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Membership Eligibility

WWI 04.06.17 - 11.11.18 WWII 12.07.41 - 12.31.46 Korea 06.25.50 - 01.31.55 Vietnam 02.18.61 - 05.07.75

Grenada/

Lebanon 08.24.82 - 07.31.84 Panama 12.20.89 - 01.31.90 Persian Gulf 08.01.90 -

(until cessation of hostitities)





DON'T FORGET

ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Legion: Wed, Jan 10, Feb 14 - 7 pm Auxiliary: Wed, Jan 17, Feb 21 - 6:30 pm SAL: Wed Jan 3, Feb 7 - 7pm ALYC: Thur, Feb 8 - 6 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00

Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00

Don Ross- January 5

Country Night with Swingshift - January 12

Hot Mess Mojo - January 19

Listen - January 26

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio M Street - January 7 Blues Racket - January 14 Nomads- January 21 FlipOut - January 28

FEBRUARY FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00

Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00

Nick Peper - February 2

Outplay - February 9

Don Ross- February 16

Walter Lakota - February 23

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio The Grumpy Trio - February 4 Crossfire - February 11 M Street - February 18 Michael Chain - February 25

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Country Night - January 12 Oratorical Contest - January 15 Commodore Ball - January 20

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Sweetheart's Ball - February 10 Paint Night - February 15 Casino Night - February 17

VETERAN RESOURCES



Fellow Veterans,
We have four
local resources for
our medical and
veteran related
questions such
as benefits, health
issues and burial.

Jesse Garcia Veterans Service Officer

VA Hospital of Long Beach

Dianeed Goodpaster, Assistant Chief Department of Veteran Affairs Tel: 562.826.5715

Riverside National Cemetery 22495 Van Buren Blvd.

Riverside, CA 92518 Tel: 951.653.8417 · Fax: 951.653.5233

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic

25292 McIntyre Road, Laguna Hills Primary Care & Medical Health Services David Blunt, Clinic Administrator Tel: 949.269.0700

Santa Ana Veteran's Clinic 1506 Brookhollow

Santa Ana, CA 92705 Tel: 714.434.4600

Jesse Garcia, Veterans Service Officer Email: jessekmpegl@aol.com Tel: 949.683.5438

William Bennett, Chaplain Email: wmofgrove@sbcglobal.net Tel: 714.251.1789

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Service Officer Jesse Garcia

MEMBERS AT LARGE

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Judge Advocate Robert Wright

Jr Past Commander Jess Lawson

Don Putzig Eric Schroeder Rob White Rich Whitlinger Al Yarrington Wayne Zippi

American Legion Post 291 Meetings

General Business 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm Executive Committee 1st Thursday at 6:00pm

AUXILIARY UNIT 291 OFFICERS

President Cat Katz

1st Vice President Debbie Schubert

2nd Vice President Jan Woolford

Secretary Becky Mauger

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Sgt-At-Arms Maureen Manfer

Marshal Pua Huffine

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Peggy Bengry Cynthia Culp Susan DiFonzo Cindy Edes Dana Johnston Kim Philhart

Auxiliary Unit 291 Meetings

General Business 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm Executive Committee 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm

SAL SQUADRON 291 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Sullivan
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Adjutant Butch Rowe
Finance Officer Rich Morin
Chaplain Jeff White
Historian Robert Thompson
Sgt-at-Arms Brad Semonell
Membership Chairman Jeff Gottfredson
Donations Chairman Peter Martin
Website Technical Liaison John Long

SAL Squadron 291 Meetings

Executive Committee Last Wednesday at 6:00pm General Business 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

AMERICAN LEGION YACHT CLUB OFFICERS

Commodore Douglas Green
Vice Commodore Richard Reyna
Rear Commodore Robert Wine
Fleet Captain Bruce Batcheller
Port Captain Dave Scardigli
Jr. Staff Commodore Director Dennis Heck
Director Larry Furiani
Director Steve Sawdon
Director Jim Updike
Director Ryan Williams

American Legion Yacht Club Meetings General Business 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm Board of Directors 4th Thursday at 6:00pm

Director Angelina Garcia

COMMANDER

COMMANDER DOUG NYE

MARINES



Comrades, Happy 2018 Post 291! It has been a jammed packed year for Post events and business operations. My third term as your Commander has been a busy one without much stopping in 2018. From the hugely successful July 4th fundraiser, Sock Hops to Halloween, and throughout the holidays with our Christmas boat parade nights in the Harbor,

Christmas Day Buffet, to ringing in the New Year with our New Year's Eve Gala, our members have enjoyed Post 291 more than ever.

Thanks to all who brought toys and needed items for the vets over the holidays. We always need to reach out to military families and Vets-In-Need as part of our mission statement, and all our members are very generous in their donations all year round.

With Dennis Fitzpatrick, Operations Manager, the business side of the Post have seen higher sales with more banquet rentals being booked for private parties, life celebrations and weddings. Before a beverage or food is bought or served to you by an employee, it takes over \$100,000 dollars

each month, in basic overhead, just to keep the doors open at our Post. With the size of membership, our location and marina amenities, running the Post as a business is critical to its future success. We are all volunteers but we also require paid support staff to run operations and to manage future growth. Payroll, maintenance expenses, and food and beverage costs are additional expenses. We have dramatically increased our revenues this year, have no debt and have solid cash reserves.

COAST GUARD

And, most important, thanks to Tim Sullivan and the SALs crew for keeping a vigilant watch in the Post parking lot this past year and checking membership cards each and every time.

My top four goals for 2018, some to include financial participation of the City of Newport Beach:

- 1. Make Marina repairs & improvements
- 2. Establish a Building Fund to rebuild the Post
- 3. Increase membership of younger members with Mike Schubert, First Vice Commander
- 4. Working with Yacht Club, SAL's and Auxiliary families to strengthen Veteran programs

January will kick off with Country Night on the 12th, the American Legion Oratorical contest with high school kids competing for scholarships on the 16th at 6:30pm. Our third Casino Night will be held in February, always a big hit with members and their guests.

Remember our mission statement of "Veterans First". If you love your freedom, "Thank A Vet". "Veterans First". Attitude is the Altitude of Success at the American Legion Post 291. Let's all work together to make that happen.

For God and Country, Doug Nye Commander

AIRFORCE





New Years Eve at Post 291

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COMMANDER HONOR GUARD BRIAN FLEMING JR.



2017 END OF YEAR MESSAGE.

As I take a moment to reflect on what our team has done this past year, I am reminded of how grateful I am for the men and women that serve by my side as members of the Honor Guard and Color Guard teams. I want to recognize the members of the Newport Harbor

American Legion Honor Guard team as they continue to selflessly volunteer their time in order to honor our country, our active duty service members, and our veterans (past and present). It takes a special kind of commitment that makes our team unique and respected throughout the Post and the American Legion as a whole.

I am proud to report that our team continues to successfully accomplish the missions presented to us. This past year, 53 fallen veterans were provided with the military funeral honors earned by their sacrifice during their service to our country. Additionally, through their tireless efforts and unwavering sense of duty, the team supported 27 events throughout the community with the presence of our Color Guard details, our rifles, and our bugler. A grand total of 80 services and events were provided during the 2017 calendar year.

Also, as an extracurricular activity, several members of our team participate in the American Legion Color Guard Competition events. I am excited to say that in the last three years, we have brought home four National 1st place trophies and for two years running, we continue to hold the title as the "National Commander's Color Guard".

The uncommon devotion and loyalty of the members of our team is inspirational and is a direct reflection of their professional character and their keen personalities. Although our active duty service is behind us, the patriotic responsibility embedded in our hearts and souls remains strong. Each of us are a representative of our own unique piece of history, ranging in era of service from the Korean War to recent conflicts in the Middle East; complete with all five branches of the United States Armed Forces and a wide range of technical skills and experience. No matter what the background is, we continue to stand together with our common purpose and we will forever share that special bond that makes us family.

