



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
MAY 4, 2017**

SILENCE CELL PHONES

CALL TO ORDER: 1820 HRS

INVOCATION: Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Doug Nye, Commander

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken George, 1 st Vice Comdr | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Henry 2 nd Vice Comdr | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S.Schneeberger 3 rd Vice Comd |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Anderson, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, Jdg Adv | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> William Bennett, Chaplain |
| <input 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. Past Comdr |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Putzig, M.a.L. | <input 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"/> Al Yarrington, M.a.L | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L | | |

- *Excused:* Jesse Garcia, Mike Schubert & William Bennett

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Guests: 1. Jim Bras 2. Tim Sullivan 3. Dennis Fitzpatrick 4. Richard Sundell

COMMANDER: Discussed the May 7th ALYC event; a tent will be provided due to the possibility of rain. Stated that this meeting is conducted in accordance with Post 291 Bylaws & Roberts Rules of Order.

Legion Family & Donations

- SAL – Tim Sullivan: The winners of last night’s officers election are: Commander - Tim Sullivan; 1st Vice – Jeff Gottfredson; 2nd Vice – Bill Dunn, Jr.; Adjutant – Butch Rowe; Finance Officer – Rich Morin; Sgt-at-Arms – Brad Semonell; Chaplain – Jeff White; and Historian – Robert Thompson. New officers will be inducted on June 4th. All officers are required at attend the induction ceremony.
- Auxiliary – Cat Katz: The Auxiliary elections will be on May 17th. May 18th beginning at 3 PM is the 4th of July raffle ticket stuffing; volunteers are needed. Saturday, June 24th at 10 AM, is the 2nd troop shipping event of the year. The 4th of July is the Make-A-Wish breakfast. Installation of officers is June 4th.
- ALYC – Mike Berdine: Discussed the April 20th General Membership meeting. The April 22nd fishing tournament has been rescheduled. Discussed the NOSA event held on April 27th; it was a big success. Membership renewals are at 947. Discussed the May 7th ALYC event; over 200 people have signed up, and walk-ups are expected. Discussed the 50 VIPs expected to attend. Monday the Sundowner Race Series begins. May 10th is the next new comer’s event; 15 to 20 new members are expected.

COMMANDER:

- All Board members received a copy of the **April 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes**, they have been distributed by email, and are available on the Post 291 website:
 - Do I hear a motion to **“waive the reading of the April 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?”**
 - Do I hear a motion to **“approve the April 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?”**
 Both motions were approved.

- b) Copies of the House Committee Minutes for April 5th, 19th, and 26th are in your packets for review.
- I will entertain a motion to **“waive the reading of the House Committee Minutes in your packets.”**
The motion was approved.
- c) The Commander called for the approval of the newly elected SAL Officers for 2017/18: Commander - Tim Sullivan; 1st Vice – Jeff Gottfredson; 2nd Vice – Bill Dunn, Jr.; Adjutant – Butch Rowe; Finance Officer – Rich Morin; Sgt-at-Arms – Brad Semonell; Chaplain – Jeff White; and Historian – Robert Thompson.
The motion was approved.

Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Commander, discussed the guidelines for the Donations Committee. He will revise the guidelines by next E-Board meeting, and will list our continuing donation organizations; i.e., the Sea Cadets. He stated the following donations have been vetted by our current staff:

The E-Board approved the following purchases:

1. The E-Board approved the replacement of the outside Beer Tapper System by Glacier Systems Design for NTE \$12,500.
2. The E-Board approved the purchase of a Blodgett oven; convection oven on the bottom and a Combi-Hydrovection oven on top for NTE \$20,000.

The following donations were approved:

3. Field of Honor, 1st Battalion – 11th Marines. The check is to be written to Home Front America (the program facilitators); they place 244 flags in Laguna Nigel – from May 21st to the 29th, Memorial Day. Sponsored by Jim Bras (Post 291 member). A motion was made to approve the donation of \$500 to purchase 19 flags; they will be returned to the Post after the event. The motion was approved.
4. The Exchange Club of Newport, Castaway Park; 1,776 flags. Our 4th year of participation. Event occurs the weekend of May 20th, Armed Forces Day. A motion was made to approve the donation of \$1,800 to purchase 40 flags. We will pick up the flags on Monday morning, May 22nd. The motion was approved.
5. Memorial Day, May 29th; Mounts, Fifes and Drums will be performing at our event, which we cosponsor with Pacific View in Newport Beach; we are the major participants. Our Color Guard and Rifle Squad perform at the event. The Fifes and Drums will perform at the Post. A motion was made to approve the donation of \$2,500 to support this Memorial Day event. The motion was approved.

