



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 1902 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Ken Wilson

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:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, Judge Advocate      | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Putzig, M.a.L.                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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:** Don Putzig, Rob White

**Honored Guests:** Bob Brower, Dan Ferrari, Don Barnes (Orange County Under Sheriff).

Don Barnes (Orange County Under Sheriff) talked about his candidacy for Orange County Sheriff.

**Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:**

**Auxiliary** – Debbie Schubert, President – She mentioned their October 8<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is the children’s Halloween Party from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Troop shipping is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their Holiday Boutique is being held on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SAL** – Rob Ewing, Historian: He encouraged Legionnaires to have their sons and grandsons join the SONS. Discussed their fishing trip held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 30 veterans attended and they have room for 80. Discussed this year’s Christmas Boat Parade that is their main event for the year. Announced they donate to veteran worthy causes; they just did a Habitat for Humanity project. In 2018 they have donated about \$10,700.00 to veteran causes.

**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. Thursday night is Family Dinner night. Friday is a Dinner-Dance; reservations are suggested. There are also bands on Sunday afternoons in the cooler months.

**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, and they have done 65 events so far this year. He encouraged members of the Post to join the Color Guard.

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. The Commander mentioned 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 mentioned that air conditioning will be installed in the Main Hall in the coming year. He mentioned that line dancing will not be held on the Tuesdays before and after Halloween. He discussed the upcoming Veteran's Day event being held on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and that it will start at 11:00 AM sharp, so come early. The 11 – 11 – 11 marks the official end of WWI; November (11<sup>th</sup> month) 11<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> day) at 11:00 AM (the 11<sup>th</sup> hour). The Post will be offering a Burn-Your-Own lunch for \$9.00. The Commander also reminded members that all guests must sign-in to enter the Post.

**Officer Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert** – is in-charge of membership for the Post. Mike Schubert announced that there are 27 new members joining the Post this month. He mentioned that since July 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 217 new members. He announced that after three months we are at 56% renewal. He also encouraged people to use our new website.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Upcoming events include Halloween Party on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and in November is the Sock Hop on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Casino Night on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thanksgiving is the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger** – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. Sandy Schneeberger discussed Boys State and Boys Nation, and that the Governor and President will be speaking at separate General Meetings in the near future.

**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 30, 2018. Refer to the table below.

**Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 9/30/2018**

<b>Post 291 Business P&amp;L By Class</b>									
<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>BAR</b>	<b>REST</b>	<b>BANQUET</b>	<b>TOTAL REST/BAN</b>	<b>HALL</b>	<b>CUSTOD</b>	<b>MARINA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TOT INC</b>	5,694	496,571	595,092	228,470	823,562	91,065		232,139	1,649,031
<b>COGS</b>		328,797	602,922	202,925	805,847				1,134,644
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	5,694	167,774	(7,830)	25,545	17,715	91,065		232,139	514,387
<b>EXPENSES</b>	107,638	113,238	73,634	13,651	87,284	55,674	124,171	133,200	621,204
<b>NET ORD INC</b>	(101,945)	54,537	(81,464)	11,895	(69,569)	35,391	(124,171)	98,939	(106,817)
<b>OTHER INC</b>	296,938		1,500		1,500				298,438
<b>OTHER EX</b>									
<b>NET INCOME</b>	194,993	54,537	(79,964)	11,895	(68,069)	35,391	(124,171)	98,939	191,620
<b>BANK BAL</b>	1m182k		1.108m						
<b>OPERATE ACCT</b>	58k		155k						
<b>MBRSHIP ACCT</b>	58k		155k						
<b>RESERVE ACCT</b>	954k		696k						

**Judge Advocate Robert Wright** – is in-charge of the Post’s Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

**Service Officer Jesse Garcia** – is in charge of Veteran’s Assistance Programs. He mentioned that the Navy’s birthday is this coming Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and that they were established in 1775.

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

**Chaplain Ken Wilson** – is in-charge of the Spiritual Welfare of Post Members. He had nothing to report.

**New Members**

New members were introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**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.

**Rees Lloyd** discussed the Boys State program, the Flag Amendment supported by the Post and National, and the Veteran’s Memorials.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert** spoke about the Key Largo sailboat raffle, and the Vietnam Party in April and the Swift Boat that comes to the Post from the San Diego Maritime Museum.

**Good of the Legion**

Nothing to report.

**Ken Wilson, Chaplain:** said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2035 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson  
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion