



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1902 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper Tim Bercovitz

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

POW/MIA Ceremony: Kevin Van Otterloo and Brian Fleming

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Nye

Roll Call:

Doug Nye, Commander	Robert Wright, Judge Advocate	Don Putzig, M.a.L.
Mike Schubert, 1 st Vice	Paul Meye, Finance Officer	Al Yarrington, M.a.L.
Anne Borren, 2 nd Vice	Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L.
Sandy Schneeberger 3 rd Vice	Jesse Garcia, Service Officer	Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.
Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Comm	William Bennett, Chaplain	Rob White, M.a.L.
Gene Anderson, Adjutant	Carmen Williams, Historian	Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

EXCUSED: William Bennett, Mike Schubert, Jess Lawson, and Rich Whitlinger

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari (Past Post and District 29 Finance Officer); and Bob Brower (District 29 Finance Officer).

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – No report was made.

SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander: Announced they have several new members on their Board. They are trying to increase the ways in which they support Veterans.

ALYC – Doug Green, Commodore: – Discussed the Newport to Ensenada Race, and that the Yacht Club had six boats registered for the race. They made a real good showing for the Yacht Club. Discussed the Yacht Club Opening Day event, and it went well. Discussed the 16-week Monday night Sundowner Race Series that started on May 7th.

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming – Announced they have served 26 events completed this year. Mentioned that they will be very busy in May; they have 12-13 events scheduled for May. Introduced Bob Bright and that he’s a very important part of the team; stated he is leaving the Post Color Guard team. Commander Fleming recognized him and read a Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to him.

Bar & Restaurant – Jon Reynolds – Discussed the kitchen staff and the excellent way in which they perform their duties. Discussed the advantages of being a member of the Post as a Legionnaire. Encouraged people to take advantage of the amenities offered by the Post. Mentioned that we have a full bar (open 7 days a week) and restaurant (open 6 days a week – closed on Mondays). Mentioned that the facility is available for rent for private events.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the May 3rd Executive Board Meeting minutes.

General Meeting Minutes: Commander Nye requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to waive the reading of April 11th, 2018 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Commander Nye requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to approve the April 11th, 2018 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Correspondence: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, reported there was no correspondence to report this month.

Commander's Comments: The Commander stated that during the March and April General Meetings, nominations were made and accepted for Post Officers for the 2018-2019 Command Year. He introduced Robert Wright, Judge Advocate, to discuss this year's election.

Robert Wright clarified the election. Stated we held nominations the past two months. All of the elected officers were nominated at the April 2018 General Meeting, and stated that none of them were opposed. At that point a motion was made to accept those officers for the 2018-2019 command year. However, our Bylaws require that we have an election in the month of May, and they do not say anything concerning a slate that runs unopposed. Roberts Rules of Order does address this situation. Jon Reynolds, setting in for the Chairman of the Election Committee, to make a motion to have a verbal vote.

Jon Reynolds made the following motion:

M/S/C – Because all the validated candidates for the Post officers for 2018-19 are unopposed, I move that the Commander declare that all nominated candidates for Post 291 offices are elected. The Commander made the declaration. Paul Meye seconded the motion, and the E-Board unanimously approved the motion.

Robert Wright stated that we now have had the election during the month of May.

The Commander thanked everyone in attendance for the wonderful job they have done. Announced he is starting his fourth year on July 1st. This coming year is the 100th year, and a lot a things are going to be going on in the coming year. Announced that the Post is running fine.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. The Commander spoke for Mike Schubert, and announced that we made our membership goal; we are at 101% for membership renewals.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Announced she has hired a couple of new bands, and that attendance on Thursday night Jazz is lean. Announced that we now have bands on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. Discussed the Boys State Dinner event to be held on May 14th. Discussed the Boys State program, and that it is a program that is about citizenship and training our future leaders.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – is in-charge of Post Operations. He mentioned that our Post is divided into two sections; membership and business. Discussed the Post's finances through the end of April 2018. See the table below. He mentioned that the Post has no debts, and that the Post is in a very strong financial position.

Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 4/30/2018

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2018	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	\$3,987	\$180,412	\$207,567	\$78,889	\$286,456	\$31,816		\$116,129	\$816,799
COGS		\$133,431	\$220,961	\$77,505	\$298,467				\$431,898
GROSS PROFIT	\$3,987	\$46,981	\$(13,395)	\$1,384	\$(12,011)	\$31,816		\$116,129	\$186,902
EXPENSES	\$48,168	\$40,954	\$27,307	\$2,735	\$30,041	\$25,942	\$58,101	\$65,024	\$268,230
NET ORD INC	(\$44,182)	\$6,027	(\$40,702)	(\$1,351)	(\$42,052)	\$5,874	(\$58,101)	\$51,105	(\$81,329)
OTHER INC	\$92,437		\$1,000		\$1,000				
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NET INCOME	\$48,256	\$6,027	(\$39,702)	(\$1,351)	(\$41,052)	\$5,874	(\$58,101)	\$51,105	\$12,108
BANK BAL	\$1.139m		\$845k						
OPERATE ACCT	\$99k		\$92k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	\$85k		\$150k						
RESERVE ACCT	\$846k		\$499k						

Judge Advocate Robert Wright – is in-charge of the Post’s Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. He had nothing to report.

Service Officer Jesse Garcia – is in charge of Veteran’s Assistance Programs. He had nothing to report.

Historian Carmen Williams – is in-charge of the Pictorial History of the Post. He had nothing to report.

Chaplain William Bennett – is in-charge of the Spiritual Welfare of Post Members. The Commander stated that William Bennett is under the weather. He had nothing to report.

New Members

The Commander spoke for 1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert. Announced there were no new members joining the Post this month.

New Business

Rees Lloyd discussed a 100 year old memorial cross honoring WWI veterans from Maryland, and that it may be destroyed. Patriot Outreach and Major General Patrick H. Brady are joining in the effort to preserve it.

Bob Brower made an announcement about the passing of Art Castro, former State Commander.

Good of the Legion

There was nothing to report.

Skipper Tim Bercovitz: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2048 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion