



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
February 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1809 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 2 February post Ex-com Meeting.

Jeff Gottfredson will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 8 February Post General Meeting.

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).

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Tony Shaw passed away.

Health matters:

Art Jimenez - 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 January 4, 2023 to February 1, 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. Will seek a new membership vice Cmdr. for next year.

### 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.

A motion was passed for a budget up to \$10,000 for the Golf tournament planning on May 27, 2023.

A motion was passed for a budget up to \$3,000 for the Cinco de Mayo event this spring.

A motion was passed for a budget up to \$1,000 for the DJ, appetizers and dance on February 18, 2023 (7pm-10pm) regarding the remodel hall open house at the Legion.

Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

### Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$199,000 (comprised of general checking \$44,000, events account \$35,000 and money market account \$120,000 at First Republic 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. Todd will investigate with our bank placing a portion of our money market into a CD which is currently paying a higher rate than the money market.

### District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report –Note Paul Mesmer past officer will be present at the general meeting tonight.

### Donations Report – John Long Chair

See attached report. The committee did meet this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – John will review for the potential of this donation process. We will seek a new donation chair for next year. T Ford car dealership will be donating (\$25,000) to the SAL's at the dealership February 7, 2023.

### 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 each board member. Renewing process needs to be reviewed.

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 that have been ordered to be delivered.

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events  
The meeting was adjourned at 1900

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,

  
Don Allen Adjutant

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Roll Call List  
February Membership Report  
February 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: February 1, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1809

Meeting End Time: 1900

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	(scribble)	(E)	(scribble)
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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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Meeting February 2023

Current Members	1749
New Members	135
New Members February	<del>11</del> 15
Total Members	1790 <del>4</del>

New Members 02/2023

Last, First	Type
Freeman, Brett	Regular
Noblitt, Brent	Regular
Baker, Stephen	Regular
Marshall, Todd	Regular
Sauickie, John	Regular
Leingang, Thad	Regular
Plake, Jack	Regular
Yocca, Michael	Regular
Hansen, Kevin	Regular
Galt, Jeffery	Regular
Smith, George	Regular
<i>SMITH, Steven</i>	<i>Regular</i>
<i>WICK, EDWARD</i>	<i>Regular</i>
<i>JOHNSON JOHNS, TIM</i>	<i>REGULAR</i>
<i>GALEY, SCOTT</i>	<i>Regular</i>

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291**

**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

**AUGUST 03, 2022**

Committee Meeting: 2023.01.27

Present: Bill Finster, John Long

Excused (meeting): Chris Graham, Chris Menninger, John Cleveland, and Peter Martin

The Donation Committee met on January 27, 2023. Due to last minute conflicts, we did not have a quorum. All five members of the committee voted on the six donations being requested either in person or via e-mail.

- **Walt Wagner Assistance Grants - \$10,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Grants to be made in November of 2023.

- **Heroes Deserve Help - \$3,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. This group of veterans rebuild desktop and laptop computers donated to them and then give them to OCC and CCC for veterans in need.

- **Newport Mesa Schools Foundation - \$3,000**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. Grant is for funding teacher(s) to do a project in either STEM or Americanism training.

- **Boy Scouts of America, Orange County - \$500**

Committee voted 5-0 to approve this donation. For the Eagle Scout program

- **YOUNG MARINES - ASSISTED BOAT PARADE \$500**

Cory Vigil submitted two recommendations for consideration: 1<sup>st</sup> and Goal Golf Outing and Tender Touch Ministries. Additional information is needed on both before we consider them.