



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
November 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1909 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 Cmdr. 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.
Great to see you are here at this meeting.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.
Evin Planto current Post Cmdr. and past Post Cmdr .Doug Nye both were in attendance during the meeting. Donna Morrissey was in attendance she provides support for the XMAS boat parade event. Past Cmdr. Paul Mesmer was present.
9/11 was held in the park and the event went well with banners with the names of the individuals who died.
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:
Steve Porter prior SAL Cmdr. passed away.
Health matters:
Praying - (looking for continued recovery- Art Jimenez)

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (11) was read.

See attached October 7, 2022 to November 2, 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 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 2nd Vice Cmdr

The fishing trips will be forth coming. A one and half day (overnight) Mexico fishing trip is being planned for disabled veterans more information to follow.

The September 11 event at the Post Park was a success. A XMAS boat parade Mexican food (Dec. 14 to 18) price per ticket \$50 planning is in process. In addition we will need volunteers for the XMAS boat parade event. There will be a XMAS SAL member's dinner on December 7 in lieu of our general meeting. See's Candies fund raiser look on your email from the SAL's for details. SAL clothing, hats and blankets are available for purchase at the SAL meeting and XMAS boat parade event.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm. (absent) - Don Allen presented.

The Squadron has approx. \$166,000 (comprised of general checking \$24,000, events account \$36,000 and \$106,000 in money market) at First Republic Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! We have written over \$100,000 in donations this year.

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

Donations Report John Long 3rd Vice Cmdr.

See attached report. The committee did not meet this month. A motion was passed for a budget up to \$6,000 for \$300 visa gift cards to each veteran who maybe in need during this holiday season.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) has been upgraded by our IT outside consultant and 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.

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. If you know of sponsors for the fishing trips please inform us.

Old Business

Continue to support the Legion

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming. We are working on forming a membership committee to assist Jeff Gottfredson from the e-board members.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members.

The XMAS dinner event for the SAL's members and their plus 1 will be held at the post December 7 at 5pm

The next SAL general meeting January 4, 2023 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 4, 2023 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 2, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1909

Meeting End Time: 1955

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):

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



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
2 November 2022

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| 1. Bob Perkins | 21. Mitch Davis |
| 2. RAY CRAMPTON | 22. Ryan Kwiatkowski |
| 3. Chuck Kirkout | 23. David Lujan |
| 4. Pat Sullivan | 24. John Wong |
| 5. HOWARD DENOHAUSEN | 25. Randy MacDersell |
| 6. CRAIG UCHIZONO | 26. Tim Fehl |
| 7. Ed Danoff | 27. Mike Morrissey |
| 8. Bill GRESCHNER | 28. Peter Pulizzi / 4 |
| 9. ROBERT RIECK | 29. |
| 10. JOE DORDONI | 30. |
| 11. MARTY DORDONI | 31. |
| 12. Ron Costabile | 32. |
| 13. SCOTY SEMONELL | 33. |
| 14. BRAD SEMONELL | 34. |
| 15. Bill Finster | 35. |
| 16. Patrupetto | 36. |
| 17. Paul Mesma | 37. |
| 18. MIKE PASKERIAN | 38. |
| 19. CHRIS GRAHAM | 39. |
| 20. PAUL CANNON | 40. |

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Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

November 2, 2022 Membership

New members October 7 to November 2	11
New Member 2023 Year	121
Total Membership (2023)	1719
Percentage Renewed	102%
2023 Membership Goal	1675

New Members 2023

Last	First	Joined
Aoyagi	Lance	11/2/2022
Bailey	Matthew	10/13/2022
Davis	Mitchell	10/12/2022
Craig	Kozma	10/26/2022
Lujan	David	11/2/2022
Mendoza	Benjamin	10/14/2022
Noyes	Christopher	11/1/2022
Pulizzi	Peter	10/20/2022
Richardson	Jay	10/13/2022
Small	Kent	10/14/2022
Wagner	Luke	10/14/2022

2022 YTD Donations

11/2/2022

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	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.03.03	271
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jesse Barnes	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	402
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner William Bui	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	403
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brent Dawson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	404
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Bethany Garces	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	405
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Ulises Herrera	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	406
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jasmine Jackson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	407
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Joseph Jun	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	408
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jose Pina	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	409
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Eduardo Segura	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	410
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brian Vu	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05	411
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
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2022.05.06	287
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00	2022.05.06	288
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	2022.05.06	289
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2022.05.06	290
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00	2022.05.06	286
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00	2022.06.07	297
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00	2022.06.07	298
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00	2022.07.29	304
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00	2022.07.29	305
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00	2022.07.29	306
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00	2022.08.23	313
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00	2022.07.29	307
2022.08.03	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00		CC
2022.08.03	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00	2022.08.23	314
2022.08.03	Active Valor	\$1,000.00	2022.08.23	315
2022.08.25	Jonathon Hermosillo Post 291 100 mile challenge	\$250.00	2022.09.14	CC
2022.09.07	Life Aid Research Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16	322
2022.09.07	Coastline Community College VRC	\$5,000.00	2022.09.16	321
2022.09.07	Heroes Deserve Help	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16	323
2022.09.07	CarePossible	\$1,000.00	2022.09.16	324
2022.10.22	Newport Mesa Baseball	\$250.00	2022.10.22	?
	Approved	\$98,907.00		
	Pending	\$0.00		
	Grand Total	\$98,907.00		