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From your Commander Jon Reynolds



Heading for the Light! — Restoration and Resumption of Full Operations!

Although it's certainly been an historic, unprecedented year for the world, there's now promise of relief from many of the necessary restrictions we've all been living with as more of the population is vaccinated against COVID-19. Orange County continues to work its way through the color-coded Tiers, and the Post is responding as quickly as it can while maintaining compliance with official direction, rules, and guidance. The reference document is the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" for Activity and Business Tiers — viewable on the California Department of Public Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Once again, a portion of the Post is reopened inside for dining and beverages — while also continuing the previously available outside services on the patios, along with the drive-thru takeout food service. Not allowed yet — and it's probably still a couple of months away — but we're all looking forward to returning to many traditional Post activities — as soon as official direction and guidance will permit:

- Hootenanny on the West Patio on Tuesday afternoons.
- Bands on the West Patio on Sunday afternoons
- Bands and dancing in the Main Hall on Friday evenings
- Post 291 Meetings back inside
- Burn Your Own — but modified to Staff-issued items
- Tableside wait service
- Buffets — but modified to "cafeteria style" service with employees handing plated meals of chosen items to the customers
- Banquets and Hall Rentals

Team Success!

The Post has enjoyed remarkably successful operations over the past two years in spite of the pandemic — thanks to active support by Post members and Post Family members, and skilled guidance and actions by an outstanding leadership team of Post Officers and Post employees. The Post has been able to not only continue to provide services to its members, but also to the Newport Beach community with the Post's drive-thru takeout food service — which has also enabled the Post to keep most of its staff employed.

Instrumental to the success of the Post leadership team of skilled and talented professionals has been the work of Adjutant Mike Berdine, Finance Officer Bob Wine, Service Officer Cory Vigil, and Third Vice Commander Jim Updike.

Mike Berdine in particular — with his many years of American Legion membership and in-depth knowledge of American Legion and Post 291 operations, combined with his outstanding executive skills — serves brilliantly in many roles. Among his multiple duties and responsibilities, he is Chair of the House Committee (which oversees Bar, Restaurant, and Marina operations), he's a member of the Finance Committee, he's an expert in information technology and sets up and organizes all the Post videoconferences for official meetings, he records the Minutes of all Post official meetings, he chairs several other Post committees, and he is the Corporate Secretary of the Post nonprofit mutual benefit corporation. He has performed all these tasks with unparalleled effectiveness, which in turn has been critical to the Post's many accomplishments over the past two years.

Bob Wine is a CPA and has skillfully applied his exceptional professional knowledge and talents in accounting and finance and in financial management to the unusual challenges of Post 291 operations. He is also Chair of the Post Finance Committee and is a core member of the House Committee. He completed all the complex and extensive application forms and succeeded in obtaining two successive Payroll Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loans for the Post from the Small Business Administration (SBA). He has also ensured the Post complies with its Bylaws by securing additional fully insured banking resources when needed, and has otherwise accomplished all of the many demands of his outstanding financial stewardship for the Post. — And Post assets have increased over the past two years.

Cory Vigil possesses extraordinary and comprehensive knowledge of military veteran support organizations, and he has worked tirelessly and skillfully to coordinate with these organizations and with governmental agencies to provide urgently needed support to military veterans needing assistance. He has also launched another Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF) campaign to solicit additional donations and contributions to fund this vital “Pillar” of The American Legion. He has been — and is — at the forefront of the Post’s extensive efforts and strong, effective actions to assist military veterans in need.

Jim Updike — a Boys State alumnus himself — has achieved exceptional success with his Committee in leading and coordinating the Post’s Boys State program. Post 291 will again this year sponsor 25 highly deserving young men to attend this outstanding program — the most of any Post in the Department of California. In addition, Jim is Chair of the Reopening Planning Committee, which has worked diligently to help keep the Post safe and healthy during this pandemic and to continue to explore appropriate steps to further reopen the Post safely.

Post Department Managers.

And of course, key members of our outstanding Post staff have played central roles in its success as well — Food and Beverage Manager Dennis Fitzpatrick, Head Chef and Kitchen Manager Ulises Dominguez, Wait Staff Captain Camilo Sabogal, Bar and Custodial Supervisor Peter Lara, and Manager of Administration and Accounting Tracey Kleimeyer.

