



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
May 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1915 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.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr greeted all in attendance.

Judy Leonardi of the American Legion Baseball was in attendance.

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

In addition Paul Mesmer former state Cmdr. is also in attendance and Donna Morrissey with the Post Auxiliary.

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:

Steve Southerland SAL and Dale Managgio- Legionnaire passed away

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 (25) will be read.

See attached April 5, 2023 to May 3, 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). Final membership report after 6 years. Thank you to Jeff Gottfredson for all his past service.

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr

The fishing trips will be forth coming. Next fishing <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> trip (father/son) will be held on July 20, 2023 able to accommodate 35 fishermen. Benny Halck will be leading the fishing trips.

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. Golf event is sold out. 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.

Finance Report - Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of March 31, 2023 approx. \$204,000 (comprised of general checking \$42,000, events account \$16,000 and \$146,000 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. A motion was passed to budget up to \$1,000 per delegate for the costs. In addition a motion was passed and approve for state delegate fees of \$800. 9 delegates will be attending Rod Conklin, Benny Halck, Tim Sullivan, John Long, Todd Clucas, Jeff Gottfredson, Bill Finster, Dan Swedt and Don Allen.

Donations Report John Long 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.

See attached donation report. The committee did not meet this month also no new donations.

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.

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 will run for Donations 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Rene Alvarez conducted the Election for the aforementioned nominees the ballot was a positive vote for this slate.

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 June 7, 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 June 7, 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  
May Membership Report  
May 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: May 3, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1915

Meeting End Time: 2005

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 <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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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting  
3 May 2023

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mike Morrissey          | 21. Patrick Pether   |
| 2. Benny Hallock           | 22. Ed Danoff        |
| 3. Vince Salvani           | 23. SCOTY SEMONELL   |
| 4. Bob Perkins             | 24. BRAD SEMONELL    |
| 5. TIM COVERT              | 25. CHRIS CHOCEK     |
| 6. JOHN FITZPATRICK        | 26. Zac Chocek       |
| 7. PAUL MESMER             | 27. Glen Otis        |
| 8. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI        | 28. ORY PRICE        |
| 9. Mike B. McCoy           | 29. DAVID HAYES      |
| 10. Michael Smith          | 30. BILL GRESCHNER   |
| 11. Albert Gasparian       | 31. Ingo Schultz     |
| 12. WES WALTER BRIMMONS JR | 32. ROBERT ERVOLINA  |
| 13. DAVE THEIL             | 33. ROGER TURK       |
| 14. RON Mellen             | 34. PATRICK BARTOLIC |
| 15. JOHN PARKER            | 35. RAY CRAMPTON     |
| 16. Pat Sullivan           | 36. HUNTER DION      |
| 17. Paul Ecks              | 37. John Kueger      |
| 18. Ethan Morgan           | 38. Rod Conklin      |
| 19. M. MOSSLER             | 39. SCOTT SHEW       |
| 20. RON FARNAM             | 40. KIK WALTER BATH  |

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41 Mike Kiper

42 JACK AREA

43 MARTY DORONJ \*

44 MIKE PASKERIAN



# Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

## Membership Report 2023-05-03

New members April 5, 2023 to May 3, 2023	25
Active 2023 members processed	1,653
Total membership 2023	1,678
Membership goal	1,675

## New Members 2023-05-03

Name	Type
Rudolph J Baldoni	Regular
Mark Strait	Regular
Michael Smith	Regular
Hank Donaldson	Junior
Jake Donaldson	Junior
Robert Schroff	Regular
Roger Turk	Regular
John "Jack" Area	Regular
Robert Ervolina	Regular
Mike Kipper	Regular
Luis Chavez	Regular
Dennis G Smith	Regular
Robert Green	Regular
William A Blaine	Regular
John Parker, Jr	Regular
Ingo Schultz	Regular
Ethan Morgan	Regular
Thomas Patton	Regular
Glen Odis	Regular
Wes (Walter) Simmons Jr	Regular
Benjamin Green	Regular
Patrick Bartolic	Regular
Vince Salvati	Regular
Rod Conklin	Regular
Cory Price	Regular

