



Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 291

2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: June 7, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 2017

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	(P)	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr. <i>Mengelstier</i> <i>ELECT</i>	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	Brad Semonell	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 <i>ELECT</i>	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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Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
June 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1916 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.

Colonel Wayne Scott USA Air Force was in attendance and presented the Scott Family military history and 9/11 detail military history which was fascinating.

Doug Nye past Post Cmdr. and Evan Planto Post Cmdr were in attendance.

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

Jim Ubanks area 29<sup>th</sup> Cmdr. presented a trophy to Todd Clucas and David Boardman 291SAL members for winning the area 29<sup>th</sup> pool tournament. Also in attendance were Newport Harbor high school cheer leaders (sold raffle tickets at the Fairways of Honor golf tournament).

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:

Health matters:

Praying – for Skipper Tim has serious health condition and Brad Semonell was sick

Membership Report – John Long elect, 1st Vice Cmdr

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (20) will be read.

See attached May 3, 2023 to June 6, 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. Next fishing ¾ trip (father/son) will be held on July 21, 2023 able to accommodate 35 fishermen. Benny Halck will be leading the fishing trips. The Golf event (Fairways of Honor) which was held on May 27, 2023 was a success Flag Day event (free hot dogs and a band will be performing) will be held on June 14, 2023 from 12 to 5 pm. Please bring a gift for the kids at the next meeting for Flag Day. A toast to the Fathers with a whisky shot will be held June 18 at the post.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of April 30, 2023 approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$21,000, events account \$10,000 and \$106,000 in money market which includes a CD at the Chase 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

We will be sending delegates to the convention. The following delegates will be attending Rod Conklin, Benny Halck, Tim Sullivan, John Long, Todd Clucas, Jeff Gottfredson, Bill Finster and Don Allen.

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

See attached donation report. John Long reported the donations. 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.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 covers was given away to members.

The next SAL general meeting July 5, 2023 at the post  
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall  
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2017 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday July 5, 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  
June Membership Report  
June Donation Report



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Membership Sign-in for General Meeting  
7 June 2023

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. SCOTT MABERRY          | 21. Alan Leingang       |
| 2. ROY Mellen             | 22. Mike Henneey        |
| 3. MARK J. HOWCROFT       | 23. Michael a. McCourt  |
| 4. JOHN LAMBERTON         | 24. MIKE PASKERIAN      |
| 5. Jim Banville           | 25. Paul Gann           |
| 6. Chris Edmunds          | 26. Bill GRESCHNER      |
| 7. LARRY WILLIAMS         | 27. Allen Jensen        |
| 8. ROBERT HALLOCK         | 28. BOB GREEN           |
| 9. RAY CRAMPTON           | 29. JOE DORFNER         |
| 10. Kevin Rhue            | 30. MARK JORDAN         |
| 11. TOM BURHAM            | 31. BEN GREEN           |
| 12. Wayne Scott, Post 679 | 32. JEFF OKLAND         |
| 13. DAVE THEIL            | 33. Brent Noblitt       |
| 14. Lady May Dorsell      | 34. Benny Hallock       |
| 15. Larry Hou             | 35. PAUCI WESMER        |
| 16. Bill Finster          | 36. Jimmy Skellern      |
| 17. DAN PRINOTTO          | 37. Ralf Schwabe (Sott) |
| 18. Larry Fed             | 38. Don Allen           |
| 19. Mike Morrissey        | 39.                     |
| 20. Tony Baber            | 40.                     |



# Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

## Membership Report 2023-06-07

<b>New members May 3, 2023 – June 6, 2023</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total membership 2023</b>	<b>1,727</b>
<b>Membership goal</b>	<b>1,675</b>

## New Members 2023-06-07

Member ID	Type	First	Last
353216886	Regular	David	Boardman
353233359	Regular	Brad	Boeck
353216871	Regular	Thomas	Burnham
353248315	Regular	Michael	D'Alessandro
353248299	Regular	John	DeRosa
353248354	Regular	Christopher	Edmunds
353248336	Junior	Nathan	Flores
353248345	Junior	Blake	Flores
353110228	Regular	Paul	Gibbs
353231347	Regular	Larry	Hall
353225621	Regular	Mark	Holdcroft
353216909	Regular	Brett	Karger
353226844	Regular	Niko	King
353220170	Regular	Konner	Kreutziger
353226824	Regular	John	Lamberton
353248329	Regular	Alan	Leingang
353248313	Regular	Jeff	Ohland
353216930	Regular	Kevin	Rhue
353216764	Regular	Stephen	Tary
353211376	Regular	Larry	Williams

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

**DONATIONS E-BOARD REPORT**

**JUNE 6, 2023**

The Donation Committee did not meet in May but reviewed the requested donations via e-mail. All committee members cast their votes for donations below. Committee members are John Cleveland, Bill Finster, Chris Graham, Peter Martin, and Chris Menninger.

**1. Homefront America - \$4,000**

This is a local charity that supports families from Pendleton. We have given them \$2,500/year since at least 2019. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**2. Vella First Responder Award - \$1,000**

This request came from Tim Sullivan. This is a new donation that will be presented to the family of a local first responder chosen by the Fairway of Honors Committee. This year it was presented to Mrs. C. Vella, wife of the Huntington Beach Police Helicopter Pilot who died last year in a helicopter crash. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**3. Patriots and Paws - \$2,000**

Located in Huntington Beach -hires veterans and helps veterans and active-duty service members with furnishing homes/apartments. Have supported in years past. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**4. Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise - \$3000**

Located in San Clemente serving active-duty service members and their families in Southern CA. **Committee voted 5-0 to approve this request.**

**YTD DONATIONS ON FLIP SIDE**

