



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1900 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:

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

EXCUSED: Rob White

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari, Barbara Hallet.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – She mentioned the date of their next General Meeting. Announced they are holding a Wine Tasting event on September 20th from 6 PM to 8 PM. Reservations are required (maximum of 80 people), and the cost is \$25. Mentioned their October 8th Blood Drive. On October 27th is the kids Halloween Party. Troop shipping is November 3rd. Their Holiday Boutique is being held on November 8th.

SAL – Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Commander: Announced the purpose of the Sons is to raise funds and support the veterans. He encouraged Legionnaires to have their sons and grandsons join the SONS. Announced they have raised over \$7,000 this year, and that they donated \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for veterans. Discussed their concierge program. On September 27th they are going to be taking veterans with PTSD out deep sea fishing, 30 veterans have signed up and they have room for 80. Mentioned their Flag Day event. Discussed this year's Christmas Boat Parade event.

ALYC – No presentation was made.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Nye – Discussed the daily activities that occur at the Post. Announced that on Monday we have “Burn Your Own” hamburgers and hot dogs on the BBQs. Tuesday night is Taco Tuesday and there is Line Dancing in the Main Hall. Wednesday is the Post's meeting night. Every other Thursday night there is Jazz and Blues on the Bay in the west patio that will end this month, and it is also Family Dinner night. Friday is a Dinner-Dance; reservations are suggested. There is also bands on Saturday afternoon in the summertime, and on every Sunday.

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming –He mentioned that their two main purposes are to provide military funeral ceremonies for veterans who have served honorably in the United States Military, and to provide support services for community events with numerous variations of Color Guard teams. They average 80 – 90 services per year. Announced that the Color Guard competition team competes at State and National conventions. He mentioned they came in second place at this year’s National Convention for the title of the National Commander’s Color Guard.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the September 6th 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 August 8th, 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 August 8th, 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 made several general comments. He mentioned that we will be installing air conditioning in the Post in the coming year. He discussed what occurred at the recently attended 100th National Convention. He discussed that the Legionnaires come first at the Post. Mentioned the limited parking at the Post. He mentioned that the Post membership card must be signed to be activated. He discussed the SONs role of proving security at the parking lot and front entrances to the Post, and that its intent is to keep everyone at the Post safe. He stated that entrance to the Post requires your signed membership card; you will not be admitted if you only have your parking card. He stated that smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking area in the parking lot. He mentioned that the Post has a zero tolerance for sexual harassment and marijuana use at the Post. He stated that if you follow the rules everything will be alright. He finished by thanking Brian Fleming, Color Guard Commander, for his dedication to the Post.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. Mike Schubert announced that there are 45 new members joining the Post this month and that 25 of them are present. He mentioned that since July 1st there have been 205 new members. He announced that after three months we are at 50% renewal.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Anne pointed out that upcoming event flyers are on all the tables. Discussed upcoming events and the bands that will be playing in the near future.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. Sandy Schneeberger discussed the Boys Nation event. Announced that the Boy Scouts are adding girls to their membership. Sandy is to contact the Department’s Boy Scout Coordinator for additional information on this issue. Resurrecting American Legion Baseball was also discussed.

Sgt-at-Arms Skipper Tim Berkovitz spoke about Sailing for Vets, a program to help veterans, current military, and first responders cope with traumatic stress.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – is in-charge of Post Operations. He mentioned that our Post is divided into two sections; membership and business. Paul Meye discussed the Post’s finances through September 5, 2018. Refer to the table below.

Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 9/05/2018

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2018	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	5,223	449,122	528,654	201,961	730,615	81,165		208,857	1,474,982
COGS		295,160	539,835	177,006	716,841				1,012,001
GROSS PROFIT	5,223	153,962	(11,181)	24,956	13,744	81,195		208,857	462,981
EXPENSES	93,366	96,305	61,261	10,806	72,067	46,352	112,828	115,218	536,135
NET ORD INC	(88,143)	57,657	(72,442)	14,150	(58,292)	34,813	(112,828)	115,218	(73,154)
OTHER INC	281,741		1,500		1,500				283,241
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NET INCOME	193,599	57,657	(70,942)	14,150	(56,792)	34,813	(112,828)	98,639	210,087
BANK BAL	1m269k		1.045m						
OPERATE ACCT	89k		176k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	146k		71k						
RESERVE ACCT	927k		695k						

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 discussed the Post’s honorary members, and announced that Robert Wright, Jesse Garcia, and Brian Fleming were approved as honorary Post members for their years of service to the Post.

Chaplain Ken Wilson – is in-charge of the Spiritual Welfare of Post Members. Ken Wilson was approved as the Post’s Chaplain at this month’s E-Board meeting. He gave a short presentation of his resume.

New Members

New members were introduced by 1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert, and they were invited to stand when their name was called. Next, the new members were invited to the front of the Hall for a picture.

A motion was made and approved by the membership to accept the new applicants into Post 291. The Commander welcomed the new members into Post 291.

New Business

No new business was reported.

Good of the Legion

Rees Lloyd mentioned that Post 291 is the largest and best Post in the United States because it is involved in so many different things. This Post gives everybody here the opportunity continue to serve in an honorable way for honorable causes. He discussed the four pillars of the American Legion. Discussed Sailing for Vets and Equine Therapy with Monte Roberts, the Horse Whisperer. He discussed the Flag Amendment that would amend the Constitution to protect the flag from desecration, and that it is supported by Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady (MOH, Vietnam). He discussed saving the Bladensburg, Md. Peace Cross.

Ken Wilson, Chaplain: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2033 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion