



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 8, 2019**

Post approval note:
Actual date should
be January 8, 2020

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin Ken Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Jon Reynolds

POW/MIA Ceremony: Jon Reynolds and Brian Fleming

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander 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. (excused) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Frauenzimmer, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Brennen, 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Grundmeyer, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Whittlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Morales, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilson, Chaplain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Updike, 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chase Wickersham, Ser. Off. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Jr. Past Comm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burt McChesney, Judge Adv. | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. (excused) |

Honored Guests: Robert Brower, Gene Anderson, Paul Meye, Dan Ferrari, Doug Nye

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Dana Johnson, Executive Committee Member – January 17 is the next Auxiliary General Membership Meeting. Seeking volunteers to go to the VA Hospital January 23. The Auxiliary’s annual Fashion Show is coming up February 8. The Sweethearts Ball is February 15. Raffle tickets will be sold in the bar after the end of the Christmas Boat Parade. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for January 17.

SAL – Jeff Gottfredson, First Vice Commander – Jeff spoke about some of the activities of the Sons. The SAL Christmas Boat Parade was sold out and a very good money maker.

American Legion Yacht Club – Bruce Batcheller, Commodore – Boat owners and non-owners are welcome to participate in ALYC activities. Encouraged people to join ALYC. Mentioned range of ALYC activities. Also mentioned new ALYC model yacht club. ALYC’s Valor awarded Third Place - Lighting in the Newport Harbor Christmas Boat Parade. January 18 is the annual Commodore’s Ball.

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander – Participated in 77 events in 2019. Commander Fleming also encouraged members to join the Honor Guard.

Bar & Restaurant – Commander Jon Reynolds – The Commander 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 (December 11) 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 December General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Correspondence; No correspondence to report

Officer Reports:

Commander Jon Reynolds - Per projected presentation

Comments / Announcements

- **Committees Recently Appointed**
 - Facilities Development and Capital Campaign ➔ Burt McChesney
 - Marketing and Communications ➔ Chase Wickersham
- **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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Committees at Post 291

- Finance
- House
- SAL
- Judicial
- Audit
- Donations — and Post Family Veterans Assistance
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Election
- Yacht Clubs
- Boys State
- Marketing and Communications
- Facilities Development and Capital Campaign

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Recent Events at the Post

- **Christmas Boat Parade**
- **Christmas Day**
- **New Years Eve**
- **New Years Day**

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Upcoming Events

• Commodore's Ball (ALYC)	1700 Sat 18 Jan
• Area 5 Meeting Brawley Post 60	0900 Sun 26 Jan
• Post 291 Oratorical Contest	1900 Mon 27 Jan
• Super Bowl Party at Post	1200 Sun 2 Feb
• Next E-Board Meeting	1800 Thu 6 Feb
• District 29 Meeting Orange Post 132	1000 Sun 9 Feb
• District 29 Oratorical Contest	1500 Sun 9 Feb
• Next GMM	1900 Wed 12 Feb
• Sweethearts Ball (Auxiliary)	1700 Sat 15 Feb

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Other Topics

- **Audit Committee conducting comprehensive review of Insurance Coverages**
 - General Liability □ Excess Liability
 - D&O Insurance □ Marina
 - — Newly appointed Broker of Record
- **Audit Committee recommended and E-Board approved Egan & Egan as Post Auditors for 2019-2020**
- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee updating the documents**
- **Implementation underway for new POS: Toast (Replacing Aloha)**
 - Beginning this month, January 2020
 - Completion in about six weeks
- **Popup Canopy Tent arrived — and used for Boat Parade**
- **Marina slip rental fees increases effective Saturday 1 February**
- **Post 291 Membership Goal for 2019-2020: **4,096****

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1st Vice Commander Bob Brennen – Membership – 19 new members this evening.

Adjutant Mike Berdine– Nothing to report.

2nd Vice Commander Anthony Morales – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Will be adding new bands through the year. The 2nd Vice Commander acknowledged concerns about band attire. The start date for Saturday bands is being considered.

3rd Vice Commander Jim Updike – Spoke about Boys State, Girls State and Oratorical programs and asked for volunteers.

Jr. Past Commander Doug Nye – No report.

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

Combined Business & Membership Income			
	Current Year @ Dec 31st	Prior Year @ Dec 31st	Change
Business Income (Loss)	(\$81,209)	(\$179,786)	\$98,577
Membership Income (Loss)	(175,530)	(173,715)	(\$1,815)
Total Before Facility Fees	(256,739)	(353,501)	\$96,762
Facility Fees	487,063	459,713	\$27,350
Net Income (Loss)	\$230,324	\$106,212	\$124,112

Finance Officer Wine spoke about the above Preliminary Combined Business and Membership Income chart noting improvements. The upcoming audit and review of internal controls to be done by CPA firm Egan and Egan.

Historian Rich Fraenzimmer – Nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms Bob Grundmeyer – Nothing to report.

Chaplin Ken Wilson – Spoke about The American Legion and God and Country.

Service Officer Chase Wickersham – Service Officer Wickersham gave an overview of the Post's veteran support activities. He also detailed specific requests and Post contributions. The Post 291 Family contributed over \$200,000 to local veteran charities and individuals. Also spoke about the upcoming June 11 Purple Heart Luncheon as well as the new Marketing and Communication Committee.

Judge Advocate Burt McChesney – Spoke about the Facilities and Capital Campaign Committee and asked for volunteers.

Members at Large – Nothing to report.

Comment from the floor – A request for an update about the Election Committee was made. The Commander outlined the plan. A concern was made that the current Election Rules – with a short time window for casting votes – are outdated. It was further stated that the Department can override Post Bylaws for cause.

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

Member at Large Nick Giordano – Spoke about the upcoming Super Bowl Party pricing and parking.

Chaplin Ken 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
