



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, 11 August 2021**

Meeting called to order at 1901 hours.

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin Ken Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.,

POW/MIA Ceremony: Kevin Van Otterloo

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr., Brian Fleming Jr.

**Roll Call:**

Evin Planto, Commander	Bob Wine, Finance Officer	Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
David Zamudio, Adjutant	Rich Frauzenzimmer, Historian	Dennis De Rosia, M.a.L.
Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Bob Grundmeyer, Sgt-at-Arms.	Mike Shubert, M.a.L.
Anthony Morales, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Ken Wilson, Chaplain	Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.
Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Cory Vigil, Ser. Officer	Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm.	Ed Infante, Judge Adv..	Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.

**Acting Commander:** 1st Vice Cmdr., Brian Fleming Jr.

**Excused:** Evin Planto, Anthony Morales, Mike Shubert, Dennis De Rosia, Bob Wine

***Meeting has a Quorum***

**Honored Guests:**

Nick Berardino, Robert Brower, Bill Cook, Bob Ferarri

- Spoke about OC Veteran's Cemetery

**Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:**

**Auxiliary** – Dana Johnston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

- 2022 Membership Renewal opens 7/14
- Raised \$4k for Camp Pendleton Baby Shower, very successful
- Collect school supplies for children in Camp Pendleton.
- Spoke of other upcoming events

**Sons of the American Legion** – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Planning 9/11 event
- Planning December Boat Parade
- Spoke of other upcoming events.

**American Legion Yacht Club** – Bruce Batcheller, Commodore

- Sundowners weekly - Last month of that season
- Model yacht- Every Tuesday
- GMM tomorrow night 6:30PM
- Refraction Regatta 8/15
- Catalina cruise to Corsair Yacht Club 9/10-12

**Honor Guard** – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander

- 47 Events Completed (4 additional pending for this month)
- 21 active Members
- Averaging approximately 6+ per month
- Solicited for more members to join

**General Membership Meeting Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. requested the following motion be made by the members.

- A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the 14 July 2021 General Meeting.
- **M/S/C-** Motion carried unanimously

**Correspondence**


- None to Report

**Officer Reports:**

**Commander Evin Planto** - Absent

**Adjutant, David Zamudio**

- Spoke about House Committee improvement to post
- Spoke about Seawall Update




### House Committee

- **Post 291 Seawall update**
  - Commander Evin has an update from Chris Miller
  - Engineers will be on site on the 18<sup>th</sup> to conduct a visual inspection of the seawall for the redesign of project for the wale system.
  - The city is starting the permit process for the project.
  - Project RFP release is expected in the winter.
  - Project start date could be as soon as late spring to early summer.
  - Project may be broken in two parts- Parking Lot and Patio to minimize impact to dinning and entertainment.
  - Updates will be presented as we receive them.

## Officer Reports- Continued

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –

- Spoke about membership



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.- Brian Fleming Jr.**


- ❑ 2020-2021 Goal – 3991
- ❑ 2020-2021 Total - 3822
  - Missed by 169 members
- ❑ 2021-2022 Goal – Unknown currently
- ❑ Current Membership Numbers @ National =3868 (46 over 2020)
  - Good thru 2021 = 3776 --> 2566
  - Renewed for 2022 = 127 --> 1302
  - New Members 2022 = 35
  - + 55 more new members this month
- ❑ Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Inductees
  - 118 Covid Members
  - 55 New Members

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Anthony Morales

- Absent- No Report

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Cindy Baker

- Boys State



**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.- Cindy Baker**

California His Another Boys Nation President  
July 28, 2021  
By Tim Abousteira, Chief Counselor: The American Legion California Boys State

The Senators of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of American Legion Boys Nation elected California Boys Nation Senator Ryan Jung to the office of Boys Nation President yesterday at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Ryan was the Republican Party candidate and defeated the Democrat candidate, Christine Owen by a vote of 59-41. Ryan is the 7<sup>th</sup> American Legion California Boys State Delegate to be elected Boys Nation President.

Ryan was sponsored to Boys State by American Legion Newport Post 251 in Orange County. At Boys State, he was elected to the Boys State Assembly and then Speaker of the Assembly by his peers. He was also the Editor-in-Chief of this year's Boys State "Virtual Newspaper."

Ryan attends Portola High School. In addition to his Boys State Accomplishments, he has held a number of offices at his school, including: OSB Treasurer (2021-present, elected), ASB Spirit and Rally Commissioner (2020-21, elected), ASB House President (2019-20, elected), ASB Head of House President (2018-20, appointed), WASC School Accreditation Committee (2018-22), Philosophy Club President.

Outside of school, Ryan is very active in other areas, including Communications Vice President, Representative Katie Porter's Youth Advisory Board (2020-present), RESEARCH: Curriculum Co-Designer, Intro to Philosophy (2018-2020); "Reconciling COVID-19 Regulation with Personal Liberty"; "Philosophy as Praxis"

In addition to being an Eagle Scout, Ryan has received a number of awards and honors including: The New York Times Third Annual Podcast Contest Runner-Up 2020; Princeton Book Award 2021; Social Studies Top Dog 2021; Building Excellence Award in Social Studies 2021; State Seal of Civic Engagement 2021; Voice of Democracy Honorable Mention 2021.

As one of the American Legion's National Youth Champions, Ryan has been invited to attend the American Legion National Convention next month in Phoenix.



**75<sup>th</sup> Boys Nation President**



**Mr. Ryan Jung**

### Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds –

- No Report

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**Officer Reports- Continued**

**Finance Officer Bob Wine** – Post Financial Operations.

- Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures
- Read by Adjutant, broad overview

Newport Harbor Post 291			
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures			
01/01/-07/31/21 and 01/01/-07/31/20			
	Current Year Thru July 31st	Current Year Budget Thru July 31st	Prior Year Thru July 31st
<b>Business:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 1,127,784.00	\$ 963,648.00	\$ 960,221.00
Expenditures	1,317,777.00	1,230,155.00	1,283,683.00
<b>Net of Revenue and Expenditures</b>	<b>(189,993.00)</b>	<b>(266,507.00)</b>	<b>(323,462.00)</b>
<b>Membership:</b>			
Revenue	258,196.00	229,173.00	245,785.00
Expenditures	250,900.00	292,843.00	225,143.00
<b>Net of Revenue and Expenditures</b>	<b>7,296.00</b>	<b>(63,670.00)</b>	<b>20,642.00</b>
<b>Combined Totals</b>	<b>(182,697.00)</b>	<b>(330,177.00)</b>	<b>(302,820.00)</b>
Facility Fees	179,693.00	180,725.00	195,033.00
Net Before Other Income	(3,004.00)	(149,452.00)	(107,787.00)
Other Income: PPP Loan Forgiveness	254,100.00		
<b>Combined Net of Revenue &amp; Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 251,096.00</b>	<b>\$ (149,452.00)</b>	<b>\$ (107,787.00)</b>

- Condensed Cash Flow Projection (8/3 – 10/31/21)
- Read by Adjutant, broad overview

Newport Harbor Post 291			
Condensed Cash Flow Projection for the Period 8/3 to 10/31/21			
	8/03 - 8/31	09/01 - 09/30	10/01 - 10/31
<b>Cash Inflows-</b>			
Membership fees	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Marina rents	22,382.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Restaurant sales @ \$6000/day	174,000.00	180,000.00	186,000.00
Hall rentals	2,580.00	5,115.00	10,070.00
Banquet food	20,590.00	32,340.00	40,810.00
Facility fees	6,695.00		
<b>Total Cash Inflows</b>	<b>276,247.00</b>	<b>303,455.00</b>	<b>292,880.00</b>
<b>Cash Outflows-</b>			
Food & Bev. Cost (@ 45%)	87,565.50	95,553.00	102,064.50
Entertainment	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Payroll (Includes P/R taxes & WC)	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Insurance (Health, liab., Marina, etc.	21,824.00	7,254.00	7,254.00
Covid-19 Cleaning	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Repairs and maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	20,000.00
Telephone & utilities	3,375.00	3,015.00	3,015.00
Rent	-	11,500.00	11,500.00
Capital Expenditures	18,385.00		
All other expenses	19,774.00	10,238.00	10,609.00
<b>Total Cash Outflows</b>	<b>269,923.50</b>	<b>246,560.00</b>	<b>272,442.50</b>
<b>Monthly Cash Increase</b>	<b>\$ 6,323.50</b>	<b>\$ 56,895.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,437.50</b>

**Historian Rich Frauenzimmer**

- No Report

## Officer Reports- Continued

### Sergeant at Arms Bob Grundmeyer


- Spoke about completed OD Guidelines
- Located behind the bar

### Chaplin Ken Wilson

- Discussed about connecting to “Creative Design”

### Service Officer Cory Vigil

- Monthly Service Officer report




**Service Officer – Cory Vigil**

Monthly Update for Service Officer for the Aug 5, 2021 E-Board

6510 Donations	2020 Actuals	2021 Budget	2021 Actual thru July 30	% of 2021 Budget thru July 30
6519 Honor Guard	\$ 3,279.98	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 830.85	33%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	\$ 13,180.74	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,277.33	73%
6522 Restricted VEAFF expense	\$ 70,916.34	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 54,039.99	54%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	\$ 26,171.91	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,786.47	14%
<b>Total 6510 expenses</b>	<b>\$ 113,548.97</b>	<b>\$ 132,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,934.64</b>	<b>49%</b>
4520 VEAFF current balance			\$ 110,184.66	
July Donations Out			\$ 692.58	
July VEAFF Donations Out			\$ 6,725.87 (Includes Shell/Target/Ralph's cards \$985)	

- Donation Committee Report



**AL291 Donation Committee Report  
To the E-Board August 4, 2021**

**Service Officer - Cory Vigil**

**Current Financial Results:** 6517 VEAFF Restricted expenses is \$54,039.99 for the year 2021.  
Current balance in the VEAFF restricted account is \$110,184.66

**Veterans Served in July:**  
A. Items approved or rejected:

1. **ARMY veteran**, requested auto repair assistance for \$222.59. Referred by OC 211.
2. **AIR FORCE veteran**, requested motel vouchers for \$650.70. Referred by VA Long Beach and linked to permanent housing.
3. **ARMY veteran**, requested assistance with public utility for \$608.37. Referred by the VA Long Beach.
4. **ARMY veteran**, requested rental assistance for \$247.95. Referred by VA Santa Ana.
5. **NAFJ veteran**, requested rental assistance for \$2130.00. VA Employee laid off at the Santa Ana VA Hollow brook facility. Child with learning disabilities.
6. **NAFJ veteran**, requested assistance with access ramp for \$800.00. Purchased Home Depot credit to help with project. Project to be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Worked with American Legion Huntington Beach Service Officers.
7. **NAFJ veteran**, requested assistance with auto past due bill for \$1,081.23. Referred by VRC staff at Saddleback College.

Total is \$6,033.29

Referred 11 veterans for employment services.  
Referred 3 veterans for disability compensation.  
Referred 2 veteran families for funeral burial assistance.  
Referred 2 veterans for legal services.  
Referred 1 veteran to congressional services.  
Ordered 3 DD-214's.  
Helped 2 student veterans with rental assistance in Orange County.

**Donation applications or important information:**  
Purchased \$500.00 in gas cards and \$465.00 in grocery cards from Service Officer account.  
Request money for USO Emblems.  
5 Declined Applications

### Judge Advocate Ed Infante

- No Report

## Officer Reports- Continued

### Members at Large

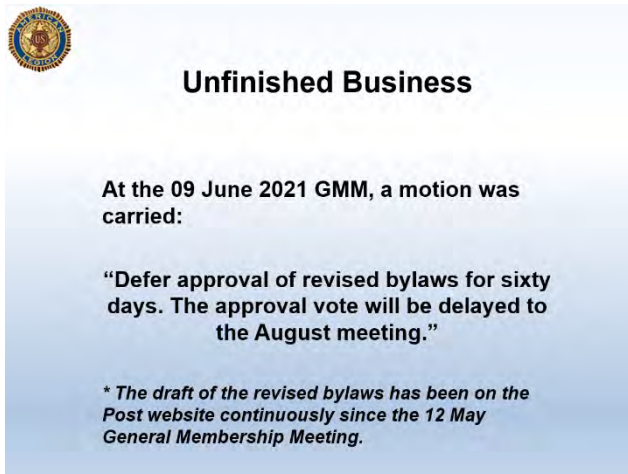
- No Reports

### Induction of New Member

- Names read of 78 New Members
- Motion presented to add new members to Post 291
  - **M/S/C-** Motion carried unanimously
- Acting Commander, Brian Fleming Jr. reads rules and welcomes new members

### Unfinished Business

- Revisited carried motion of 09 June 2021 GMM:



**Unfinished Business**

At the 09 June 2021 GMM, a motion was carried:

**“Defer approval of revised bylaws for sixty days. The approval vote will be delayed to the August meeting.”**

*\* The draft of the revised bylaws has been on the Post website continuously since the 12 May General Membership Meeting.*

- Jr. Past Commander is recognized and proceeds to give some historical perspective on the reasoning for the update on the proposed bylaws and why this needs to be brought to a vote for approval tonight.
- Questions are asked from membership and answered.
- Motion is made to accept the proposed bylaw changes.
- Acting Commander, Brian Fleming Jr. calls for a second and opens for discussion.
  - Heated discussion on bylaw changes.
  - Point of Order- Members are reminded they are only allowed to speak on the matter twice.
- Member, in good standing, brings a motion to the general membership:
  - “I would like to make a motion that the bylaw committee be reconstituted and propose proposed bylaws be submitted to the new committee and have given until the next general membership meeting.
  - Acting Commander states this should be in new business but allows discussion to go forward since it is part of original intent.
  - Heated discussion ensues, members are reminded they can only speak on the matter twice.
  - Acting Commander, Brian Fleming Jr. address current motion and ask for a second.
  - Discussion opens again, several members speak.

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## **Unfinished Business- Continued**

- Acting Commander, Brian Fleming Jr. restates the motion and calls for a second, received, and opens for discussion.
- No discussion.
- Moves to vote, too close to call, Adjutant requests “move to count” from Acting Commander.
- Sgt.-at- Arms counts the votes:
  - Aye- 26
  - Nay- 41
  - Motion does not carry
  
- Acting Commander, Brian Fleming Jr. restates original motion to accept propose bylaw changes.
- Receives Second, ask for discussion.
- Discussion amongst membership.
- Moves to Vote.
- **M/S/D/C-** Motion carries by overwhelming majority (2/3), including new members. Loud response. Count not needed. Motion Carries

## **New Business**

- Member, in good standing, brings a motion to the general membership
  - “I move that this motion be placed before the general membership for a vote”
  - “That the American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 endorse and support the Veterans Cemetery Coalition and its efforts to build a California Veterans Cemetery in Orange County on the Gypsum Canyon site in th city of Anaheim”
  - **M/S/C-** Motion carried unanimously

## **Good of the Legion**

- Member makes comment regarding the need for transparency in committee meetings.

**Chaplain Ken Wilson** said the closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2049 hrs.