Post 291 Family and Post Employees.

Clearly many others — on the Post Executive Board, leaders and members of the Post 291 Family, and Post employees — have also contributed their time and resources with active participation in Post committees, helping other military veterans, and with enthusiastic service to the Post and to the community. All of these dedicated efforts were major contributions to the overwhelming success of the Post over the past two years — and are enormously appreciated.

Annual Post Election of Officers.

The annual Post election of officers is scheduled for Wednesday 12 May. This year Post members will be able to vote in one of two ways:

- Onsite at the Post from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, using a paper ballot; or
- Online at approximately 7:30 pm while attending the videoconference General Membership Meeting that evening, using a ballot that will be sent out over the internet.

Prior to the election, detailed instructions on the voting process will be sent to all Post members by email — and by US Mail for those without email. — All Post 291 members are strongly encouraged to vote for Post officers on Wednesday 12 May!

Annual Conventions.

The usual American Legion annual conventions will also be held this year. The Department of California Convention will be virtual and will convene starting Friday 25 June. The American Legion National Convention will be held onsite, in person, in Phoenix, Arizona, beginning Friday 27 August.

Stay Safe, Healthy, — and Get Vaccinated!

As a reminder, the pandemic is not over yet. Please continue to practice good hygiene and stay healthy and safe — and get your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you can.

For God and Country!

Jon Reynolds
Commander
Newport Harbor Post 291 of The American Legion



ALA UNIT 291

Letter from the Auxiliary Unit 291

Cindy Edes, President



Greetings from the Auxiliary,

Hello Legion family members! Spring is here and with it comes a renewal of faith and optimism. We can see the light and the end of the tunnel and embrace it. This was an unprecedented year of craziness. Many of our own friends and family were stricken with the Covid 19, many were in the hospital. One of our own Executive Board members (½ half of our fabulous Troop Shipping team) suffered with the virus, but thanks to the fine hospital team and the many prayers she received, she is on the road to recovery. It is comforting to know, when we run our blood drives, blood collected may help save one of our own.

Despite not having in-person meetings, no in-person Executive Board meetings and very restrictive volunteer rules, our Auxiliary still produced. In March, we kicked off collecting for our “Bags of Love” one of our Community Service projects. The month of April is “Month of the Military Child,” #MOMC and April 15th is “Purple up Day”, a day when purple is worn in support of the military children. Also in April, our poppy mailings were sent out to all the Legion families. The poppy is a very important symbol to the Auxiliary. In the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, the poppy bloomed in abundance on the battlefields of France, where so many of our men died in battle. In 1920, the Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its memorial flower. The red crepe poppies you received in the mail are hand-made by Veterans and 100% of the donations we receive goes to our Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation program. So please, be generous in giving and please fill out the remembrance cards of your loved ones which will be displayed inside the Post bar area.

We are collecting for Troop Shipping which will take place May 15th. When you are at the Post next look at the wooden Troop Shipping Box located by the outside bar area and see what item our team needs, then try and drop something off. We also accept money which offsets the cost of mailings.

We are still meeting via Zoom for our Executive Board and General Membership meetings. At the April Zoom meeting we will be taking nominations from the Zoom floor for your elected officers. We have an open elected position for Treasurer and Public Relations/Technology Chairmanship. With over 1,700 members there is clearly a large pool of experience. We need to draw from our extremely talented membership new leaders, new ideas, and new talent. We are not a “that’s how we have always done it” kind of group. We are a Rosie the Riveter, “we can do that” kind of group. So, let us get involved in this great organization who work so hard to support our active Military, Veterans, and their families.



Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 10:00 AM

Troop Shipping



Donations Gladly Needed and Accepted

The American Legion Auxiliary sends packages to our deployed troops overseas. Items can be dropped off in the beautiful wooden box located next to the Honor MIA table.

