



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1907 hrs

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper Tim Bercovitz

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

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 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Yarrington, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Borren, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger 3 rd Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, Service Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Williams, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |

EXCUSED: William Bennett, Anne Borren, Jesse Garcia, and Eric Schroeder

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari; Bob Brower, and Ken George.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – Discussed their upcoming events: The Sweetheart Ball, call the office for reservations, is being held on Saturday, February 10th; the cost is \$50 per person. Paint Night is being held on Thursday, February 15th; the cost is \$30 per person. The Fashion Boutique for Cystic Fibrosis is being held on Saturday, February 17th, 11 AM to 3 PM, with lunch starting at 11:45. Casino Night is being held from 5 PM to 10 PM on Saturday, February 17th. The Blood Drive is being held on Monday, February 19th.

SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander: Discussed the successful outcome of the Boat Parade event. Announced Art Jimenez is their new 2nd Vice. Reported they are holding a “shoot baskets” fund raiser in February 2018 to raise funds to support veterans.

ALYC – Doug Green, Commodore – Announced there are 996 members at the end of 2017. The Commodore’s Ball is being held on Saturday, January 20th. Call for reservations. The next General Membership Meeting is on February 8th starting at 6 PM. Discussed the Midwinter Regatta that is being held on February 17 – 18.

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming – They have served at 80 events during 2017; down 10 events from 2016. Discussed the cancelation of events after the deadly shooting in Las Vegas due to their carrying of rifles. Announced they brought in \$13,330 in 2017; which is slightly ahead of 2016, and about \$3,000 more than 2015.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Nye spoke for Jon Reynolds – Encouraged people to take advantage of the amenities offered by the Post. Mentioned that we have 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. Mentioned that the facility is available for use for private events. Discussed the recent events held at the Post.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the January 4th 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 December 12th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Commander Nye requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to approve the December 12th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved

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

Commander's Comments: The Commander mentioned that the Post did very well in 2017. He thanked all the officers that served during 2017. He thanked all the people who volunteered at the Post last year. He thanked our Honor Guard that is the National Commander's Honor Guard. Announced that 5 Points Development Company donated \$1,000 to the Honor Guard for their participation in the Ribbon Cutting event for the new Veteran's Cemetery in Irvine. Discussed our donation to the Team Dark Horse Event held at Mariner's Church for Marines from Camp Pendleton who have recently returned from deployments. He also discussed the donations made by the Post, SONS, Auxiliary, and Yacht Club that went to four different American Legion Posts in Florida and Texas that were damaged during last year's hurricanes. The Commander announced the upcoming VBN event that is being held at the Post on Thursday, January 18th, and the Country/Western night being held on Friday, January 12th. The Commander reminded the membership that a membership must be signed before it is valid.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. He announced that there were 26 new members joining the Post this month. He also mentioned that membership is at an 80% renewal rate, and 40% of our new members are post 9/11 veterans. He mentioned that the Viet Nam event is starting on April 7th. A Swift Boat is coming up from the San Diego Maritime Museum.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Commander Nye spoke for Anne Borren. Discussed the upcoming activities and events at the Post. He announced that there are upcoming events that are shown on line at AL291.org, and in the Sea Breeze.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. Reported that more people need to get involved in the Oratorical Contest that is being held on January 15th. Two Boys State candidates expressed a desire to participate in the Oratorical Contest. We sponsor 13 Cub Scout Troops. Discussed that Boys State is a program that trains our future leaders. One of the 25 the Post's Boys State representatives was elected to attend Boys Nation at the White House.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Mentioned that our Post is divided into two sections; membership and business. Discussed the Post's finances through the end of 2017, and that there is no Financial Statement Summary this month due to the lack of information for 2018. We have no debts. We are in a very strong financial position.

Judge Advocate Robert Wright – Nothing to report.

Service Officer Jesse Garcia – Nothing to report.

Historian Carmen Williams – Discussed the pictures that he takes at all Post events and where they can be viewed on the al291.com website.

Chaplain William Bennett – Nothing to report.

New Members

New members were introduced by 1st 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 recruit one new member to join the Post.

A motion was made and approved by the membership 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: Rees Lloyd, member in good standing, spoke about several issues. Described the “Sailing for Veterans with Stress” project being started by Skipper Tim Bercovitz.

Skipper Tim Bercovitz: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 1926 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion