



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1905 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:

<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	<input 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 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"/> Carmen Williams, Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

EXCUSED: Mike Schubert, Jess Lawson, Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Rich Whitlinger, Wayne Zippi

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

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Scott Williams from the Freedom Committee of Orange County spoke on "The Wall That Heals," a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, that will be on display in the immediate area from April 11th through April 14th.

Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – No presentation was made.

SAL – Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Commander – He mentioned that their program is the largest in the country with just under 1,600 members. They are motivated to become a better service organization for veterans. They are expanding their fundraising capability. We love having your grandchildren in our membership. He mentioned that last year they raised a lot of money this past year. We donated \$1,000 to CHOC Follies. We did our 6th fishing trip where we take veterans with PTSD out deep-sea fishing; if you are a veteran with PTSD you are welcome to join us. The veteran needs to purchase their own fishing license, everything else is paid for by the SONS. He mentioned they donated \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity to build two homes for veterans. He mentioned they have a scholarship program for veterans working with Goldenwest College. They are looking to expand that program to UCI, Saddleback, Fullerton, and Irvine Valley. They are holding events on Flag Day for the kids and on 9/11. He

mentioned they are planning an event for Desert Storm veterans during August. He mentioned the SONS are very proud to be a program of the Post.

Yacht Club – Commodore Richard Reyna – He announced the Veterans 291 Yacht Club is a program of the Post. The goal is to get veterans and their families on the water. He mentioned that they donated to the Welcome Home Vietnam party. They held their General Meeting on the March 28th. He announced they are having a Dock Party on April 13th. They are also going to be helping with Easter activities at the Post. He invited all Family members of Post 291 to join the Yacht Club even if they are not boaters.

Post Color Guard – Commander Brian Fleming – He updated where they are this year. They have already done 10 events this year. They are starting off the year pretty standard to what they do. They do about 90 events a year. He invited the new members to join them.

Bar & Restaurant – Jon Reynolds – He welcomed everyone to enjoy the amenities of the Post, right here at Newport Harbor. It's just an unusual opportunity for veterans and their families to enjoy a place like this. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of it. We have a lot of activities going on each week. On Tuesday afternoon is a hootenanny with numerous musicians and in the evening, we have Taco Tuesday and line dancing. Wednesday night is used by members of the Post family for their meetings. Thursday is Family Night with special menu items added to our regular menu. Friday night there is always a dinner dance with live music to dance to. On Saturday there is food service through lunch. Burn your own is available 7 days a week. You can purchase a burger or hot dog and cook it on one of our BBQs in the west patio. We have a very active social program here. He stated it is a family friendly place.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the March 7th 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 February 13, 2019 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Commander Nye requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to approve the February 13, 2019, 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 commented on the following issues:

- He reminded everyone to sign their membership card, and that it is needed to get into the Post.
- He discussed some Post rules including don't feed the birds; don't go barefoot; be sure to sign-in all guests; and don't park your car in the Post parking lot and then go to the beach.
- He discussed the new tile in the bar and the new carpeting in the bar and view-room.
- He mentioned that air conditioning and heat will be installed in the main building.
- He mentioned that a Post member paid for new fencing in the parking lot along the alley.
- He stated we are working with the City to improve the Marina.
- He discussed the floor polishing in the Main Hall.
- He mentioned that the Post hosts banquets, weddings, and celebration of life events.

At the end of his presentation the Commander called on each officer to make their reports.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Mike Schubert – is in-charge of membership for the Post. The Commander spoke for Mike Schubert and announced that we that we are at 92% renewal, and that we should reach 100% in May. He mentioned that there is a bill before Congress to permit the American Legion to accept veterans that served during non-war times.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. She mentioned there are a lot of events coming up. Anne Borren discussed the upcoming band schedule and events. She mentioned the St. Paddy's event, and that all upcoming events are on our website and Instagram. She recommended that reservations be made for the Friday night dinner dance. She discussed the upcoming Welcome Home Vietnam event.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. She discussed Americanism and patriotism. She mentioned this year's Boys State is a leadership program that teaches citizenship, patriotism, and how to set up government in 5 days. The boys hit the ground running. They set up cities, counties and state. They set up the government structures: and constitutions, and they have elections. She mentioned that the State governor was from Post 291. She went on to discuss Boys Nation and that 2 senators were elected to represent California. One of the boys elected to represent California was from Post 291 and he was elected Boys Nation President. This year's Boys State event will be held during the Department Convention at the end of June. We are sending 27 boys from this Post.

