



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1900 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger, 3 rd Vice | <input 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: Anne Borren, Sandy Schneeberger, Jesse Garcia, Rob White

Rees Lloyd, Post General Counsel, speaking on Yacht Club issues:

He spoke on the current status of the controversy between the American Legion Yacht Club and Post 291.

Honored Guests: Bob Brower, Dan Ferrari, Barbara Hallett.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – She mentioned their next meeting will be in January, 2019. Troop shipping is November 3rd. Their Holiday Boutique held on November 8th was successful. She encouraged wives and daughters of Legionnaires to join the Auxiliary. She discussed envelope stuffing for the Sweethearts Ball. The children’s Christmas party is on December 16th, and a wine tasting event is being held on January 4th. She closed by announcing that the Auxiliary has donated approximately \$50,000 to veterans this year, in addition to other in-kind donations.

SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander – He mentioned that the SONS are a program of the Post, and encouraged Legionnaires to have their sons and grandsons join the SONS. Discussed their fishing trips held for veterans, No Greater Love, and fund raising events. Discussed this year’s Christmas Boat Parade that is their main event for the year.

ALYC – No presentation was made.

Bar & Restaurant – Jon Reynolds – Discussed the daily activities that occur at the Post. Mentioned the great bar and restaurant at the Post. He discussed upcoming events including Christmas and New Year’s.

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. Mentioned they average 80 – 90 services per year, and they have done 80 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 November 1st 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 October 10th, 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 October 10th, 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, and he welcomed the new members to the Post. He discussed Casino Night, and the expected 200 to 250 people that will attend the Thanksgiving Dinner. He mentioned the New Year's Eve Party, and that you will need reservations. He discussed obeying the rules of the Post. 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 commented that if you follow the rules everything will be alright.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. Mike Schubert announced that there are 37 new members joining the Post this month. He mentioned that 63% of the new members are Vietnam vets, and that most of the remaining new members are post 9/11 vets. He discussed the upcoming Vietnam event that is held at the beginning of April, and that the last remaining Swift Boat from Vietnam will be at the event.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. The Commander spoke for Anne Borren. 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.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. The Commander spoke for Sandy Schneeberger and he discussed Boys State and Boys Nation, and he mentioned that the Boys State Governor and Boys Nation President are from Post 291. He also discussed the Oratorical Contest.

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 October 31, 2018. Refer to the table below.

Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 10/31/2018

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2018	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	5,906	539,945	647,640	250,381	898,021	100,065		232,289	1,776,259
COGS		358,220	664,483	228,733	893,216				1,251,436
GROSS PROFIT	5,906	167,774	(16,843)	21,648	4,805	100,098		232,289	524,824
EXPENSES	117,379	113,238	80,268	17,723	97,992	58,177	136,322	134,995	665,509
NET ORD INC	(111,473)	54,537	(97,111)	3,925	(93,186)	41,921	(136,322)	97,294	(140,686)
OTHER INC	308,510		1,500		1,500				310,910
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NET INCOME	197,037	54,537	(95,611)	3,925	(91,686)	41,921	(136,322)	98,194	170,224
BANK BAL	1m153k		1.115m						
OPERATE ACCT	61k		103k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	85k		61k						
RESERVE ACCT	900k		845k						

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. The Commander spoke for Jesse, and he had nothing to report.

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 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

The Key Largo Sail Boat Raffle was held. The winner was announced. Two additional tickets were drawn in case the winner declined to take the boat.

Good of the Legion

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 Four Pillars that the American Legion was found upon in 1919.

Pillar One: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Pillar Two: National Security

Pillar Three: Americanism

Pillar Four: Children and Youth

Ken Wilson, Chaplain: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2028 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion