



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
May 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1912 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-
SAL member 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.
Evan Planto Post Cmdr. came in late to the meeting.
Paul Mesmer past detachment Cmdr.-State was 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 -absent (Tim Sullivan presented)

Reported the following:
The following individual passed away: Anniversary of Pat Tillman passing 10rs.
Health matters:
Praying – Brad Semonell and Art Jimenez -sister Donna both sick - get well soon.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

Continuing to have a good month - The individual names (10) will be read.

See attached April 4, 2024 to April 30, 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). Starting July 1 dues will increase from \$135 to \$155 and if you need a reprint card cost will be \$10. Need to make our membership goal by May 15, 2024.

Squadron Activities – Art Jimenez 2nd Vice Cmdr. absent – Tim Sullivan presented

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. Future events golf tournament May 25 (Fairways of Honor), flag day (June 14-hot dogs will be served 10 to 2pm) and 9-11 (In and Out Truck will be present at the 9-11 event -11 to 3 pm) events. We need sponsors and prizes for the golf tournament and the website is Fairwaysofhonor.com. Currently 160 golfers for the golf tournament In July 100th anniversary for the post.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron has as of March 31, 2024 approx. \$159,000 (comprised of general checking \$52,500, events account \$1,500 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. Paul Mesmer past detachment CMDR.-State commented SAL 291 is 17% of the total state SAL membership.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr. - absent

No report. We donated over \$120,000 this past year. Currently we donated approximately \$60,000 year to date. 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. Elections took place tonight current board was re-elected. Everyone received a ticket for a raffle – cutting board. A member's ticket was called and received the cutting board. Raffle for 2 covers was held.

Looking Ahead

The next SAL general meeting June 5, 2024 at the post
Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer –Tim Sullivan Cmdr. led the closing prayer
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 1952 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday June 5, 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
May Membership Report
May Donation Report *None*



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2021 Roll Call List

Executive Committee Meeting (5 members)
General Membership Meeting (15 members + 1 officer)

Date: May 1, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1912

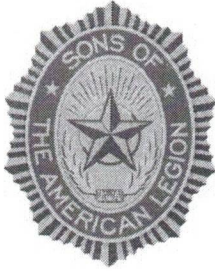
Meeting End Time: 1952

Executive Committee (Voting):

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tim Sullivan	P	E	A
1st Vice Cmdr.	John Long	F	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 rd 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
1 May 2024

1. David Jennel	21. Mike McCoy
2. Jim Banville	22. Marty Johnson
3. RYAN KWIATKOWSKI	23. Joseph Johnson
4. CHRIS GRAHAM	24. Steve Baker
5. Don Albrecht	25. Michael Pearce *
6. Steve Olson	26. Rolf Schankke
7. Allen Jensen	27. Don Allen
8. ROBERT RIECK	28.
9. Howard DeGhauser	29.
10. Mike Morrissey	30.
11. PAUL CANNON	31.
12. Don Allen	32.
13. Ron Schankke	33.
14. RON FARNAM	34.
15. Ron Mellen	35.
16. Brent Noblitt	36.
17. RAY CRAMPTON	37.
* 18. Vic Peterson	38.
19. PAUC MESMER	39.
20.	40.

* Cover witness



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Membership Report 2024.05.01

Membership (2024)	1,718
2023 Not Renewed	283
New members – 2024.04.01	10
Goal	1,764
Goal %	97.4 %

New Members 2024.04.30

Gary A.	Amelio
Jeffrey	Day
Thomas	Devlin
Michael	Fleming
Devon	Gunn
Randy	Hall
Kevin	Keane
James	Middlemas
Eric	Overfield
Richard	Perez

MAY 15, 2024 DEADLINE RENEWAL DATE (ANNUAL)