



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1901 hrs

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper Tim Bercovitz

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

National Anthem: lead by Shan Rene Parks?

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

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Commander

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Al Yarrington, Roger Henry, Rich Whitlinger, William Bennett

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari; Ken George (District 29 Commander); Bob Brower (District 29 Finance Officer), and Barbara Hallett (Past Commander).

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert – Saturday, June 24th at 10 AM, is the 2nd troop shipping event of the year. The 4th of July is the Make-A-Wish breakfast.

SAL – Butch Rowe; Adjutant – Announced that planning for the 2017 Newport Harbor Christmas Boat Parade fundraiser will begin in July; last year \$21,000 was raised. Discussed the SONS concierge service at the Post.

ALYC – Mike Berdine, Commodore – Discussed the Monday night Sundowner Race Series. Discussed the Newport Harbor Cleanup event that occurred several weeks ago. He mentioned that last Sunday was their first fishing trip; two more are planned for this year. The Cruise to Dana Point is the 23rd of June. People don't need a boat to participate, they can drive down to Dana Point. The Youth Sailing Program, for children about 8 – 16, starts June 26th. Morning sessions for novice sailors, and the afternoon is for experienced sailors. On July 4th is the Old Glory Boat Parade in the Harbor. Kevin Muldoon, the Mayor of Newport Beach, will be the Grand Marshall. Discussed how new members can join the Yacht Club.

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming – The year has started off slowly. They are continuing to recruit new members to the team. They provide services for Veteran services and funerals. Discussed the Color Guard Competition Team that will compete later this month at the Department of California Convention.

Bar & Restaurant – Mike Schubert – Mentioned that the Post has a full bar (open 7 days a week) and restaurant (open 6 days a week – closed on Mondays). Discussed the Post's 4th of July fundraiser.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the June 1st Executive Board Meeting minutes.

General Meeting Minutes: Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Commander made the following motions that were approved:

M/S/C to waive the reading of May 10th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C to approve the May 10th, General Meeting Minutes.

Judge Advocate – Robert Wright – Discussed two resolutions that are being presented at the Department’s Convention later this month. A resolution is the process used to change the rules of the Department. Both resolutions were approved by the Post’s Executive Board. The first resolution is called the Flag Amendment Resolution; it is intended to amend the U.S. Constitution to enable each State to protect the U.S. Flag from any type of desecration. The second resolution is to Restore Authority of Post Commander’s to Order Immediate Suspension (Authority transferred to Dept. JA in new Administrative Hearing Manual [written by Dept. JA Autry James and Adjutant Doc Bart]).

M/S/C: A motion was made to sponsor the “Flag Amendment Resolution” at the State Convention. Approved.

M/S/C: A motion was made to sponsor the “Restore Authority of Post Commander’s to Order Immediate Suspension (of a member until a judicial procedure is done) Resolution” at the State Convention. Approved.

Service Officer – Jesse Garcia – Announced that tomorrow is Flag Day, the Birthday of the Army, and President Trump’s birthday.

Historian – Patti Carson - No Report

Chaplain – William Bennett – No Report

New Members

New members were introduced by 1st Vice Commander Ken George, and invited to stand. Next, the new members were invited to the front of the Hall. The Commander asked each member to find one new member to join the Post.

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

New Business: 1st Vice Commander Ken George announced that the City of Irvine has approved a new Orange County Veteran’s Cemetery. It will be located near Bake Parkway and the I-5 Freeway.

Good of the Legion: No Report

Skipper Tim Bercovitz said the closing prayer.

The Commander thanked all the officer’s that are stepping down, and the new officer’s that are about to start.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2029 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant