



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1804 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

None

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr

Cmdr Sullivan greeted all in attendance. We plan on making improvements for the future golf fund event.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 4 April post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 10 April Post General Meeting. 7 pm

The Legion will have a Cigar (\$75) night during the last Wednesday of every month. Consider quarterly Cigar night.

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:

Rene Alvarez mother passed away and Bob Biddell (SAL and Legioner) passed away
Health matters: Brad Semonell (super sgt. Legioner & SAL)- is 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 12 new applicants from March 6, 2024 to April 3, 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. A motion was passed to raise dues from \$135 to \$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 Fairway & Honor golf tournament (May 25) and flag day (June 14 & hot dogs will be served) also an In and Out Burger truck will be present at the 9-11 event. Note we need prizes and sponsors for the golf tournament.

Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio? Website Fairwaysofhonor.com

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron as of February 29, 2024 has approx. \$172,000 (comprised of general checking \$57,000 events account \$10,000 and money market accounts \$105,000 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.

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. Paul Mesmer will be present at the general meeting regarding state quarterly meeting.

Donations Report – Bill Finster, Chair

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated by email 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

Second nominations will be conducted at the general meeting this month. Next month Board elections.

Election committee Tim Sullivan, Don Allen and Rene Alvarez were assigned.

Next meeting location will be at the post

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday May 1, 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 1856

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

April Membership Report

April 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: April 3, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1804

Meeting End Time: 1854

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):

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



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Membership Report 2024.04.03

Membership (2024)	1,636
2023 Not Renewed	351
New members – 2024.04.01	12
Goal	1,764
Goal %	93 %

New Members 2024.04.01

Roger	Bartholome
Jud	Crary
Michael J.	Farina
David	Greenberg
Joshua	Grohs
David	Heinle
Scott	Kellems
Brian	McDonough
Paul	Natale
Stanton A.	Sharpe
Paul	Shoenberger
Jim	Symes

April Donations

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: chrishg975@outlook.com; ckm4loans@hotmail.com; jclevelandis@hotmail.com; coastalpeter@yahoo.com; wmfinster@yahoo.com

COMMUNICATED BY EMAILS AMONG THE COMMITTEE

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2024, 4:25 PM PDT

Hello donation Committee,

Sorry for the delay in getting this out to you all this month. I was away on vacation in Mexico this last week with my family. Could you review the 3 proposed donations for April and get back to me by Tuesday.

I hope you are all having a Happy Easter with your families.

Should you have any questions please let me know. Thank you all for your help on these donations.

Take care

Bill

1. Veterans Relief Foundation

VRF is the paddle board non profit that works with veterans in wheel chairs and gets them out on the water to paddle on the bay. We have donated too VRF 2 and a half years ago. I spoke to Bobbie Friedman from VRF on 3/28/24 and they are growing and the need is there. Our donation in 2022 was for \$5,000.

Suggested donation \$5,000

2. American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from donors who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Many of the children require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from donors and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. We donated to them last year on 4/5/23 \$2,000.

Suggested donation \$2,000

3. American Veterans Assistance Group

AVAG is a community of veterans in each manufactured housing community involved with the Veterans Affordable Housing Program (VAHP). The purpose of AVAG is to thank and reward our veterans for their service to our country by providing them with a way to connect with one another in a supportive, encouraging living environment and to promote the availability of affordable housing. We donated to them last year on 4/5/23 \$2,000

Suggested donation \$2,000

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 Hooe 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
	Veterans Relief Foundation	\$5,000.00		
	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,000.00		
	Americans Veterans Assistance Group	\$2,000.00		
	Approved	\$55,800.00		
	Pending	\$9,000.00		
	Grand total	\$55,800.00		