



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

Meeting called to order at 1803 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

Ernest Alonso 2nd Vice Cmdr. of our Legion Post 291.

Commander's Remarks - Tim Sullivan, Cmdr.

Cmdr. Sullivan greeted all in attendance. Golf tournament was a success.
John Long will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 1 August post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm
Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 15 August Post General Meeting. 7 pm
A motion was passed to approve Benny Hallock as Historian. Rene will continue as Parliamentarian and Judge advocate.
Ernest Alonso 2nd Vice Cmdr. of our Legion Post 291 was present and introduced himself (wants to create a bridge between the SAL's and Legionnaires
Cmdr. mentioned a near term turnout of disabled individuals to go out on the bay.
American Legion baseball team we supported performed well in the playoff tournament.

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:

Bill Collins, Chris Madsen and Rodger Russell SAL's passed away

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

Membership Report – John Long, 1st Vice Cmdr.

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

There are 33 new applicants from June 1, 2024 to August 7, 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. Future events may outsource the Honor Guard to the Boys Scouts.

Consider preparing a parking map for the XMAS boat parade event. Future event 9-11 event 12 pm to 4 pm. Need volunteers for 9-11 event. A Tom Petty tribute band will be secured for the 9-11 event and we will have TK burgers. A special thank you to Benny Hallock for his leadership skills regarding the golf tournament financial results similar to last year. Website Fairwaysofhonor.com Possibly sell brick tiles (your name on it) for a fund raiser at the Legion patio?

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron as of June 30, 2024 has approx. \$142,500 (comprised of general checking \$6,000 events account \$31,000 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. The CD will be renewed when it matures (8-11-2024).

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report

National convention in August 2024 no participation by our SAL members.

Donations Report – Bill Finster, 3r Vice Cmdr.

See attached report including the year-to-date donations. The committee approved the attached 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. Need future detail donations report of the committee including previous entities donations description.

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 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. Change in bylaws regarding membership to be discussed.

New Business

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 1800 hrs. We will not draw tickets for covers tonight. Consider changing bylaws regarding conduct of a SAL.

The meeting was adjourned at 1859

Submitted by,

Don Allen

Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
August Membership Report
August Donation Report



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2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: August 7, 2024 1803

Meeting Start Time: 1859

Meeting End Time:

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
3rd Vice Cmdr. Donations	Bill Finster	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 2024.08.07

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			

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 Hoeer 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	
	Home Front America	\$4,000.00	2024.08.07	
	Home For Our Troops	\$5,000.00	2024.08.07	
	Knot's of Love	\$3,000.00	2024.08.07	
	Approved and funded	\$81,550.00		
	Pending approval	\$12,000.00		
	Total after approval	\$93,550.00		