



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
JULY 2, 2019 AMENDED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1900 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:

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> Anne Borren, 2 nd 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 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"/> Carmen Williams, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |

EXCUSED: Mike Schubert, Anne Borren

Honored Guests: Barbara Hallett, Bob Brower.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Dana Johnson, Executive Committee – She stated that their purpose is to support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families. She announced that they are dark during the month of June. In July they have their July 4th Make-a Wish event and that volunteers are needed. She announced that their next General Meeting is on July 17th.

SAL – Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Commander – He mentioned that they run the concierge services and checking the gate cards for the Post. He stated that they raise funds to support veterans. They donated \$1,000 the CHOC Follies, they donated \$10,000 to the 1st Marines, they donated \$5,000 to the Auxiliary to help pay for Troop Shipping. And \$6,000 to American Veterans. They are holding events on Flag Day June 14th for the kids in Veterans Park. He mentioned that their next fishing trip for veterans with PTSD is on June 27th. He stated they will be having an event to honor the post 9/11 veterans and emergency responders.

Veterans 291 Yacht Club – Richard Reyna, Commodore – **[As amended]** Richard Reyna was not in attendance; no report was made.

Post Honor Guard – Brian Fleming, 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 37 events this year, and that they do about 90 events a year. He stated they will be performing at the Department Convention at the end of the month, and that they will be competing at the National Convention in August. 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 the 4th of July event that is coming up.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the June 6th 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 May 8, 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 May 8, 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 mentioned that the new officers' installation dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 26th, and that it starts at 4:00 PM.
- He announced that the Auxiliary has already held their officer installation event.
- He mentioned that the Department Convention begins on June 27th.
- He stated that the Post is running well.
- 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 mentioned that we passed a health inspection last week.
- He discussed the repairs that are being made to the Marina.
- He discussed the repairs the City will be making to the pilings and seawall. They will engineer and get the permits this year and construct next year.
- He closed by stating that this is his last General Meeting as Commander and he thanked everyone who worked with him to make the Post a positive place for veterans.

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 for Mike Schubert. He thanked Jeff Gottfredson for his help with membership. He mentioned that we are having a very good membership year and announced that we have 30 new members joining the Post tonight. He finished by saying we reached our membership goal for the year.

2nd Vice Commander Anne Borren – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. The Commander for Anne Borren. He mentioned that she mentioned that she oversees the bands and Ways and Means for the Post. He discussed the upcoming band schedule and events.

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 a government in 5 days. We are sending 27 boys from this Post. She requested that the members give the next 3rd Vice their support.

The Commander thanked Sandy for all her hard and dedicated work as 3rd Vice.

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 June 5, 2019. See the table below.

Financial Statement Executive Summary as of YTD 6/5/2019

Post 291 Business P&L By Class									
YTD 2019	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOTAL REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	1,226	219,758	287,173	130,573	417,747	52,387		136,800	827,918
COGS		152,304	337,499	118,345	455,844				608,148
GROSS PROFIT	1,226	67,454	(50,326)	(12,228)	(38,098)	52,387		136,800	219,769
EXPENSES	58,029	46,768	37,977	4,324	42,301	28,249	57,199	74,317	306,863
NET ORD INC	(56,803)	20,685	(88,303)	(7,905)	(80,398)	24,138	(57,199)	62,483	(87,093)
OTHER INC	81,133								81,133
OTHER EX									
NET INCOME	24,330	20,685	(88,303)	(7,905)	(80,398)	24,138	(57,199)	62,483	(5,961)
BANK BAL	1m13k		1m93k						
OPERATE ACCT	65k		74k						
MBRSHIP ACCT	2k		62k						
RESERVE ACCT	803k		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. Jesse Garcia discussed his 11-year membership at the Post, and the 9 years he has spent as Service Officer. He presented a gift to the Commander for his service to members of the Post. He requested that a picture be taken of all the Board members for the Commander.

Historian Carmen Williams – is in-charge of the Pictorial History of the Post. Carmen Williams thanked everyone that supported him at the Post. He stated that he has been the Historian for 8 years, then he took two years off due to a medical condition. Then the Commander asked him to come back and he served past two years. He has submitted all the pictures he has taken to the Post.

Chaplain Ken Wilson – is in-charge of the Spiritual Welfare of Post Members. Ken Wilson mentioned that he's been the Post Chaplain for a short time and that he is still learning the ropes and how he can best serve the membership of the Post. His background is as a Judeo-Christian world view. He stated he believes that God is love and anyone who loves is of God and anyone who does not love is not of God. That is an inclusive principle – it includes all people. It doesn't discriminate. God's love doesn't discriminate. He's here to serve you as best as I can. If you belong to a spiritual organization that is where you get your spiritual support. He's here to supplement it; not to take the place of a Priest or a Rabi or an Imam or a Buddhist monk. He will help coordinate those things if that is your preference. I don't necessarily have to do the service, but I can coordinate it to get the right person at the right place. He is also here to offer spiritual encouragement through the Chaplain's Corner – this is mainly for the new inductees. He will try to send out condolence cards for those people who are ill or have passed away. Jesse is kind enough to keep him posted. He stated that 21 people have passed away in two weeks. Some were from National, some from the State, but most were from the Post. He also participates in Celebration of Life for those who have passed away. He thanked the Commander for giving him this opportunity.

Commander Says His Goodbye

He mentioned he has an open-door policy and that he has spoken to Jon Reynolds about different issues. There are a lot of rumors going around about a lack of communication between the outgoing E-Board and the incoming Board. He wants to see these rumors cease. Jon Reynolds will assume the Commander position on July 1st. He mentioned that his upcoming role is the Junior Past Commander on the Board. He thanked Jess Lawson for helping him the past 4 years.

New Members

New members were introduced by Honor Guard Commander Brian Fleming who stood in for 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. It was mentioned that Women's Veteran's Day began 71 years ago on this day.

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

Gene Anderson, Adjutant, spoke about the need to revise the way the Post Legionnaires vote at the Post. In the May 2019 election approximately 650 voters cast votes. This number maximized the number of voters that could vote during a 4-hour time frame as called for in the Bylaws. 650 is approximately 16% of the total number of eligible Legionnaire voters. He stated we need to start voting online over a secured program. He mentioned there are several online voting programs that afford a safe and secure election and that they are offered for free. He concluded by stating that the newly elected Board should make it a priority to see this happen, and they should immediately appoint a committee to research and identify an online voting system that would work for the Post.

[As amended] The following list are the newly elected Post 291 officers for the 2019/2020 command year:

Commander — Jon Reynolds
First Vice Commander — Bob Brennan
Second Vice Commander — Anthony Morales
Third Vice Commander — Jim Updike
Finance Officer — Bob Wine
Historian — Rich Frauenzimmer
Sergeant at Arms — Bob Grundmeyer
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 2008 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant, American Legion
Newport Harbor Post 291