



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 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 Flemming, Kevin Van Otterloo

ROLL CALL:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Ulrich, 1 st Vice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Henry 2 nd Vice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken George, 3 rd Vice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marco Montes, Adjutant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Williams, Judge Adv	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Carson, Historian	<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

Dan Ferrari, Past District Finance Officer; Robert Heler

Reports from Legion Family

Auxiliary, Kat Katz – Thank you to the Legion for donations to project "Operation Lingerie" for female veterans.

Sweethearts Ball 2/13/16 5:30pm. Red Cross Blood Drive on 2/15/16 10am-4pm.

SAL, Butch Rowe – Boat Parade was a success, will schedule a follow up meeting to see what can be improved.

Squadron's 82nd Anniversary will be celebrated at the Post with dinner on 3/19/16

ALYC, Neil Hardin – New members are eligible to join the yacht club. Midwinters Regatta weekend of 2/20/16.

Color Guard

Brian Fleming – We can always use volunteers and donations and help.

Facility Operations

John Reynolds - We have a full restaurant and full bar. We also provide banquet services for weddings and events.

Minutes

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

M/S/C to waive the reading of the General Meeting minutes of December 9, 2015.

M/S/C to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015.

Officer Reports

1st Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich – We've achieved 95% of our membership goal so far.

2nd Vice Cmdr Roger Henry – Sock Hop is 1/22/16 to donate socks to our troops overseas.

3rd Vice Cmdr. Ken George – Oratorical Contest is 1/18 at 6:30pm, \$18,000 top prize, Boys State recruiting begins this month

Finance Officer Paul Meye - Jan-Dec 2015 total gross \$2,139,000 and net surplus of \$232,000. Cash in bank as of December 2015 \$520,000 and zero debt.

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

New Members

1st Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich presented new applicants for induction. M/S/C - To accept inductees for membership at Post 291.

Motion on Relocation of Smoking Area

Motion made and seconded by the general membership to approve the relocation of the Smoking Area. In discussion, a motion was made and seconded to defer the motion on the floor to the Special Meeting. Motion to defer failed. The original motion for the relocation of the Smoking Area was then voted on by the general membership and passed.

Petition for Special Meeting

Petition for a Special Meeting was submitted by a member in good standing and received by the Adjutant. The Post will proceed as prescribed in our Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations.

Good of the Legion

Thursday nights we have "all you can eat" spaghetti and meatballs. It's "Excellent!"

Meeting adjourned at 2017 hrs

Respectfully submitted,
Marco Montes
Adjutant