



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
6 December 2017

Meeting called to order at 1910 hrs.

The Colors were saluted.

Adjutant Rowe offered an opening prayer.

Acting Sgt.-at-Arms Scot 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 acknowledged guests.

The Squadron Hoop-it-up Fund Raiser is ongoing with a planning meeting scheduled for 9 December at 9 am. The Squadron seeks to raise money to train a doctor at Loma Linda Medical Center in PTSD treatment.

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 59.2%.

There are 4 applicants this month, having been approved by Post 1st Vice Cmdr Mike Schubert. They are: Lucas Freeman, and Jackson Freeman; Juniors and John Nulty, and John Flynn; Regular. A motion was passed to bring these fine gentleman into the Squadron.

Report attached.

Finance Report - Rich Morin, Chmn

The Squadron has approx. \$72,780 in the bank down from \$95,000 after payment of facility fees to the Post.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report.

Donations Report - Peter Martin, Chmn

The Wagner Family Assistance Donation was presented by Walt Wagner to Vitaly Lavant.

A motion was passed to donate \$2500 to the Post in support of the hurricane relief for posts in Texas and Florida.

There are 2 donation requests this month.

- \$1000 for Orange County Cop Bowl Association - motion passed
- \$1000 for gift cards to residents of the California Veterans Administration home in Barstow - motion passed

Motions were passed approving these donations.

Report attached.

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

The Squadron Hoop-it-up Fund Raiser is ongoing with a planning meeting scheduled for 9 December at 9 am.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Paul Mesmer inducted Art Jimenez as 2nd Vice Cmdr.

Looking Ahead

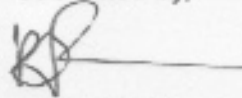
The 5th Annual SAL Western Rendezvous will be held in Las Vegas, NV on 19-20 January 2018 (location likely to be The Tuscany Suites).

Closing Prayer - Butch Rowe, Adjutant

The meeting was adjourned at 1956 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday 3 January 2018 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  
December Membership Report  
December Donations Committee Report



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2017 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: 6 December 2017

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 1930

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	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	Skipper Tim Bercovitz	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Paul Meye	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Rob White	P	E	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting  
6 December 2017

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. <del>RUSTEN ROUNTZ</del> | 21. GREG TABAT              |
| 2. Robert C. Perkins        | 22. DAVE THEIL              |
| 3. JOSEPH PEREZ             | 23. TODD CLUCAS             |
| 4. Peter Martin             | 24. Jerry Spill             |
| 5. Rich Mann                | 25. WALT WAGNER             |
| 6. Jeff Gottschalson        | 26. ROBERT RIECK            |
| 7. RON FERGERS              | 27. Ron Schwabke            |
| 8. DENNIS McCARTER          | 28. ROBERT Z THOMPSON       |
| 9. Tim Fahl                 | 29. Jett White              |
| 10. Scott Semina            | 30. "SKIPPER JIM" BERGOMITZ |
| 11. PATRICK POTTS           | 31. James Woodworth         |
| 12. Bob Bedell              | 32. Rufus Schulte           |
| 13. Don Albrecht            | 33.                         |
| 14. CHRIS GRAHAM            | 34.                         |
| 15. Steve Knutsen           | 35.                         |
| 16. Allen Jensen            | 36.                         |
| 17. JOE DARDONI             | 37.                         |
| 18. JOHN NULTY              | 38.                         |
| 19. Marty Morales           | 39.                         |
| 20. SCOTY SEMONE            | 40.                         |

# Sons of the American Legion

## Newport Harbor Squadron #291

New Members this Month	4	
New Members this Year	55	
Total Membership	1,671	
Members Renewals 2018	989	(+246)
Members needing to Renew	682	
Percentage Renewed	59.2%	(+15.2%)

### New Members Inducted December 2017

New Members December			
Type	First	Last	City
Junior	Lucas	Freeman	Anaheim
Junior	Jackson	Freeman	Anahcim
Regular	John	Nulty	NPB
Regular	John	Flynn	San Marino

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# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 291**

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DONATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT DECEMBER 6, 2017**

This is the Donation Committee Chairman's report for the December 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting.

### **Current Donation Requests**

Two Donation Requests were received by the Donation Committee between the November 1, 2017 Executive Board Meeting and this December 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting as follows:

1. \$1,000 for O.C. Cop Bowl to be held in May 2018.
2. \$1,000 for the Veterans Administration Home in Barstow

### **Donation Recipients attending**

Vitaly Layvant has been awarded the Wagner Family Foundation donation of \$1,000 for 2017 and is present to receive his donation.

### **Donation Acknowledgements Received**

Donation Acknowledgements were received in the period from:

1. Knots of Love.
2. Col Chris Gideons, USMC, Commanding Officer, SPMAGTF CENTCOM, Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment

### **Donation Total for the 2017 calendar year:**

The donation financial status is:

**TOTAL DONATIONS APPROVED** \$ 17,700

#### **Disbursement Status**

Donations disbursed: \$ 15,700

Donations not disbursed: \$ 2,000

#### **Donation Type**

Recurring Donations: \$ 14,000

Other Donations: \$ 3,700

End of Report