MONEY DONATIONS - Each box costs approximately \$18 to ship. A cash donation box is located on the wall above the donation box. Please make checks payable to "ALA291" and reference Troop Shipping

PERSONAL USE ITEMS - Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sunscreen, Bug Repellent, Chapstick, Razor, Nail Clippers, Lotion, Soap, Shampoo, Powder, Mouth Wash, Dark Grey/Black Socks

FOOD ITEMS - Nuts, Trail Mix, Sunflower Seeds, Cookies, Chips, Crackers, Power Bars, Candy (*NO Chocolate, It Melts*), Instant Coffee, Crystal light, Hot Sauce, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Soups, Beef Jerky
(No Pork Products Please)

ENTERTAINMENT/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - Playing Cards, Crossword Puzzles, Word Search Puzzles, Travel Size Games, Greeting Cards, Pens

PROHIBITED ITEMS - Bulk Religious Material Contrary to Islam, Nude Magazines, Drugs, Alcohol, Lighters, Batteries, Aerosol Cans

No Hotel Toiletries — They can leak.

No Books — Too heavy to ship. Thanks!

For more information visit ALA291.com



Comments

Bob Wine, Finance Officer

Well, we came through 2020 mostly intact. Our combined net loss, business and membership, was just under \$54,000, compared to a profit of \$197,000 for 2019. However, our cash reserve balances at 12/31/20 were about \$69,000 higher than the balances at 12/31/19, thanks to our Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan of \$254,100.

Post employees went from 39 prior to the Covid shutdown to about 28 today. A few left for other jobs, while a few others went on unemployment. This happened gradually over the course of 2020, although we otherwise kept everyone on payroll except one person in the office. We're headed into 2021 in pretty good shape, helped by better restaurant sales and a second PPP loan of another \$254,100, which we received on March 16th. By the way, our first PPP loan was forgiven by the SBA on April 8th.

On a brighter note, our veterans' assistance programs are doing better than ever. If you attend the general member meetings online, you'll know that Service Officer Cory Vigil has been doing an outstanding job helping local veterans get back on their feet, off the street, or weather various crises. He does this not just by providing funds from the Post's Veterans' Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF), but by using his understanding of the various local and federal agencies, and his contacts within them, to provide veterans in need access to programs they might not be aware of or have difficulty using. In that way he has become a valuable resource not only for Post 291, but for the entire community. Great work, Cory!

As your finance officer, it's my job to ensure that our internal controls are operating as they should, our assets are properly safeguarded, and that the Post continues to operate on a sound fiscal basis. Part of this job entails taking advantage of government programs (like PPP) for which the Post is eligible. Whatever my personal feelings about these programs may be, I feel I would be derelict in my duty if I didn't pursue all opportunities which benefit Post 291. And, as a consequence, the Post is in a stronger financial position than it possibly has ever been.

See you at the Post.





Changing the Post's Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Post 291, like every organization, has a set of rules that govern how we operate. Post 291's rules are laid out in two overlapping documents - the Post Constitution and the Post Bylaws. These documents determine important things like who can be a member, how the Post will be governed, how leadership is selected and, what are leaders' and members' duties and responsibilities. Like all sets of rules and regulations the Post's Constitution and Bylaws have grown a little stale and brittle over time and could benefit from periodic review, updates and revisions.

Post 291's governing documents were last reviewed in 2009 and much has changed with the Post over the past decade, both in membership and business operations. There is also new direction on local Post bylaws from the American Legion Department of California and there is new best practice guidance for non-profit governing documents. Recognizing the need for a review and update, in 2020 Commander John Reynolds appointed a six-member Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Post Adjutant Mike Berdine, to conduct a thorough review of our Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendations for changes.

The Committee was composed of Adjutant Berdine, Third Vice Commander Jim Updike, Judge Advocate Burt McChesney, former Post 291 Finance Officer and District 29 Finance Officer Dan Ferrari, former Post 291 Adjutant and Member at Large John Lindgren, and former Post 291 Adjutant and Post 291 Service Officer Mike Lipscombe. The committee also received valuable input from Commander Reynolds and Post Finance Officer Bob Wine.

After several months of research, lots of discussion and multiple drafts, the Committee produced a proposal for a major overhaul of the Post Constitution and Bylaws. You can view a draft of the Committee's proposal by [clicking here](#). Perhaps the biggest change you'll see in the proposal is the consolidation of the Constitution and Bylaws into one Bylaws document. This consolidation is based on the recommendation from the Department and current legal guidance for non-profits. There is no legal requirement for two documents and two documents inevitably create duplication and the potential for conflicting interpretations.

