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# Sea Breeze

MONTHLY NEWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291



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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 hostilities)



# POST 291 HALLOWEEN PARTY



## DON'T FORGET

### ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Legion:** Wed., Nov. 8, Tues. Dec. 12 - 7 pm  
**Auxiliary:** Wed., Nov. 15, Dec. DARK - 6:30 pm  
**SAL:** Wed., Nov. 1, Dec. 6 - 7 pm  
**ALYC:** Thursday, Nov. 16 - 6:30 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00

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

#### SOCK HOP with Z-BOPS

- November 3

Don Ross- November 10

Grumps - November 17

LA Lyon - November 24

### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

#### STANDARD TIME BEGINS

Outplay - November 5

M Street - November 12

Retros- November 19

Whiskey Hayride - November 26

### DECEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00

Listen - December 1

Don Ross - December 8

Daze of Blue- December 15 Boat Parade

Dave ALcantar - December 22

Walter Lakota - December 29

### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Outplay - December 3

M Street - December 10

Blinded by the Blues - December 17

December 24 **NO BAND Christmas Eve Day**

December 31 **NO BAND New Year's Eve Day**

**NO LINE DANCING** the month of December

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sock Hop - November 3

Casino Night - November 4

Holiday Boutique - November 8

Veteran's Day - November 11

Thanksgiving Buffet - November 23

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Boat Parade - December 13 - 17

Christmas Day Buffet - December 25

New Year's Eve Party - December 31

**Reservations Only**

## VETERAN RESOURCES



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

#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander Doug Nye  
 1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert  
 2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren  
 3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger  
 Historian Carmen Williams  
 Finance Officer Paul Meyre  
 Chaplain Bill Bennett  
 Sgt-at-Arms Skipper Tm Bercovitz  
 Service Officer Jesse Garcia  
 Judge Advocate Robert Wright  
 Adjutant Gene Anderson  
 Jr Past Commander Jess Lawson

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Don Putzig Eric Schroeder Rob White  
 Rich Whittlinger 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  
 Treasurer Karen Karanickolas  
 Chaplain Maria Young  
 Historian Bobbi Renaghan  
 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  
 1st Vice Commander Jeff Gottfredson  
 2nd Vice Commander Bill Dunn Jr  
 Adjutant Butch Rowe  
 Finance Officer Rich Morin  
 Chaplain Jeff White  
 Historian Robert Thompson  
 Sgt-at-Arms Brad Semonell  
 Jr. Past Commander Matt Parsons  
 Membership Chairman Jeff Gottfredson  
 Donations Chairman Peter Martin

#### SAL Squadron 291 Meetings

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

#### AMERICAN LEGION YACHT CLUB OFFICERS

Commodore Mike Berdine  
 Vice Commodore Douglas Green  
 Rear Commodore Richard Reyna  
 Fleet Captain/Treasurer Robert Wine  
 Port Captain Dave Scardigli  
 Jr. Staff Commodore Neil Hardin  
 Judge Advocate Tom Lorenz  
 Secretary Dennis Heck  
 Director Larry Furiani  
 Director Angelina Garcia  
 Director Robert Goode  
 Director/Chaplain Steve Sawdon

#### American Legion Yacht Club Meetings

General Business 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm  
 Board of Directors 4th Thursday at 6:00pm



# ARMY

## COMMANDER DOUG NYE



Comrades,  
The Post kicked off its very busy holiday season with our fabulous Halloween costume party on October 27. If you missed it, plan for next year, because its one of the biggest events the Post has and always a sell out crowd. There were some wild and crazy costumes.

November swings into the ever popular Sock Hop on Friday November 3. Don't

forget to bring new socks for the troops overseas and Veteran patients at the VA. The following night, Saturday, November 4 is our fun Casino Night which has been a great event for the members. Try your luck spinning the Roulette wheel or playing poker or Black Jack. Raffle prizes will be awarded. Appetizers and drinks served all evening by our wait staff.

The Post will have its Veterans Day ceremony and Rifle Volley in the Main Hall Saturday, November 11, the Eleventh month, Eleventh day, Eleventh hour. It will be followed by a BBQ Buffet for \$6 and a band under the Big Top. Thanksgiving Buffet and Christmas festivities and Boat Parade are right around the corner. Check the website for details. Always make reservations for these events at the Office since it is the holiday season and huge party groups attend.

December General Meeting: Has been moved to Tuesday, December 12 to accommodate the first night of the Boat Parade Wednesday night, December 13. This is a one time only change. It will be back to our regular scheduled 2nd Wednesday of every month in January.

Maintenance around the Post. In the last several months, the kitchen had a new commercial Convection Oven installed to better serve the meals to Post members and outside events, and its cooler and Ice maker compressors have been replaced. Main Hall Bathrooms received upgrades such as paint and lighting with miscellaneous repairs underway, along with refreshing the paint throughout the Post. Additional awnings will be installed over the Big Top area, along with new View Room and Fireside Room awnings. Last but not least, the parking lot will have paving striping and asphalt repairs.

As many of you know the Post with the help of Dennis/Ulises and the excellent kitchen staff host near 150 outside events in our Post annually. The events primarily take place in the main hall, fireside room, view room and adjacent patios, and on occasion the Big Top area is used as well. These events are private events which are held for weddings, birthdays, graduations, memorial services and celebrations of life. I ask the Legion membership to recognize these are private events. When the events are in setup or in progress I ask the Post family members show upmost courtesy to the event and the event guests. Looky loos, wandering through the hall, and others "just wanting to see what's happening" should be avoided. I ask that everyone, Legion family and guests, when

visiting the Post, show courtesy to those who are hosting or attending any event.

