



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs

Invocation: Jess Lawson

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nye

National Anthem: lead by Steve D'Arca

POW/MIA Ceremony: Dennis Derosia

Recite the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion: lead by Commander Nye

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Don Putzig, Ken George, Robert Wright, William Bennett

Honored Guests: Dan Ferrari; Jim Updyke (Yacht Club Dive & Snorkeling Club)

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – President Cat Katz – Spoke to wives and daughters of veterans about joining the Auxiliary. Discussed the groups they were helping this year. Discussed their annual raffle, Sweethearts Ball (February 11th), Fashion Show, and the other events they are holding at the beginning of the new year.

SAL – Butch Rowe, Adjutant – Discussed how sons of veterans can become a member of SAL.

ALYC – Commander Nye spoke for Neil Harden, Commodore – Post 291 has the only yacht club in the American Legion. Discussed the number of slips available to members and the waiting list. Discussed the upcoming change in the leadership of the yacht club.

Bar & Restaurant: Mike Schubert – 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.

Membership: Commander Nye: Discussed the membership of the post, and that we have approximately 4,200 members. Discussed our restaurant, its staff, bar, and menu. Mentioned our new TVs that have been installed throughout the Post. Thanked everyone who helped in decorating the hall for the holidays. Requested more people to volunteer at the post.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Gene Anderson, Adjutant, read the December 1st Executive Board Meeting minutes.

Commander: Commander Nye announced that the Boat Parade will start tomorrow night. Commander Nye made the following motions:

M/S/C to waive the reading of November 9, 2016 General Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C to approve the November 9, 2016 General Meeting Minutes.

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

Commander's Comments: Discussed the National Commander's visit to the Post earlier today. He announced that no outside food would be allowed on Post during the Boat Parade due to health department regulations, and that we have a restaurant at the Post. Discussed the deaths and illnesses at the Antioch Post as a result of a pot luck Thanksgiving meal. Our new Post Alcohol Policy was explained to ensure everyone understands how serious we are in its implementation. Our policy on dogs at the Post was discussed; the only dogs allowed on the Post are California registered service dogs. The dogs must have the State tag. Dogs that are wearing vests that say they are service dogs but do not have the State tag are not allowed on the Post. Bicycles must be parked in the back. Everyone must show their membership card to enter the Post. Reminded everyone that has not yet renewed their membership to do so very soon.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Commander Ken George – is in-charge of membership. He was absent and no report was made.

Honor Guard: Commander Brian Fleming, Jr.: Commander Nye asked Brian Fleming to bring the American Legion Flag to the front to attach another early bird ribbon to it. Commander Fleming announced that this year the Color Guard have provided services at 91 funerals.

2nd Vice Commander Roger Henry – He is in-charge of fund raising and events for the Post. To see all of our upcoming events he recommended that members view our website. During the winter months bands will be playing on Friday evenings (dinner and dancing) and Sunday afternoons. Discussed the Boat Parade. Discussed the Sea Breeze magazine that comes out 4 times a year, and its calendar. Discussed the New Years Eve Party.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – It's about Americanism, youth, and programs. We are sponsoring 15 Cub Scout troops. Invited people to get involved in the programs. Discussed the Eagle Scout projects at the Post. Discussed the High School Oratorical Contest and that it will be held on January 16th, 2017. A video of the Oratorical Contest was shown.

Finance Officer Paul Meye – The Post finance is divided into Membership and Business. Presented a recap of the November numbers (see chart below); Final November numbers will be available after the November 17th. The Post has no debt.

Financial Statement Summary as of YTD 11/30/2016

	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		
MEMBERSHIP					CHG
INCOME	345,292		330,815		14,477
OTHER INCOME	88,277		337		87,940
TOTAL INCOME	433,569		331,152		102,417
EXPENSES	377,632		344,143		33,489
NET INCOME	55,937		-12,991		68,928
SUMMARY	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		
	NET	BANK	NET	BANK	CASH
	INCOME	CASH	INCOME	CASH	CHG
MEMBERSHIP	55,937	359,321	-12,991	309,499	49,822
OPERATING	154,554	338,701	160,142	186,398	152,303
TOTAL AL 291	210,491	698,022	147,151	495,897	202,125

Judge Advocate – Robert Wright, Excused - No Report.

Service Officer – Jesse Garcia – Announced that we are supporting two veteran's families in need this year. Requested donations and gift cards to help them out.

Historian – Patti Carson - No Report.

Chaplain – William Bennett, Excused - No Report

New Members

New members were introduced by 3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger, 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

Tim Bercovitz said the closing prayer.

Retired the MIA/POW Flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2032 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Anderson
Adjutant