



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
August 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1920 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Dan Princeotto

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. were in attendance. In attendance was Paul Mesmer past state Cmdr.

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:

Cory Vigil step son passed away.

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon, also pray for Paul Garcia of the Legion

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (17) will be read.

See attached July 7, 2023 to August 2, 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 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 trip (father/child) was held in July 2023. Benny Halck will be leading the fishing trips. On August 16 the Post will have a cigars/whisky tasting event at the post Cmdr. Sullivan will follow up regarding tickets. Note a possible wine tasting event at the post September 23.

Note we will be having 9/11 event day from 10am to 3pm. We are looking for a XMAS Country band for the boat parade event at the Post. Planning a 16-day trip to Vietnam in September 2024 details to follow.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of June 30, 2023 approx. \$147,000 (comprised of general checking \$35,800, events account \$5,200 and \$106,000 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 3rd Vice Cmdr

See attached donation report. The donation committee did meet this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read.

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

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 September 6, 2023 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday September 6, 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
August Membership Report
August 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: August 2, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1940

Meeting End Time: 2005

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr. Membership	John Long	P	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr. Activities	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	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
2 August 2023

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| 1. Syd Klut | 21. Paul Gamm |
| 2. Bob Perkins | 22. Dan Prinocchio |
| 3. John Cleveland | 23. Ron Costabile |
| 4. Mike Asterian | 24. Paul Mesmer |
| * 5. Garrett Marshall | 25. Brent Noblitt |
| 6. Mike D'Alessandro | 26. Randy Trost |
| 7. Mike Kiper | 27. David Lujan |
| 8. Matthew Kiper | 28. M. Mosser |
| 9. Greg Morgan | 29. R. Farham * |
| 10. Mason Paduano | 30. Rod Conklin |
| 11. Anthony Paduano | 31. John D'Alessandro |
| 12. Michael Muñoz | 32. Larry Larson |
| 13. Rolph Muñoz | 33. Dan D'Alessandro |
| 14. Brad Johnson | 34. James Baker |
| 15. Jim Bonville | 35. Rudy MacParsell |
| 16. Walter E. Buttke III | 36. Bill Finster |
| 17. Ray Crampton | 37. Du An |
| 18. Paul Gibbs | 38. |
| 19. Robert Rieck | 39. |
| 20. Allen Jensen | 40. |

* Cover window



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Membership Report 2023-08-02

2023 members not renewed	1,664
2024 Renewals	111
Total membership 2023-2024	1,775
New members July 6 – August 2	17

New Members 2023-08-02

Membership ID#	First	Last	Type
353313764	Michelangelo	Barragan	Regular
353329031	Ryan	Bible	Regular
353296803	James	Boyle	Regular
353304918	Kirk	Buttermore	Regular
353315461	Stanley	Clark	Regular
353324298	Curtis	Hammer	Regular
353290030	Andew	Jessup	Regular
353302086	Richard	John	Regular
353326464	Matthew	Kiper	Regular
353326464	Michael	Kiper	Regular
353315436	Jeff	Miller	Regular
353320991	Michael	Munoz	Regular
353321007	Ralph	Munoz	Regular
353324306	Mark	Nappi	Regular
353326614	Anthony	Paduano	Regular
353326617	Mason	Paduano	Junior
353307224	Blake	Reigle	Regular



Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Proposed Donations for August Meeting

7 messages

Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 4:03 PM

To: chrishg975@outlook.com, ckm4loans@hotmail.com, Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>, coastalpeter@yahoo.com, jclelandis@hotmail.com

Good Afternoon,

We received 1 request from Cory Vigil (Post Service Officer) for consideration and a request from Homefront America.

Cory Vigil Request

Dana Point 5th Regiment Support Group

The 5th Marine Regiment was adopted by the City of Dana Point in 2004 and the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group was incorporated in 2008 assembling a well-qualified Board of Directors as a 501c3 to better support the Marines, Sailors and families and Wounded Warriors of the Regiment. Since their inception, they have been dedicated to this goal and have been enthusiastically supported by the City, residents and businesses of the City of Dana Point in this endeavor.

Things they do:

- *Farewell & Welcome Home events for our deploying Marines
- *Sponsoring family events for our Marines and families
- *Building and Maintaining a Memorial Park with monuments commemorating the fallen in recent battles in Iraq and Afghanistan
- * Hosting Baby Showers for our proud Moms of the Regiment
- *Providing 911 needs like gas cards, commissary cards and diapers for Marine Families

* AND MUCH MORE

Site danapoint5thmarines.com

I am suggesting that we donate \$2,500 or more.

Homefront America

Homefront America is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer nontprofit

Site: homefrontamerica.org

We have donated to Homefront America 2019,2020,2021 and 2022. Donatton \$2,500 each year. Mamie Yong Maywhort contacted me on July 24st for our continued support.

TT # ALREADY 2500 GIVEN FOR 2023

I am suggesting that we donate \$2,500 for 2023. *(NOT APPROVED)*

1) III FOUNDATION ADDITIONAL DONATION OF \$2500 - ATTEND ON 9/21/2023 FOR 4 TICKETS - EVENT
Thank you for joining me on this committee, I welcome your thoughts and ideas, Please respond ASAP directly to this email -I created a new email specifically for this group.

all the best,

Bill