



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1907 hrs

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Tim Bercovitz

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

National Anthem: lead by Steve D'Arca

POW/MIA Ceremony: Kevin Van Otterloo and Brian Fleming.

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Nye

Roll Call:

<u>X</u> Doug Nye, Commander	<u>X</u> Ken George, 1 st Vice	<u>X</u> Roger Henry 2 nd Vice	<u>X</u> S.Schneeberger 3 rd Vice
<u>X</u> Gene Anderson, Adj.	<u>X</u> Robert Wright, Jdg Adv	<u>X</u> Paul Meye, Finance	<u>X</u> William Bennett, Chaplain
<u> </u> Jesse Garcia, Svc Officer	<u>X</u> Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	<u>X</u> Patti Carson, Historian	<u>X</u> Jess Lawson, Jr. Past
<u>X</u> Don Putzig, M.a.L.	<u>X</u> Mike Schubert, M.a.L.	<u>X</u> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L.	<u>X</u> Ken Widdall, M.a.L.
<u>X</u> Al Yarrington, M.a.L.	<u>X</u> Robert Wright, M.a.L.		

Excused: Jesse Garcia

Honored Guests: Walt Wagner, Dan Ferrari; and Ken George (District 29 Commander)

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – President Cat Katz –Discussed their upcoming Sweethearts Ball (February 11th), they are selling raffle tickets as a major fund raising event, and on February 18th is their Fashion Show.

SAL – Butch Rowe, Adjutant – Thanked the volunteers that helped at the Christmas Boat Parade, and approximately \$13,000 was raised from the Boat Parade event. On February 11th the State SONS will be holding a leadership training event. Discussed how sons of veterans can become a member of SAL.

ALYC – Commander Nye and Jon Reynolds spoke for Mike Berdine, Commodore – Post 291 has the only yacht club in the American Legion. Discussed the number of slips available to members and the waiting list. Discussed the different events that the YC is involved with. Discussed the upcoming annual Commodore's Ball being held on January 21st, the offshore sail boat races are being held February 18th and 19th, and other upcoming events.

Bar & Restaurant: Jon Reynolds – Mentioned that the Post has a full bar and restaurant. Invited all of our members to use the facility; the Post is a great venue for all members and family - take advantage of renting our facilities for weddings, parties, and other functions. Announced "Paint Night" will be on Thursday night January 19th, and he talked about all the new TVs we have installed at the Post. The Commander mentioned that we do not allow food to be brought onto the Post property, and that on Mondays you can "burn a burger or hot dog," purchased from our bar, on the bar-b-ques in the west patio; on Tuesday there is the Hootenanny in the afternoon, and Taco Tuesday and line dancing in the evening, Thursday night is all you can eat spaghetti, Friday night is dinner and dancing to a band, Saturday night in the summer there is a band, and on Sunday afternoon there is a band.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the January 5th Executive Board Meeting minutes.

General Meeting Minutes: Commander Nye made the following motions:
M/S/C to waive the reading of December 13, 2016 General Meeting Minutes.
M/S/C to approve the December 13, 2016 General Meeting Minutes.

Correspondence: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, announced there was no correspondence received last month.

Commander's Comments: Welcomed all the new people to the Post. Requested more people to volunteer at the Post. Discussed the number of paid employees at the Post, and that the officers are all volunteers. Discussed that parking cards are to be used only by the Legionnaires. To enter the Post the Legionnaire must show their membership card. Guests must be accompanied by a Legionnaire and they must sign in. He discussed the improvements that have been made throughout the Post over the past year.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Ken George – is in-charge of membership. He announced that membership is at 83.55%, and we have 3,265 members signed up. Tonight we have 25 new members to be inducted.

2nd Vice Commander Roger Henry – He is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. To see all of our upcoming events he recommended that members view our website. During the winter months bands will be playing on Friday evenings (dinner [5 to 8:30] and dancing) and Sunday afternoons (12 to 4) on the patio. Discussed the upcoming schedule that is on the last page of the Sea Breeze magazine. We also have bands on Thursday and Saturday during the summer months. Armed Forces day is on Saturday, May 20th. We are honoring the Coast Guard on Friday, January 27th, the Army on Friday, February 10th, and so on till May 7th. The SockHop is being held on Friday, February 24th; socks are collected at this event and will be donated to veterans.

Mike Schubert discussed Viet Nam Veterans Recognition Day that is being held on Saturday, April 8th. A Swift Boat will be here over the weekend.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – Discussed working with the Post sponsored youth programs; they're about Americanism, youth, and programs. Discussed the High School Oratorical Contest, a scholarship program. It is a tiered event starting at a Post, then on to the District, State, and Nation; it start on January 16th at the Post. Discussed the need for volunteers. Addressed Boys State that will be starting soon; it focuses on our Constitution, Americanism, and the federal government.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Discussed the preliminary numbers for the end of 2016, and our books should be closing by the 10th of January. We are preparing for a certified audit by Egan and Egan. A recap of the December numbers are presented below. Last year our Business sales number is over \$2 million; our net profit after all of our expenses is \$293,000. We have no debts. We are in a very strong financial position.

Financial Statement Summary as of **YTD 12/31/2016**

	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		
MEMBERSHIP					CHG
INCOME	393,248		382,500		10,748
OTHER INCOME	98,965		371		98,594
TOTAL INCOME	492,213		382,871		109,342
EXPENSES	446,121		391,297		54,824
NET INCOME	46,092		-8,426		54,518
SUMMARY	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		
	NET	BANK	NET	BANK	CASH
	INCOME	CASH	INCOME	CASH	CHG
MEMBERSHIP	46,092	378,141	-8,426	436,150	-58,009
OPERATING	292,807	409,874	229,173	85,582	324,293

Judge Advocate – Robert Wright - No Report.

Service Officer – Jesse Garcia, excused – No Report.

Historian – Patti Carson - No Report.

Chaplain – William Bennett, Excused - No Report

New Members

New members were introduced by 1st Vice Commander Ken George, and invited to stand.

M/S/C to accept the new members into Post 291. The Commander welcomed the new members into Post 291.

New Business: None

Good of the Legion: No Report

Chaplain William Bennett said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2013 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson

Adjutant