Ken Widdall has requested a Children and Youth at El Modena High School donation. This request will be vetted by the Donations Committee pursuant with the revised guidelines.

ADJUTANT REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Last month at the General Meeting, as Adjutant, I read the required second reading of the request to amend Article 14, Judicial Procedures, of the Post's Bylaws. By vote, the General Membership approved the changes to Article 14, Judicial Procedures, of the Post's Bylaws.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1ST VICE COMMANDER

We are slightly short of our membership goal (8 members); we should make that up in the next few days. We are at 99.79%. As is custom, beginning tomorrow we will freeze new membership until after July 1st; renewals and transfers will continue.

2ND VICE COMMANDER

The May OD schedule has been sent out. Thursday night jazz begins tonight, and again on the 18th. Cinco de Mayo event is tomorrow night. Z-Bops - Sock Hop is on May 12th. Salute to the Air Force is on May 19th. Arm Forces Day is May 20th; it is a big event. Memorial Day Weekend runs Friday, May 26th – 29th. Memorial Day event begins at Memorial Park and continues at the Post.

3RD VICE COMMANDER

We have 25 candidates for Boys State that we are sponsoring. The Boys State Dinner is on May 15th. We found out that some El Modena HS students are competing in the Oratorical Contest both at the Orange Post (El Modena is in the Orange Post area) and at Post 291 which is not fair. Supports the donation to El Modena this year.

FINANCE OFFICER

Finance Officer Paul Meye: The numbers are for May 3, 2017.

Post 291 Business P&L By Class					YTD AS OF 5/3/2017				
YTD 2017	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOT REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	\$233	\$171,425	\$197,737	\$122,533	\$320,270	\$47,219		\$120,621	\$659,767
COGS		\$124,345	\$210,974	\$112,819	\$323,793				\$448,138
GROSS PROFIT	\$233	\$47,079	\$(13,236)	9,714	\$(3,523)	\$47,219		\$120,621	\$211,629
EXPENSES	\$43,087	\$43,924	\$34,112	\$4,767	\$38,879	\$23,632	\$42,067	\$68,561	\$260,149
NET ORD INC	(\$42,854)	\$3,156	(\$47,349)	\$4,947	(\$42,402)	\$23,587	(\$42,067)	\$52,060	(\$48,520)
OTHER INC	\$149,930								
OTHER EX	450								
NET INCOME	106,627	\$3,156	(\$47,349)	\$4,947	(\$42,402)	\$23,587	(\$42,067)	\$52,060	\$100,961
BANK BAL	\$856k								
OPERATE ACCT	\$101k								
MBRSHIP ACCT	\$150k								
RESERVE ACCT	\$499k								

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Talked about the Flag Amendment; an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prevent people from desecrating the flag. Post 291 sponsored and approved it, and District 8 also approved it. Wants to stir up more interest in it. We should talk to influential people coming to the Post this coming weekend to garner their support; we should communicate with our local representatives. View Citizen's Flag Alliance webpage.

SERVICE OFFICER

The Commander spoke for Service Officer Jesse Garcia. Our Service Officer works with assistance with Jean Willis to vet all requests for assistance. The Commander is working with a group of donors to request Post 291 be a recipient of their funds.

CHAPLAIN

The Commander spoke for Chaplain Bill Bennett. Eric Hanberg's service will be held on May 20th at 10 A.M. at the Anaheim United Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd. Sherry Hanberg asks that you please not wear black, as it is to be a celebration of Eric's wonderful life.

HISTORIAN

Historian Patti Carson – No report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Held a discussion on SAL who do gate security, and that they get a free burger and coke at the end of their shift. We do pay for their burger and coke at the end of their shift. Tim Sullivan stated that the people who work the gate would do it regardless of any free food.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

June 4th is the District elections. They are held at the Orange Post starting at 9:00 AM. After that all the Families will be inducted at the Post. Robert Wright will serve during the short period of time the Commander is out for his knee surgery.

The Commander read the ADA requirements for Service Dogs, and what we can legally do when people bring comfort dogs onto the Post. "Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals." Only Service Dogs are allowed on the Post. When it is not obvious what services a dog provides, there are only two questions a person with a dog can be asked: "(1) Is your dog a service animal required by your disability? (2) What work or task has your dog been trained to do or perform?"

The Commander discussed the Post's Alcohol Policy and procedures.

CLOSED SESSION

Discussed various issues concerning the Post.

ADJOURNED: 2002 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Anderson, Adjutant