



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
6 November 2024

Meeting called to order at 1912 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall (Chaplain) offered an opening prayer

POW chair cover was presented by Mike Morrissey

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Sullivan

Tim Sullivan led the reading of the Preamble to the SAL Constitution

Meeting was held at the Post

We have a quorum of general members

Call to Order - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Adjutant conducted the roll call.

A quorum was present, fifteen members besides a qualified presiding officer constituting a quorum. Roll Call List is attached. (Sign-in listing of members - attached)

Tim Sullivan made the following comments during roll call:

We are looking forward to an exciting year and working on our website to enable you to purchase shirts etc.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. greeted all in attendance.

Rules for the post will be posted on the Legion website.

Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.

Doug Nye past Post Cmdr. and Paul Mesmer past detachment Cmdr.-State were in attendance.

Jim Garner (Project Healing Waters rep) commented and presented a Power point presentation for disabled vets fly fishing activities. Thanking the SAL's for our donation.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of past minutes. Meetings are recorded in order to produce the monthly minutes. Copies of the minutes are posted on the Squadron website and placed on the sign in table at the meeting. The recordings are erased upon completion of the minutes.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

Reported the following:

None- passed away

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell (Super Sgt. Legionnaire & SAL) - get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (9) will be read.

See attached October 3, 2024 to November 6, 2024 report. For local area individuals who qualify to become a SAL-we would like to encourage them to join. The name of each new member was read during the meeting. Tim Sullivan asked the individuals who were present to comment on their own and father backgrounds to determine how they a qualify for membership. A motion was passed to approve to (induct) bring these fine men into the Squadron. We would like in the future to share a story of your dad forthcoming on the website.

Dues not paid by 30 June - membership is forfeited (Const. Art. VII). Starting this past July 1 dues will increase from \$135 to \$155 and if you need a reprint card cost will be \$10.

Squadron Activities –Art Jimenez 2nd Vice Cmdr. absent Tim Sullivan Cmdr. reported

The fishing trips will be forth coming and if the boat is not filled with disabled veterans, then will fill in with other vets (able to accommodate 35 fishermen). The fishing $\frac{3}{4}$ trips (father/child) will be led by Benny Hallock. The Boat Parade will be held Dec. 18 to 22 this year in addition we will need volunteers and donations items. A raffle to be presented with prizes at the XMAS boat parade. You can currently sign up for the event with a nonrefundable donation of \$55 for the XMAS boat parade viewing and complimentary Mexican food. The website for Fairways of Honor (Fairwaysofhonor.com) golf tournament will be held in May 2025. Benny Hallock presented a video for our 9-11 event at the Post.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron has as of September 30, 2024 approx. \$130,000 (comprised of general checking \$23,000, events account \$1,500 and \$105,500 in money market which includes a CD at Chase Bank). Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! We currently bank at Chase Bank. We have a Zelle option at the bank.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan

Paul Mesmer commented regarding membership targets which we our currently meeting for this post.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr.-

See attached report. The committee communicated thru email this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. We donated over \$225,000 (including Post fees) this past year. We plan on expanding our donations. A motion was passed to donate \$1,000 to the Marine One 1 Foundation ball.

Technology – Tim Sullivan indicated the website (sons291.com) will continue to be improved.

You will be able to enter the website to purchase various items and other new features. We plan on having the capability to share a story regarding your dad this feature will be forthcoming. Training for our software program will be on demand for our board members Tim Sullivan, Rene Alvarez and Mike Morrissey. We are exploring a webstore to sale items for additional resources.

Concierge Program – Tim Sullivan - Many of you have been volunteering and still need your help going well- Will be trying to improve the experience for the guests. Please sign up on our website to volunteer. The Post front door will be managed by the Post Auxiliary.

Fund Raising Committee – Tim Sullivan Cmdr. - working on new and different fund-raising events. If you know of sponsors for the fishing trips, please inform us.

Old Business

Continue to support the Legion

Benny Hallock has for sale SAL merchandise for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets. Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

New Business

Benny Hallock (Historian) attended the Tustin Young Marine ball and was presented to the SAL's a certificate for the Tustin Young Marines and Gold Star Trophy. In addition, he also showed a video for the past SAL golf tournament. Doug Nye commented regarding the fantastic efforts the SAL's have provided.

