



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 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 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 Whittlinger, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

**EXCUSED:** Ken Wilson

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

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

**Auxiliary** – Debbie Schubert, President – She announced that their next General Meeting is on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She discussed Troop Shipping is on May 18<sup>th</sup> and they are likely to ship 250 boxes. She thanked the Sons for donating \$5,000 to help pay for shipping costs. She stated that they spend \$8,000 per year in shipping costs. She mentioned that May is Poppy Month and asked everyone to buy the poppies.

**SAL** – Tim Sullivan, Commander – He mentioned that they run the concierge services and checking the gate cards for the Post. They are sponsoring a golf tournament in Long Beach. He discussed their upcoming fishing trips where they 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. They are holding events on Flag Day June 14<sup>th</sup> for the kids. He mentioned they are here to support the veterans of the Post..

**Veterans 291 Yacht Club** – Anne Borren, Vice Commodore – She announced the Veterans 291 Yacht Club has 256 members as of last week, and 140 are Legionnaires. She announced the Dock Party held on April 13<sup>th</sup> was a raging success with over 200 guests. She mentioned the Veterans 291 Yacht Club sponsored Easter Bunny who gave out treats, and the petting zoo. She invited all Family members of Post 291 to join the Yacht Club even if they are not boaters.

**Post Honor Guard** – Kevin Van Otterloo, Vice Commander – He mentioned that their primary responsibilities 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. He stated they have completed 19 events this year, and that they do about 90 events a year. He invited the new Post members to join them.

**Bar & Restaurant** – Jon Reynolds – He welcomed everyone and mentioned the great food that the restaurant serves, and the drinks that are served in the bar. He discussed the great location of the Post, and to enjoy its amenities. He mentioned that the Post facilities are available for rent for events including, weddings, celebrations of life, birthdays, and other special events. He stated that there are bands on Sunday and on Saturdays during the summer months. 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. He mentioned Mother's Day and Memorial Day events are coming up.

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the May 2<sup>nd</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 April 10, 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 April 10, 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 discussed installing a new tankless water heater to service the kitchen.
- He discussed repainting the parking lot stalls and warning areas.
- He discussed the new fence that installed along the alley.
- He discussed the repairs that are being made to the Marina.
- He discussed the repairs the City will be making to the seawall.
- He stated that the Post is running well.
- He discussed the problems we are having with Pigeons.
- He stated that we are not inducting any new members tonight.
- He reminded everyone to sign their membership and card, and that it is needed to get into the Post. Everyone needs to bring the parking cards with them.
- He discussed ABC and their activities and rules at the Peninsula bars, including the Post, and that we are going to abide by them.; 6 Posts have been fined.
- He reminded everyone that Veterans come first at the Post.

- He thanked everyone who have volunteered to make our events successful.
- He mentioned that he is terming out on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- He thanked everyone for coming out tonight, for their support, and that he enjoyed being the Commander.
- He mentioned that we will have an event on Memorial Day.
- He mentioned that the Department Convention is at the end of June.

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

**Officer Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert** – is in-charge of membership for the Post. Mike Schubert mentioned that we are having a very good membership year and announced that we are 16 members short of reaching our membership goal for the year. He mentioned that the Post and Sons should reach the 100% renewal goals.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Anne Borren** – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. She mentioned that she oversees the bands and Ways and Means for the Post. She discussed the upcoming band schedule and events. She mentioned that all upcoming events are on our website and Instagram. She mentioned our Mother’s Day and Memorial Day events. She mentioned that bands should start playing on Saturday on June 1<sup>st</sup>..

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 a government in 5 days. We are sending 27 boys from this Post. She mentioned the Boys State Governor and the Boys Nation President were both from Post 291.

**Finance Officer Paul Meye** – is in-charge of Post Operations. He mentioned that the Post is divided into two sections; membership and business, and she discussed each of them. Paul Meye discussed the Post’s finances through May 1, 2019. See the table below.

**Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 5/1/2019**

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2019	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	1,180	156,642	202,914	94,328	297,242	34,462		91,747	581,273
COGS		111,390	250,913	97,777	348,689				460,080
GROSS PROFIT	1,180	45,252	(47,999)	(3,448)	(51,447)	34,462		91,747	121,193
EXPENSES	48,497	34,165	30,311	2,610	32,921	21,920	46,094	54,731	238,326
NET ORD INC	(47,317)	11,087	(78,310)	(6,058)	(84,368)	12,542	(46,110)	37,016	(117,133)
OTHER INC	76,447								76,447
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NET INCOME	29,130	11,087	(78,310)	(6,058)	(84,368)	12,542	(46,110)	37,016	(40,686)
BANK BAL	1m28k		1m136k						
OPERATE ACCT	63k		95k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	12k		85k						
RESERVE ACCT	853k		846k						

**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. He reported that 6 Post members have passed away since mid-February. He sent cards and flowers to the families. He encouraged all Post members to read the Chaplain’s Corner on our webpage. He stated he is here to support all members of the Post, and that he will assist them in locating the appropriate people within all religions.

**New Members**

No new members were introduced into the Post this month.

**New Business**

The Commander spoke about the procedures for the election of Post officers for 2019-2020. He placed the meeting in recess pending the results of the election. He announced that the meeting will be recalled back into regular session when the results of the election are completed.

The following individuals were elected:

Commander	Jon Reynolds
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Brennan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Anthony Morales
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Jim Updike
Finance Officer	Bob Wine
Sgt-at-Arms	Bob Grundmeyer
Chaplain	Ken Wilson
Historian	Richard Fraenzimmer
Member-at-Large	Nick Giordano
Member-at-Large	Eric Schroeder

**Good of the Legion**

Nothing was mentioned.

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

The Honor Guard retired the MIA/POW Flag.

The Honor Guard retired the Flag of our country.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2314 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson  
Adjutant, American Legion  
Newport Harbor Post 291