Most of the original provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws were retained, though duplications were eliminated and many provisions were revised to improve clarity and add detail where needed. Changes recommended by the Department and current best practice were included.

Some changes are inconsequential. For example, the name for the Executive Board was changed to "Executive Committee." Other changes have more import. The provision on Membership Eligibility was changed to reflect the Legion Act which allows membership for all veterans who have served since December 7, 1941. Greater detail was added to the provisions on the process for electing Post leadership. To enhance fiscal oversight of Post finances, the proposal establishes an Audit Committee as a Standing Committee.

The proposal also changes the signature threshold for petitions and recalls from a fixed number (currently 25) to 5 percent of membership and requires the Judicial Committee to review and analyze future Bylaws proposals for consistency with National and Department Bylaws and state law.

Under the Post's current Bylaws, this proposal must be approved by the Executive Board and then presented to the membership at two General Membership meetings. It would be eligible for a vote at the second General Membership meeting. The current schedule is for the Executive Board to conduct its final review of the proposal at its May 6, 2021 meeting. Assuming Board approval, the first General Membership reading of the proposal would be on May 12, 2021 and the second reading would be on June 9, 2021.

If you have questions or want more information about the proposed new Post 291 Bylaws please contact Adjutant Mike Berdine at adjutant@al291.com.

2021-2022 Executive Committee Election

Jim Updike, Third Vice Commander



In the last issue of Sea Breeze, we reported on the results of the Election Voting Process Committee's recommendations on how to provide a method for Members to vote during the May 12 election of Post Officers. Since that issue was published, the Committee was able to put in place options that will allow Members to vote in-person at the Post or on-line during the virtual meeting.

On May 12, we will be opening the Post from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Members will be able to vote in person. Members wishing to vote in person will need to maintain the six-foot social distancing and will need to always wear a mask. There will be a registration area set up in the Fireside Room and Members will need to present a current Post 291 Membership Card to be issued a ballot. The voting area will be in the View Room with five voting tables.

At 7:00 pm, the in-person voting will be closed, and a virtual Membership meeting will commence as has been done for the past several months. At approximately 7:30 pm, Commander Reynolds will temporarily recess the meeting to allow for on-line balloting. Only those Members who are present at the virtual meeting and who have not already voted in person, will be given the opportunity to vote on-line. The on-line balloting will take place for approximately 45 minutes. The Election Committee will then combine the vote totals from the in-person voting with the totals from the on-line voting and the results will be announced during the resumption of the virtual meeting.

On April 15, an email was sent to all those Members for whom we have an email address inviting them to register for the virtual Membership meeting and election. If you have not been receiving emails from the Post or do not receive the April 15 email, chances are good that we either do not have your email address or it is incorrect. If you want to vote on-line, we encourage you to contact Jim Updike at jeusail@gmail.com with your email address.

We recognize that some of you may not have computer and/or internet access. Here are some ideas you might want to explore:

- Contact a friend or relative and ask them for assistance
- Contact your local library to see if they have computers available for public use
- If you are a senior, many senior centers provide access to computers as well as assistance
- Check with your local UPS or FedEx store. Many provide free computer stations
- Many cities provide free computer access for their citizens.

If you would like additional information, please contact Jim Updike at 949-589-2498 or jeusail@gmail.com



2021

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

COMMANDER: Mike Berdine

Evin Planto

1st VICE: Brian Fleming, Jr.

Burt McChesney

2nd VICE: Anthony Morales

3rd VICE: David Zamudio

Cindy Baker

FINANCE OFFICER: Bob Wine

SGT AT ARMS: Bob Grundmeyer

Michael Mailman

CHAPLAIN: Ken Wilson

HISTORIAN: Richard Fraenzimmer

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Kevin Van Otterloo

Dennis DeRosia

Mike Schubert

May
2021

HOLIDAYS, EVENTS, OBSERVANCES

Month of the Military Caregiver.....	Month of May
National Military Appreciation Month	Month of May
Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW).....	First full week in May
National Correctional Officers Week	First full week in May
Silver Star Service Banner Day.....	May 1
Loyalty Day	May 1
National Day of Prayer.....	First Thursday of May
National Nurses Week.....	May 6 (begins), May 12 (ends)
VE Day	May 8
Military Spouse Appreciation Day	Friday before Mother's Day
Mother's Day	Second Sunday in May
Armed Forces Week	Second Sat. Thru 3rd Sun. in May
Children of Fallen Patriots Day	May 13
Peace Officers Memorial Day	May 15
Armed Forces Day	Third Saturday in May
Maritime Day.....	May 22
Memorial Day.....	Last Monday in May

CELEBRATE WITH US! SUNDAY, MAY 10TH





Chaplain's Corner

Ken Wilson

April 2021

Greetings Legionnaires,

Soon we celebrate Easter April 4th for those with a Judeo-Christian background and Spring Break for those with a secular background.

Over 1/3rd of the world will celebrate Easter and/or Passover. Passover is the Jewish celebration of freedom from enslavement by the Egyptians. Moses, the law-giver, is used by God to bring freedom and lead the Jewish people to a promised land.

Easter is the Christian celebration of Jesus of Nazareth's (Jesus the Christ) life, ministry, death and resurrection. The promise of new life and Promised Land now and yet to come.

If you take time to review history and the variety of religions that have emerged, the afterlife is a common theme and belief in the major religions. I do not find that unusual or surprising. If you look at Nature, you will see the theme of life, death, and new life. We have our seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Trees that lose their leaves are called deciduous. Every year they grow new leaves and eventually lose their leaves as the season's pass: life, death and new life theme in Nature.

How does it help us to have a belief that life goes on after we die? Does it give you hope when you face a life of struggle, rejection, poverty and prejudice? Does it encourage us to good in order to gain favor so we can have a "front row" seat in Heaven? Have we learned to hold onto things loosely in this life since we can't take it with us? Does an afterlife help us see the bigger picture that we are truly part of a grand story? Do we see each other with greater compassion and interdependence since we all leave this planet without our skin on?

As Legionnaires, we use the term Post Everlasting to describe an afterlife. We believe that life goes on. Again this is clearly related to the founding of the American Legion. The American Legion's foundation is based in the Judeo-Christian heritage of our country. In May, 2017, the Department of Defense recognized 221 religious expressions of faith. The Military is the most inclusive organization that I can think of when it comes to religious expression of faith. As a Chaplain who follows a Jewish carpenter, I am proud of the diversity that the military represents when it comes to faith.

Whatever your religious persuasion be, may we all be comforted that life goes on in some form or another. Joshua 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

For God and Country,

Chaplain Ken



VEAF

Post 291 Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund

2020 Memorial Day Campaign Results

During 2020, the VEAF provided these services:

- 153 motel nights for 34 individual homeless veterans or veteran families.
- 47 individual veterans or veteran families received rental assistance to keep them housed.
- 16 vehicles owned by veterans were repaired.
- 26 gas cards were distributed.
- 35 Walmart gift cards were distributed for emergency food or baby supplies.
- 41 veterans were given financial support for special needs such as:
 - Medical deductibles
 - Dental costs
 - Emergency clothing
 - Utility bills
 - Bus passes
 - Emergency airline tickets
 - Moving expenses
 - Cemetery charges for placing a grave marker for a Korean war veteran
 - Cremation costs for a veteran's parent

In 2020, the Veteran Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF) granted applications for \$84,096 in emergency services to local veterans and veteran families. We expect \$120,000 in 2021.

In addition, the Service Officer, Cory Vigil, negotiated numerous times with 25 other local veteran service providers to share costs so that a veteran's application for assistance would not be rejected.

All donations to the VEAF are considered "restricted" and are maintained in a separate bank account to ensure that they are only used to help veterans in need. Any veteran living in Orange County may apply regardless of discharge status. An application is required so that their veteran status can be verified and their needs and current financial situation can be reviewed by the Service Officer. The VEAF has become an important resource because it is able to respond quickly and will partner with all local service providers.

For more information contact Cory Vigil 714-643-3854 or coryvigil61@gmail.com.

VETERANS DESERVE OUR SUPPORT



VETERANS RESOURCES

MEMORIAL DAY

2021

May 31st



Fellow Veterans,

We have local resources for our medical and related questions such as benefits, health issues and burial.

