

Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
June 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1809 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

Howard Denghausen representing the Walt Wagner awards.

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 6 June post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 12 June Post General Meeting. 7 pm

Benny Halck may be taking a position with the executive group
Sales for clothing, hats and blankets are performing well.

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

The following individuals passed away:

Kenneth Saczaiski SAL passed away

Health matters: Brad Semonell (Super Sgt. Legioner & SAL) in addition Art's sister Donna both are sick get well soon!

Membership Report – John Long, 1st vice Cmdr.

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

We are ahead of our membership renewal goal.

There are 10 new applicants from May 1, 2024 to May 31, 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 will be held on Thursdays for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Halck for time and location). If the boat is not filled then it will be fill in with other vets.

Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

Consider preparing a parking map for the XMAS boat parade event. Future events flag day 10 am to 2 pm (June 14 & hot dogs will be served) also an In and Out Burger truck will be present at the 9-11 event 11 am to 3 pm. Need volunteers for flag day to set up, hand out flags, manage the food and take down. A band should be secured for the 9-11 event. A special thank you to Benny Halck for his leadership skills regarding the golf tournament financial results similar to last year. Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

Website Fairwaysofhonor.com

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron as of April 30, 2024 has approx. \$129,000 (comprised of general checking \$23,000 events account \$500 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 which is currently paying a high rate. Setting up a Zelle option at the bank. We are officially with Chase bank after the Chase purchased First Republic bank.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

National convention in August 2024 and the State convention is in Visalia, California June 27 to June 30, 2024. Various board members will attend the state convention. Tim Sullivan is arranging a place for 6 individuals (Paul, Tim, John, Mike, Benny and Todd) to stay in Visalia.

Donations Report – Bill Finster, 3r vice Cmdr. Absent

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee did meet 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.

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 Halck has organized the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets. Donation and financial committees to develop future budgets.

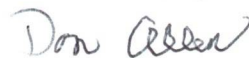
New Business

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday July 3, 2024 at 1800 hrs. Will draw tickets for covers tonight. Consider changing bylaws regarding conduct of a SAL member and submit to the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 1905

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
June Membership Report
June 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: June 5, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1809

Meeting End Time: 1905

| Executive Committee (Voting): | | Present | Excused | Absent |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Commander | Tim Sullivan | P | E | A |
| 1st Vice Cmdr. | John Long | P | E | A |
| 2nd Vice Cmdr. | Art Jimenez | 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, Historian & Judge advocate | Rene Alvarez | P | E | A |
| 3 rd Vice Cmdr. Donations | Bill Finster | P | E | A |

Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

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| Post Advisor | Evin Planto | P | E | A |
| Post Advisor | Cory Vigil | P | E | A |



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Membership Report 2024.05.31

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| Membership (2024) | 1,778 |
| 2023 Not Renewed | 238 |
| New members – 2024.05.31 | 10 |
| Goal | 1,764 |
| Goal % | 101 % |

New Members 2024.05.31

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|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 353794165 | Jake | Staffieri | Junior |
| 353794333 | Ed | Runge | Regular |
| 353796105 | Steve | High | Regular |
| 353837056 | Kevin | Baird | Regular |
| 353837081 | David | Mains | Regular |
| 353837106 | John | Baker | Regular |
| 353854464 | Anthony | Anania | Regular |
| 353854578 | Andrew | Nesmith | Junior |
| 353854542 | Jeffery | Nesmith | Junior |
| 353794724 | Gary | Belt | Regular |

June Donations

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: wmfinster@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 11:09 AM PDT

Donation committee approved donations from May 23rd meeting at Bruegger's Bagels in Corona del Mar. VFW Catalina added after meeting on Tim's request. Approved by text.

1. White Heart Foundation

White Heart Foundation is a non profit founded in June 2011. They work with Vets with PTSD and Mental Health issues. 100% of the donations goes directly to the cause. White Heart was created with the donor's intent in mind.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

APPROVED PENDING CMDR. OF PACIFIC PALISADES POST APPROVAL

2. Working Wardrobes

Working Wardrobes enlists the support for Operation Employment, a campaign to raise \$100,000 to provide career readiness services to the military and their families. This will help them in their employment journeys after getting out of the military. \$3,000 provides critical needs gift cards, workshop series and a Success Suit for 5 Veterans.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

3. Newport Beach Police Foundation

Newport Beach Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the men and women the Newport Beach Police Department. the NBPF Board was founded in 2019. Money raised for a wide range of items and events that fall outside the city budget, such as police safety equipment, support for families of fallen officers, scholarships for sons and daughters of NBPD personnel, holiday events, support animals, and the Mounted and K-9 units.

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

4. Exchange Club of Newport Harbor

The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor hosted the 15th Annual Field of Honor with 1776 American Flags in Castaways Park from Armed Forces Day through Memorial Day. The flag flying is in tribute to our service members and first responders.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

5. Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum is the only museum in the country devoted solely to Marine Corps Aviation. The museum opened to the public in June 1991 at MCAS El Toro. The museum was closed at El Toro in 1999 and moved to Naval Air Station Miramar.

Reopened on May 25, 2000/
~~Suggested Donation \$2,000~~ NO

6. VFW Catalina

VFW focus to provide a space for veterans and their families to gather, this outpost serves as a hub for social gatherings and events. VFW Island Outpost 4682 is a welcoming destination where individuals can come together to share stories, forge connections, and honor the service of those who have served our country.

Suggested Donation \$1,000

**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 Hoe 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 | |
| | White Heart Foundation | \$3,000.00 | | |
| | Working Wardrobes | \$3,000.00 | | |
| | Newport Beach Police Foundation | \$5,000.00 | | |
| | Exchange Club of Newport Harbor | \$3,000.00 | | |
| | Flying Leathernecks Aviation Museum | \$2,000.00 | | |
| | VFA Post Catalina | \$1,000.00 | | |
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| | Approved and funded | \$66,050.00 | | |
| | Pending approval | 17,000.00 | 28,500 = 19,500 | |
| | Total after approval | \$83,050.00 | | 12,500 |
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