



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 13, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs

Invocation: Chaplain William Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Doug Nye

Song Leader: Steve D'Arca, "The Star-Spangled Banner"

POW/MIA Ceremony: Honor Guard Cmdr. Brian Fleming; member Dennis DeRosia

**ROLL CALL:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Ulrich, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Henry, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken George, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marco Montes, Adjutant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Williams, Jdg Advct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Bennett, Chpln
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, Svc Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	<input type="checkbox"/> Patti Carson, <i>excused</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jess Lawson, Jr. PC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Putzig, M.a.L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Widdall, M.a.L
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger, M.a.L		

**Honored Guests**

Bob Carolan, Past Commander; Barbara Hallett, Past Commander; Dan Ferrari, Past District Finance Officer

Two visiting active service Marines: SSgt. Penniger and Sgt. Bonilla

**Reports from Legion Family**

Auxiliary, Kat Katz – Troop Shipping will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, please get your donations in. May is Poppy Month, please donate.

SAL – No representative present

ALYC, Neil Hardin – Please join the yacht club.

**Honor Guard**

Brian Fleming – We provide military honor guard service for veteran's funerals.

**Facility Operations**

Jon Reynolds – Restaurant on the water is for your use and enjoyment. Please enjoy this affordable menu as much as possible.

**Annual Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Party**

Service Officer Jesse Garcia – The decorations you see in the hall are from the party we just had for our Vietnam veterans. We use the proceeds of the party to help the homeless veterans in Orange County.

**Movie Trailer "No Greater Love"**

Military veterans movie trailer was presented and screened by Dan Conner.

**Minutes**

Adjutant Marco Montes read the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of April 7, 2016.

M/S/C to waive the reading of the General Meeting minutes of March 9, 2016.

M/S/C to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2016.

**Officer Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich – Today is the last day for membership renewal. We've achieved 109% of membership goal. Net increase in membership from last year is about 600 members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Roger Henry – 3-day St. Patrick's day celebration was had. We had a fabulous Easter Sunday. There is no Thursday night Jazz until June 12<sup>th</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Ken George – Interviewed 33 students for 21 positions to go to Boys State in Sacramento in June.

American Legion members have a duty to promote Americanism. Two Boys State Alumni in the room are Jon Reynolds and Ken Ulrich.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Financials through March 31<sup>st</sup> total gross operating revenue \$450,000. Cash in bank as of March 31, 2016, \$504,000.

Judge Advocate Carmen Williams – nothing to report; Historian Patti Carson – *excused*; Service Officer Jesse Garcia – nothing to report; Chaplain William Bennett - nothing to report

**Commander**

M/S/C – To support Ken George as the candidate for Commander of District 29 2016-2017.

**New Members**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich presented new applicants for induction.

M/S/C - To accept applicants for membership at Post 291.

**Commander**

M/S/C – To approve Dan Ferrari, John Lindgren, and Jon Reynolds to serve as this year’s Election Committee.

**Election Process**

The Election Committee nominees are Dan Ferrari, John Lindgren, and Jon Reynolds. The Election Committee will create, approve, and distribute the Guidelines & Campaign Rules for the 2016 Elections. These will also be posted around the Post and on the website at [www.al291.com](http://www.al291.com).

**2<sup>nd</sup> round of nominations for 2016-2017 Post Executive Board Candidates**

Commander: none tonight

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: none tonight

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: none tonight

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: none tonight

Finance Officer: none tonight

Sergeant-at-Arms: none tonight

Chaplain: none tonight

Historian: none tonight

Member-at-Large (vacancy 1): Brian Whitfield nominates Paul Gerst

Member-at-Large (vacancy 2): none tonight

**Good of the Legion**

Commander: All Post members who wish to vote at the upcoming election must carry and present a valid and current American Legion Post 291 membership card to receive a ballot. Voting and Election night is Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Ballots will be counted and results announced at the General Meeting that night.

Auxiliary President explained that they knit sleeping mats out of plastic shopping bags and donate them to homeless veterans.

**Meeting adjourned at 2017 hrs**

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Montes

Adjutant