



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 291  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1805 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 7 March post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Todd Clucas will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 13 March Post General Meeting. 7 pm

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

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:

None

Health matters: John Durkin (Legioner & SAL) and Brian Whittfield (Coach-Legioner & SAL) get well

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 February 1, 2024 to March 6, 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 and looking for transfers.

You can receive your gate card when you attend a meeting

### 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 golf tournament (May 25) and flag day (June 14) also an In and Out Burger truck will be present at the 9-11 event. Vietnam trip next August 17 to September 1, 2024 is currently on hold.

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

### Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron as of January 31, 2024 has approx. \$154,000 (comprised of general checking \$44,000 events account \$5,000 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.

### Donations Report – Bill Finster, Chair

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated by an in person meeting 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.

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. Will discuss next month our renewal policy. Donation and financial committees to develop future budgets.

New Business

Next month Board elections second nominations

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 April 3, 2024 at 1800 hrs.

No tickets for covers tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 1858

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

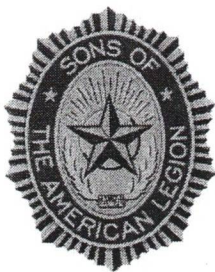
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List

March Membership Report

March 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: March 6, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1805

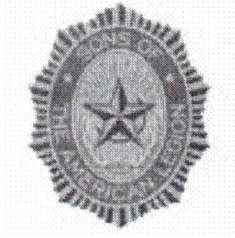
Meeting End Time: 1858

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 <sup>rd</sup> 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



# Sons of the American Legion Newport Harbor Squadron 291

## Membership Report 2024.03.06

<b>Membership (2024)</b>	<b>1,589</b>
<b>2023 Not Renewed</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>New members – 2024.03.05</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>1,764</b>
<b>Goal %</b>	<b>90 %</b>

## New Members 2024.03.05

Don	Blaustein	Regular
John	Bowman	Regular
Jeff	Boyles	Regular
Kevin	Brennan	Regular
Clay	Harris	Regular
Jeffrey	Kadau	Regular
Rodney	Koenig	Regular
Doug	MacGinnis	Regular
Steven	Olson	Regular
Nathaniel	Sindt	Junior
Stephen C.	Valder	Regular
Matt	Vander Meer	Regular

## March Donation

**From:** bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

**To:** wmfinster@yahoo.com

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 3:03 PM PST

Donations approved by the donation committee at our in person meeting 2/29/24. Present at our meeting.

Chris Menninger, Chris Graham, and John Cleveland. Peter Martin was not present.

March Donations approved at our meeting:

**#1 CHOC Follies.** This is a request received by John Cleveland from Kathy Fleming from CHOC Follies. We have donated to them in the past.

This is their last year of the CHOC Follies.

**Donation Approved by the Donation Committee \$2,000**

**#2 Heroes Hall** Heroes Hall is located in Costa Mesa at the Fair Grounds. They are open Wednesday-Sunday from 10-4. They rotate

exhibits on a regular basis. The current exhibit is on the Jewish community of people who have served. The next

exhibit is The Vietnam War through the Art and Photography of Ed Brown. This Exhibit opens to the public 4/24/24.

Free Admission and Parking.

Their current need is for display cabinets and shadow frames to display the information on the exhibit. This is a

much see location located in our back yard.

**Donation Approved by the Donation Committee \$2,000**

**#3 A Million Thanks** A Million Thanks was founded in 2004 by Shauna Fleming when she was 15 year old. A Million Thanks , Inc is a

nonprofit organization that is recognized by the IRS as exempt under Section 501(c)(3). What they do is send

letter's to our military personal. A Million Thanks collects and distributes millions of letters of thanks and support

and send them directly to our active, reserve, and veteran military. As per there site that have sent 14,158,517

letters. They grant wishes to our injured military veterans that make their lives more enjoyable. They also provide

scholarships to children of fallen military.

**Matthew Parisi is Shauna Fleming husband and is a new member of the SALS as of February 2024.**

**Donation Approved by the Donation Committee \$1,000**

**#4 Shea Center** *Shea Center is located in San Juan Capistrano. The Shea Center is a Therapeutic Riding Center*

*and is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related*

*programs. Their military program is there BIGGEST need that is GREAT. The Shea Center has been*

*around for 46 years. They worked with 265 veterans with PTSD in 2023.*

*Donors include*

*Rotary, Personal, Foundations and Corporate.*

**Donation Approved by the Donation Committee \$3,000**

APPROVED  
BY THE BOARD  
3-7-24

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
	CHOC Follies	\$2,000.00		
	Hero's Hall	\$2,000.00		
	Shea Center	\$3,000.00		
	A Million Thanks	\$1,000.00		
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>\$47,800.00</b>		
	<b>Pending</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>		
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$55,800.00</b>		