Looking Ahead

The next SAL general meeting 6 November, 2024 at the post.

No cap drawing this month. Our annual SAL XMAS party will be held on 4 December (6pm) for SAL members and their plus 1. This party will be in lieu of the December monthly SAL meeting

Closing Prayer –Randy MacDougall (Chaplain) led the closing prayer
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2018 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,



Don Allen
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
Sign-in listing of attending members
November Membership Report
November 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: 6 November 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1912

Meeting End Time: 2010

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
3 rd 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 Sign-in for General Meeting
6 November 2024

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| 1. RAY CRAMPTON | 21. RON FARMAN |
| 2. Bill Finster | 22. ROBERT RIECK |
| 3. Wes Steelman | 23. Ron Castelle |
| 4. Ken Stedman | 24. Mike Hennacy |
| 5. David Stenney | 25. PAUL CANNON |
| 6. Ron Mellen | 26. Chuck Hirsour |
| 7. Allen Jensen | 27. MIKE PRASKERIAN |
| 8. STEVEN WEINBERG | 28. Mike Morrissey |
| 9. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI | 29. Brent Noblitt |
| 10. KEVIN | 30. Randy MacDougall |
| 11. JOE Dardare | 31. Randy Trost |
| 12. VAN PRINOTTO | 32. James Blakemore |
| 13. PAUL BEST | 33. Martin Kenney |
| 14. Dushan Gunasakora | 34. Poff S. Schunk |
| 15. Don Albrecht | 35. MARTY KISH |
| 16. David Hahn | 36. Don |
| 17. Ron FEGGOS | 37. |
| 18. Jim Banville | 38. |
| 19. PAUL MESMER | 39. |
| 20. MIKE MOSSLER | 40. |



Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

Membership Report 2024.11.06

Membership (2025)	1,904
2024 Not Renewed	1,305
2025 Renewals	599
New members – 2024.11.06	9
Goal (National)	1,832
Goal %	32.6 %

New Members 2024.11.06

Anthony Arrigo	Regular
Paul Best	Regular
Brett T. Culp	Regular
Martin Kenney	Regular
Marty Kish	Regular
Gregg Larson	Regular
David Overfield	Regular
Wesley Steelman	Regular
Jeff Thorp	Regular

Fw: November Donations

wmfinster@yahoo.../Inbox



bill finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>

To: Tim Sullivan <commander@sons291.com>, Don Allen <dla1969@cox.net>, Renee Martin <renee@4procpa.com>, Randy MacDougall <randymacdougall@outlook.com>, Todd Clucas <todd_clucas@yahoo.com> *more...*
Cc: Bill Finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>

Nov 4 at 2:26 PM

Board,

Please find the 6 proposed donations. Four of them are previous non profits we have supported in the past. Two are new proposed non profits. The reason for 6 is that we don't meet in December so this will be the last donations for 2024. The 5 committee members met by text and approved by all committee members. See you all Wednesday night.
Bill

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: bill finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>

To: Chris Graham <chrishg975@outlook.com>; C. Menninger <ckm4loans@hotmail.com>; Johnny C. <jclevelandis@hotmail.com>; Peter Martin <coastalpeter@yahoo.com>; Ray Crampton <rce@ix.netcom.com>; Bill Finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>; Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 11:41:31 AM PDT

Subject: November Donations

1 Child Guidance Center: Child Guidance Center mission is clear: Empower children and their families to achieve health and wellness through dedicated mental health care. Since inception 1967 they have been a leading provider of innovative mental health treatment, supporting Orange County's underserved children, teens, and families, including veterans and military families.
Proposed Donation: \$3,500

2 Paralyzed Veterans of America: PVA will forever change the lives of paralyzed Veterans, caregivers, and family members. Ensure year-round specialized medical care. Support life-changing health and rehabilitation opportunities through sports and recreation. Fight for the benefits Veterans have earned.
Proposed Donation: \$2,000

