



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

Meeting called to order at 1807 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.

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Thursday 7 November post Ex-com Meeting. 6 pm

Tim Sullivan will represent the Squadron at the Post meeting Wednesday 13 November 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:

None 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 9 new applicants from October 3, 2024 to November 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.

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. Will prepare a parking map for the XMAS boat parade event. XMAS boat parade tickets will be on sale and will be serving Mexican food. A donation of \$55 for the Xmas boat parade viewing and complimentary food (no refunds). A raffle to be presented with prizes at the Xmas boat parade. The Xmas boat parade will be December 18 to 22 (6- to 10 pm). Please bring a gift to donate at the Xmas parade if possible. 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 September 30, 2024 has approx. \$130,000 (comprised of general checking \$23,000 events account \$1,500 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. We have 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. A motion was passed to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the One 1 Foundation.

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. Mike Morrissey and Tim Sullivan will analyze the email addresses for certain 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 has sent our bylaws to the state. Rene Alvarez updated the minutes on our website. Historian Benny Hallock has two videos (young Marines ball) tonight to present.

New Business

A motion was passed to suspend the 1 January 2025 executive meeting
The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 1800 hrs.
We will not draw tickets for covers tonight. Consider changing bylaws regarding financial crime conduct of a SAL officer possibly presenting this change to the general meeting in February 2025. We will have our annual XMAS party on 4 December for SAL members and their plus 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 1904

Submitted by,



Don Allen Adjutant

Distribution:

Squadron Executive Committee
Squadron Appointed Positions
Squadron Advisors

Attachments:

Roll Call List
November Membership Report
November 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: 6 November 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1807

Meeting End Time: 1904

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
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

Fw: November Donations

wmfinster@yahoo.../Inbox



bill finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>
To: Tim Sullivan <commander@sons291.com>, Don Allen <dla1969@cox.net>, Renee Martin <renee@4procpa.com>, Randy MacDougall <randy.macdougall@outlook.com>, Todd Clucas <todd_clucas@yahoo.com> *mors...*
Cc: Bill Finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>

Nov 4 at 2:26 PM

Board,

Please find the 6 proposed donations. Four of them are previous non profits we have supported in the past. Two are new proposed non profits. The reason for 6 is that we don't meet in December so this will be the last donations for 2024. The 5 committee members met by text and approved by all committee members. See you all Wednesday night.
Bill

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: bill finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>
To: Chris Graham <chrishg975@outlook.com>; C. Menninger <ckm4loans@hotmail.com>; Johnny C. <jclevelandis@hotmail.com>; Peter Martin <coastalpeter@yahoo.com>; Ray Crampton <rce@ix.netcom.com>; Bill Finster <wmfinster@yahoo.com>; Bill Finster <billfinstersal291@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 11:41:31 AM PDT
Subject: November Donations

1 Child Guidance Center: Child Guidance Center mission is clear: Empower children and their families to achieve health and wellness through dedicated mental health care. Since inception 1967 they have been a leading provider of innovative mental health treatment, supporting Orange County's underserved children, teens, and families, including veterans and military families.
Proposed Donation: \$3,500

2 Paralyzed Veterans of America: PVA will forever change the lives of paralyzed Veterans, caregivers, and family members. Ensure year-round specialized medical care. Support life-changing health and rehabilitation opportunities through sports and recreation. Fight for the benefits Veterans have earned.
Proposed Donation: \$2,000

3 Newport Mesa Schools Foundation: The Newport- Mesa Schools Foundation was established 40 years ago to raise funds to augment needed instructional programs in the district's schools. This is done as a volunteer, non-profit organization of community members who support excellence in education by raising funds for all students, in all schools within the Newport-Mesa school district.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500

4 Dana Point 5TH Marine Regiment Support Group: The charitable purpose of the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group is to provide support and outreach for the benefit our Wounded, Families of our Fallen, and active duty Marines, Sailors and Families of the 5th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton Wounded Warrior Battalion West.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500

5 Navy League: The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US-flag Merchant Marine. The Navy League provides support to our Sea services personnel and their families and youth programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines, that expose young people to the values of our sea services. The Navy League of the United States stands for a strong America, a nation morally, economically, and internally strong.
Proposed Donation: \$1,500 - TABLED

6 Angel Force USA: Angel Force USA'S Mission is to raise awareness about the Veterans Suicide Pandemic by Entertaining, Engaging and then Educating. Their Goal is to STOP SUISILENCE: the avoidance of discussion about suicide.
Proposed Donation: \$2,500 - TABLED

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
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	679
2024.10.02	Riverside National Cemetary	\$1,500.00	2024.10.02	681
2024.10.02	Navy Seal Foundation	\$1,500.00	2024.10.02	680
2024.11.06	Child Guidance Center	\$3,500.00		
2024.11.06	Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$2,000.00		
2024.11.06	Newport Mesa Schools Foundation	\$2,500.00		
2024.11.06	Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group	\$2,500.00		
2024.11.06	Navy League	\$2,500.00		
2024.11.06	Angel Force USA	\$2,500.00		
	Approved and funded	\$109,000.00		
	Pending approval	\$14,500.00		
	Total after approval	\$123,500.00		
		102,000.00	190,500	
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