



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 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 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, Jdg Advct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Bennett, Chpln
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, <i>excused</i>	<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

Reports from Legion Family

Auxiliary, Kat Katz – Sweethearts Ball raffle grand prize of \$15,000 was won by a WWII veteran from Post 291. Spring Boutique on April 28th. Troop Shipping will be on May 7th, please get your donations in.

SAL – No representative present

ALYC, Neil Hardin – Fishing Tournament on March 19th. ALYC Dive & Snorkel Club meeting on March 26th. Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th. General Membership Meeting on April 14th. Cruise to Dana Point on April 14th-17th

Minutes

Adjutant Marco Montes read the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of March 3, 2016.

M/S/C to waive the reading of the General Meeting minutes of February 10, 2016.

M/S/C to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016.

Officer Reports

1st Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich – We've achieved 107% of membership goal with 3,650 members and will probably finish at 110% of goal for the year.

2nd Vice Cmdr Roger Henry – Summer months will have live entertainment on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Line dancing on Tuesday nights and Jazz on Thursday nights.

3rd Vice Cmdr. Ken George – Interviews of 35 candidates for Boys State were conducted by a panel consisting of Ken Ulrich, Sandy Schneeberger, Al Yarrington, and Ken George. Make it out to the Hollywood American Legion Post if you get a chance, it's a phenomenal place. National Oratorical Contest can be viewed online at Legion.org and select "Legion TV" on April 16th-17th. The two duties of a U.S. Citizen are to vote and to serve on a jury.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Financials for February 2016 total gross \$294,000. Cash in bank as of February 29, 2016, \$544,000 and zero debt.

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

Commander

Construction in the Patio Area will be ongoing for the next several days. Do not lend your parking card/gate card to anyone.

Facility Operations

Jon Reynolds – Restaurant has some very skilled professionals producing fantastic food. Please enjoy this affordable menu as much as possible. Veterans are encouraged to get on the Marina Waiting List for an opportunity to rent a slip and keep your boat at the Legion Marina.

New Members

1st Vice Cmdr. Ken Ulrich presented new applicants for induction.

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

“Skipper” Tim Bercovitz

Children’s Hospital of Orange County “CHOC Follies” on March 31st – April 2nd. “Skipper” Tim Bercovitz will be performing in his 19th consecutive year at this fundraiser that benefits the children.

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.

Nominations for 2016-2017 Post Executive Board Candidates

Commander: Brian Fleming, Jr. nominates Doug Nye

1st Vice: Ken Ulrich nominates Ken George

2nd Vice: Steve D’Arca nominates Roger Henry

3rd Vice: Ken George nominates Sandy Schneeberger

Finance Officer: Jon Reynolds nominates Paul Meye

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jess Lawson nominates Tim Bercovitz

Chaplain: Rich Whitlinger nominates William Bennett

Historian: Carmen William nominates Patti Carson

Member-at-Large (vacancy 1): Jess Lawson nominates Al Yarrington

Member-at-Large (vacancy 2): Bob Bright nominates Don Putzig

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 11th from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Ballots will be counted and results announced at the General Meeting that night.

Jess Lawson: American Legion District 29 election will be held in June. A request is made to support the Post in its confirmation to vote for Ken George as Commander for District 29 in the June election.

Ken Ulrich: “I’m not running for reelection to any position on the board this year, after 6 or 7 years I need a rest. It’s been a pleasure and a privilege to have served this Post and you are all much appreciated. Thank you.”

Meeting adjourned at 1959 hrs

Respectfully submitted,
Marco Montes
Adjutant