



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
August 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1915 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.  
A motion was approved for Benny Hallock as our Historian and Rene Alvarez will continue as the Parliamentarian and Judge advocate.  
Ernest Alonso 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. of our Legion Post 291 commented regarding his background and future relationship with the SAL's. Ernest would like to create a business directory for all members of the post.  
Vet Relief Foundation out on the bay paddle boarding for disabled VETS (August 20, 2024).  
Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.

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:  
Bill Collins, Roger Russell and Chris Madsen SAL's 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 (33) will be read.

See attached June 1, 2024 to August 7, 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. John Long asked the individuals who were present to comment on their own and father backgrounds. 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 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.

The fishing trips will be forthcoming and if the boat is not filled with disabled veterans, then will fill in with other vets (able to accommodate 35 fishermen). The fishing ¾ trips (father/child) will be led by Benny Hallock. Future event 9-11 (TK Burgers will be present at the 9-11 and bounce house for the kids (event from 12 to 4 pm). We need volunteers to help with the 9-11 event. Fairways of Honor (Fairwaysofhonor.com) was a success thank you to Benny Hallock and all volunteers. Flag day event was a success. Boat Parade Dec. 18 to 22 this year and will need volunteers and donations. Paddle boarding on the bayfront here for the disabled VETS August 10, 2024 you are welcomed to attend.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron has as of April 30, 2024 approx. \$129,000 (comprised of general checking \$23,000, events account \$500 and \$105,500 in money market which includes a CD at Chase Bank). Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! First Republic Bank was purchased by Chase Bank and effectively we have completed the transition.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan  
National convention in August 2024 Board members our not attending.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr.-

See attached report. The committee did meet however communicated thru email this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. We donated over \$225,000 this past year. Currently we are donating approximately \$93,550 year to date. We plan on expanding our donations.

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 forthcoming 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.

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

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

The next SAL general meeting September 4, 2024 at the post.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,

*Don Allen*

Don Allen  
Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee  
Squadron Appointed Positions  
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List  
Sign-in listing of attending members  
August Membership Report  
August 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: August 7, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1915

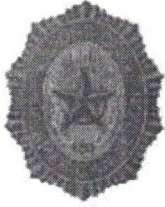
Meeting End Time: 1935

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, <del>Historian</del> Judge advocate	Rene Alvarez	P	E	A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Donations	Bill Finster	P	E	A
<i>HISTORIAN</i>	<i>BENNY HALLOCK</i>	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  
7 August 2024

1. JOE DARDONI	21.
2. Allen Jensen	22.
3. MARTY DORRANI	23.
4. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI	24.
5. KEVIN	25.
6. Brent Noblitt	26.
7. STEVEN WEIMBERG	27.
8. CHRIS GRAHAM	28.
9. Randy MacPorsall	29.
10. R. Scott MacLagall	30.
11. MI MASSLER	31.
12. RAY CRAMPTON	32.
13. Dave & Stennes	33.
14. Dan Principe Ho	34.
15. DAVE THEIL	35.
16. JAIMIE WOODWORTH	36.
17. Chuck Herbert	37.
18. Steve Knutson	38.
19. Don Allen	39.
20.	40.

**From:** dla1969 <dla1969@cox.net>  
**Date:** Friday, August 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM  
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## Membership Report 2024.08.07

Membership (2025)	1,860
2024 Not Renewed	1,770
2025 Renewals	95
New members – 2024.08.07	33
Goal	1,764
Goal %	5.4%

## New Members 2024.08.07

First	Last	Type	First	Last	Type
Ryan	Abbey	Regular	Bill	McCullough	Regular
Taylor	Bannert	Regular	Stephen	Monroe	Regular
Blake	Bartlett	Regular	Chris	Parker	Regular
Gary	Bowan	Regular	Matthew	Primm	Regular
Mark	Campbell	Regular	Curtis	Rach	Regular
Jim	Clarkson	Regular	Steve	Roach	Regular
Andrew	Crookall	Regular	David	Rosenberg	Regular
David	DeGeorge	Junior	Lux	Saenz	Junior
Craig	Delagardelle	Regular	Jarod	Sanford	Regular
Owen G	Dever	Junior	Logan	Sanford	Regular
David A	Fuhrman	Regular	Patrick M	Scruggs	Regular
Logan	Goode	Junior	Eric P.	Snyder	Regular
Ryan	Goode	Regular	John	Stedfield	Regular
Frank W	Hurst	Regular	Eric	Stein	Regular
Kenneth S	Kaiden	Regular	Diego	Trent	Junior
Chris	Kuchenbecker	Regular	Eric	Wrobel	Regular
Scott	MacDougall	Regular			



