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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)

2019

Happy New Year

from The American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291



DON'T FORGET

ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Legion: Wed, Jan 9, Feb 13 - 7 pm
Auxiliary: Wed, Jan 16, Feb 20 - 6:30 pm
SAL: Wed Jan 2, Feb 6 - 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00
Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00
Paul Eshelman - January 4
Tracy Longstreth Sings Sinatra - January 11
Hot Mes Mojo - January 18
Don Ross - January 25

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
Whiskey Hayride - January 6
Grumps - January 13
Coyote Sunrise- January 20
MidLife Crisis - January 27

FEBRUARY FRIDAY NIGHTS

DINING 5:00 - 8:00
Music for Dining: 5:00-6:00 Dancing: 6:00-10:00
Country Night with Double H - February 1
Daze of Blue - February 8
Grumps - February 15
Coyote Sunrise - February 22

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Entertainment 1:00 - 5:00 Big Top Patio
Nomads - February 3
FlipOut - February 10
Crossfire - February 17
Don Ross - February 24

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Tracy Longstreth Sings Sinatra - January 11
Auxiliary Wine Tasting - January 24
Oratorical - January 27

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Country Night - February 1
Auxiliary Sweethearts Ball - February 9
Casino Night - February 23

VETERAN RESOURCES



Jesse Garcia
Veterans Service Officer

VA Hospital of Long Beach
Dianeed Goodpaster, Assistant Chief
Department of Veteran Affairs
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
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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 Ken Wilson
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

ARMY

NAVY

MARINES

ARMY

COMMANDER
DOUG NYE



As Commander of Post 291, I want to thank all Post 291 members for your support as we, together, have taken actions which have made Newport Harbor Post 291 now the largest active American Legion Post in the nation. That has taken a lot of very hard work by members dedicated to make Post 291 not only the largest active

Post in the Country, but, in my opinion, the best Post in the country based on all we do in support of veterans, through our programs.

Unfortunately, amidst that success, a conflict has arisen between the Post, and one of our programs, the American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC). All efforts to resolve the conflict by good faith negotiation having failed. The Post 291 Executive Board on Dec. 6, 2018, reluctantly but necessarily voted to terminate the ALYC as a program. This action is necessary due to ALYC's refusal to comply with the **National American Legion's "Five Rules Of Subsidiary Corporations Or SAL And Riders Or Semi Independent Programs,"** referred to as the **"Five Rules"** of the parent National American Legion.

1. All officers, directors, trustees, etc must be named by the Post (usually nominated by the Post Commander and confirmed by the Post Executive Committee).
2. All vacancies in the subsidiary corporation must be filled by the Post.
3. The subsidiary corporation must report to the Post, no less frequently than monthly. These reports must include financial reports.
4. The Post Treasurer or finance Officer or Post fiscal officer must be a signatory on all accounts.
5. All amendments to articles or incorporation or by-laws must be approved by the Post. (If the current text has not been approved by the Post, it too must be so approved.)

Most members have heard about the dispute, or rumors about it, and misrepresentations about it, including articles in the newspaper. Misrepresentations have spread that "the Post is trying to take over the yacht club," and "the Post is trying to grab the assets of the yacht club." All false, malicious misrepresentations.

As Commander, I have established a committee attempting to resolve this problem through good faith negotiations among us as veterans and members of Post 291, and not responding to these false misrepresentations. The Post has made no public statements, and has declined to comment to the media—or to plant stories with the media. Others have, denigrating Post 291. We have not retaliated.

AIRFORCE

COAST GUARD

However, all attempts to resolve the problem by negotiation have failed; the ALYC has opted for litigation, suing the Post and all members of the Executive Board: and the ALYC continues to refuse to comply with National's "Five Rules."

There can be no doubt that the ALYC, as a Post program, has enhanced the image of our Post and done some good things for our Post, as have all our programs. But all Post programs are required to comply with the rules of the National American Legion as well as Department and Post rules. The ALYC, however, asserts that because it is incorporated as a "Social Club," it is not subject to oversight and control by the Post and refuses to comply with the "Five Rules" of the National American Legion which all Post programs must obey.

All Post 291 members have to understand that the "Five Rules" are not Post 291's rules—they are the rules of the National American Legion which is imposed upon all programs in all the more than 13,000 Posts in the country. Post 291 cannot change National's "Five Rules," only National can. Post 291 cannot refuse to enforce the Five Rules. Post 291 has no choice but to obey those rules at risk of sanctions of the Post by the National Legion; and no choice but to terminate the ALYC, or any other program, which refuses to comply with the National American Legion's "Five Rules."

As Commander, I have not put out statements about the controversy during more than a year of efforts to resolve the problem by good faith negotiation. I have done that so as not to poison the atmosphere to such an extent as to impede or preclude resolution by negotiation.

But, negotiations have failed. The ALYC refuses to comply with National's "Five Rules, and has been terminated as a program.

Therefore, I want you, the members, to have the facts of what has happened, and why. I provide you with that information by providing a copy of the notice of termination of the ALYC as a program which I directed to ALYC Commodore Doug Green which has been posted on our website – al291.com. Click on Officer's page and to go Commander's Message for published comments.

It is unfortunate that the ALYC has had to be terminated — but it had to be done because of ALYC's continuing refusal to comply with the "Five Rules" of the National American Legion.

This does not mean that Post 291 will be without a yacht club. A new Newport Harbor Post 291 Yacht Club is being established which will comply with National American Legion policies, including the Five Rules, and will function as a program, part of the Post 291 Legion Family, subject to the rules required of all programs, and not as an incorporated "social club" separate from the Post.

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



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JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		RECOVERY DAY HAPPY NEW YEAR! RESTAURANT CLOSED	1 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm SAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	2 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL E-Board Meeting 6 pm	3 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm PAUL ESHELMAN Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	4 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
6 B'fast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm WHISKEY HAYRIDE Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	7	8 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	9 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	10 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	11 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm TRACY LONGSTRETH SINGS SINATRA Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	12 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm SAILING VETS
13 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm GRUMPS Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	14	15 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	16 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AUX GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm	17 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	18 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm HOT MESS MOJO Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	19 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
20 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm COYOTE SUNRISE Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	21	22 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	23 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm	24 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AUXILIARY WINE TASTING 6 pm	25 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm DON ROSS Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	26 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
27 B'fast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm MIDLIFE CRISIS Big Top Patio 12-4 pm AL ORATORICAL CONTEST 5 pm	28	29 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	30 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm	31		

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm COUNTRY NIGHT W/ DOUBLE H Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	2 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
3 POST CLOSED FOR PRIVATE SUPER BOWL EVENT BAR OPEN	4	5 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	6 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm SAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	7 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	8 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm DAZE OF BLUE Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	9 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm AUX SWEETHEARTS BALL DAVE ALCANTAR
10 SAILING VETS Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm FLIPOUT Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	11 AUXILIARY BLOOD DRIVE 9 am-4 pm Come down and donate blood!	12 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	13 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm	14 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	15 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm GRUMPS Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	16 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm
17 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm CROSSFIRE Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	18	19 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	20 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm AUX GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm	21 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm Family Night Menu	22 Lunch 11:30 am Dinner 5 pm COYOTE SUNRISE Dinner Music 6-7:30 pm Dancing 7:30-10 pm	23 Lunch 11:30 am- 3 pm CASINO NIGHT 6 pm -10 pm SOCIAL HOUR 5 pm
24 Breakfast 9:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm DON ROSS Big Top Patio 12-4 pm	25	26 Hootenanny 1-4 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:15 pm Taco Tuesday 4-8 pm	27	28		

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