She ended by discussing the Cal Vet Handbook, and that it should be coming out soon. It describes the benefits for veterans.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – is in-charge of Post Operations. He mentioned that the Post is divided into two sections; membership and business. Paul Meye discussed the Post's finances through March 7, 2019. See the table below.

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 the Veteran's Assistance Programs. 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. Ken Wilson reported that the Chaplain's Corner on the Post's webpage is up and running and that he will maintain it on a monthly basis. He is here to help you in the faith community that you are already are a part of.

New Members

New members were introduced by Brian Fleming in the absence of 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.

Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 3/7/2019

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2019	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	903	70,283	80,247	65,093	145,340	24,322		68,629	309,478
COGS		55,449	130,708	57,285	187,993				243,442
GROSS PROFIT	903	14,834	(50,461)	7,809	(42,653)	24,322		68,629	66,036
EXPENSES	27,031	19,505	14,988	1,252	16,240	12,391	27,108	33,269	135,544
NET ORD INC	(26,128)	(4,670)	(65,450)	6,557	(58,893)	11,931	(27,108)	33,360	(69,508)
OTHER INC	62,600								62,508
OTHER EX									
NET INCOME	36,472	(4,670)	(65,450)	6,557	(58,893)	11,931	(27,108)	33,360	(6,908)
BANK BAL	1m083k		1m174k						
OPERATE ACCT	51k		97k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	13k		126k						
RESERVE ACCT	903k		846k						

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 Commander spoke about the procedures for the election of Post officers for 2019-2020. He discussed the Elected Officer and Appointed Officer Duties, Election Rules 2019, and Election Notice 2019. He mentioned that candidates for each officer position can be nominated at the March 13, 2019 and April 10, 2019 General Meetings.

He stated that the election of Post officers will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, May 8, 2019, the date of the regular May Post General Membership meeting. Voting polls will be open from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All POST members who wish to vote at the upcoming election must carry and present a valid and current American Legion Post 291 membership card to receive a ballot. The results will be announced at the end of the May 8th General Meeting.

The Commander called for the first round of nominations for Post Elected Officers for the 2019-2020 Command Year. The following individuals were nominated:

March 2019 Post 291 Nominations

Commander	Mike Schubert –
Commander	Jon Reynolds – Accepted
1 st Vice Commander	Robert Brennan – Accepted
1 st Vice Commander	Brian Fleming – Accepted
2 nd Vice Commander	Anthony Morales – Accepted
2 nd Vice Commander	Anne Borren – Accepted
3 rd Vice Commander	James Updike – Accepted
3 rd Vice Commander	Sandy Schneeberger – Accepted
Finance Officer	Paul Meye – Accepted
Finance Officer	Robert Wine – Accepted
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Grundmeyer – Accepted
Sgt-at-Arms	Skipper Tim Berkovitz –
Chaplain	Ken Wilson – Accepted
Chaplain	None
Historian	Carmen Williams – Accepted
Historian	None
Member-at-Large	Nick Giordano – Accepted
Member-at-Large	Eric Schroeder – Accepted
Member-at-Large	Dennis DeRosa – Accepted
Member-at-Large	Al Yarrington – Accepted
Member-at-Large	Frank Capitanio – Accepted
Member-at-Large	Hector Stroman – Accepted

After all nominations were in the Commander closed the March 2019 Nominations.

Good of the Legion

Nothing was reported.

Ken Wilson, Chaplain: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2044 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson

Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion