



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin Ken Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Jon Reynolds

POW/MIA Ceremony: Eric Schroeder and Brian Fleming

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by : Jon Reynolds

Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Fraenzimmer, Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L. (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Brennen, 1 st Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Grundmeyer, Sgt-at-Arms (exc'd) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L (exc'd) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Morales, 2 nd Vice (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilson, Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Updike, 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chase Wickersham, Ser. Off. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Jr. Past Comm | <input type="checkbox"/> Burt McChesney, Judge Adv. (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |

Honored Guests: Paul Meye, Gene Anderson, Dan Ferrari, Barbara Hallett

Comments – Laleh Vafael, Partnership Specialist, United States Census Bureau – Spoke about the upcoming census and need for census workers.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Danna Johnson, Executive Committee Member – This Saturday is troop shipping, still can accept donations. The next Auxiliary General Membership Meeting is next Wednesday. Looking for donations to Operation PJ. The Kids Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8 here at Post 291 with another Kids Christmas Party at Joint Base Alamos December 13. December 14 is the VA Kids Christmas Party.

SAL – Art Jimenez, Second Vice Commander – The next fund raiser is the stand-up comedy evening November 14. Second Vice Jimenez also spoke about plans for this year’s Christmas Boat Parade including a raffle. The SALs have donated \$93,000 this year to date.

American Legion Yacht Club – Bruce Batcheller, Commodore – Boat owners and non-owners are welcome to participate in ALYC activities. There are six cruises per year scheduled. The Commodore mentioned the Summer Sundowner race series. Encouraged people to join ALYC. Also mentioned new ALYC model yacht club. The Commodore also spoke about ALYC’s Sailing for the Blind and Visually Impaired and participation in the Christmas Boat Parade.

Honor Guard – Commander Brian Fleming, Jr. – Commander Fleming. To date this year, the Honor Guard/Color Guard has participated in 74 events. Has had five new members join recently.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Jon Reynolds – Jon spoke about the great restaurant and bar offerings at the Post recognizing management and staff members and then mentioned the routine daily bar and restaurant activities.

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Commander Reynolds requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to waive the reading of the previous (October 9) General Membership Meeting Minutes.
The motion was approved.

Commander Reynolds requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to approve the Minutes of the October General Meeting Minutes.
The motion was approved.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Officer Reports:

Commander Jon Reynolds–

The Commander spoke to the following slides.

Comments

- **Sail for the Visually Impaired — Great success**
- **Veterans Day — Outstanding turnout of Members**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner at Post**
- **National American Legion — Actions**
 - **LEGION Act — 4 million potential new American Legion members**
 - **Auxiliary Rules — Spouses eligible**
 - **Preamble Change — “the Great Wars” → “all wars”**
- **Marina Manager — Mark Ayers**
- **New Committees to be Appointed**
 - **Rules, Regulations, and Policies**
 - **Public Relations and Media**
 - **Facilities Development and Capital Campaign**
- **Goals and Objectives for 2019 – 2020**
 - **Administrative and Governance**
 - **Facilities and Physical Plant**
 - **American Legion Pillars and Programs**
 - **Public Relations and Community Involvement**
 - **Communications**

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Other Topics / Reminders

- **Donations Committee has fundraising campaign underway to support military veterans in need in Orange County area**
 - Make donations online at the Post 291 website: www.al291.com
- **Audit Committee reviewing Insurance Coverages**
 - Proposed changes in coverages to be presented to E-Board on Thursday 21 November
- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee updating the documents**
 - Proposed Amendments to be presented to Post Membership in December and January General Membership meetings
- **Post 291 Membership Goal for 2019-2020: 4,096**
- **Next E-Board Meeting: 1800 Thursday 21 November**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner: 1100 Thursday 28 November**
- **Next GMM: 1900 Wednesday 11 December**

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Adjutant Mike Berdine – Nothing to report.

1st Vice Commander Bob Brennen – Membership – The First Vice Commander spoke about the Veterans Day event at the Orange County Fair Grounds.

2nd Vice Commander Anthony Morales – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Excused.

3rd Vice Commander Jim Updike – Third Vice Commander Updike talked about Americanism and the Oratorical and Boys State programs.

Jr. Past Commander Doug Nye – No report.

Finance Officer Bob Wine – is in-charge of Post Financial Operations.

Combined Business & Membership Income			
	Current Year @ Oct 31st	Prior Year @ Oct 31st	Change
Business Income (Loss)	(\$92,598)	(\$134,354)	\$41,756
Membership Income (Loss)	(172,746)	(142,967)	(\$29,779)
Total Before Facility Fees	(265,344)	(277,321)	\$11,977
Facility Fees	330,460	313,105	\$17,355
Net Income (Loss)	\$65,116	\$35,784	\$29,332

Finance Officer Wine spoke about the above Combined Business and Membership Income chart noting improvements and slow payments from AL National and Department.

Historian Rich Frauenzimmer – No report.

Sergeant at Arms Bob Grundmeyer – Excused.

Chaplin Ken Wilson – Chaplin Wilson talked about his role at the post.

Service Officer Chase Wickersham – is in-charge of the Veteran's Assistance Programs. Service Officer Wickersham noted how funds are awarded to needy veterans and other Veterans assistance requests. He also spoke about the Veterans Emergency Fund.

Judge Advocate Burt McChesney – Excused.

Members at Large – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Members

New members were introduced by Adjutant Mike Berdine. The new members were asked to stand when their names were called. Next, the new members were invited to the front of the Hall and the Commander reviewed meeting and cover rules.

M/S/C 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

No new business.

Good of the Legion

Jr. Past Commander noted that benefit books are available and encouraged members to refer to them.

Chaplin Ken Wilson – Chaplin Wilson 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 approximately 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Berdine
Adjutant
Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion
