



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
7 February 2018

Meeting called to order at 1910 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 acknowledged guests.

The Squadron Hoop-it-up Fund Raiser is ongoing.

Auxiliary Unit 291 will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Post on Monday 19 February from 10 am until 4 pm.

Annie Alvelas, and Chelsea Pero; Asst. Directors of CHOC Foundation were recognized.

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. Total membership currently stands at 1,693. Renewals are at 77.3%.

There are 17 applicants this month, having been approved by Post 1st Vice Cmdr Mike Schubert and the Squadron Executive Committee. They are: Carl Basile, Lawrence Braden, Matthew Brigham, Eric Cutforth, Steven Foster, Stephen Hulan, Greg Miskiel, Chad Paulson, Michael Ryan, William Schlegel, Barry Shepherd, Richard Shepherd, Patrick Visel, and Hayden

Wehri; Regulars. Daniel Coughlin; Dually. Casey Coughlin, and Rhett Stewart; Juniors. A motion was passed to bring these fine gentlemen into the Squadron.

Dues not paid by 1 February - membership classified as delinquent and suspended from all privileges (Const. Art. VII).

Access cards will be deactivated on 10 February for those members who have not renewed.

Dues not paid by 30 June - membership is forfeited (Const. Art. VII).

Report attached.

#### Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd Vice Cmdr

Preliminary results show a Boat Parade net income of approx. \$11,100. A review meeting will be scheduled.

Jaden Johnson was honored for her work during the Boat Parade. She raised \$663 on her own which will be donated to Children's Hospital of Orange County in her name. Jaden presented the check to Annie Alvelas, and Chelsea Pero of CHOC Foundation.

#### Finance Report - Rich Morin, Chmn

The Squadron has approx. \$108,000 in the bank. There are transfers of Boat Parade funds still to be made from the Post to the Squadron.

#### District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

Spring DEC will be held 10-11 March at The Historic Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria.

The 100th National Convention which will be held 24-30 August in Minneapolis, MN.

#### Technology - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

John Long is working with John Durkin on the website.

#### Donations Report - Peter Martin, Chmn

There are no donation requests this month.

#### Fund Raising Committee - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

The Squadron Hoop-it-up Fund Raiser is ongoing. The shooting day will be 17 February.

#### Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Program going well. New volunteers always needed and welcome.

#### Old Business

Cmdr Sullivan appointed Rene Alvarez to serve as Squadron Parliamentarian. We are waiting on Post approval.

New Business

A motion was passed to hold a monthly drawing to give away 2 SAL caps each month for \$150 per month. Drawings will be from names of those who attended the previous month's meeting.

Looking Ahead

At the 7 March General Meeting, 1st Nominations for Squadron Elections (By-Laws Art. II, Sect. 2).

The Squadron's 84th birthday (22 March 1934).

Drawing for SAL Uniform Cap - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

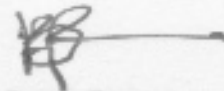
The drawing was won by Dennis McCarter and Pat Sullivan who will each receive a SAL Uniform Cap.

Closing Prayer - Jeff White, Chaplain

The meeting was adjourned at 1953 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday 7 March 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  
February Membership Report



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2018 Roll Call List

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

Date: 7 February 2018

Meeting Start Time: 1910

Meeting End Time: 1953

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
Sr. Past Cmdr.	Steve Porter	P	E	A

Appointed Positions (Non-voting):

Donations	Peter Martin	P	E	A
Judge Advocate	Paul Mesmer	P	E	A
Parliamentarian	Rene Alvarez	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  
7 February 2018

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. KESTEN ROUS         | 21. BRIAN "COACH" WHITEFIELD |
| 2. ROBERT Z. THOMPSON  | 22. JOHN CLEVELAND           |
| 3. DENNIS McCARTER     | 23. Ron Castabile            |
| 4. Peter Martin        | 24. GREG TABAT               |
| 5. Jeff Gottfredson    | 25. John White               |
| 6. [Signature]         | 26. PAUL MESMER              |
| 7. Rich May            | 27. Rd f S. Schwatke         |
| 8. Rene Alvarez        | 28. BRAN SEMONELL            |
| 9. BILL GRESCHNER      | 29. SCOT SEMONELL            |
| 10. CHRIS MADSEN       | 30. TODD LUCAS               |
| 11. MICHAEL MOTER      | 31. Ted Rieck                |
| 12. Pat Sullivan       | 32. Ken Henderson            |
| 13. Ken EGGER          | 33. MIKE RYAN                |
| 14. Steve Knutsen      | 34.                          |
| 15. Chad Hirsoul       | 35.                          |
| 16. Lawrence Brubaker  | 36.                          |
| 17. Matt Brigham       | 37.                          |
| 18. ROBERT RIECK       | 38.                          |
| 19. Howard Dingshausen | 39.                          |
| 20. JOHN WOLKE         | 40.                          |

# Sons of the American Legion

## Newport Harbor Squadron #291

New Members this Month	17	
New Members this Year	61	
Total Membership (Including New)	1,693	
Members Renewals 2018	1,310	(+185)
2017 Members yet to Renew	383	
Percentage Renewed	77.3%	(+10.2%)

### New Members Inducted February 7, 2018

February New Members		
Type	Last	First
Regular	Basile	Carl
Regular	Braden	Lawrence
Regular	Brigham	Matthew
Junior	Coughlin	Kasey
Dually	Coughlin	Daniel
Regular	Cutforth	Erik
Regular	Foster	Steven
Regular	Hulan	Stephen
Regular	Miskiel	Gregg
Regular	Paulson	Chad
Regular	Ryan	Michael
Regular	Schlegel	William
Regular	Shepherd	Barry
Regular	Shepherd	Richard
Junior	Stuart	Rhett
Regular	Visel	Patrick
Regular	Wehrli	Hayden

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