3 Newport Mesa Schools Foundation: The Newport- Mesa Schools Foundation was established 40 years ago to raise funds to augment needed instructional programs in the district's schools. This is done as a volunteer, non-profit organization of community members who support excellence in education by raising funds for all students, in all schools within the Newport-Mesa school district.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500

4 Dana Point 5TH Marine Regiment Support Group: The charitable purpose of the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group is to provide support and outreach for the benefit our Wounded, Families of our Fallen, and active duty Marines, Sailors and Families of the 5th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton Wounded Warrior Battalion West.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500

5 Navy League: The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US-flag Merchant Marine. The Navy League provides support to our Sea services personnel and their families and youth programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines, that expose young people to the values of our sea services. The Navy League of the United States stands for a strong America, a nation morally, economically, and internally strong.
Proposed Donation: \$1,500 - *TABLED*

6 Angel Force USA: Angel Force USA'S Mission is to raise awareness about the Veterans Suicide Pandemic by Entertaining, Engaging and then Educating. Their Goal is to STOP SUI SILENCE: the avoidance of discussion about suicide.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500 - *TABLED*

2024 YTD Donations
SALS POST 291

APPROVAL DATE	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	DATE	CHECK #
2024.01.03	Walt Wagner Assistance Grants	\$10,000.00		
2024.01.03	Fischer House of So Cal	\$5,000.00	2024.01.04	
2024.01.03	Newport Beach 1st Marines 1st Battalion Foundation	\$25,000.00	2024.01.04	
2024.01.03	Drew Hoeo Go Fund Me	\$1,000.00	2024.01.04	
2024.02.07	March Madness Ruck March for Veterans Suicide Awareness	\$1,000.00		
2024.02.07	Celldogs.org	\$2,000.00	2024.02.07	625
2024.02.07	OC Boy Scouts of America	\$1,500.00	2024.02.07	626
2024.02.07	Jonathan & Jackson Hewitt	\$300.00	2024.02.07	624
2024.02.07	Laguna Beach Police Foundation	\$2,000.00	2024.02.07	627
2024.03.06	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00	2024.03.06	633
2024.03.06	Hero's Hall	\$2,000.00	2024.03.06	634
2024.03.06	Shea Center	\$3,000.00	2024.03.06	635
2024.03.06	A Million Thanks	\$1,000.00	2024.03.06	636
2024.04.03	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00	2024.04.03	638
2024.04.03	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00	2024.04.03	639
2024.04.03	Americans Veterans Assistance Group	\$2,000.00	2024.04.03	640
2024.05.01	American Heart Association	\$250.00	2024.05.01	
2024.06.05	White Heart Foundation	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	656
2024.06.05	Working Wardrobes	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	650
2024.06.05	Newport Beach Police Foundation	\$2,500.00	2024.06.05	651
2024.06.05	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	652
2024.06.05	American Legion Baseball	\$5,000.00	2024.06.05	
2024.08.07	Home Front America	\$4,000.00	2024.08.07	660
2024.08.07	Home For Our Troops	\$5,000.00	2024.08.07	661
2024.08.07	Knot's of Love	\$3,000.00	2024.08.07	662
2024.09.04	Warrior Foundation Freedom Station	\$5,000.00	2024.09.04	668
2024.09.04	Ben Carlson Foundation	\$2,500.00	2024.09.04	669
2024.10.02	Newport Beach Fire Dept Foundation	\$2,500.00	2024.10.02	679
2024.10.02	Riverside National Cemetary	\$1,500.00	2024.10.02	681
2024.10.02	Navy Seal Foundation	\$1,500.00	2024.10.02	680
2024.11.06	Child Guidance Center	\$3,500.00		
2024.11.06	Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$2,000.00		
2024.11.06	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$2,500.00		
2024.11.06	Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group	\$2,500.00		
2024.11.06	Navy League	\$1,500.00		
2024.11.06	Angel Force USA	\$2,500.00		
	Approved and funded	\$109,000.00		
	Pending approval	\$14,500.00		
	Total after approval	\$123,500.00	198,500	
		102,000.00		
				11/6/24