



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
April 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1908 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Sgt of 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.

The improvements at the hall look good.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.

Judy Leonardi of the American Legion Baseball was in attendance and presented their program.

At the meeting a member donated to the American Legion Baseball.

Dana (2nd Vice Cmdr.) from the Post 291 Auxiliary was in attendance and presented an invitation to the summer May 6, 2023 kick off Luau party at the post.

Also former 1st Vice Cmdr. Mike Shubert provided a thank you to the SAL's for all their assistance at the post.

In addition Paul Mesmer former state Cmdr. is also in attendance.

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:

George Baba Legionnaire passed away in addition his son provided comments regarding his dad

Health matters:

Praying – for Skipper Tim has serious health condition.

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (15) will be read.

See attached March 1, 2023 to April 5, 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. Jeff Gottfredson 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. A one and half day (overnight) Mexico fishing trip is being planned for disabled veterans more information to follow. Benny Halck will be leading the fishing trips and Golf event (Fairways of Honor) fund raiser this year.

Benny Halck commented regarding the Golf event (Fairways of Honor) which will be held memorial weekend May 27, 2023. In addition need volunteers, donations and sponsors for the tournament. A foursome will cost \$400 or individual players at a cost of \$150. Flag Day event will be held on June 14, 2023 from 12 to 5 pm.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of February 28, 2023 approx. \$216,000 (comprised of general checking \$64,000, events account \$6,000 and \$146,000 in money market which includes a CD at the Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! We have written over \$100,000 in donations this past year.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan
State convention Visalia, California June 22, 2023 to June 25, 2023

Donations Report John Long 3rd Vice Cmdr.

See attached donation report. The donations were presented and discussed with the general meeting members. Motions were passed to approve each donation request.

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.

Rene Alvarez held nominations for the E board positions. Current existing board members will run for their positions except Jeff Gottfredson will not run for the Membership First Vice Cmdr and John Long will run for the Membership (First Vice Cmdr. In addition Bill Finster was nominated for Donations 3rd Vice Cmdr. Rene Alvarez at the April 5, 2023 called for additional nominations and none were presented. All nominations were accepted and the nominations are closed. Election for the board positions will be held at the May 3, 2023 general meeting.

Looking Ahead

Golf event and Flag Day will be great events.

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members.

The next SAL general meeting May 3, 2023 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2018 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday May 3, 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
April Membership Report
April Donation Report



Sons of the American Legion
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2021 Roll Call List

~~Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)~~
~~General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)~~

Date: April 5, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1908

Meeting End Time: 2018

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
5 April 2023

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| 1. SCOT SEMOWELL | 21. Dan Hamilton |
| 2. BRAD SEMOWELL | 22. Don Handenschild |
| 3. Allen Jensen | 23. Tom Zore |
| 4. JOE DORONJI | 24. Ken Costabile |
| 5. LEE EDWARDS | 25. Benny Hallock |
| * 6. RAY CRAMPTON | 26. Max Gillis |
| 7. STEVEN WEINBERG | 27. John Blahem |
| 8. Chuck Airbourn | 28. Tom McCREAL * |
| 9. Steve Knutson | 29. Rolf S. Schwalbe |
| 10. Robert Rieck | 30. Don Allen |
| 11. Dan Princesotto | 31. |
| 12. David Lujan | 32. |
| 13. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI | 33. |
| 14. Jim Banville | 34. |
| 15. MIKE PASKERIAN | 35. |
| 16. Bill Zinger | 36. |
| 17. Randy MacDargall | 37. |
| 18. Jeff Gutthubson | 38. |
| 19. John Gill | 39. |
| 20. Cheryl Madden | 40. |

* cover winners

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Reed Devon Hamilton

Andrew Gavin

Brian Simko

Jeff Farley

Maxwell Collins

Lee Edwards

Gerald Crisp

Steve Morgan

Sanford Archer

Thomas Sands

Greg Ekstrom

Albert Gasparian

William Calder

Paul Oldham

ED WICK

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT

APRIL 5, 2023

The Donation Committee did not meet in March but reviewed the requested donations via e-mail. All committee members cast their votes for donations below.

1. Swift Boat Sailors Association - \$1,000

This request came from Mike Schubert. This donation was approved by e-mail by E-Board earlier so that a check could be presented at the Post on 3/25. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

2. Vietnam Veterans Association 1024 - \$1,000

This request came from Mike Schubert. This donation was approved by e-mail by E-Board earlier so that a check could be presented at the Post on 3/25. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

3. American Legion Child Welfare Foundation - \$2,000 The CA Detachment of SAL is requesting a minimum of \$1.00 per member in each of the CA squadrons. This same request is going to all legion posts and auxiliary locations nationwide. Our goal is \$1675. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

4. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing - \$2000 This request was forwarded to me by Tim Sullivan after a meeting he had at a Veterans business mixer at the Post with a member of our Post. This is a four-star Charity Navigator and Platinum GuideStar nationwide charity. Donation to go to local chapter located in Long Beach. www.projecthealingwaters.org **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

5. CHOC Follies - \$2,000 This request came from JC in support of Post members who have participated in the CHOC Follies over the past years: Skipper Tim, Tina Bright, and Kathy Fleming. The Follies took place at end of March. All money raised by the Follies goes to CHOC Hospital in support. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

6. American Veterans Assistance Group of CA (AVAG) - \$2,000 Cory Vigil made this request. We placed this on hold at a previous meeting for additional vetting. I have spoken to several people at AVAG and have verified their 501C3 status and filings. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

7. Orange County Bob Henry Scholarship Fund - \$2,000

Request by Rick Bradley for COP BOWL. This will provide two athletic scholarships to Orange County high school athletes. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

YTD DONATIONS ON FLIP SIDE

