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**IF YOU LOVE YOUR FREEDOM,
THANK A VET.
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
AT 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)

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DON'T FORGET

ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Legion: Wed, July 11, Aug 8 - 7 pm
Auxiliary: Wed, July 16 , Aug 15 - 6:30 pm
SAL: Wed July 4 DARK, Aug 1 - 7pm
ALYC: Thur, Aug 9 - 6 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00
Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00
Shenanigans - July 6
Daze of Blue - July 13
LA Lyon - July 20
Shenanigans - July 27

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
M Street - July 7
Don Ross - July 14
Hot Mess Mojo - July 21
Nomads - July 28

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
FlipOut - July 1
Midlife Crisis- July 8
Crossfire - July 15
M Street - July 22
Frenzy - July 29

JAZZ & BLUES ON THE BAY THURSDAYS

Tracey Longstreth - July 12
Walter Lakota - July 26
Gabby Leigh - August 9
Tracey Longstreth - August 23

AUGUST FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00
Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00
Michael Chain - August 3
Dave Alcantar - August 10
Nick Peper - august 17
Retros - August 24
Grumps - August 31

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
FlipOut- August 4
Coyote Sunrise - August 11
LA Lyon - August 18
Nomads - August 25

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
Don Ross - August 5
Whiskey Hayride- August 12
Outplay - August 19
Hot Mess Mojo - August 26

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

Fourth of July at the Post
WWII/Korean Vet Luncheon - July 26

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Jazz and Blues on the Bay continues

VETERAN RESOURCES



Jesse Garcia
Veterans Service Officer

VA Hospital of Long Beach
Dianeed Goodpaster, Assistant Chief
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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

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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 Meye
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 Rob White Rich Whitlinger
Robert Wright 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 Debbie Schubert
Vice President Kendall Madsen
2nd Vice President Jan Woolford
Secretary Cindy Edes
Treasurer Karen Karanickolas
Chaplin Sharon Morgan
Historian Sue Lindsey
Sergeant at Arms Terre Duensing
Marshall Pua Huffin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tina Bright Cynthia Culp Dana Johnson
Kim Philhart Bobbi Renaghan

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 Art Jimenez
Adjutant Don Allen
Finance Officer Rich Morin
Chaplain Jeff White
Historian Rob Ewing
Sgt-at-Arms Brad Semonell
Membership Chairman Jeff Gottfredson
Donations Chairman Peter Martin
Website Technical Liaison John Long

SAL Squadron 291 Meetings
Executive Committee 1st 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 Mike Berdine
Director Dennis Heck
Director Larry Furlani
Director Steve Sawdon
Director Jim Updike
Director Ryan Williams
Director Angelina Garcia

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

ARMY NAVY MARINES



COMMANDER DOUG NYE



Comrades,
Post 291 ushers in the new 2018-2019 Command year and my officers and Executive Committee members will all do another great job. Welcome all the SONs and Auxiliary officers this year and wish them a successful year ahead.

Congratulations to Post 291 Honor Guard Commander Brian Fleming Jr, and his competition team who, once again, placed 1st at the American Legion Department of California convention held in

Sacramento the last weekend in June. They now go on to compete at National in August to retain their 1st place title as the best Honor Guard in the nation. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to Sandy Schneeberger, our 3rd Vice Commander who is in charge of our Boys State program. Post 291 sent 27 delegates, the most from any single Post in the state. Our district also lead by sending the most (86) delegates for the State. One of our own delegates, Viren Abhyankar from Northwood High School, Irvine, was voted 2018 Boys State Governor during their week in Sacramento June 16-22 and an Alternate to Boys Nation as well as our other delegate, Josh Cheadle from Sage High School selected Senator for Boys Nation. This is a huge deal, and a real coup for our Post, the second time it's ever happened in over 50 years. This has been a great year for our Post to be recognized with these awards and achievements as The American Legion begins its 100th year.

As I start my fourth term as your Commander, my 2018-2019 goals are as follows:

- (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

We are a very large Legion Post, therefore, have policies & procedures in place that are different from others because of our vast membership roll of 7000 members within the Legion family.



Installation of 2018-2019 Post 291 Officers and Executive Committee, June 4

AIRFORCE COAST GUARD

My goal is to continue to run this Post in a positive direction and have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all the members.

