



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1803 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 3 April post Ex-com Meeting.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 12 April Post General Meeting.

There are numerous sponsors and looking for more donations for the Golf event –memorial weekend.

Note there is room for 21 more players for the golf event.

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.

We will continue to assist membership update processing (access update and operating documentation). No change in annual dues for the SAL's per the board motion.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

None

Health matters: Bruce Schoenberger is sick

Skipper Tim – very sick get well soon

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 15 new applicants from March 1, 2023 to April 5, 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. The membership committee (Tim Sullivan, John Long and Don Allen) will assist Jeff Gottfredson regarding the membership processing.

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd vice Cmdr

Future fishing day trips will be held on Thursday's for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Halck for time and location). If the boat is not filled with disabled veterans then will fill in with other vets. Benny will work with Art regarding future fishing trips.

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

For the future Xmas boat parade event consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. Raffle tickets state matter inquiry will be addressed if necessary.

Flag Day event June 14, 2023 and Golf event memorial weekend (planning in process and requesting donors and sponsors 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.

The Squadron as of February 28, 2023 has approx. \$216,000 (comprised of general checking \$64,000, events account \$6,000 and money market account \$146,000 at the 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 –State convention Visalia, California June 22, 2023 to June 25, 2023

Donations Report – John Long Chair

See attached report. The committee did not meet this month however donations were reviewed by emails. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was 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 adjust 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. Rene Alvarez requested at the beginning of the year e board members should email documents to each board member.

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

Waiting on SAL covers to be delivered. Rene Alvarez will call for nominations to the board at the general meeting tonight. Current existing board members will run for their positions except Bill Finster will be nominated for Donations Chair and John Long will run for Membership Chair. First Vice Cmdr. Note Jeff Gottfredson will not be running for Membership Chair. In addition nominations will be held again at the April 5, 2023 general meeting. Elections will occur at the May general meeting. American Legion baseball team will be supported by the SAL post.

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events
The meeting was adjourned at 1850

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:
Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:
Roll Call List
April Membership Report
April 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: April 5, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1803

Meeting End Time: 1850

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 & Judge advocate | Rene Alvarez | P | E | A |
| 3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations | John Long | 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 |

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Reed Devon Hamilton

Andrew Gavin

Brian Simko

Jeff Farley

Maxwell Collins

Lee Edwards

Gerald Crisp

Steve Morgan

Sanford Archer

Thomas Sands

Greg Ekstrom

Albert Gasparian

William Calder

Paul Oldham

ED WICK

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

APRIL 5, 2023

The Donation Committee did not meet in March but reviewed the requested donations via e-mail. All committee members cast their votes for donations below.

1. Swift Boat Sailors Association - \$1,000

This request came from Mike Schubert. This donation was approved by e-mail by E-Board earlier so that a check could be presented at the Post on 3/25. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

2. Vietnam Veterans Association 1024 - \$1,000

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3. American Legion Child Welfare Foundation - \$2,000 The CA Detachment of SAL is requesting a minimum of \$1.00 per member in each of the CA squadrons. This same request is going to all legion posts and auxiliary locations nationwide. Our goal is \$1675. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

4. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing - \$2000 This request was forwarded to me by Tim Sullivan after a meeting he had at a Veterans business mixer at the Post with a member of our Post. This is a four-star Charity Navigator and Platinum GuideStar nationwide charity. Donation to go to local chapter located in Long Beach. www.projecthealingwaters.org **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

5. CHOC Follies - \$2,000 This request came from JC in support of Post members who have participated in the CHOC Follies over the past years: Skipper Tim, Tina Bright, and Kathy Fleming. The Follies took place at end of March. All money raised by the Follies goes to CHOC Hospital in support. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

6. American Veterans Assistance Group of CA (AVAG) - \$2,000 Cory Vigil made this request. We placed this on hold at a previous meeting for additional vetting. I have spoken to several people at AVAG and have verified their 501C3 status and filings. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

7. Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Fund - \$2,000

Request by Rick Bradley for COP BOWL. This will provide two athletic scholarships to Orange County high school athletes. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 29 I

DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

APRIL 5, 2023

| APPROVAL DATE | RECIPIENT | AMOUNT |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| 2022-11 | Gift Cards for Veterans in Need (4 @ 300) | \$1,223.80 |
| 2023.02.01 | Heroes Deserve Help | \$3,000.00 |
| 2023.02.01 | Newport Mesa Schools Foundation | \$3,000.00 |
| 2023.02.01 | Boy Scouts of America | \$500.00 |
| 2023.02.01 | MCAS Tustin Young Marines | \$500.00 |
| 2023.02.01 | Walt Wagner Assistance Grants | \$10,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | 1st & Goal Project | \$3,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | Fisher House of Southern CA | \$5,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | Knots of Love | \$2,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation | \$20,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | Ranch Church Ministries | \$2,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | Tender Touch Ministries | \$2,000.00 |
| 2023.03.01 | American Legion Baseball | \$6,000.00 |
| 2023.03.14 | Newport Heights Baseball Association | \$250.00 |
| Pending | Swift Boats Sailor Association | \$1,000.00 |
| Pending | Vietnam Veterans Association 1024 | \$1,000.00 |
| Pending | American Legion Child Welfare Foundation | \$2,000.00 |
| Pending | Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing | \$2,000.00 |
| Pending | CHOC Follies | \$2,000.00 |
| Pending | American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG) | \$2,000.00 |
| Pending | Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl | \$2,000.00 |
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| | Approved | \$58,473.80 |
| | Pending | \$12,000.00 |
| | Grand Total | \$70,473.80 |