



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1806 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

Peter Martin SAL 290 donation committee member.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. Sullivan greeted all in attendance. Golf tournament was a success.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 5 September post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 11 September Post General Meeting. 7 pm

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 absent - Benny Hallock will lead the report

The following individuals passed away:

Ryan Fenley (SAL) and Tom Smitty Smith (SAL) passed away

Health matters: Brad Semonell (Super Sgt. Legionnaire & SAL) - sick get well soon!

Membership Report – John Long, 1st Vice Cmdr.

Looking forward to renew your membership online (button on website is working well)

There are 8 new applicants from August 8, 2024 to September 4, 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.

You can receive your gate card when you attend a meeting. Dues from \$155 and if you need a reprint card cost will be \$10.

Squadron Activities - Art Jimenez, 2nd Vice Cmdr.

Future fishing day trips may be held on Thursdays for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Hallock for time and location). If the boat is not filled then it will be fill in with other vets. Future event 9-11 event 12 pm to 4 pm. Need volunteers for 9-11 event. A Tom Petty tribute band will be secured for the 9-11 event and we will have TK burgers. A motion was passed to budget up to \$5,000 for TK burgers 9-11 event. Consider preparing a parking map for the XMAS boat parade event. XMAS boat parade tickets will be on sale soon and food options will be considered. Website for golf tournament Fairwaysofhonor.com. Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio? Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts. A motion was passed to approve up to \$1,500 to decorate the boat parade patio next to the docks.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron as of July 31, 2024 has approx. \$132,000 (comprised of general checking \$25,500 events account \$1,000 and money market accounts \$105,500 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. Setting up a Zelle option at the bank. We are officially with Chase bank.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

Donations Report – Bill Finster, 3r Vice Cmdr.

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee met to approved the attached donation report 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. Need future detail donations report of the committee including previous entities donations description.

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. In the future we will create email addresses for the board members.

Old Business

We will be following up on inactive members to renew. Benny Hallock has organized the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets and is performing well. Donation and financial committees to develop future budgets. Change in bylaws regarding membership to be discussed.

New Business

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 1800 hrs. We will not draw tickets for covers tonight. Consider changing bylaws regarding conduct of a SAL. A motion was passed to approve a budget up to \$2,000 a month for the CMDR. to spend SAL discretionary expenses. An additional motion was passed to approve a budget up to \$5,000 a month for SAL discretionary expenses if two board members approve. Future dinner for the board members will be organized. Consider in the future a new CD for up to six months.

The meeting was adjourned at 1855

Submitted by,



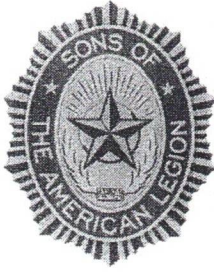
Don Allen Adjutant

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Roll Call List
September Membership Report
September 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: September 4, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1806

Meeting End Time: 1855

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr. Membership	John Long	P	E	A
2nd Vice Cmdr. Squadron Activities	Art Jimenez	P	E	A
3rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	Bill Finster	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 & Judge advocate	Rene Alvarez (Non-voting)	P	E	A
Historian	Benny Hallock	P	E	A

Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

Post Advisor	Brian Fleming	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Cory Vigil	P	E	A



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Membership Report 2024.09.04

Membership (2025)	1,873
2024 Not Renewed	1,669
2025 Renewals	197
New members – 2024.09.04	8
Goal	1,764
Goal %	11.6%

New Members 2024.09.04

Jerrell	Bays
Patrick	Connor
Bruce	Diller
Nicholas	Goddard
Andrew	Kempler
David	Northridge
Jack	Paholski
Daniel	Stanley

Caps and badges have been ordered. Badges should arrive this week and the caps in October/November.

Donations For September

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: rce@ix.netcom.com; chrishg975@outlook.com; coastalpeter@yahoo.com; ckm4loans@hotmail.com; jclelandis@hotmail.com; wmfinster@yahoo.com; billfinstersal291@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 10:49 AM PDT

The donation committee met on August 21, 2024 at Brueggers Bagels @ 8AM. Members present Ray Crampton, Peter Martin, John Cleveland and myself. Chris Graham and Chris Menniger were not present. The 3 proposed donations approved by the committee are listed below.

1. **Warrior Foundation Freedom Station. Located in San Diego, CA**

Warrior Foundation Freedom Station assists four main groups of Warriors:

1. The seriously Ill and injured soon to be retired.
2. Those suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI)
3. Those undergoing physical or occupational therapy.
4. Warriors who have been medically retired and remain in our community.

Proposed Donation ~~\$5,000~~ 2500

2. **The Ben Carlson Foundation. Located in Newport Beach, CA**

The Ben Carlson Memorial & Scholarship Foundation was formed in the wake of Newport Beach Lifeguard Ben Carlson's final rescue that claimed his life on July 6, 2014. Taking into consideration the things that truly mattered to Ben, the support has enabled the BSMSF to have a long lasting impact in the Newport Beach community and around the world.

I spoke to Kaity Van Amersfort administrator and there main thing is to promote Water Safety. They started the California Water Safety Coalition, which holds annual Safety Summits across the State of California to promote Water Safety.

Proposed Donation ~~\$2,000~~ 2500

3. **Homefront America, Inc. Located in San Juan Capistrano, CA**

Homefront America is committed to always...

- * Do our best to meet the needs of our military families
- * Deliver the highest quality in program services.
- * Listed with care and compassion
- * Inspire others to actively honor those who served our country

* Empower the lives of our military families

* Say "Thank You"

We have donated to Homefront America in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 for \$2,500 each year. We donated to them on 6/7/23 for \$4,000.

Proposed Donation \$4,000