Reminder to all members, especially new ones: Summer has arrived on the Peninsula. Traffic is heavy and parking is at a premium. The Post is very crowded and kids are playing by the water. PLEASE observe the rules while at the Post. They are posted on the railings, white boards and outside, plus on the website. There is no lifeguard so ALL parents must watch their kids while on the beach, and no bare feet once back on Post grounds. We want everyone to have a safe summer. 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.

Members MUST show current membership card before entering the parking lot and you CAN NOT leave your car in the lot and go elsewhere such as the beach, bike riding, etc.

We are continuing to make improvements to the Marina, repairs to the seawall and inside our Post facility. We have begun a Building fund to raise money to remodel/rebuild our Post so that the future generations of veterans for many more years.

July 4th was another huge event at the Post. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it so successful. All our members really helped our donation goal for the 2018-2019 year. With your generosity, this event helps support the American Legion's Boys State program, VA Hospital visits, plus many veteran, community, and youth programs. Visit al291.com for all the programs that Post 291 fosters. Helping your Post to help others.

Check the website and white boards for more information regarding our Summer events like Dance Party Friday Nights, Jazz Nights, Weekend Bands on the Patio, and our WW2/ Korean War Vet lunch held July 28 honoring all our vets who served in those theaters.

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.

Let's have a great year. If you haven't noticed, I speak with the word WE not the Word I.

If we work with the positive attitude and team work needed, we will prevail in being the proud and best American Legion in the country.

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



Boy's State Dinner held at Post 291 May 14.
Viren Abhyankar from Northwood High School, Irvine, was voted 2018 Boys State Governor and Alternate to Boys Nation.
Josh Cheadle from Sage High School selected Senator to Boys Nation.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT DEBBIE SCHUBERT



As we start our new year we are very excited and encouraged to continue the good programs we've already have put in place.

My board is also looking forward to having some new programs and continue to raise money to support our veterans and their families.

Please continue to check our website for upcoming events.

Also please look at the website for any volunteer opportunities that you might be able to come and join the fun with us.

These opportunities to volunteer is a great chance to get to know the board ,and all of the members to continue to contribute so much to the American Legion.
Thank you.

Supporting the American Legion,
Debbie Schubert
President Unit 291
Unit 291 Newport Harbor



Installation of Unit 291 Officers and Executive Committee June 4



Troop Shipping June 16



Shipments for the Military Dogs



Poppy Girls Unit 291



SAL COMMANDER TIM SULLIVAN



Well, here we are. Mid way through the year and approaching the 4th of July. What many don't think about is that we just passed up a lesser celebrated holiday on June 14th, Flag Day. As Sons of the American Legion, one of our missions is to promote Americanism. With all of the kneeling for the National Anthem, vitriol, and other general disrespect for our flag and country, two of our members approached me

with an idea. "Why don't the Sons own Flag Day!" Hmmm.... Great idea! So? What do we do? We began about a year and a half ago planning. Last year we had a small celebration and launched our first Veterans fishing trip with a band at the post afterward.

This year? We were able to take it a bit further. We wanted to concentrate on the children. We wanted to promote OUR America to them. The one we know. The one we grew up in and cherish. It was still going to be relatively small, but on June 14, 2018, we launched our annual family celebration of Flag Day. We were thankful to Ebtide for providing us with American classics and surf music. They played for the better part of our four hour event and had a blast. Our volunteers were out in force, serving food and greeting complete strangers who wandered in to see what the commotion was. We served 225 hot dogs, gave out at least that many sodas, red white and blue donuts, handed out over 130 flags, God knows how many flag pins (made in USA by the way), and patriotic sticker sets. The biggest hit of all were the American Legion comic books that we found at Flag and Emblem. We had one on the American Flag and one on the pledge of Allegiance. They were great! Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children and fielding their questions about WHY we were doing what we were doing was great fun. We had parents coming up to us and asking questions. One mother of six boys inquired, "I'm embarrassed to say this, but I don't know enough about the flag and I really need to learn. I want my children to be raised right and honor our country." I referred her to the comic books and we got enough for the whole family and her. These comic books taught ME things about the flag. She was so grateful. The overall spirit of the event was so nice and pro America. What a great day.

This, again, is what the Sons of the American Legion are all about. Whether it's our members from the Culinary Cowboys entertaining and barbecuing at Veterans Homes or our fishing trips to help reconnect Veterans with those who have been through what they've been through to take pressure off of life back home, or our recent work with Habitat for Humanity where we are in the middle of participating in building a home for a Veteran who is a single father, or our fund raising to be able to provide assistance for those struggling with PTSD/PTSI... this is us. We are no longer just writing checks (though we still do write a lot of those to some great causes). We are active. We are involved. We are engaged in the quest to make a difference. We are thinking of our Dads and Granddads fondly, as we help others Fathers, Grandfathers, Grandmothers, Moms, Brothers,

and Sisters who served our country.

I'm thankful to our Veterans and also to our many volunteers at our Post. The Auxiliary does a fine job and our Sons are top notch. If you haven't gotten involved, then I encourage that you do so. You can't beat that volunteer feeling. You can't beat knowing that you're doing a good thing. We're growing in tasks and duties. We need you, Sons. Some of our opportunities seem small, but those small steps are leading to bigger things and greater accomplishments. Never despise small beginnings. The impact is being felt. Be a part of it! Thank you for all that you do!

Flag Day Celebration - Celebrating and Teaching Americanism



THE POWER OF HEALING THROUGH WIND, SEA AND SKY

SailingVets

Helping Veterans, Current Military, And First Responders
Cope With Traumatic Stress

*A project of the The American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291
in partnership with Patriot Outreach and "Skipper Tim" Bercovitz*

Saturdays, July 14th, August 18th

The American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291

215 15th Street, Newport Beach 92663

Cross street is West Balboa and 15th

Parking location will be given at time of registration

Program

Meet and Greet at 12:30 pm

Orientation and Safety instructions on FAIRWIND

Life jackets will be provided

Leave Marina dock and Sail for 2 - 3 hours

Return to Marina dock between 3 - 5 pm

Reservations

RSVP to "Skipper" Tim 714-527-0285 by Thursday *before each sail date*

Contact 951-867-1551 on day of event

Spouses and Children invited

JOIN US FOR THIS HANDS-ON ADVENTURE

HEALING BENEFITS & FREE SAILING EXCURSIONS BRING VETS TO THE WATER



"I had a wonderful time, especially by sharing with other vets. I totally appreciate Newport Harbor American Legion Post 291 and Patriot Outreach for making this experience possible."

*Teno Navarro (Army veteran, Vietnam-era)
SailingVets project experience (4/14/18)*

"There is nothing more relaxing than being out sailing. The water, the waves, the wind and the sun combine to take all your cares away."

—Tim Bercovitz, Skipper of FAIRWIND

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this event, please email Patriot Outreach or Post 291 through their websites.

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4th of JULY at POST 291



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JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm FLIPOUT Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	2 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing CANCELLED Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	4 SALS DARK ALL DAY JULY 4th at the POST GRUMPS 1-5 pm	5 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL E-Board Meeting 6 pm	6 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm SHENANIGANS Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	7 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm M STREET Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
8 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm MIDLIFE CRISIS Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	9 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	11 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	12 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm JAZZ ON THE BAY 6-8:30 pm TRACY LONGSTRETH	13 Lunch 11:30 am DAZE OF BLUE Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	14 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm DON ROSS Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
15 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm CROSSFIRE Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	16 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	18 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AUX GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm	19 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	20 Lunch 11:30 am LA LYON Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	21 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm HOT MESS MOJO Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
22 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm M STREET Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	23 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	25 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm	26 WW2/KOREAN WAR VET LUNCHEON 11 am - 2 pm JAZZ ON THE BAY 6-8:30 pm WALTER LAKOTA	27 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm SHENANIGANS Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	28 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm NOMADS Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
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AUGUST 2018

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5 B'Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm DON ROSS Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	6 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	8 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	9 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm JAZZ ON THE BAY 6-8:30 pm GABBY LEIGH	10 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm DAVE ALCANTAR Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	11 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm COYOTE SUNRISE Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
12 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm WHISKEY HAYRIDE Big Top Patio 1-5 pm	13 ALYC SUNDOWNER RACES 6 pm	Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	15 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AUX GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm	16	17 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm NICK PEPPER Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	18 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm LA LYON Big Top Patio 1-5 pm
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