



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

Meeting called to order at 1914 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall 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.

Doug Nye past Post Cmdr. and Evan Planto Post Cmdr. were 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.

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:

The following individual passed away: none

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

Praying – Brad Semonell to get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (12) will be read.

See attached February 1, 2024 to March 6, 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 background. 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).

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 Halck. Possible Chili Cookoff event. A 16-day trip to Vietnam - (August 15 to September 1, 2024) is on hold. Future events golf tournament May 25 (Benny Halck manager commented on the event, flag day (June 14) and 9-11 (In and Out Truck will be present at the 9-11 event) events.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Chmm.

The Squadron has as of January 31, 2024 approx. \$154,000 (comprised of general checking \$44,000, events account \$5,000 and \$105,000 in money market which includes a CD at the Chase Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!!

District 29 / Detachment of California / National Report -Tim Sullivan

National convention in August 2024 and State convention is in Visalia, California June 27 to June 30, 2024. Pool tournament will be forthcoming our Todd Clucas won last year.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr

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. We donated over \$120,000 this past year. 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 Halck has for sale SAL merchandise for hats, blue and red shirts, other shirts and blankets.

New Business

Various new ideas will be forthcoming.

Looking Ahead

Raffle for 2 caps was not held.

The next SAL general meeting April 3, 2024 at the post

Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

The current board was nominated for their position on the board.

Next month Board elections second nominations.

Election will take place on May 1, 2024.

Closing Prayer – Randy MacDougall

Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1958 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 1900 hrs. Post location

Submitted by,



Don Allen

Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee

Squadron Appointed Positions

Squadron Advisors

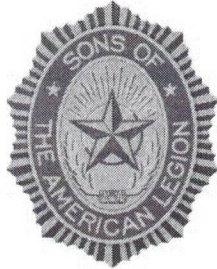
Attachments:

Roll Call List

Sign-in listing of attending members

March Membership Report

March Donation Report



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2021 Roll Call List

~~Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)~~

General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: March 6, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 19:34

Meeting End Time: 19:58

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

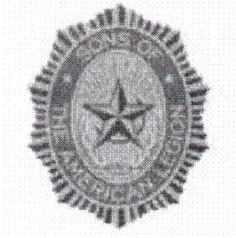
Post Supervisory Committee (Non-voting):

Post Advisor	Evin Planto	P	E	A
Post Advisor	Cory Vigil	P	E	A



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Membership Sign-in for General Meeting
6 March 2024

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mike Morrissey | 21. CHRIS MADSEN |
| 2. RAY CRAMPTON | 22. Brook Bergeron |
| 3. Benny Hallock | 23. JEFF BOYLES |
| 4. MIKE PASKERIAN | 24. Randy Mac Donzall |
| 5. Robert Carr | 25. Joseph Childers |
| 6. M. MOSSLER | 26. Steve Kosch |
| 7. SCOTT MABERRY | 27. James W. Ray |
| 8. R. FARHAM | 28. Ron Mellen |
| 9. DAVID THEIL | 29. Sam Rubinton |
| 10. David Stennes | 30. Bill Fint |
| 11. ROBERT RIECK | 31. Stan Osto |
| 12. SCOTT LAMBERT | 32. Mel Yarney |
| 13. CLAY HARRIS | 33. James Blakemore |
| 14. Matt VanderMeer | 34. Rolf S. Schwalbe |
| 15. Jeff Kadav | 35. |
| 16. PAUL CANNON | 36. |
| 17. Rolf Schwalbe | 37. |
| 18. Brent Noblitt | 38. |
| 19. Steve Knutsen | 39. |
| 20. Chuck Harbour | 40. |



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Membership Report 2024.03.06

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

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

must 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 Hoee 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		
	Approved	\$47,800.00		
	Pending	\$8,000.00		
	Grand total	\$55,800.00		