

Post 291 Color Guard leading the 2017 National American Legion Parade as the National Commander's Color Guard.



ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Legion: Wed., Sept. 13, October 11 - 7 pm **Auxiliary:** Wed., Sept. 20, October 18 - 6:30 pm **SAL:** Wed., Sept. 6, October 4 - 7pm **ALYC:** Thursday, October 12 - 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Night Summer Jazz on the Bay! 6-8:30 pm

Thursday, September 7 - Paul Eschelman Thursday, September 21 - Tracy Longstreth

End of Jazz Season

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00

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

Full Spectrum - September 17

Z-Bops- September 8 Sock Hop

Don Ross - September 15

Whiskey Hayride - September 22

Sinatra Night w/ Don Ross - September 29

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Nomads - September 2 La Lyon - September 9 DJ Chaz - September 16 Grumps - September 23 Crossfire- September 30

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Grumps - September 3 Hot Mess Mojo - September 10 Whiskey Hayride- September 17 Shenanigans - September 24

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day FlipOut

OCTOBER FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00
Outplay - October 6
Dave Alcantar - October 13
Listen- October 20
Full Spectrum - October 27 HALLOWEEN BASH

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

TBD - October 7 Blinded by the Blue - October 14

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Outplay - October 1 Coyote Sunrise - October 8 Surftones - October 15 Grumps - October 22 Shenanigans - October 29

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sail for the Visually Impaired - Saturday, October 7 Sock Hop, Friday, September 8 Sinatra NIght, Friday, September 29

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Halloween Bash - Friday, October 27

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

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

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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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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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2nd Vice Commander Bill Dunn Jr
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Historian Robert Thompson
Sgt-at-Arms Brad Semonell
Jr. Past Commander Matt Parsons
Membership Chairman Jeff Kingsley
Donations Chairman Peter Martin

SAL Squadron 291 Meetings

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

AMERICAN LEGION YACHT CLUB OFFICERS

Commodore Mike Berdine
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Rear Commodore Richard Reyna
Fleet Captain/Treasurer Port Captain Dave Scardigli
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American Legion Yacht Club Meetings

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

COMMANDER DOUG NYE



Comrades, Congratulations Brian Fleming Jr. and his Newport Harbor Color Guard Competition Team who "kicked ass across the board" to win top honors -1st Advancing/ Place-Retiring of Colors Class Military Open Class, held at National Convention in Reno August 25. You always make Post 291 proud and what an honor to retain your position consecutive years in a row as "National

Commander's Color Guard".

The new National Commander for 2017-2018 is Denise H. Rohan from Wisconsin, a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army, the first woman to be elected to the top position of the 2 million member American Legion. President Trump was the keynote speaker and signed in new Resolutions for benefits for veterans. Next year's National convention will be held in Minnesota.

Another coup for Post 291—first time the Post has had a Boy's State delegate go to Boy's Nation in Washington DC visiting the White House, representing not only California but 291. American Legion Children and Youth programs are under the direction of our 3rd Vice Commander, Sandy Schneeberger. This is a huge national program for high school junior boys and a big thank you to her and her committee for selecting Ryan Long from University High School in Irvine.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, you represent the best American Legion in the country and I'm proud to be the Commander of Post 291.

Labor Day weekend will end the official summer season at the Post. Enjoy the rest of the summer by coming out and enjoying the weekend bands, Tuesday Hootenanny, Friday night Dinner and Dancing to live band music, and sailing activities with the Yacht Club. The Post has had a terrific summer with full crowds enjoying the special amenities that only Post 291 can provide. Thanks to all the Veterans and their families who support the Post, keeping it a viable business operation by using the Bar and Restaurant, and attending special events.

September 11, 2001. Where were you when the Towers fell and the U.S. lost over 3000 citizens in a terror attack fifteen years ago? Please take a moment to remember that day, now called Patriot Day. The Restaurant is closed Monday, September 11 but Burn Your Own is available and the Bar is open.

I will continue to do my best to communicate with my Officers and Executive Board and our 2017-2018 Command Year will be great in every way if everyone does their part. The Board welcomes Wayne Zippi, who steps into the executive committee role of Mike Schubert who is now First Vice Commander.

