



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1901 hrs

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper Tim Bercovitz

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

National Anthem: lead by Steve D'Arca?

POW/MIA Ceremony: Ken George, Commander Nye, 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Williams, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |

EXCUSED: Sandy Schneeberger, Jess Lawson, William Bennett, Eric Schroeder

Honored Guests: Walt Wagner, Barbara Hallett (Past Commander), Dan Ferrari; Ken George (District 29 Commander); and Bob Brower (District 29 Finance Officer).

Speakers:

Jesse Garcia, Service Officer, introduced Anne Borren, 2nd Vice Commander, and she introduced Sage Laurie, a fellow veteran. Anne Borren read a letter of recognition on her behalf. The letter thanked Post 291 and office administrator Tracey Kleymeyer for helping her through a very difficult time. The letter addressed the VA's wrongful termination of her benefits, and how Post 291 assisted her.

Rees Lloyd, Post 291 member, spoke about Americanism. There were two resolutions were submitted for adoption by the Department Convention. The first was a Flag Amendment that would amend the U.S. Constitution to prevent the desecration of the flag. The second was to establish a 21 second silence at noon on the 21st day of the month to honor our fallen soldiers.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, 1st Vice Commander – Announced their General Meeting is on July 19th. Paint night will be held on July 20th. On July 27th they will be serving lunch to the WWII and Korean War veterans at their event. Discussed the success of the July 4th Make-a-Wish Breakfast.

SAL – Butch Rowe; Adjutant – Announced that Bill Dunn their 2nd Vice Commander has relocated to Arizona; the Squadron appointed Dennis Carter (?) to complete this term. Discussed the 2017 Newport Harbor Christmas Boat Parade fundraiser. Squadron Chaplain Jeff White was elected Detachment Chaplain at the recent Convention. Discussed the SONS concierge service at the Post.

ALYC –Mike Berdine, Commodore – Discussed the July 4th Old Glory Boat Parade, and the Monday night Sundowner Race Series. The Boat Parade Award Dinner will be on July 23rd. Discussed the Youth Sailing Program, for children about 8 – 16, that started on June 26th and runs through August. Morning sessions for novice sailors, and the afternoon is for experienced sailors. An upcoming event in August is the cruise to 2 harbors (?). Another event is the Sailing for the Visually Impaired (SVI) that will be on the first weekend in October. A waiver needs to be signed by the guardian for each SVI person before they can participate. Encouraged people to volunteer for their events.

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 that they march in parades. Discussed the Color Guard Competition Team that competed at the Department of California Convention; they are also competing at the National Convention in August.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Nye – Mentioned that the Post has a full bar (open 7 days a week) and restaurant (open 6 days a week – closed on Mondays). Discussed the weekly events that occur at the Post. Discussed the Post's 4th of July fundraiser.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the July 6th Executive Board Meeting minutes.

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

M/S/C to waive the reading of June 13th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C to approve the June 13th, General Meeting Minutes.

Both motions were approved.

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

Commander's Comments: The Commander announced the following appointment of Post officers:

Adjutant – Gene Anderson

Judge Advocate – Robert Wright

Service Officer – Jesse Garcia

Wayne Zippi was appointed to serve the final year of Mike Schubert's term as a Member-at-Large.

Commander Nye requested a motion to ratify his decision on these officers be made by the membership. The motion was made, seconded, and approved by the membership.

The Commander discussed the success of the July 4th event. Discussed the requirement that all members sign their membership card, and that they don't share their parking card with anyone.

Our Post is running very well. We are getting a lot of new, younger members. We need to continually add new members to keep the American Legion running strong.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. He mentioned that we have 45 new members being inducted tonight.

2nd 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. Mentioned that we have Jazz on Thursday nights; a sit-down dinner with a band on Friday nights; lunch and dinner on Saturdays; and breakfast and lunch on Sundays.

Commander Nye spoke for 3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, and the High School Oratorical Contest. 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; one of which was elected to go to Boys National.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Discussed the success of the July 4th event; it was bigger than past years. Discussed our 1st certified audit that we passed. Discussed the preliminary numbers for June 2017, and our books should be closing by the 15th of June. See the table below. We have no debts. We are in a very strong financial position.

Financial Statement Summary as of YTD 6/30/2017

Post 291 Business P&L By Class					YTD AS OF 6/30/2017				
YTD 2017	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOT REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	\$337	\$279,850	\$344,974	\$202,564	\$547,538	\$66,744		\$144,291	\$1,038,761
COGS		\$191,204	\$336,608	\$134,404	\$471,012				\$696,212
GROSS PROFIT	\$337	\$88,646	\$8,366	\$34,164	\$42,530	\$66,744		\$144,291	\$342,548
EXPENSES	\$60,706	\$63,718	\$43,860	\$6,971	\$50,831	\$24,719	\$58,779	\$84,002	\$348,024
NET ORD INC	(\$60,369)	\$24,929	(\$35,494)	\$27,193	(\$8,301)	\$36,755	(\$58,779)	\$60,289	(\$5,476)
OTHER INC	\$238,793								\$238,793
OTHER EX	\$450								
NET INCOME	\$177,974	\$24,929	(\$35,494)	\$27,193	(\$8,301)	\$36,755	(\$58,779)	\$60,289	\$232,867
BANK BAL	\$901k								
OPERATE ACCT	\$206k								
MBRSHIP ACCT	\$212k								
RESERVE ACCT	\$483k								

Discussed a motion that was made and approved to note that the closing date for the month has been moved from the 10th to the 15th of the month, and that it is recognized by the E-Board.

Judge Advocate Robert Wright – Nothing to report.

Service Officer Jesse Garcia – Stated that every year we help hundreds of veterans spending 10s of thousands of dollars.

Historian Carmen Williams - Discussed the pictures taken at the 4th of July event. They will be in the Sea Breeze magazine. The pictures will be sent to our Admin office.

Chaplain William Bennett – No Report tonight.

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 find one new member to join the Post. A motion was made and accepted 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 2024 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant