000.00 | 2023.04.28 |
| 2023.04.05 | Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl | \$2,000.00 | 2023-05 |
| 2023.06.07 | Homefront America | \$4,000.00 | |
| 2023.06.07 | Vella First Responder Award | \$1,000.00 | 2023.05.27 |
| 2023.06.07 | Patriots and Paws | \$2,000.00 | |
| 2023.06.07 | Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise | \$3,000.00 | |
| 2023.06.07 | Newport Harbor Cheerleading Squad | \$4,000.00 | 2023.06.07 |
| 2023.08.02 | Dana Point 5th Regiment Support Group | \$2,500.00 | 2023.08.02 |
| 2023.08.02 | 1/1 Foundation Mess Night | \$2,500.00 | 2023.08.02 |
| 2023.09.06 | National Charity League, Jrs. | \$2,000.00 | 2023.09.11 |
| 2023.09.06 | Knots of Love | \$2,000.00 | 2023.09.11 |
| 2023.09.06 | You were worth it foundation | \$2,000.00 | 2023.09.11 |
| 2023.09.06 | Lahaina, HI | \$5,000.00 | 2023.09.11 |
| 2023.10.19 | MCAS Tustin Young Marines | \$800.00 | 2023.10.19 |
| 2023.11.01 | Newport Mesa School Foundation | \$2,500.00 | |
| 2023.11.01 | Cihild Guidance Center | \$2,500.00 | 3500 |
| 2023.11.01 | Paralyzed Veterans of America | \$2,500.00 | |
| 2023.11.01 | Laguna Community Concert and Jazz Band | \$2,500.00 | |
| 2023.11.01 | Beach Cities Interfaith Services | \$1,000.00 | |
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| | Approved | \$100,473.80 | |
| | Pending | \$11,800.00 | 9300 |
| | Grand Total | \$112,273.80 | |

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