We swing into Autumn with The ever popular Sock Hop on Friday September 8. Don't forget to bring new socks for the troops overseas and Veteran patients at the VA. A special night of Frank Sinatra songs will be Friday, September 28 with Don Ross. And you can't forget our famous Halloween Costume Party Friday, October 27. Reservations only so call the office because it's always a sell out. Thanksgiving Buffet and Christmas festivities and Boat Parade are right around the corner

2017-2018 goals are as follows:

AIRFORCE

- (1) VETERANS FIRST. Our veterans will always be our # 1 priority at Post 291
- (2) Create new events for our veterans and continue raising money to donate to their needs
- (3) Continue recruiting our younger veterans for they are our Future Legionnaires who will continue our legacy and represent the legion's future
- (4) Put programs together so our younger Veterans can get involved to reach these goals

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-inneed 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



Commander - Brian Fleming Jr. National Colors - Don Putzig, Legion Colors - Carmen Williams Riflemen - Dave Barras, Dennis De Rosia, Ken George, Kevin Van Otterloo

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT CAT KATZ



Our members showed up in force to serve our WWII and Korean War Vets lunch at the Post. It is the privilege of the Auxiliary to get to know these wonderful folks. Hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

Currently looking for donations of back-to-school, fun and/or useful, items for upcoming deployment events for kids with parents going overseas. Our Children & Youth box is right next to the Troop Shipping box in the View Room by the

bar-it waits for your help!

Our next Troop Shipping will be Saturday, November 4th at 10am. We are looking for overseas addresses from any Blue Star Families to target local heroes. We will also be supplying March Air Force Base with snacks and personal items for troops in transit during their brief stopovers to and from harm's way. This state of the art facility seems to be lacking some of the comforts that we can happily supply so please help!

The Holiday Boutique is coming on Thursday, November 9th 4pm-8pm! Fabulous vendors, opportunity drawings, food specials will make for a great event so bring your friends & family!

Hope you can join us for Family Movie Night Saturday, September 23rd at 6pm showing Moana under the Big Top Patio with popcorn and candy. Bring the kids and sit back to enjoy your Post.

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 9th. The Red Cross will be holding our semi-annual Blood Drive from 10am to 4pm with our world famous hotdogs and chili along with the usual sweet rewards for your gift of life. Please contact Susan at SusanDiFonzo@att.net to sign up.

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 your Unit when you shop!

Please join us at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, July $19 \mathrm{th}$ at $6:30 \mathrm{pm}$.

With your help, supporting our Legion Family,

Cat Katz, President Unit 291



Costa Mesa Quilt Group present more than 70 handmade quilts for baby showers and VA patients!



New Members July 2017!!



Cindy Edes, Flag Bearer at Dept. Convention in Riverside!

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SAL COMMANDER TIM SULLIVAN



THE MISSION - When I joined the Sons of the American Legion I had one purpose in mind. I wanted to help. That has morphed into my mantra "raise money and help Veterans". Seems simple enough. I know that there are some that will find me overly ambitious or too aggressive. Where helping our heroes is concerned, I'd ask if that's even possible. How can you do too

much to help those who were willing to give it all? In my line of work, I run across Veterans often. Some of them are homeless and it literally breaks my heart. My mind, being a problem solver, goes directly to how we can help. What can I do, and now WE do, to make an impact on the situation? I'm not a "bucket plunker", meaning that I don't throw five bucks at a situation and feel like I've done my part. I know that I've got more to offer in ideas and resources. WE have more to offer in ideas and resources. (Don't just bring me ideas. Bring me a plan and your willingness to make it happen and we'll work together to make it a success!!!)

Now, I know this ruffles feathers of some who are traditionalists. I love our traditions, or what I know of them. It's a blessing and a curse being the new guy to the program. I don't want to step on toes, but I'm absolutely 100% driven to be effective and make a difference. I don't look at where we are today. I see potential. I see the Sons' potential and the potential of the whole family, working together, building a machine of fund raising and allocation to Veteran's causes. We have already started establishing some of our own giving projects, but we don't necessarily need to rebuild the wheel either. I see our biggest strength as a Squadron as one of raising funds and assisting some of these already established organizations, ones that we trust, to expand and help more people with the machine that they've created. We have a good team in place. We have a few hurdles to overcome, but once we do, we will live up to being the largest Sons Squadron in the United States. Numbers are nice, but effectiveness is what counts. It's a big job that I'm very excited to do. That I'm very excited for US to do. It's going to take the whole team.

