



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
May 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1903 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-
Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer
POW chair cover was presented by Sgt. at Arms
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.
We will have our next meeting at the Post

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.
Guest Richard Swinney from the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor will comment regarding the Exchange Club and Field of Honor.
Paul Messer x State detachment Cmdr. was present.
Art Jimenez is still in the Rehab facility (recovering from the various health matters)
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:
Praying - (looking for a recovery for Art Jimenez)
Peter Putman is in a care facility.
Passed away: -
Kenny Dodd family members passed away
Health matters: Virus has been difficult for many individuals

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (21) were read. See attached April 6, 2022 to May 4, 2022 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. Jeff Gottfredson asked the individuals who were present to comment on their background. A motion was passed to approve to bring these fine men into the Squadron. We are looking to add young members to the SAL's. Our Cmdr. Tim Sullivan for his 5 years of service is nominated for an honorary life membership and a motion was passed and approved.

Dues not paid by 30 June - membership is forfeited (Const. Art. VII).

Squadron Activities –Art Jimenez 2nd Vice Cmdr (in the Rehab center) & (Tim Sullivan) presented

The fishing trips will be reviewed for this coming year.

We plan on having the Fins (day of fishing for vet's) and Fairway (second annual golf tournament) events - May 2022(memorial weekend). Still have available sign up's for golfers. Please reach out to sponsors for the event. Flag Day June 14, 2022 will be forth coming (we will have a bounce house and band). For more information please contact the website- Fins and Fairway.com.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$142,000 (comprised of general checking \$20,000, events account \$20,000 and \$102,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan commented
No report.

Donations Report – John Long Chair -

See attached report. A motion was passed and approved for each attached donation in which each were read.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) will be upgraded by our IT outside consultant which is almost complete. Rollout will be soon for the website. We have received feedback from the board. You will be able to enter the website to purchase various items and other new features.

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 new shirts for the volunteers.

Fund Raising Committee – Tim Sullivan
Cmdr - working on new and different fund raising events.

Old Business

Continue to support the Legion

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming. Rene Alvarez commented that there is no need for a vote since the existing board members (only individuals who were nominated) will serve for next year. A motion was passed and approved to cast one ballot for the existing board members to serve as board members.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members. Next SAL meeting June 1, 2022 at the post
Shirt orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1953 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday June 1, 2022 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
May Membership Report
May 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: May 4, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1905

Meeting End Time: 1953

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

Appointed Positions:

Donations	John Long (Non-voting)	P	E	A
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Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

Post Advisor	Evin Planto	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Cory Vigil	P	E	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
4 May 2022

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| 1. Jiff Gottfraldson | 21. Mike Monahan |
| 2. SCOT SEMONELL | 22. PAUL MESMER |
| 3. BRAD SEMONELL | 23. Chuck Herbshaw |
| 4. Bob Perkins | 24. Jay Janise (Legion) |
| 5. John Cleary | 25. DAVE THEIL |
| 6. Pat by Zacko | 26. Mike B. Maloy* |
| 7. Pat Julie | 27. Jay King |
| 8. Allen Jensen | 28. Chris Mearns |
| 9. JOE DARDONI | 29. Rolf Schmalbe |
| 10. CHRIS MADSEN | 30. |
| 11. DAN PRINOTTO | 31. |
| 12. GIM COVERO | 32. |
| 13. Ken Eckert | 33. |
| 14. Steve McNichols | 34. |
| 15. Dan Jones | 35. |
| 16. Mark Mahan | 36. |
| 17. Randy MacParsell | 37. |
| 18. [Signature] | 38. |
| 19. Bill Finst | 39. |
| *20. PAUL CANNON | 40. |

* Received ~~AN~~ COVERS IN DRAWING



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215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

May 4, 2022 Membership Report

New members April 6, 2022 to May 4	21
New Members 2022 Year	214
Total Membership (2021-2022)	1799
2021 Members not Renewing	102
Percentage Renewed	116%
June 9 th 2022 Membership Goal	1548
Members over 2022 Goal	251

New Members for April 6, 2022

Type	Last	First
Regular	Abrahams	Mark
Regular	Armstrong	Scott
Regular	Baker	Christopher
Regular	Brutacao	Louis
Regular	Cunningham	Patrick
Junior	Kaustinen	Nixon
Regular	Kearsley	Steve
Regular	Kuper	Greg
Regular	Lowrey	Douglas
Regular	Mahfood	James
Regular	Miller	Scott
Regular	Millett	Ryan
Regular	Monnig	Gary
Regular	Schmidt	Dale
Regular	Schrader	Gene
Regular	Schugg	Gene
Regular	Shopshire	Connor
Regular	Stouffer	Richard
Regular	Vyn	Christopher
Regular	White	Tim
Regular	White	Danny

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS CHAIR E-BOARD REPORT

MAY 4, 2022

The Donation Committee met on April 18, 2022.

Present: John Long, Peter Martin

Absent: John Cleveland, Bill Finster, Chris Graham, Chris Menninger

Since we did not have a quorum, the donation requests were sent via e-mail to all committee members and they voted via return e-mail on the donation recommendations. The committee approved recommending the four donations below for presentation to the E-Board and at the General Meeting.

- **Exchange Club of Newport Harbor - \$3,000.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. Upon conclusion of the Field of Honor, the Exchange Club will give the SONS fifty (50) new flags (not flown at FOH) for our use at our flag day event.
- **Network for Exceptional Military Families - \$2,500.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. This is a new charity at Pendleton recommended by Cory Vigil.
- **Wreaths Across America - \$600**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. Tim Covert originated this request. This is for 40 wreaths to be placed at Veterans gravesites.
- **Veterans Relief Foundation - \$5,000.00**
Committee voted via e-mail 5-0 to approve this donation. New local veteran run charity for disabled veterans. This will help fund wheelchair equipped paddle boards.
- **Cop Bowl - \$2,000**
Just added they finally got IRS approval. For two \$1,000 scholarships for OC HS athletes.

Richard Swinney will be making a brief (7-10 minute) presentation on both the upcoming Field of Honor and the other charitable activities of the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor. He is the Past President of the Exchange Club.

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MAY 4, 2022

YTD Donations on Back

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
Pending	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00		
Pending	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00		
Pending	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00		
Pending	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00		
Pending	Cop Bowl - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00		
	Approved	\$51,497.00		
	Pending	\$13,100.00		