



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1805 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

Mike Morrissey was present at the meeting.

A motion was approved to appoint Mike Morrissey ^{as} ~~at~~ the Sgt at Arms effective today.
Our current Sgt at Arms resigned.

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 7 September post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 13 September Post General Meeting. 7 pm

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.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Mike Morrissey's father Thomas Morrissey 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 August 3, 2023 to September 6, 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 then it will be fill in with other vets. 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 (December 13 – 17) consider preparing a parking map and possibly utilizing Venmo for ticket sales. A 9-11 event (10am to 3pm) will be held at the post- need volunteers to set up on Saturday 9-9. Give away gift cards not to exceed \$500 at the Xmas boat parade event.

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 July 31, 2023 has approx. \$137,000 (comprised of general checking \$25,800 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 are ordering more 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. Looking for an additional IT professional to assist with the technology.

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

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 1800 hrs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1859

Submitted by,


Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

September Membership Report

September 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: September 6, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 1805

Meeting End Time: 1859

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 <i>RESIGNED</i>	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 2023-09-06

2023 members not renewed	1,554
2024 Renewals	281 - 15.3%
Total membership 2023-2024 (inc. new)	1,836
New members August 3 – September 6	17

New Members 2023-09-06

353351185	Regular	Thomas C	Gray
353373874	Regular	Tom	Arnold
353342501	Junior	John	Brown
353342491	Junior	Steven	Brown
353348523	Regular	Jared	Cooper
353370939	Regular	Mark	Ford
353373133	Regular	Daniel	Freeman
353351203	Regular	David	Graham
353373151	Regular	Steve	Kosch
353376888	Regular	Shawn	Miller
353351147	Regular	Greg	Oppegard
353373132	Regular	Dennis	Priest
353351197	Regular	Joseph Michael	Riggio
353351211	Regular	Samuel	Rubinstein
353370024	Regular	Kevin	Scherf
353351164	Regular	Vincent	Scherf
353335263	Regular	Ian	Wells



Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Proposed Donations for September Meeting

1 message

Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 3:12 PM

To: chrishg975@outlook.com, ckm4loans@hotmail.com, Peter Martin <coastalpeter@yahoo.com>, Johnny C <jclevelandis@hotmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

We have 4 request this month for donation approval by the donation committee.

1 National Charity League of Newport Beach.

This request is from Don Allen and his Daughter from the National Charity League of Newport Beach. NCL Inc. Newport Chapter is a group of mothers and daughters who have come together in a commitment to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. **They have a fundraiser for High Hopes.** High Hopes is located in Tustin. They were started in 1975. They work with head injured people. I called and spoke to the director of High Hopes and they have in that time dealt with about 2,000 military patients with brain injuries and they still do. High Hopes is a one-of-a-kind non-profit charitable organization that is dedicated to the rehabilitation and retraining of loved ones who have been devastated bt traumatic head injuries.

I am Suggesting that we donate \$2,000

2 You Were Worth It Foundation Always Remember Never Forget & Welcome Home

This request came from Randy MacDougall

The Foundation works Veterans and Active Duty. They take WWII Veterans on trips, have them speak to schools, community organizations and on base to military units

Major Billy Hall USMC and USARetired. Billy has been invited to the Medal of Honor Society convention at the WWII Museum from October 30-November 4th. The museum has the Dive and Torpedo bomber models Billy flew in as well as the Higgins boat he made the amphibious landing at Guadalcanal. **Billy is 97 years old. Billy has a GREAT military history.**

The request is for \$2,000 to help pay towards the trip including airfair and lodging for the 6 days in New Orleans to attend the event.

3 KNOTS OF LOVE

Knots of Love recently relocated to Wisconsin and began work on building a new office space, however, Mother Nature provided a serious snag. Heavy snows, followed by dousing rains, causing the new space to flood, hampering progress on the project. While construction is underway, more help is needed to complete the new space. This is where we come in. I spoke to Christine after receiving her email. We have been a great donor to Knots Of Love and they need our help to finish the work.

I am Suggesting that we donate \$2,000.

4 Maui, Lahaina

I have been in contact with Brister Thomas, President, ALA Department Hawaii. ALA Hawaii Girls State Director & NEC-National Executive Committee. I just spoke to George LeCompte, WH6DBA, Adjutant, Department of Hawaii, The American Legion.

They both have said that the BEST thing we can do now is donate money to get earmarked for military personal so they can buy things as needed, **MAUI AND LAHAINA NEED OUR HELP**

I am suggesting that we donate \$5,000 MATCH UP TO \$5000 DEPENDING ON LEGION DONATION + AUXILIARY AMOUNTS