I am honored to have each and every one of them within our ranks. Their confidence, perseverance, and total dedication is essential to our success as we continue to serve our brothers and sisters in their final hour, and to hold our Nation's Colors high above the crowds of public events.

We continue searching for new members to join our team, and invite anyone interested in learning more about the Honor Guard to visit our main website (www. honorguard291.com) or contact the main office at 949-673-5070 ext. 7.

Brian Fleming, Jr.
Post 291 Honor Guard Commander



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT CAT KATZ



This is a bittersweet column for me. After two and a half years I have been proud to serve as President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 291 Newport Harbor. Now it it time to turn the gavel over to Debbie Schubert, First Vice President. She will take the reins in January as your new President. Many of you know Debbie as an active memeber and from volunteer events. She served beautifully, and

with humor, as Chaplain last year as well as Poppy Co-Chair. I know that she will shine in her upcoming role and have a great time fulfilling her duties. Please congratulate her when you see her next. If you give her all the support that you gave to me she will soar even higher with ease!

Our Red Cross Blood Drive was very successful with your donations! With hurricanes, fires and other natural disasters the Auxiliary has been busy helping out where we can. The Holiday Troop Shipping was our largest yet with boxes going to Blue Star familiy members, Marines out in the field and March Air Force Base Relocation Center, the largest in the West. Your generosity was epic for our soldiers away from home while we are able to enjoy hearth and home. Thanks to all who participated in any way!

I know that you all enjoyed our annual Holiday Boutique gathering unique gifts, great food and cheer. There is a theme here. The Auxiliary raises funds to distribute throughout the community and most especially our Vets, military families and active duty service members. We need your help whenver and however you can manage. Join us to do good while having fun and filling your heart!

Our unit has open program Chair and committee positions so please let any of us know what interests YOU. You might even get together with a friend to co-chair a committee. Everyone is busy but we ALL have a little time to help in some way. More information is available at the website ALA291.com under the Auxiliary Programs tab but please approach any Auxiliary officer or Chair for help or questions.

If you shop at Ralph's, please choose American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 as your Community Rewards organization. Just go to www.Ralphs.com/community to login or create to your account to record your preference. The Ralph's organization will donate directly to Unit 291 when you shop!

Please join us at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm to help officially welcome Debbie Schubert as your newest leader.

With your help, supporting our Legion Family, Cat Katz, President Unit 291



VA Hospital Christmas Party Elves, Lily and Dana, & guest!



Board members at Orange Post dinner for new National American Legion Commander



Terre & Faye with shadow box sent by Blue Star family

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TIM SULLIVAN



Hello 2018!!!

Well, it's been a good year for the Sons of Post 291. It brought us a lot of changes. Some turmoil, and some renewed interest and growth. Allow me to say THANK YOU to all of you who have made the sacrifice of your time and time with you families to volunteer. Most of you, not once, but many many times. Your support means so

much to me and I know it means a lot to the Post. To those of you who still have not found your opportunity or niche to volunteer, I encourage you to do so. If you're of the mindset that you've been here so long and "paid your volunteer dues" I'd encourage you to rethink that. We have been at war now for almost two decades. We have a lot of new Veterans joining the Post. They need our support and I need yours to give that to them. We have a job that never ends or will never be "over" until there are no more Veterans. Some of you NEED to volunteer again. You need to reignite your passion to for those who risked their lives, some of whom are STILL risking their lives, so that we can live the lives we live and the blessings we enjoy. Please consider getting involved in 2018 or re-involved. Find a renewed passion for those that we serve. Forgive if you must. Let's move forward.

We have a lot of opportunities coming up. We are starting early to plan next year's Boat Parade. We are in the middle of our Hoop It Up campaign, something that still needs volunteers and we can plug you into instantly. We need to raise large amounts of money. Some to show our pride and help upgrade our Post for our current and future Veterans. Additionally, I have just contacted a Dr. in Chicago who now has a very successful PTSI vaccine. It is said to be 70% effective and one of our Sons who had PTSI from being a Police Officer has had it. It has changed his life. Our reach goes far beyond a nice facility for Veterans. We have the opportunity to actually change the lives of Veterans suffering in our Post and beyond. This is part of my vision as your Commander. Imagine if we can fund Veterans obtaining a life changing permanent cure for their PTSI? I don't know about you, but that becomes a MUST DO and not a CAN DO for me. Will you help us?

Last year, we put together two fishing trips for our Veterans because we've been told that one of the things that helps them cope is just getting back together with their brothers. They were a great success. One was completely funded by member Steve Murow. We intend to do more of the same this year. We held the Boat Parade and were happy to host families from Fisher House and Working Wardrobes to join us. Mark Duranty and his crew BBQ'd and brought great events to Yountsville and Barstow Veteran's home. This was their own gig and we are encouraging them to continue

with our blessing and support. We donated 5 TV's to the Troop Deployment Processing center at March AFB, one as Squadron 291 and the other four were individual efforts from those who stepped up and made personal contributions.

As you can see, we are becoming more and more hands on. In 2018, we could use your hands. Maybe you've got some ideas for events that you can spearhead? They don't have to be huge. Sometimes starting out small is a great way to go. In addition to all of those things, we write checks and give donations monthly to some great causes. Another reason for you to help us raise more funds. The more we raise, the more we can do. Let's make that our goal this year, to increase our hands on DOING along with our fund raising and giving. Let's reach out to people in our own personal and business lives to grow our funds raised and increase our effectiveness. We can talk about being the biggest Squadron over beers, but let's make sure that we are more than the biggest. Let's be the most effective the most productive Squadron ever. Let's leave them saying, "Those guys and 291 are doing great things for our Veterans!" We can only do what we can, but let's make sure each and everyone one of us is committed to doing ALL that we can, as a group and as individuals. Thank

Rex presenting secret santa gift cards and our fishing events







COMMODORE DOUGLAS GREEN



Ahoy... From the Commodore

On behalf of the American Legion Yacht Club Bridge Officers and Directors, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and enjoyable Holiday Season.

2017 may be behind us, but it proved to be a year of continued successes and new adventures for ALYC... Socially, we had 5 well attended and enjoyable cruises to Dana Point, Los

Alamitos and Catalina. For Race/Regatta we again conducted the SCYA Mid-Winters and the always popular Sundowner Series. For Charities we hosted, for the 26th consecutive year, WSA-OC and their "Sail for the Visually Impaired" and continued our support of multiple local causes. Last, but not least, we made considerable upgrades to the fleet with new engines on the Cal 22 & Miss 291, replacement all of the canvas covers on both the Cal 20 & 22, performed upgrades to our youth sailing vessels (RS Tera), and acquired a Race Committee vessel.

Turning to the future, ALYC has a full calendar of events planned for the year starting with the Commodore's Ball on Saturday, January 20. This event has sold out in the past and we expect it will again this year, so make your reservations early. You can do so through the ALYC website or by emailing me directly. Then our annual calendar really starts to get busy in February with Raft-Ups, Cruises, Ocean and Harbor Races, Opening Day celebrations, Youth Sailing Program, 4th of July Old Glory Boat Parade, Fishing Tournaments, and Dive and Snorkel events. A full events calendar can be downloaded from the main calendar page of the ALYC website. And, during the year, be sure to frequently check the ALYC website for the latest information.

As your board of directors, we do our best to provide multiple opportunities for you to be active in yachting. Therefore, I highly encourage you to participate in as many of these activities as you can, because it is only through your engagement that they are truly successful. Also, feel free to attend any of the monthly board meetings, and remember our general membership meetings are a great way to connect with your fellow ALYC members, gain some useful information from the meeting presentations, while enjoying a good meal.

Finally, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to be your Yacht Club Commodore in 2018, and I look forward to working with you to grow our club and make all of our activities the best they can be.

Douglas Green Commodore commodore@alyc.com



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