



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
October 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1804 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

None

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance. We plan on making improvements for the future golf fund event.

Veterans Relief Foundation Cmdr. Sullivan met with them.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 6 October post Ex-com Meeting.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 12 October Post General Meeting.

The general meeting will recognize the recipient guests who will receive the Walt Wagner awards.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

We have a quorum and a thank you to Rene Alvarez for timely posting the minutes.

Need to address sailing lessons costs at the post see Chaplain's report.

In addition Cmdr. Sullivan will address membership assistant to Jeff Gottfredson.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

No report

Health matters:

Art Jimenez - get well soon

Note there are sailing lessons for SAL's at a reduced rate.

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 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 36 new applicants from September 7, 2022 to October 5, 2022. See attached report. Each applicant's name was read during the meeting. Calling on individuals who have not renewed and looking for transfers. Cmdr. Tim Sullivan is reaching out to Marty Raymond to possibly become a membership assistant to Jeff Gottfredson to be addressed in the future. In order to obtain a parking card please be present at the introduction meeting a motion was passed and approved for this matter.

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.

9/11 event was held in the park which went well.

Future events may out source to Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

Xmas boat parade event is progressing and sales are in process.

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

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has approx. \$115,000 (comprised of general checking \$11,000, events account \$6,000 and money market account \$98,000 at First Republic Bank. Todd Clucas presented the accounts balances. Tim Sullivan will oversee the accounting periodically. Continue to improve financial reporting. Todd Clucas will be providing additional data to the Post monthly.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

Past due invoice to the detachment for dues will be paid.

Donations Report – John Long Chair

See attached report. The committee did not meet for October. Possible recurring subscriptions for donations on our website – John 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. Would like change from the use of constant contact.

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. Marty Raymond will be training soon to assist Jeff Gottfredson membership responsibilities.

New Business

A motion was passed to approve a SAL's members XMAS dinner December 7 event including a budget up to \$5,000 for the costs and not having the normal general and executive December meetings. Waiting on SAL covers to be delivered.

Next meeting location will be at the post

SAL's looking for donations and events
The meeting was adjourned at 1848

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday November 2, 2022 at 1800 hrs.

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

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Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
October Membership Report
October 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: October 5, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 1804

Meeting End Time: 1848

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	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
	<i>Judge ADDOCATE</i>			
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



Sons of the American Legion
Newport Harbor Squadron 291

215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

October 5th, 2022 Membership

New members Sept 7 to now	39 38 36
New Member 2021 Year	106
Total Membership (2023)	1691
Percentage Renewed	109%
2020 Membership Goal	1675

New Members for 2022-2023

First	Last	First	Last
Paul	Aylward	Scott	Michaels
Daniel	Baba	Robert	Miller
Nicholas	Baba	Mike	Moulard
Jake	Bartusick	Jim	O'Malley
Blake	Bertea	Jesse	Palmer
Kent	Brawner	Thomas	Penny
Neil	Buttermore	Michael	Peterson
Steve	Canto	Albert	Rendon
Richard	Dewberry	Phillip	Rodas
Greg	Doke	Andrew	Schilling
Jon	Fasola	Jeffrey	Stokes
Joseph	Gręco	Randall	Trost
Richard	Haney	Tom	Unvert
Jeff	Haskell	Todd	Waltz
Gordon	Henry	David	Warren
Tim	Johnson	Ben	Wilde
Lawrence	Jones	Marshall	Wilkerson
Eric	Keys	Thomas	Williams
Brian	Kleindienst	Timothy	Wuerfel
Duncan	McCulloch	<i>MICHAEL</i>	<i>HARRIS</i>
Scott	Michaels	<i>CHAS</i>	<i>BYM</i>
		<i>DAVID</i>	<i>PERLWEL</i>
		<i>MIKE</i>	<i>FLORES</i>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291

DONATIONS E-BOARD

OCTOBER 5, 2022

The Donation Committee did not meet in September. We have several charities need additional vetting. To date, we have donated \$98,657 and are approaching the budget of \$100,000. Need to get clarification for balance of year from E-Board.

We have invited the Walt Wagner Financial Aid recipients to the October General Meeting for a presentation of the checks. Currently 9 of the 10 recipients have indicated that they would be attending. A brief bio on each recipient is below.

2022 – Jesse Barnes - \$1000

Mr. Barnes is 23 and served 3½ years in the Army. He now serves in the National Guard. Over the summer he lived in the dorms at UCI and participated in a computer technology research experience for undergraduates (REU) while simultaneously taking 2 classes at OCC. His goal is to get either a Master or PhD in computer technology and work for a top technology company such as Google or Amazon.

2022 – William Bui - \$1000

Mr. Bui, an immigrant, is 37 and served 7 years in the Navy, now in the Navy Reserves. He married a Japanese lady while stationed in Japan. They now live in California, where his wife works full time as he goes to school. He is saving his G.I Bill for university where he will get a bachelor's degree in computer science and then an MBA. He has participated in and highly recommends the Warrior Scholar Project which prepares one for university by talking to Professors and Counselors.

2022 – Brent Dawson - \$1000

Mr. Dawson is 24 and served 5 years in the Navy, where he was the leading Petty Officer in charge of underwater communication on a nuclear sub. He will transfer to UCI for his bachelor's degree, and then to law school. He is currently engaged and works part time for a company with government contracts. He documents prevailing wage requirements for the company. His goal is to take the bar exam and become a sports lawyer.

