



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
4 October 2017

Meeting called to order at 1918 hrs.

The Colors were saluted.

Chaplain White offered an opening prayer.

Sgt.-at-Arms Brad Semonell presented the POW/MIA Chair Cover and statue.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cmdr Sullivan lead the reading of the Preamble to the SAL Constitution.

Call to Order - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

A quorum was present, fifteen members besides a qualified presiding officer constituting a quorum. Roll Call List and Sign-in sheets are attached.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance and called on Past Cmdr Matt Parsons to introduce guests. Matt recognized Walt Wagner, Rachel Cueva, District Director of Boy Scouts of America Orange County Council; and Squadron Advisor Skipper Tim Bercovitz.

Cmdr Sullivan introduced John Long as Squadron website administrator.

Cmdr Sullivan appointed Art Jimenez as 2nd Vice Cmdr. His appointment must be approved by the Post E-board.

Adjutant's Report - Butch Rowe, Adjutant

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Meetings are recorded in order to produce the monthly minutes. The recordings are erased upon completion of the minutes.

Chaplain's Report - Jeff White, Chaplain

No report.

Membership Report - Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Cmdr

The Squadron is capped at 1760 members. Renewals are at 13.7% and going very slowly.

There are 5 applicants this month, having been approved by Post 1st Vice Cmdr Mike Schubert. They are: Tommy F. Chaplin, Kenneth Cowie, Brian Finster, Matthew Hartloff, and Sean Heslin. A motion was passed to bring these fine gentleman into the Squadron.

Report attached.

Finance Report - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

No report.

Donations Report - Peter Martin

There is one donation request this month, previously approved by the Executive Committee:

- \$400 for Unit 291 Operation Pajama - motion passed

Rachel Cueva, District Director of Boy Scouts of America Orange County Council was present to accept the \$500 donation approved in September.

Report attached.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

Rick Bradley reported on District activities. A contact name at Long Beach VA along with a list of veterans needs was given to Cmdr Sullivan.

Matt Parsons presented the Squadron with awards from the Natl Convention held in Reno. Awards were:

- 1st Place award for Snapshots of Service
- Largest Squadron award

Parsons also spoke about the SAL Hall of Fame Gala to be held at Pasadena Post 13 on 4 November. A motion was passed to purchase a table of 8 for \$480.

Technology - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

No report.

Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Program going well. New volunteers always needed and welcome.

Fund Raising Committee - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Closing Remarks

Troy Knott of the ALYC Dive and Snorkel Club announced a program at the Post on 25 October. Navy SEALs: From Frogmen to Elite Operators, with AL291/ALYC member Harry Humphries and the GSGI team.

Looking Ahead

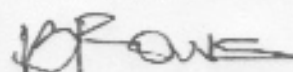
The 5th Annual SAL Western Rendezvous will be held in Las Vegas, NV on 19-20 January 2018 (location likely to be The Tuscany Suites)

Closing Prayer - Jeff White, Chaplain

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Submitted by,



Butch Rowe
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors
Post Cmdr
Post Adjutant
Auxiliary President
Auxiliary Secretary

Attachments:

Roll Call List
Sign-in Sheet
October Membership Report
October Donations Committee Report



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
2017 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: 4 October 2017

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 2010

Executive Committee (Voting):		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	Jeff Gottfredson	P	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr.	-	P	E	A
Adjutant	Butch Rowe	P	E	A
Finance Officer	Rich Morin	P	E	A
Sgt. at Arms	Brad Semonell	P	E	A
Chaplain	Jeff White	P	E	A
Historian	Robert Thompson	P	E	A
Jr. Past Cmdr.	Matt Parsons	P	E	A
Sr. Past Cmdr.	Steve Porter	P	E	A
Appointed Positions (Non-voting):				
Judge Advocate	Paul Mesmer	P	E	A
Parliamentarian	-	P	E	A
Donations	Peter Martin	P	E	A
Fund Raising	-	P	E	A
Technology	John Durkin	P	E	A
Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):				
Post Advisor	-	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Paul Meye	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Robert Wright	P	E	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
4 October 2017

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| 1. Butas Ross | 21. SKIPPER Tim Bucovitz |
| 2. Peter Martin | 22. Rachel Cueva BSA |
| 3. REX HENRY | 23. Ken Cowie |
| 4. Ken EGGERS | 24. Tommy Chaplin |
| 5. RICHARD LITSINGER | 25. Bill LANG |
| 6. Steve Knutsen | 26. Bill LANG |
| 7. SCOT SEMONE I | 27. KURT WAGNER |
| 8. BRAD SEMONE I | 28. Jeff White |
| 9. ROBERT RIECK | 29. PHIL MESMER |
| 10. Tim Felt | 30. James Blakemore |
| 11. Robert Young | 31. GREG TABAT |
| 12. JOE DORDONI | 32. |
| 13. Bob Bedell | 33. |
| 14. Matt Parsons | 34. |
| 15. John Lang | 35. |
| 16. Rolf S Schmittbe | 36. |
| 17. Riccardo Blumcoy | 37. |
| 18. Troy Knott | 38. |
| 19. Sam Henry | 39. |
| 20. May Washu | 40. |

Sons of the American Legion

Newport Harbor Squadron #291

New Members this Month	5
New Members this Year	41
Total Membership	1,665
Members Renews 2018	229
Members needing to Renew	1,436
Percentage Renewed	13.7%

New Members Inducted October 2017

New Members October			
Type	First	Last	City
Regular	Tommy F	Chaplin	Orange
Regular	Kenneth	Cowie	Newport Beach
Regular	Brian	Finster	Newport Beach
Regular	Matthew	Hartloff	North Tustin
Regular	Sean	Heslin	Anaheim

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DONATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 4, 2017

This is the Donation Committee Chairman's report for the October 4, 2017 General Membership Meeting.

Current Donation Requests

One Donation Request was received by the Donation Committee between the September 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting and this October 4, 2017 General Membership Meeting that are to be voted on by the General Membership as follows:

1. \$400 for support of AL291 Auxiliary Operation Pajama to provide undergarments to the VA Clothing Bank in Los Angeles.

Donation Recipients attending

Rachel Cueva, District Director of the Boy Scouts of America Orange County Council will be present to receive a \$500 Donation check and say a few words about the Boys Scouts programs in Orange County.

Donation Acknowledgements Received

No Donation Acknowledgements were received in the period.

Donation Total for the 2017 calendar year:

The donation financial status is:

TOTAL DONATIONS APPROVED	\$ 14,400
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Disbursement Status

Donations disbursed:	\$ 14,000
Donations not disbursed:	\$ 400

Donation Type

Recurring Donations:	\$ 12,000
Other Donations:	\$ 2,400

End of Report