



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper 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:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, Judge Advocate      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Putzig, M.a.L.    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance Officer         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Yarrington, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Borren, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L.          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, Service Officer                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Comm                         | <input type="checkbox"/> William Bennett, Chaplain                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob White, M.a.L.     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Anderson, Adjutant                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Carmen Williams, Historian                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.   |

**EXCUSED:** Jess Lawson, Jesse Garcia, William Bennett, Carmen Williams, Rich Whitlinger, Eric Schroeder

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

**Speakers:**

Rees Lloyd, Post 291 member, spoke about our mission to serve veterans. Mentioned the 2017 National Convention being held in Reno, Nevada, and that the Post 291 Honor Guard is the National Commander's Honor Guard. Discussed our association with Monte Roberts, the "Horse Whisperer," and his program "Join Up." "Horse Sense and Soldiers" is one of the elements of Join Up. Sage Laurie, a disabled veteran, introduced at last month's General Meeting, and her escort will attend a "Horse Sense and Soldiers" event in the near future.

Rees Lloyd also discussed the elimination of the Department's Service Officer (DSO) position by the Department of California. He discussed the E-Board's approval of the preparation of a resolution stating that American Legion Post 291 is opposing the elimination of the DSO position. Rees Lloyd introduced Ken George (District 29 Commander), and he discussed the Resolution which he has already prepared that calls for the immediate reinstatement of Scott McGee as DSO. Rees Lloyd made the following motion:

**M/S/C:** That this body, the general membership of Post 291, ratify and support the vote of the Executive Committee to oppose the elimination of the DSO position, and to demand the reinstatement of the DSO position to comply with our own By-Laws.

The motion was seconded by Robert Wright, Judge Advocate; the Commander asked for comments and there was none; the Commander called for a vote of the Post 291 general membership; the vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

## **Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:**

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming – 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 competed at the Department of California Convention, and that they are also competing at the National Convention in August.

Auxiliary – Cat Katz, President – Reported that the July 27<sup>th</sup> WWII-Korea event went well. A family movie night is coming up on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Other events will be forthcoming later this year.

SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander – Invited all sons of Legionnaires to join the SONS. Working on their second boat trip to take Gulf War veterans fishing, and to a BBQ of the fish that were caught. Looking into ways to raise money to do things for the veterans of Post 291.

ALYC – No speaker was in attendance at the General Meeting.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Nye – Mentioned that there is a House Committee that takes care of everything that needs to be done at the Post. Discussed our full service kitchen. Post has a full bar (open 7 days a week) and restaurant (open 6 days a week – closed on Mondays). He mentioned that we have a “Burn Your Own” (burger and hot dogs) option that is available while the Post is open. Discussed the line dancing event that happens on Tuesday evenings at the Post.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting minutes.

General Meeting Minutes: Commander Nye requested the following motion be made by the membership:

**M/S/C** to waive the reading of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion were approved.

Correspondence: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, reported there was no correspondence to report this month.

Commander's Comments: The Commander announced that the E-Board approved a motion for Post 291 to donate \$2,175 to Sea Cadets to fund a one day sailing instruction event at the LA Harbor Marine Institute, and that the motion was approved. The Commander asked Mike Schubert, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, to describe what this one day sailing instruction event is designed to accomplish.

The Commander mentioned that every membership card has to be signed before it can be used for admission to the Post. The parking card is for the sole use of the individual that it assigned to.

The Commander announced that Post membership is getting younger, which is a good thing. Post membership is about 50% Vietnam, Korea, and WWII vets, and 50% post-Vietnam vets. The Commander requested that each new member bring in the coming year.

### Officer Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. We are currently at 40% renewal for the year, which came in during the first 30 days of the renewal period. He mentioned that we have 47 new members being inducted tonight. Stated his appreciation of Jeff Gottfredson, a member of the SONS, for the help he provides with Post and SONS membership.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Discussed the year-round activities and events at the Post. She mentioned the events are shown on line at AL291.org, and in the Sea Breeze. Mentioned that we have Jazz on Thursday nights; a sit-down dinner with a band on Friday nights; a band, lunch and dinner on Saturdays; and a band, breakfast and lunch on Sundays. A new event is being planned for our younger vets from Desert Storm, Iran, and Afghanistan.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and the Boy Scouts. Discussed the family events held at/by the Post, including the Boys State program; it focuses on our Constitution, Americanism, and the federal government. The Post sponsored 25 candidates for Boys State; one of which was elected to go to Boys Nation held in Washington, DC.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Discussed our 1<sup>st</sup> certified audit that we passed. Discussed the preliminary numbers for July 2017, and our books should be closing by the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. See the table below. We have no debts. We are in a very strong financial position.

Financial Statement Summary as of **YTD 8/2/2017**

Post 291 Business P&L By Class					YTD AS OF 8/2/2017				
YTD 2017	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOT REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
<b>TOT INC</b>	\$377	\$356,834	\$425,538	\$228,368	\$653,905	\$78,319		\$189,396	\$1,278,830
<b>COGS</b>		\$228,830	\$404,998	\$184,387	\$589,384				\$818,214
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		\$128,004	\$20,540	\$43,981	\$64,521			\$189,396	\$381,921
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$76,746	\$75,861	\$49,986	\$7,044	\$57,031	\$38,246	\$68,707	\$106,787	\$417,377
<b>NET ORD INC</b>	(\$70,369)	\$52,143	(\$29,446)	\$36,936	\$7,490	\$40,073	(\$68,707)	\$82,609	\$43,239
<b>OTHER INC</b>	\$279,369								\$279,369
<b>OTHER EX</b>	\$450								
<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$208,669	\$52,143	(\$29,446)	\$36,936	\$7,490	\$40,073	(\$68,707)	\$82,609	\$322,277
<b>BANK BAL</b>	\$1,032m								
<b>OPERATE ACCT</b>	\$207k								
<b>MBRSHIP ACCT</b>	\$230k								
<b>RESERVE ACCT</b>	\$492k								

Judge Advocate Robert Wright – Nothing to report.

Service Officer Jesse Garcia – Nothing to report.

Historian Carmen Williams - Nothing to report.

Chaplain William Bennett – Nothing to report.

New Members

New members were introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert, 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.

A motion was made and approved to accept the new applicants into Post 291. The Commander welcomed the new members into Post 291.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Legion: Nothing to report.

Skipper Tim Bercovitz said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2029 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson  
Adjutant