VA Hospital of Long Beach
Department of Veteran Affairs
Tel: 562.826.8000

County Veteran Service Office
1300 South Grand Ave.
Santa Ana, CA 92705 - Tel: 714.480.6555

Laguna Hills VA Clinic
23719 Moulton Parkway
Laguna Hills, CA 92653 - Tel: 949.587.3700

County Veterans & Military Families Collaborative OCVMFC
Coordinator Jeff Pagano
Email: paganoj@uci.edu
Tel: 949.824.2435

Anaheim VA Clinic
2569 W. Woodland Dr.
Anaheim, CA 92801 - Tel: 714.763.5300

Ken Wilson, Chaplain
Email: kenw49@hotmail.com
Tel: 949.230.2826

Santa Ana VA Clinic
1506 Brookhollow Dr, Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705 - Tel: 714.434.4600

Cory Vigil, Service Officer
Email: al291veteranassistance@gmail.com
Tel: 949.673.5070 Ext. 117

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92518
Tel: 951.653.8417 · Fax: 951.653.5233



VEAF

2021 MEMORIAL DAY CAMPAIGN

How can I help another veteran in need?

Post 291 - Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund

Online Meetings

POST 291

The Post 291 General Membership meetings are being held as a webinars.
We are providing a link and registration via Constant Contact to our members.

Check out meetings information in our calendar

www.al291.com/calendar



To update your email contact,
LEGION MEMBERSHIP
(949) 673-5070 Ext. 105
Email: membership@AL291.com



Commodore's Update

Bruce Batcheller, ALYC Commodore

Spring greetings from the bridge at the American Legion Yacht Club!

We are a bit tired of saying “despite the challenges of the pandemic,” so I’ll just dive right in and tell you what we’ve been doing, and are about to do with spring, and soon summer upon us. What we are most excited about, is your club boat Valor was just recently one of the start-line boats for the 73rd running of the Newport to Ensenada international yacht race. She was standing tall, thanks to the work of our many volunteers that keep her in top shape, led by our Valor Boatmaster Ray Armstrong and Port Captain George Shinrock. George recently completed some repairs and maintenance on the top deck of Valor, so she was looking great as we hosted the race committee from NOSA, the Newport Ocean Sailing Association that manages the race.

Earlier this month we hosted our first cruise of the year, to Dana Point harbor. We hosted members aboard Valor to cruise down and back up the coast, as well as some day trips out from the harbor. Valor hosted happy-hour Friday night and a big group assembled Saturday night to hang out at Baby Beach and enjoy takeout from Dana West Yacht Club. If you missed it, you can catch another cruise soon. We are headed to Avalon May 21-23, with several group activities and meals on the plan. We put this cruise on the calendar with the goal to get more of our non-boat owners to attend, since you can easily book a ferry to come across, plus there are many options for lodging. Please check it out on our calendar and event pages on alyc.com.

The first Sunday in May is typically our annual Opening Day. Last year was our 54th, so that one was postponed to 2021. May is still too early for large events, so we have rescheduled Opening Day to August 21 starting at 2:00PM. Please mark your calendars for a fun afternoon and evening!

May also kicks off our annual summer Sundowners Race series, held every Monday evening in Newport Harbor. We will have a post-race dinner and reception, with pre-registration required. If you are not yet registered, please do so on Regatta Network. We also now begin our Model Yacht racing season the next night, Tuesday May 4th at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. All details are on our web site.

As we get into June and summer, we have many more events on the calendar including our first fishing tournament and a Raft-Up to help kick off summer. If all goes as planned, we’ll soon be meeting in person and enjoying some normal summer life at the club. I hope to see you in person soon!

Bruce Batcheller
Commodore 2019-21
AMERICAN LEGION YACHT CLUB



ALYC 2021 Newport to Ensenada Yatch Race



April 2021, Cruise to Dana Point





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POST 291

RESTAURANT AND DRIVE-THRU

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 11:30 – 6:30 PM

SATURDAY 11:30 AM– 5:00 PM | SUNDAY 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Lunch 12:00 - 5:00 pm



Chef Ulises Dominguez
TODAY'S MENU

Fresh Baked Goods | Daily www.al291.com

BAR

**Bar may close earlier based on business volume.*

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 10:30 – 9:00 PM

SATURDAY 10:00 AM– 9:00 PM | SUNDAY 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM