



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
2 October 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.
Continue to be faithful to our charities and accomplishing our membership goals.
Tonight, we have as guests the recipients of the Walt Wagner awards to the Orange Coast College student Vets.

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:
Chuck Hayward (SAL) and Dewey Anderson (SAL) passed away
Health matters:
Praying – Brad Semonell (Super Sgt. Legionnaire & SAL) - get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr. absent Tim Sullivan Cmdr. to present Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (14) will be read. See attached September 4, 2024 to October 2, 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 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 ¾ 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. 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. The 9-11 event was a success.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer
The Squadron has as of August 31, 2024 approx. \$135,000 (comprised of general checking \$27,500, events account \$2,000 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.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan
No report

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. The Walt Wagner recipients were presented their award (10 student Vets \$1,000 each for a grand total of \$10,000). Note a few of the recipients were not present.

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

Various new ideas will be forthcoming. Benny Hallock (Historian) is not present.

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 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 1953 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
October Membership Report
October Donation Report



Sons of the American Legion
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2021 Roll Call List
Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: 2 October 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1915

Meeting End Time: 1953

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 Sign-in for General Meeting
2 October 2024

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| 1. David Stennes | 21. Scott Gardner |
| 2. Robert Chaz | 22. Chad Hinbush |
| 3. Ray Crampton | 23. Jim [unclear] |
| 4. Brent Noblitt | 24. ROLF S. Schamberger |
| 5. MIKE PASKEWIAK | 25. Dan [unclear] |
| 6. Norm Witt | 26. |
| 7. Joe Dardoni | 27. |
| 8. Allen Jensen | 28. |
| 9. Reed Rieck | 29. |
| 10. M. MOSSLER | 30. |
| 11. R. FARNAM | 31. |
| 12. Ron Mellen | 32. |
| 13. Jeff Hardman | 33. |
| 14. Andy MacParsal | 34. |
| 15. BUTCH ROVER | 35. |
| 16. Brad Hartwell | 36. |
| 17. KEN KAISEN | 37. |
| 18. Don Albrecht | 38. |
| 19. JEFF MOORE | 39. |
| 20. Patrick Scroggs, Jr. | 40. |



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Membership Report 2024.10.02

Membership (2025)	1,889
2024 Not Renewed	1,573
2025 Renewals	316
New members – 2024.09.30	14
Goal (National)	1,764
Goal %	17.9%

New Members 2024.10.01

Quetza Cerna	Junior
Robert Deck	Regular
Brad Hartwell	Regular
Jeffrey Moore	Regular
Scott Gardner	Regular
James Miller	Regular
Timothy Arrigo	Regular
Matthew Storman	Regular
Bryce Fuller	Regular
Bodhi Kretschmar	Junior
Craig Mueller	Regular
Evan Oakes	Junior
Matthew Kipp	Regular
Jack Edmunds	Regular

October Donations

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

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

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024, 2:09 PM PDT

Donation please find the 4 donation proposed for the month of October. Sorry for the delay in getting them out to you. Please get back to me later today or early tomorrow. Thank you for your help

Bill

1. **Newport Beach Fire Department Foundation**

The Newport Beach Fire Department Foundation is the official non-profit dedicated to supporting our local firefighters, paramedics, lifeguards, and first responders in Newport Beach.

Proposed Donation \$2,500

2. **Navy Seal Foundation**

The Navy Seal Foundation is a high-performing organization committed to excellence. Charity Navigator has

awarded NSF a 4-star rating since 2009 for financial health, accountability, and transparency. NSF ranks higher

than 99.9% of charities nationwide. NSF empowers active duty SEAL and SWCC personnel, their spouses and

children, SEAL and SWCC veterans, and retirees' families by awarding scholarships for higher education. NSF

also ensure quality education options for dependent children in duty locations where these choices impact

student success. Headquarters in Virginia Beach, VA

Proposed Donation \$1,500

3. **Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee**

The Riverside National Cemetery is located in Redlands, CA. We have donated to the cemetery in the past. I

spoke to Jim Gore the chairman of the cemetery Non-Profit

Proposed Donation \$1,500

4. OC Firefighters Local 3631

OC Firefighters Local 3631 will dispatch all funds raised to the Fallen Firefighters Relief Fund and distribute

them directly to the affected firefighters and their families. OC Firefighter board members will personally

deliver checks to the affected families. The OCPFA, Local 3631 together with the OCFA are working to ensure

that these members and their families have the care and resources that need in the long road to recovery after

the serious accident on the 241 toll road a few weeks ago.

Proposed Donation \$2,000

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INVESTIGATION
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