



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
January 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1915 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.

XMAS SAL event at the post was well attended.

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:

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (28) will be read.

See attached November 1, 2023 to December 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.

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

Squadron Activities –Art Jimenez 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Halck. The boat parade event at the Post December 13-17 was a success (~\$56,000 profit). 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.

Approximate cost \$5,500 to \$6,000. Future events golf tournament, flag day and 9-11 event.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of November 30, 2023 approx. \$209,000 (comprised of general checking \$42,000, events account \$59,000 and \$108,000 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

No report

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated this month via email. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. We donated over \$100,000 this past year. We plan on expanding our donations.

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. Please sign up on our website to volunteer.

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.

The next SAL general meeting February 7, 2024 at the post  
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1959 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday February 7, 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  
January Membership Report  
January Donation Report



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2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: January 3, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1915

Meeting End Time: 1959

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 Sign-in for General Meeting  
3 January 2024

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| 1. David Stennes     | 21. Tom Arnold     |
| 2. Benny Hallock     | 22. Greg Moegle    |
| 3. Ron Costabile     | 23. JIM JACOBS     |
| 4. Don Albrecht      | 24. M. MOSSLER     |
| 5. Chuck Herbow      | 25. Ron Farnham    |
| 6. CHRIS MADSEN      | 26. Mike Moran     |
| 7. MATT MARTINEZ     | 27. KARL STEINKE   |
| 8. Steve Knutsen     | 28. Mike Pappas    |
| 9. PAUL CANNON       | 29. Ed Darnoff     |
| 10. Ryan Kwintkowski | 30. Neil Murray    |
| 11. Rich Moray       | 31. Randy Anderson |
| 12. PAUL MESMER      | 32. Jim Buchanan   |
| 13. Jeff Hardman     | 33. MIKE VULANI    |
| 14. Allen Jensen     | 34. Mike Morrissey |
| 15. JOE DORRANI      | 35. Don Ann        |
| 16. ROBERT RIECK     | 36.                |
| 17. COLIN JACOBS     | 37.                |
| 18. CRAIG JACOBS     | 38.                |
| 19. Brent Noblitt    | 39.                |
| 20. RAY CRANPTON     | 40.                |



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## Membership Report 2024.01.03

Membership (2024)	1,188
2023 Not Renewed	739
New members – 11.01.23-12.31.2023	28
Percent Renewed	61.6%

### New Members 2024.01.03

First	Last	Type
Eugene	Boyle	Junior
Thomas	Shelton	Junior
Jack	Thomas	Junior
Jasper	Thomas	Junior
Johnson	Thomas	Junior
Sami	Beller	Regular
William	Bergeron	Regular
Scot	Brown	Regular
John	Calder	Regular
Michael	Devine	Regular
Brian	Galey	Regular
Matthew	Gandy	Regular
Michael	Goldfader	Regular
Chris	Gomez	Regular
Jeff	Hardman	Regular
Colin	Jacobs	Regular
Craig	Jacobs	Regular
Kevin	Kelly	Regular
Scott	Lambert	Regular
Mel	Maraney	Regular
Tom	Mockett	Regular
Jeffrey	Monahan	Regular
Michael	Moran	Regular
Terril	Rather	Regular
James "Walkie"	Ray	Regular
Marc	Smaniotto	Regular
Ernest	Wagstaff III	Regular
Ryan	Yoder	Regular

## Proposed Donations for January Meeting

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: chrishg975@outlook.com; ckm4loans@hotmail.com; coastalpeter@yahoo.com; jclevelandis@hotmail.com; billfinstersal291@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 12:53 PM PST

Good Afternoon,

First of all I want to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have been out of town since Christmas Eve Day and I just got back yesterday. Sorry of the delay in getting this out to you so late. I had no computer access.

I am going to keep it simple and do 3 donations that we have done in 2023.

**1. Walt Wagner Assistance Grants.**

**I am suggesting that we donate \$10,000 like we did last year.**

**2. Fisher House of Southern California**

**I am suggesting we donate \$5,000 like we did last year.**

**3. Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation**

**I am suggesting we donate \$25,000 this year. This is up from last years \$20,000.**

4. **DREW HOVE. GO FUND ME DONATION \$1000**  
**COMISARIL REPRESENTATIVE**  
I would like that you all come up with a donation proposed charity that we can consider for the February meeting.

Please get back to me by noon tomorrow because the meeting is tomorrow night. Thank you for all you help and I look forward to another Great Year of Giving from the SALS 291.

Thank you  
Bill Finster



# 2023 YTD Donations

1/3/24

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE	CHECK #
2023.01.01	Gift Cards for Veterans in Need (4 @ 300)	\$1,223.80	2023.01.12	CC
2023.02.01	Heroes Deserve Help	\$3,000.00	2023.02.20	425
2023.02.01	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$3,000.00	2023.02.20	426
2023.02.01	Boy Scouts of America	\$500.00	2023.02.20	427
2023.02.01	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$500.00	2023.02.20	428
2023.02.01	Walt Wagner Assistance Grants	\$10,000.00	2023.11.01	
2023.03.01	1st & Goal Project	\$3,000.00	2023.04.28	432
2023.03.01	Fisher House of Southern CA	\$5,000.00	2023.03.11	433
2023.03.01	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	434
2023.03.01	Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation	\$20,000.00	2023.03.11	435
2023.03.01	Ranch Church Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	435
2023.03.01	Tender Touch Ministries	\$2,000.00	2023.03.11	437
2023.03.01	American Legion Baseball	\$6,000.00		
2023.03.14	Newport Heights Baseball Association	\$250.00	2023.03.14	CC
2023.04.05	Swift Boats Sailor Association	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25	439
2023.04.05	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$1,000.00	2023.03.25	438
2023.04.05	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.04.14	442
2023.04.05	Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing	\$2,000.00	2023.05.03	443
2023.04.05	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28	444
2023.04.05	American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG)	\$2,000.00	2023.04.28	445
2023.04.05	Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Cop Bowl	\$2,000.00	2023-05	447
2023.06.07	Homefront America	\$4,000.00		459
2023.06.07	Vella First Responder Award	\$1,000.00	2023.05.27	Cash
2023.06.07	Patriots and Paws	\$2,000.00		460
2023.06.07	Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise	\$3,000.00		461
2023.06.07	Newport Harbor Cheerleading Squad	\$4,000.00	2023.06.07	234
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	482
2023.09.06	Knots of Love	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11	481
2023.09.06	You were worth it foundation	\$2,000.00	2023.09.11	483
2023.09.06	Lahina, HI	\$5,000.00	2023.09.11	484
2023.10.19	MCAS Tustin Young Marines	\$800.00	2023.10.19	
2023.11.01	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$2,500.00	2023.11.01	603
2023.11.01	Child Guidance Center	\$3,500.00	2023.11.01	604
2023.11.01	Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$2,000.00	2023.11.01	605
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>\$109,273.80</b>		
	<b>Pending</b>			
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$109,273.80</b>		