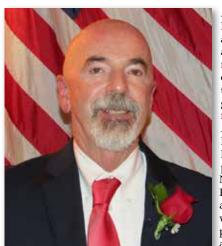
As the saying goes, "Charity starts at home." We are now over 4000 Veterans at this Post. I would be remiss in not recognizing that we also have a concrete obligation to them. We are in a transitional phase at this Post. More recent, younger, Veterans are dawning our doors. As Sons, there is so much that we will be able to do as we raise funds to help our own Post. Perhaps, it's even a bit self serving because we too enjoy our time here at the Post, but there are deferred maintenance issues and upgrades that we can fund or help fund right here at home. Some ask, "Why don't they do this?" or "Why don't they pay for that?". I have more of a Doritos mentality when it comes to money. "We'll make more!" This place is GREAT, but let's make it greater. Let's improve what needs to be improved. Replace what needs to be replaced. Let's get about the task of making our house, our fund raising, and our team the example for the rest of the Legion to follow. This is a job we can ALL get behind and if we do, the sky is the limit. We will be able to know that we actually accomplished something. Not something small, but something fantastic. The cherry on top? We did it for a great group of people, our Veterans. Some who went voluntarily. Some who were drafted. All who served honorably.

They served then. That's why we serve now. Anyone with me?

Tim Sullivan Volunteer My Father's Son Commander

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COMMODORE MIKE BERDINE



Ahoy!

I hope your summer was as fun and rewarding as mine. The high point for me was the Fourth of July celebration at the Post starting with a great pancake breakfast followed closely by the ALYC Old Glory Boat Parade. Neil Hardin's Mallika again led the parade, this year with Newport Beach Mayor Kevin Muldoon aboard as Grand Marshall. And we had many boats from past parades along with a couple of unique new

entries including one classic wooden Chris-Craft with a brass band on the bow and a working cannon at the stern. If you missed the parade or watched it and simply want to refresh your memory, there is a video link in the ALYC calendar. Here is the URL for the calendar page: http://alyc.com/event-2387823. Thanks to all the Old Glory volunteers along with those from Post 291, the Auxiliary and the SALs who contributed to a very successful Fourth of July celebration.

One of the other ALYC activities making this summer memorable was the Sundowners Race Series. This year we have over 40 boats registered for these Monday night sailboat races. Principal Race Official Dan O'Sullivan and the ALYC Race Committee members lay out courses every week depending on wind conditions and available daylight (no racing after sundown). After each race, there is an awards presentation with dinner served by the SeaGals. Thanks to Dan, the Race Committee, the SeaGals and our A/V support volunteers for hosting this popular ALYC activity.

The season's first Cruise to Two Harbors was August 4 through August 6. Vice Commodore Doug Green and his wife Melanie hosted the cruise and by all accounts all had a great time. The weather was perfect for all the water and land based daytime activities and the organized meet, greet and eat in the evenings capped off relaxing days.

The ALYC, along with the Woman's Sailing Association of Orange County (WSA-OC), hosts Sailing for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SVI) event each October. The August ALYC General Membership Meeting held with WSA-OC members, launched preparations for this year's event with the viewing of Sense the Wind, a documentary about blind sailors preparing to compete in an international race for visually impaired racers. The evening was all the more interesting as the film's producer/director, Christine Knowlton, was on hand to answer questions after the screening. This year's SVI is scheduled for October 7. Boat skipper and on-shore volunteer updates will be posted to the ALYC Calendar at alyc.com.

Upcoming ALYC activities include the September 8, 9 and 10 Cruise to Two Harbors, the September 9 and 10 Blue Water Regatta (an open water sailboat race), a September 23 fishing tournament and our next General Membership Meeting in October with an entertaining and informative presentation by Dr. Wendy Marshall of Ocean Quest. If you are into boating or other on the water activities consider joining the American Legion Yacht Club. We are a group of supportive sailing, power-boating and SCUBA diving enthusiasts who strive to make all of our activities fun and memorable.

Mike Berdine, Commodore commodore@alyc.com



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ARMY NAVY MARINES AIRFORCE COAST GUARD

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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LABOR DAY WEEKEND 3 B'fast 9:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm GRUMPS Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	LABOR DAY 4 FLIPOUT 1-5 pm Big Top Patio 1- 5 pm EXTENDED BYO BUFFET	Hootenanny 1 pm 5 Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	6 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm SAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL E-Board Meeting 6 pm JAZZ NIGHT PAUL ESCHELMAN	Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm 8 SOCK HOP WITH Z-BOPS Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm LA LYON Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
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