



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
2 October, 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

Orange Coast College student Vets recipients of the Walt Wagner award (total of \$10,000 for 10 individuals) will be present at the general meeting to receive each a \$1,000 award.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. Sullivan greeted all in attendance.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 3 October post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 9 October Post General Meeting. 7 pm

9-11 event went well.

Adjutant's Report – Don Allen, Adjutant

We have a quorum and a thank you to Rene Alvarez who will be posting the minutes.

Chaplain's Report – Randy MacDougall, Chaplain

The following individuals passed away:

Dewey Anderson (SAL) and Chuck Hayward (SAL) passed away

Health matters: Brad Semonell (Super Sgt. Legionnaire & SAL) - sick get well soon!

Membership Report – John Long, 1st Vice Cmdr. absent Cmdr. Tim Sullivan will lead the report

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

There are 14 new applicants from September 4, 2024 to October 2, 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 may be held on Thursdays for the disabled veterans (co-ordinate with Benny Hallock for time and location). If the boat is not filled then it will be fill in with other vets. Consider preparing a parking map for the XMAS boat parade event. XMAS boat parade tickets will be on sale and will be serving Mexican food. A motion was passed to budget up to \$3,000 for grass panels for the overthrow patio area next to the docks for the Xmas boat parade. A donation of \$55 for the Xmas boat parade viewing and complimentary food (no refunds) Website for golf tournament Fairwaysofhonor.com. Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio? Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron as of August 31, 2024 has approx. \$135,000 (comprised of general checking \$27,500 events account \$2,000 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. Setting up a Zelle option at the bank. We are officially with Chase bank.

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

No report

Donations Report – Bill Finster, 3r Vice Cmdr.

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee communicated thru email to approved the attached donation report 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. The Walt Wagner recipients will be present at the general meeting to receive their awards.

Concierge Program - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Program is performing well- requesting for volunteers -always needed and welcomed. We are ordering more shirts for the volunteers. The front door of the Post will be managed by the Auxiliary.

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 on demand. 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 Hallock has organized the sale of SAL merchandising for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets and is performing well. Donation and financial committees to develop future budgets. Per the request by the state representative our Parliamentarian Rene Alvarez sent our bylaws to the state. Historian is absent and has no report.

New Business

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 1800 hrs. We will not draw tickets for covers tonight. Consider changing bylaws regarding conduct of a SAL. A motion was passed to approve a budget up to \$10,000 for the cost of the XMAS SAL party. We will have our annual XMAS party on 4 December for SAL members and their plus 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 1901

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
October Membership Report
October 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: 2 October 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1805

Meeting End Time: 1901

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 Jiménez	P	E	A
3 rd 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 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, Local3631 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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NOTE
INVESTIGATION
REQUIRED*

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 Hoeo 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	
2024.06.05	White Heart Foundation	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	656
2024.06.05	Working Wardrobes	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	650
2024.06.05	Newport Beach Police Foundation	\$2,500.00	2024.06.05	651
2024.06.05	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00	2024.06.05	652
2024.06.05	American Legion Baseball	\$5,000.00	2024.06.05	
2024.08.07	Home Front America	\$4,000.00	2024.08.07	660
2024.08.07	Home For Our Troops	\$5,000.00	2024.08.07	661
2024.08.07	Knot's of Love	\$3,000.00	2024.08.07	662
2024.09.04	Warrior Foundation Freedom Station	\$5,000.00	2024.09.04	668
2024.09.04	Ben Carlson Foundation	\$2,500.00	2024.09.04	669
2024.10.02	Newport Beach Fire Dept Foundation	\$2,500.00		
2024.10.02	Riverside National Cemetary	\$1,500.00		
2024.10.02	Navy Seal Foundation	\$1,500.00		
2024.10.02	OC Firefighters Local 3631	\$2,000.00		
	Approved and funded	\$101,500.00		
	Pending approval	\$7,500.00 \$500		
	Total after approval	\$109,000.00		
		107,000		