



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 1905 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Skipper Tim Bercovitz

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 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 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 Whitlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, Service Officer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L.              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Comm              | <input type="checkbox"/> Open, 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:** Robert Wright, Al Yarrington, and Rob White

**Honored Guests:** Bob Brower, Dan Ferrari, Barbara Hallet, Ken George, and Walt Wagner in memorial.

The Commander announced that Bob Brower was honored as Legionnaire of the Year at the Department's Convention.

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

**Auxiliary** – Debbie Schubert, President – Announced they started renewals and membership yesterday. Mentioned Girls Nation. Discussed their upcoming events, including a blood drive and the Halloween Party for the kids.

**SAL** – Tim Sullivan, Commander: Announced they have a lot of events coming up this year. Mentioned they recently held a successful fishing trip; and another fishing trip is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>. They worked with habitat for Humanity in building homes for veterans in need. On June 16<sup>th</sup> they held their annual toast to our father's event, and they celebrated Flag Day on the lawn. They are planning a golf tournament for the September – October time frame.

**ALYC** – Doug Green, Commodore: – Discussed the 16-week Monday night Sundowner Race Series that started on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will run through the end of August. Announced that their July membership meeting is on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade, and that they had .31 boats in the parade. Discussed their Youth Sailing program. In June they did a raft up. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> they will hold the Old Glory Awards Dinner. Announced they are having a cruise to Dana Point on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bar & Restaurant** – Jon Reynolds – Discussed the kitchen staff and the excellent way in which they perform their duties. Discussed the advantages of being a member of the Post as a Legionnaire. Encouraged people to take advantage of the amenities offered by the Post. Mentioned that we have a full bar (open 7 days a week) and restaurant (open 6 days a week – closed on Mondays). Discussed the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and the Make-a-Wish luncheon.

**Post Color Guard** – Commander Brian Fleming – Announced they competed at the Department Convention at the end of June, and that they will be participating at the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention at the end of August. 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.

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the July 5<sup>th</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 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. He discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, and stated that it went real well. He thanked everyone all the volunteers that helped with making it a good/orderly 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He mentioned that next year the breakfast Mimosa bar will be a cash bar. The Commander spoke about the Post's zero tolerance for sexual harassment and marijuana use.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Schubert** – is in-charge of membership for the Post. Mike Schubert announced that there are 91 new members joining the Post this month and that 32 of them are present. He also discussed the Adult Sailing Classes (paddleboard, kayak, and sailing) that are held quarterly at the City's new facility immediately west of the Post, and that the Post will reimburse Legionnaires 70% of the cost upon their proof of completing the class.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Anne Borren** – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Pointed out that upcoming event flyers are on all the tables. Mentioned that we have Monday night yacht racing, Tuesday night Taco Night and line dancing, Wednesday is meeting night, every other Thursday is Jazz by the Bay night, Friday is dinner and dancing night, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons we have bands under the Big Top.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger** – is in-charge of Americanism, Boys State, the High School Oratorical Contest, and Boy Scouts. Announced that the Boys State Governor was from Post 291, and that 3 of the 5 nominees for Boys Nation are from Post 291. Mentioned there will be a Boys State Foundation fund raiser for Boys State, and that the Pacific Palisades Post will be involved in leading it. Mentioned the Boys State Governor will be speaking at an upcoming General Membership meeting.

**Finance Officer Paul Meye** – is in-charge of Post Operations. He mentioned that our Post is divided into two sections; membership and business. Discussed the Post's finances through the end of June 2018. See the table below. He mentioned that the Post has no debts, and that the Post is in a very strong financial position.

**Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 6/30/2018**

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2018	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	4,633	304,826	351,971	149,326	501,297	54,433		139,236.00	1,004,425
COGS		209,834	377,319	128,285	505,604				715,438
GROSS PROFIT	4,633	94,992	(25,348)	21,041	(4,307)	54,433		139,236	288,987
EXPENSES	68,484	73,776	47,920	6,698	54,618	34,154	83,146	78,793	392,969
NET ORD INC	(63,851)	21,216	(73,268)	14,343	(58,925)	20,279	(83,146)	60,443	(103,982)
OTHER INC	166,415		1,500		1,500				168,015
OTHER EX									
NET INCOME	102,564	21,216	(71,768)	14,343	(57,425)	20,279	(83,146)	60,543	64,033
BANK BAL	1.121m								
OPERATE ACCT	88k								
MBRSHIP ACCT	73k								
RESERVE ACCT	846k								

**Judge Advocate Robert Wright** – is in-charge of the Post’s Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. He was not in attendance, and nothing was reported.

**Service Officer Jesse Garcia** – is in charge of Veteran’s Assistance Programs. Jesse Garcia discussed two requests for donations. The first was a request from Team Dark Horse that requested a donation to their Back to School event for Marine families. A motion was made and approved to donate \$2,500.00 to Home Front America.

**Historian Carmen Williams** – is in-charge of the Pictorial History of the Post. He had nothing to report.

**Chaplain William Bennett** – is in-charge of the Spiritual Welfare of Post Members. The Commander stated that the Chaplain position was vacant, and that he had nothing to report.

**New Members**

New members were introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Rees Lloyd discussed several issues, including the *amicus* (friend of the court) *brief* filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in which Post 291 joined with Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady (MOH, Vietnam), Patriot Outreach, and three other veterans organization to help in the fight to save the Bladensburg, Md. Peace Cross, the Flag Amendment, and the General Hayes Veterans Memorial.

**Good of the Legion**

Nothing to report.

**Skipper Tim Bercovitz**: said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2041 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson  
Adjutant, Newport Harbor Post 291 American Legion