The Post has grown and is still growing membership. I am pleased to report today with membership at over 7,700 many members bring friends and family for drinks, lunch, dinner dancing and music on the weekends. It is our mission to provide Post guests with the best service and atmosphere possible. Recently situations created in the bar area by several of the "Bar Regulars" have resulted in reports to me regarding inappropriate comments. I trust the majority of Post membership understands and agree behavior this nature can not and will not be tolerated.

Post 291 Membership continues to grow, as Commander I am pleased to report in the first 3 months of our Membership year, July/August/September Post 291 brought aboard 289 new legionaries. Significant in the Growth of Post 291 is the younger veterans that have elected to join our Post. Of the 289 new members 40% are post-9/11 veterans! Some of these younger veterans are those whom will in be running the Post in years to come, welcome them and their families! Of 16 Post 291 board members it is interesting to note that 4 are post-9/11 veterans, two are on the E-board, and 2 are Vice commanders. Sandy Sheenberger 3rd Vice and Anne Borren 2nd vice. Sandy as 3 Vice is responsible for Boys State, Oratorical and the other youth activities, Anne schedules the bands and outside entertainment plus in charge of events. We are fortunate to have Sandy and Anne in key board positions, I anticipate in future years other new young members will follow their fine example of service to the Post veterans and family. At present our renewal 2018 member rate is at just under 65%, if you have not yet renewed for 2018 please see the front office, cash or checks accepted.

Remember our mission statement of "Veterans First". If you love your freedom, "Thank a Vet". Our commitment to all veterans, our members, veterans' programs or veterans-in-need alike, will reflect in all we do as we strive to honor all who served. The Post is not a "Club", but an American Legion Post for Military Veterans who share common experiences. The Security staff is made up of SONs who are SONs of the Post. Please show respect to the Post, Volunteer Security staff, all veterans and guests.

Remember: "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



*New Members inducted at October's General Meeting*



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**NOVEMBER 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>SAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm</b>	2 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 4-8 pm</b> AL E-Board Meeting 6 pm	3 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>SOCK HOP WITH Z-BOPS</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	4 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm <b>CASINO NIGHT in Main Hall 5-10 pm</b>
5 <b>STANDARD TIME BEGINS</b> B'fast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>OUTPLAY</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	6	7 Hootenanny 1 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	8 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm</b>	9	10 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>DON ROSS</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	11 <b>VETERANS DAY</b> Ceremony in Main Hall 11 am <b>CROSSFIRE</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm
12 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>M STREET</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	13	14 Hootenanny 1 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	15 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>AUX GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm</b>	16 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>Family Night Menu</b>	17 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>GRUMPS</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	18 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
19 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>RETROS</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	20	21 Hootenanny 1 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	22	23 <b>THANKSGIVING BUFFET 11-3 pm</b> <b>RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED</b> <b>POST CLOSING AT 6 pm</b>	24 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>LA LYON</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	25 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
26 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>WHISKEY HAYRIDE</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	27	28 Hootenanny 1 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	29 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm	30 Lunch 11:30 am. <b>RESTAURANT CLOSED FOR DINNERS--BYO ONLY PRIVATE EVENT</b>		

**DECEMBER 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>LISTEN</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	2 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
3 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>OUTPLAY</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	4	5 Hootenanny 1 pm <b>Line Dancing CANCELLED</b> No Taco Tuesday	6 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>SAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm</b>	7 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL E-Board Meeting 6 pm	8 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>DON ROSS</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	9 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
10 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>M STREET</b> Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	11	12 Lunch 11:30 am <b>AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm</b> <b>Line Dancing CANCELLED</b>	13 Lunch 11:30 am <b>CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 5-8 pm</b> <b>BUFFET MIKE MC KENNA</b>	14 Lunch 11:30 am <b>CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 5-8 pm</b> <b>BUFFET PAUL ESCHELMAN</b>	15 Lunch 11:30 am <b>CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 5-8 pm</b> <b>BUFFET 6-10 pm</b> <b>DAZE OF BLUE</b>	16 Lunch 11:30 am <b>CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 5-8 pm</b> <b>BUFFET MIKE MC KENNA</b>
17 B'fast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm <b>BLINDED BY THE BLUES</b> <b>CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE 5-8 pm</b> <b>BUFFET PAUL ESCHELMAN</b>	18	19 Hootenanny 1 pm <b>Line Dancing CANCELLED</b> No Taco Tuesday	20 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>AUX GENERAL MEETING DARK</b>	21 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>Family Night Menu</b>	22 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm <b>DAVE ALCANTAR</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	23 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
24 <b>RESTAURANT CLOSED BYO ONLY</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>POST CLOSING AT 5 pm</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY BUFFET 11-3 pm</b> <b>RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED</b> <b>POST CLOSING AT 5 pm</b>	26 Hootenanny 1 pm <b>Line Dancing CANCELLED</b> No Taco Tuesday	27	28	29 <b>WALTER LAKOTA</b> Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	30
31 <b>RESTAURANT CLOSED. BYO ONLY. NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY</b> <b>RESERVATIONS ONLY</b> <b>FULL SPECTRUM 6:30-1 am</b>						

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**Lunch Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 am - 3 pm • Taco Tuesday 4pm - 8 pm • DINNER Wednesday - Friday 5 pm - 8 pm**  
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