2022 – Ulises Herrera - \$1000

Mr. Herrera is 33 and served 3 years in the Army and 2 years in the National Guard. He was working as a rough framer for several years. He then decided to go through the OCC Construction Technology program so that he can get his contractor's license. His goal is to start his own construction company.

2022 – Bethany Garces - \$1000

Miss Garces is 27 and served 5 years in the Marines as a radio technician. Her military exposure to systems engineers and network administrators created her interest in computer science. She is engaged to a disabled veteran who she provides support for daily. She is currently working in the OCC Veterans Resource Center while taking summer school classes. Her goal is to attend UCI and get a degree in Computer Science. She wants to have a work from home job in the computer science or business information management sectors so she can continue to provide support for partner.

2022- Jasmine Jackson - \$1000

Ms. Jackson is 35 and served 8 years in the Air Force. She was a network intelligence operative, in Okinawa. She was married right out of High School but is separated and soon to be divorced. She is focused on obtaining a degree in geology and pursuing a career as a research soil scientist. Her goal is to work for the Dept. of the Interior in the soil conservation field. Her dream job would be as a volcanologist in Hawaii.

2022 – Joseph Jun - \$1000

Mr. Jun is 27 and served 7 years in the Army. He is currently taking 12 units, a combination of day and night classes, while also working as a server at a shabu-shabu restaurant and as an assistant manager at a student tutoring company. He is saving his G. I. Bill for when he attends UCSD next year where he will work towards a Master or PhD in Computer Science. His goal is to create software that assists employees in tracking and managing their lives more efficiently.

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DONATIONS E-BOARD

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2022 – Jose Pina - \$1000

Mr. Pina is 25 and is currently on active duty in the Army. He lives with his wife and 2 children on base at Ft. Irwin. His MOB is a truck driver but is also part of a security detail for his unit and has a service dog that sniff out drugs and explosives. He will be transferred to Germany in January 2023 for 3½ years. He plans to be in the Army for 8 – 10 years minimum, and then get a job as a DEA agent. His military training will superbly qualify him as a drug enforcement agent. He wants to be in drug enforcement because he has seen what drugs do to his neighborhood in Santa Ana.

2022 – Eduardo Segura - \$1000

Mr. Segura is 26 and served 6 years in the Air Force. He lives with his girlfriend who is a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). She works full time while Eduardo studies to be a Surgical Technologist (the person next to the operating doctor assisting in the operation). He will very soon be transferring to a specialty college for another 1½ years of study to obtain his surgical technologist certification. He has just found out that his girlfriend is pregnant and they are excited to be parents. Eduardo wants to work for a major hospital or HMO like Kaiser.

2022 – Brian Vu - \$1000

Mr. Vu is 26 and served 6 years in the Navy. He was a nuclear & electrical technician and spent his time maintaining and repairing equipment. After getting an Associates in Mathematics at OCC he is looking to transfer to CSLB and get a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He saw so many things that could be improved during his time in the Navy maintaining and repairing equipment. His goal is to work developing items that will help people in everyday life.

YTD Donations 2022-10-05

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE
2022.02.02	I Am Movement - H Gutschow	\$525.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	Newport Beach 1st Battalion 1st Marines Foundation	\$20,000.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	CHOC Follies	\$1,000.00	2022.03.03
2022.03.02	Honor Flight Southland	\$1,000.00	2022.03.14
2022.03.02	Veterans Legal Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.03.03
2022.04.06	BSA-Eagle Scout Banquet	\$500.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Dana Point Fifth Marine Regiment	\$1,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Knots of Love	\$4,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	PORAC - Officer Nicholas Vella	\$500.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Patriots and Paws	\$2,222.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Post 262 Roof Repairs Match to \$1250	\$1,250.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Child Guidance Center - SFSC	\$5,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.04.06	Vietnam Veterans Association 1024	\$2,000.00	2022.04.14
2022.05.04	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Network for Exceptional Military Families	\$2,500.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.05.04	OC Lawmen - Bob Henry Scholarships	\$2,000.00	2022.05.06
2022.06.01	Homefront America	\$2,500.00	2022.06.07
2022.06.01	Homes for our Troops	\$5,000.00	2022.06.07
2022.07.06	Fisher House of Southern California	\$5,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Words of Comfort Hope and Promise	\$2,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Veterans Canine Intelligence Academy	\$1,000.00	2022.07.29
2022.07.06	Caterina's Club	\$5,000.00	2022.08.23
2022.07.06	Helmets for Heroes	\$250.00	2022.07.29
2022.08.03	Visually Impaired Riders - Lunch @ Post	\$310.00	
2022.08.03	Team RWB OC / The Heroes Project	\$750.00	2022.08.23
2022.08.03	Active Valor	\$1,000.00	2022.08.23
2022.08.25	Jonathon Hermosillo Post 291 100 mile challenge	\$250.00	2022.09.14
2022.09.07	Life Aid Research Institute	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	Coastline Community College VRC	\$5,000.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	Heroes Deserve Help	\$2,500.00	2022.09.16
2022.09.07	CarePossible	\$1,000.00	2022.09.16
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jesse Barnes	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner William Bui	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brent Dawson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Bethany Garces	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Ulises Herrera	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jasmine Jackson	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Joseph Jun	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Jose Pina	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Eduardo Segura	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
2022.03.02	Walt Wagner Brian Vu	\$1,000.00	2022.10.05
	Approved	\$98,667.00	
	Pending	\$0.00	
	Grand Total	\$98,667.00	