



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019**

SILENCE CELL PHONES

CALL TO ORDER: 1806 HRS

INVOCATION: Ken Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COMMANDER

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Borren, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Anderson, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carman Williams, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rees Lloyd, Legal Advisor |

EXCUSED: Sandy Schneeberger, Rich Whitlinger

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Guests: 1. Jon Reynolds

COMMANDER: Reminder that this meeting is conducted in accordance with Post 291 Bylaws & Roberts Rules of Order.

Legion Family & Donations

- a) SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander – Announced that everything is going well. He discussed the success of the Boat Parade. He mentioned that they are planning to hold a fund raiser event soon. He discussed Flag Day, fishing trips, and the 9/11 events.
- b) Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – She mentioned the success of the Halloween and Christmas parties. She announced that the Auxiliary General Meeting will be held on January 16th, that their Wine Tasting event will be held on January 24th starting at 6 PM, their Blood Drive will be held on February 4th, and the Sweethearts Ball will be held on February 16th. She stated that membership renewal was currently at 58%.
- c) Yacht Club – Robert Wright, Judge Advocate, reminded the E-Board that the Post no longer has a Yacht Club.

COMMANDER:

- a) All Board members received a copy of the **December 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes**, distributed by email:
 - The Commander asked for a motion to **“waive the reading of the December 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?”**
 - The Commander asked for a motion to **“approve the December 6th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?”**
 - Both motions were approved.

- b) All Board members received copies of the House Committee Minutes for **December 5th, 18th, and 26th** in the packets handed out for review.
- The Commander asked for a motion to “**waive the reading of the House Committee Minutes in the E-Board packets.**”
 - The motion was approved.

ADJUTANT REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

There is nothing to report this month.

COMMANDER

The Commander discussed the success of the Boat Parade event and that attendance was up by 8% over last year. He mentioned that that 160 people attended the New Year’s Eve party, and that it was a successful event. He stated that overall 2018 went very well, and that everything is fine at the Post. He discussed improving custodial services in 2019.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Speaking about membership.

Mike Schubert announced that we that we are already at 65% renewal, and that we should reach 100% within three months.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Speaking about upcoming events and bands.

Anne Borren stated that the next Casino Night event will be on February 23rd. The bands are hired for the near future.

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Speaking on Americanism, youth and children, Boys State, and the Oratorical Contest. In the absence of Sandy Schneeberger (she attended an event in San Diego for the National Commander) nothing was reported.

FINANCE OFFICER – Speaking on Post operations.

Paul Meye discussed the Post’s finances through December 31, 2018.

The Commander stated that wages went up on January 1st and that the cost of insurance has increased.

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Speaking on the Post’s Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

Robert Wright reminded the E-Board that what is done in this meeting is official and it goes into the record officially.

During Closed Session a discussion was held on American Legion Yacht Club and membership issues.

SERVICE OFFICER – Speaking on the Post 291 veteran’s assistance programs.

Jesse Garcia thanked the E-Board for providing financial assistance to help a female veteran purchase a car. She has been without a car for 3 years, and she holds down 2 minimum wage jobs to support her 3 children. This will really improve the quality of her and her children’s lives.

CHAPLAIN – Speaking on the spiritual welfare of Post members.

Ken Wilson reported that five families lost loved ones in the recent past. He has sent sympathy cards to the families, and he will coordinate this with Jesse Garcia. He will also be posting to the Chaplain’s Corner on the Post’s webpage.

HISTORIAN – Speaking on the pictorial history of the Post.

Mizka Brick took pictures at the New Year’s Eve party, and Carmen Williams posted them to the Post webpage.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was reported.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Rees Lloyd spoke on the status of the Bladensburg Cross law suit. He also spoke on the Department's "mini convention" meeting held in Brawley.

Jesse Garcia, Service Officer, spoke about a veteran that needed help for his family, and the assistance provided by the Post and by the SONS.

The Commander discussed the American Legion's float in the Rose Parade.

WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION: 1850 hours.

Discussed the status a member's standing at the Post, and it was determined that their membership would not be renewed.

Discussed issues associated with the Post's former Yacht Club.

Discussed starting a new Yacht Club to be called the Veteran's Yacht Club.

Discussed preparing Rules and Regulations for the Yacht Club for Veterans. The Rules and Regulations should be made up by the new Yacht Club Committee or the new Yacht Club for Veterans Board members. The Yacht Club for Veterans and their Rules and Regulations need to be approved by the Post's E-Board.

Discussed the findings of the Yacht Club Committee including: their preliminary organization of this committee to interview perspective officers, they established annual dues of \$100.00, reciprocals, membership in the Southern California Yachting Association, and club boats. They want to start the membership drive immediately. The front office will establish an account for the receipt of membership dues.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 2112 hours.

During Closed Session the E-Board approved the following motions:

M/S/C: A motion was made and approved that we don't renew the membership of a Post member on the basis that he could hurt somebody or Post property. A letter will be written to him explaining this.

M/S/C: A motion was made and approved that we change any place in the Newport Harbor Post 291 Constitution and Bylaws where it says the American Legion Yacht Club to Yacht Club Program where it is appropriate to use that wording or just Program or just Yacht Club. Take out American Legion Yacht Club since we no longer have that Program.

M/S/C: A motion was made and approved that we establish a new Yacht Club as a program of Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion. The Yacht Club would be for Veterans. Richard Reyna will be the Commodore. The dues will be \$100.00 per year for founding members.

ADJOURNED: 2116 hours.