



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

Meeting called to order at 1807 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

Howard Denghausen represented Walt Wagner award
Brian Fleming 1st Vice Cmdr. from the Legion post 291 -presented the updated American Legion
Newport Harbor Post 291 Post/Parking Lot Access Policy-note this will be posted on the
website. In addition, it will be posted on the post site.

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 represented the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 3 August post Ex-com
Meeting.6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 9 August 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.

Note we did not attend the July 20, 2023 American Legion baseball tournament at Jackie
Robinson stadium

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Cory Vigil step son passed away

Health matters:

Brad Semonell is sick get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long, 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 17 new applicants from July 6, 2023 to August 2, 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.

You can receive your gate card when you attend a meeting.

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. The fishing ¾ trip (father/child) was held in July, 2023. On August 16 the Post will have a cigars/whisky tasting event at the post Cmdr. Sullivan will follow up regarding tickets. Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts. Possible wine tasting event at the post September 23.

For the future Xmas boat parade event consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. We will have a 9-11 event at the post.

Vietnam trip next September 2024 details will follow regarding the trip

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

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron as of June 30, 2023 has approx. \$147,000 (comprised of general checking \$35,800 events account \$5,200 and money market accounts \$106,000 at Chase 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. Included in the money market account is a CD for \$50,000 which is currently paying a high rate.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

Donations Report – Bill Finster, Chair

See attached report. The committee met this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – Bill will review for the potential of this donation process.

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.

Old Business

We will be following up on inactive members to renew. Benny Hallick has organized the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1858

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

- Squadron Executive Committee
- Squadron Appointed Positions
- Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

- Roll Call List
- 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: 18 07

Meeting End Time: 18 58

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 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, jclevelandis@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:

- 1) *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 21st for our continued support.

TT # ALREADY 2500 GIVEN FOR 2023

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

2) *111 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