

AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291 215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1904 hrs

Invocation: Chaplain William Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

Roll Call:

	Doug Nye, Commander	X Ken George, 1st Vice	X Roger Henry 2 nd Vice X S.Schneeberger 3 rd Vice	
<u>X</u>	Gene Anderson, Adj.	X Robert Wright, Jdg Adv	X Paul Meye, Finance X William Bennett, Chaplain	
<u>X</u>	Jesse Garcia, Svc Officer	Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms Excused	X Patti Carson, Historian X Jess Lawson, Jr. Past – excused	
<u>X</u>	Don Putzig, M.a.L.	Mike Schubert, M.a.L. Excused	X Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L. Ken Widdall, M.a.L. Absent	
X	Al Yarrington, M.a.L.	X Robert Wright, M.a.L.		

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari; Andy Tipko, Adjutant – District 29; Rene Marcoux, CO of the Sea Cadets; Thomas Ruck, VA Department of Veterans Affairs - Cemetery

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

<u>Sea Cadets</u> - Rene Marcoux, CO of the Sea Cadets spoke of the Sea Cadets and presented the Post with a plaque in recognition of the Post's support of the Sea Cadets.

<u>Navy League</u> - Ken George spoke about the recent Navy Ball and the Sea Cadets; he presented a \$5,000 donation check to Rene Marcoux, CO of the Sea Cadets.

<u>VA Department of Veterans Affairs – Cemetery</u> - Thomas Ruck honored all Viet Nam Veterans in attendance, and presented each one with a lapel pin.

<u>Auxiliary</u> – President Cat Katz – Announced the Holiday Boutique is to be held on November 10th, Holiday Troop Shipping for Christmas is to be held on November 12th – requested donations to cover the cost of shipping, and a Children's Christmas Party is to be held on December 11th.

<u>SAL</u> – Butch Rowe, Adjutant – Discussed how sons of veterans can become a member of SAL. Announced the Boat Parade Dec 14 – 18, 2016 - call Post for reservations.

<u>ALYC</u> – Neil Harden, Commodore – Invited guests to become members of the ALYC. Discussed the events that the ALYC has. Discussed the Oct. 15th Sail for the Visually Impaired, and the fishing tournament on November 12th. Stated that their elections will be held on November 17th. They currently have over 1,000 members.

<u>Bar & Restaurant</u>: Doug Nye, Commander – Mentioned that the Post has a full bar and restaurant. Invited all of our members to use the facility; the Post is a great venue for all members and family - take advantage of renting our facilities for weddings, parties, and other functions. Every Tuesday is Taco Tuesday with line dancing. Thursday is family night with "all you can eat spaghetti, and several other dinner specials. Every Friday evening there is a dinner/dance at the Post. There is a band on the west patio on Sunday afternoons.

<u>Honor Guard</u>: Commander Brian Fleming, Jr. Our primary duty is to do the funeral ceremonial services for our Veterans, our secondary duty is to do Color Guard Services in the community. This year the Color Guard have provided services at 73 events. This year the Color Guard for services rendered has received \$11,800 in donations.

Kevin Van Otterloo spoke about the Citizen Oath Ceremony held recently at The Grove in Anaheim where 900 new citizens took their oath. They presented the Post with a Certificate of Appreciation; it was presented to the Commander.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the November 3rd Executive Board Meeting minutes. M/S/C to waive the reading of October 12, 2016 General Meeting Minutes. M/S/C to approve the October 12, 2016 General Meeting Minutes.

Correspondence: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, announced there was no correspondence received last month.

<u>Commander</u>: The Commander announced that we have received our Membership award ribbons for 2015-2016 – 110% of goal, and our 2016 early bird award ribbon. At this time will members of the Honor Guard bring the Legion Flag forward to tie the ribbons to the top of the flag stanchion. Brian Fleming and Kevin Van Otterloo performed the ceremony.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Ken George – is in-charge of membership. Discussed membership goals for the Post. It is expected that we will make our membership goal for the year. Discussed that Americanism includes voting and jury duty.

2nd Vice Commander Roger Henry – He is in-charge of fund raising and events for the Post. Events this month include the Veterans Day Event on November 11th, Thanksgiving Brunch will be served from 11 am to 3 pm, the December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event – 11 am to 3 pm, and the Boat Parade from December 14th to the 18th. Bands will be playing on Fridays (dinner and dancing) and Sundays.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – Discussed the oratorical contest and that it will be held on January 16th, 2017 and passing out a flyer asking for people to sign-up to assist with the event. Announced that Boys State is coming up in the near future. Discussed the Boy Scouts and that they may want to do projects at the Post. Volunteers were requested to help with these programs.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – Presented a recap of the October numbers (see chart below); Final October numbers will be available after the November 10th.

Financial Statement Summary as of YTD 10/31/2016

	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		
MEMBERSHIP					CHG
INCOME	317,714		314,665		3,049
OTHER					
INCOME	80,073		314		79,759
TOTAL					
INCOME	397,787		314,978		82,808
EXPENSES	340,843		307,650		33,193
NET INCOME	56,944		7,329		49,615
SUMMARY	YTD 20	16	YTD :	2015	
	NET	BANK	NET	BANK	CASH
	INCOME	CASH	INCOME	CASH	CHG
MEMBERSHIP	56,944	378,781	7,329	378,388	393
OPERATING	133,874	324,458	169,332	180,769	143,689
TOTAL AL 291	190,817	703,239	176,661	550,157	144,082

Judge Advocate - Robert Wright, No Report

Service Officer – Jesse Garcia – Discussed numerous free meals that will be served to veterans at numerous restaurants, and other free deals for veterans.

Historian – Patti Carson – Announced there is an electronic photo montage under the announcement board.

Chaplain - William Bennett, No Report

Honor Guard

Brian Fleming and Kevin Van Otterloo – Recognized the individual members of the Honor Guard team, and presented each with a plaque recognizing their outstanding dedication over time to the Post 291 Honor Guards.

New Members

New members were introduced by 1st Vice Commander Ken George, and invited to stand.

M/S/C to accept the new members into Post 291. The Commander welcomed the new members into Post 291.

New Business: None

Good of the Legion: No Report

Chaplain Bennett said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2044 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson Adjutant