



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 291
Minutes of the General Meeting
June 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1920 hrs.

The Colors were saluted-

Randy MacDougall Chaplain 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.

Rules for the post will be posted on the Legion website.

Benny Halck who provided the leadership for the Fairways of Honor golf tournament held this past May presented a video.

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:

Kenneth Saczaiski SAL passed away

Health matters:

Praying – Brad Semonell and Art Jimenez -sister Donna both sick - get well soon.

June 6 celebration of D Day for WW2.

Membership Report – John Long 1st Vice Cmdr.

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

See attached May 1, 2024 to May 31, 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 own and father backgrounds. 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.

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 flag day (June 14-hot dogs will be served 10 to 2pm, band will be present) and 9-11 (In and Out Truck will be present at the 9-11 event -11 to 3 pm) events. We need volunteers to help with flag day (hand out flags, help set up, take down easy ups). Fairways of Honor (Fairwaysofhonor.com) was a success thank you to Benny Halck and all volunteers. In July 100th anniversary for the post.

Finance Report – Todd Clucas, Finance Officer

The Squadron has as of April 30, 2024 approx. \$129,000 (comprised of general checking \$23,000, events account \$500 and \$105,500 in money market which includes a CD at the Chase Bank. Financially in great shape. Looking for donations!!! First Republic Bank was purchased by Chase Bank and effectively we have completed the transition.

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. A total of six representatives including Paul Mesmer and 5 individuals from the SAL's will be attending the State convention.

Donations Report -Bill Finster 3rd Vice Cmdr.-

See attached report. The committee did meet this month. A motion was passed to approve the attached donations. Each donation was read. We donated over \$120,000 this past year. Currently we donated approximately \$70,000 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. Raffle for 2 covers was held.

Looking Ahead

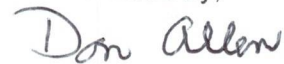
The next SAL general meeting July 3, 2024 at the post. July 2024 100th anniversary of the post. Shirts and merchandise orders are being accepted.

Closing Prayer –Randy MacDougall, Chaplain led the closing prayer
Prayers to all

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hrs.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday July 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
June Membership Report
June 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: June 5, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 1920

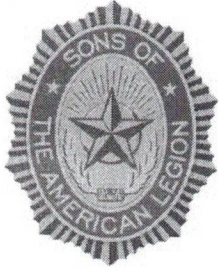
Meeting End Time: 2005

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
5 June 2024

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mike Morrissey | 21. Rick Ingram |
| 2. Ray Crampton | 22. Howard Dehaesen |
| 3. Joe Dordoni | 23. Don Farnham |
| 4. Ron Mellem | 24. Mike Mossler |
| 5. Richard Perez | 25. Gary Belt |
| 6. Benny Hallock | 26. Randy Mac Donnell |
| 7. Ryan Kwiatkowski | 27. Robert Pieck |
| 8. Brian Governor | 28. Jim Middlemas |
| 9. Allen Jensen | 29. Dan Freeman |
| 10. Josh Grohs | 30. Ed Danoff |
| 11. Ed Runge | 31. John Krueger |
| 12. Chuck Hiboult | 32. Randy Trout |
| 13. Carmine Anania | 33. Brent Noblitt |
| 14. Anthony Anania | 34. Gary Amelio * |
| 15. Dave Stennes | 35. Tom Devlin |
| 16. Chris Meninger | 36. Rolf S. Schwabe |
| 17. Rob Johnson | 37. Don Orr |
| 18. Steve Kosch | 38. Mike Flemming * |
| 19. Anthony Faber | 39. |
| 20. Kevin Baird | 40. |

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Membership Report 2024.05.31

Membership (2024)	1,778
2023 Not Renewed	238
New members – 2024.05.31	10
Goal	1,764
Goal %	101 %

New Members 2024.05.31

353794165	Jake	Staffieri	Junior
353794333	Ed	Runge	Regular
353796105	Steve	High	Regular
353837056	Kevin	Baird	Regular
353837081	David	Mains	Regular
353837106	John	Baker	Regular
353854464	Anthony	Anania	Regular
353854578	Andrew	Nesmith	Junior
353854542	Jeffery	Nesmith	Junior
353794724	Gary	Belt	Regular

June Donations

From: bill finster (wmfinster@yahoo.com)

To: wmfinster@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 11:09 AM PDT

Donation committee approved donations from May 23rd meeting at Bruegger's Bagels in Corona del Mar. VFW Catalina added after meeting on Tim's request. Approved by text.

1. White Heart Foundation

White Heart Foundation is a non profit founded in June 2011. They work with Vets with PTSD and Mental Health issues. 100% of the donations goes directly to the cause. White Heart was created with the donor's intent in mind.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

APPROVED PENDING CMDR. OF PACIFIC PALISADES POST APPROVAL

2. Working Wardrobes

Working Wardrobes enlists the support for Operation Employment, a campaign to raise \$100,000 to provide career readiness services to the military and their families. This will help them in their employment journeys after getting out of the military. \$3,000 provides critical needs gift cards, workshop series and a Success Suit for 5 Veterans.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

3. Newport Beach Police Foundation

Newport Beach Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the men and women the Newport Beach Police Department. the NBPF Board was founded in 2019. Money raised for a wide range of items and events that fall outside the city budget, such as police safety equipment, support for families of fallen officers, scholarships for sons and daughters of NBPD personnel, holiday events, support animals, and the Mounted and K-9 units.

Suggested Donation ~~\$5,000~~ 2500

4. Exchange Club of Newport Harbor

The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor hosted the 15th Annual Field of Honor with 1776 American Flags in Castaways Park from Armed Forces Day through Memorial Day. The flag flying is in tribute to our service members and first responders.

Suggested Donation \$3,000

5. Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum is the only museum in the country devoted solely to Marine Corps Aviation. The museum opened to the public in June 1991 at MCAS El Toro. The museum was closed at El Toro in 1999 and moved to Naval Air Station Miramar.

Reopened on May 25, 2000,
Suggested Donation \$2,000 ~~NO~~

6. VFW Catalina

VFW focus to provide a space for veterans and their families to gather, this outpost serves as a hub for social gatherings and events. VFW Island Outpost 4682 is a welcoming destination where individuals can come together to share stories, forge connections, and honor the service of those who have served our country.

Suggested Donation \$1,000

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	
	White Heart Foundation	\$3,000.00		
	Working Wardrobes	\$3,000.00		
	Newport Beach Police Foundation	\$5,000.00		
	Exchange Club of Newport Harbor	\$3,000.00		
	Flying Leathernecks Aviation Museum	\$2,000.00		
	VFA Post Catalina	\$1,000.00		
	Approved and funded	\$66,050.00		
	Pending approval	17,000.00	12,500 = 4,500	
	Total after approval	\$83,050.00		12,500

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