



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
February 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1809 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.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 1 February post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 8 February Post General Meeting. 7 pm

The Legion will have a Cigar (\$75) night during the last Wednesday of every month.

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:

None

Health matters:

Brad Semonell (super sgt.)- 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 4 new applicants from January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024. 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 Thursdays 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.

XMAS boat parade event (December 13 – 17) was a successful event. For the future event consider preparing a parking map. Future events golf tournament, flag day (June 14)) other possible events (Chili cookoff).

Vietnam trip next August 17 to September 1, 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 December 31, 2023 has approx. \$216,000 (comprised of general checking \$41,000 events account \$71,000 and money market accounts \$104,000 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 including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated by emails 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. Consider branding a new contribution for vets at our local junior college.

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 for future fund -raising events. We will need to investigate the possibility of fund raising from companies in the area.

Technology-Tim Sullivan, Cmdr. Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey will learn the WIX software. Training for the WIX software will be forthcoming – Rene will review the site for a training session. WIX pay will be used for the events and will transition from Square for membership and merchandise thru stripes software. Website is working and will be improved. Cmdr. working on a website to sale various items (fund raising resource) for SAL 291.

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 month Board elections first nominations

Election committee Tim Sullivan, Don Allen and Rene Alvarez were assigned.

Will discuss next month our renewal policy.

Donation and financial committees to develop future budgets.

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday March 6, 2024 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

February Membership Report

February 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: February 7, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1809

Meeting End Time: 1859

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	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	Mike Morrissey	P	E	A
Chaplain	Randy MacDougall	P	E	A
Parliamentarian, Historian & Judge advocate	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
3rd 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 2024.02.07

Membership (2024)	1,404
2023 Not Renewed	548
New members – 01.31.2024	4
Percent Renewed	71.9%
National Goal	60%

New Members 2024.01.31

Matthew	Parisi
Scott	Springborn
William	Tookoian
Michael	Wooden

Tim Sullivan request

1. Donation towards the renovation of the patio for the post. Exterior patio area.

Request \$5,000

NO

2. **March Madness Ruck March for Veteran Suicide Awareness.**

Details:

March 23, 2024, Check In 8AM check off time 0900, \$22 per participants open to anyone.

- * Minimum 22lbs in the Ruck Backpack
- * Starting point Huntington Beach
- * Ending Point American Legion Post 291
- * BBQ, music & Vendors after at the Post

Request \$4,000 for food, shirts, and water bottles

\$ 1000

Cory Vigil request

- * **Celldogs.org**

Spoke to Lynn Middleton from celldogs.org and one of the things they do is train support dogs for Veterans who need them. It takes 8-12 months to train the dog. the cost to do this is \$25,000 per dog.

Request \$2,000

Boy Scouts of America

2024 OCBSA Annual Celebration Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Silver Palm Sponsor. 4 tickets, Sponsor 4 Eagle Scouts, and 1/2 Page Ad in the Program

Silver Palm Sponsor \$1,500

Jonathan & Jackson Hewitt. Junior SAL Members along with 3rd brother and the Dad is a SAL

They are enthusiastic members of the Ethel Dwyer Middle School esteemed Wind Ensemble in Huntington Beach. Their Band has been bestowed with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Donation \$300

Laguna Beach Police Foundation

The LBPF provides funds to access counseling, and wellness services, promote employee recognition initiatives and facilitate employee development and training. Additionally, the LBPF provides information, resources, and financial support for deceased, injured, disabled or catastrophically ill or displaced members of the Laguna Beach Police Department and their families.

Donation \$2,000

