



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template**  
**Wednesday, 12 Jan 2022**

Meeting called to order at approximately 1905 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplain Ken Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Evin Planto

POW/MIA Ceremony: Dennis DeRosia

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Evin Planto

**ROLL CALL:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evin Planto, Commander                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Infante, Judge Advocate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Morales, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Grundmeyer, Sgt-at-Arms   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L.             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilson, Chaplain          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Frauentzimmer, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis DeRosia, M.a.L. |

**Excused:** DZamudio, EInfante, KVanOtterloo, NGiordano, MShubert

**Meeting has Quorum**

**Honored Guests:**

None

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

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

- Update on Membership
- Spoke about upcoming events

**Sons of the American Legion** – Jeff Gottfredson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

- Spoke about what SALs provide
- Spoke about upcoming events

**American Legion Yacht Club** – Tommy Wheeler, Commodore

- Spoke about upcoming events
- Spoke about reciprocity with other Yacht Clubs

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander



**Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard**

- 76 Events Completed
- 5 additional pending for the month
- 26 active members
  - \*\*\*1 new recruits\*\*\*
- Averaging approx. 6+ services per month



**General Membership Meeting Minutes:** Commander Planto requested the following motion be made by the members

- A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the 08 Dec 2021 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Motion carried unanimously

**Correspondence**

- None to report

**Officer Reports:**

**Commander, Evin Planto** – Spoke on the following items:

- A/C installation Update
- Kitchen Upgrades

**Adjutant, David Zamudio** – Excused

**1st Vice Commander, Brian Fleming Jr.** –

- Discussed Post Membership



**1st Vice Cmdr.- Brian Fleming Jr.**

- Current Post Membership = 3,340 Legionnaires
- 2021-2022 Goal = 4,151
  - 160 over last years Goal (3991)
- Current Membership Numbers for 2022@ National = 3,340 (80.4%)
  - Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Goal = 80.0% (3,340)
  - Good thru 2021 = 863
  - Good thru 2022 = 3,340 (need 811 to meet goal)
  - New Members 2022 = 342
    - +18 more new members this month

**2nd Vice Commander, Anthony Morales**

- Thanked membership for support and attendance of all events
- Spoke about events that happen throughout the week.

**3rd Vice Commander, Cindy Baker**


- Spoke about :
  - Community Outreach
    - Baseball
    - Boys State
    - Boy Scouts

**Jr. Past Commander, Jon Reynolds**

- No Report

**Finance Officer, Bob Wine**

- Financial Reports



**Finance Officer, Bob Wine**

Newport Harbor Post 291			
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures			
Years Ended 12/31/21 and 12/31/19			
	Year ended 12/31/21	Year Ended 12/31/19	Difference
<b>Business:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 2,361,153.00	\$ 2,315,810.00	\$ 45,343.00
Expenditures	2,709,982.00	2,446,400.00	263,582.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(348,829.00)	(130,590.00)	(218,239.00)
<b>Membership:</b>			
Revenue	509,989.00	409,898.00	100,091.00
Expenditures	537,822.00	565,834.00	(28,012.00)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(27,833.00)	(155,936.00)	128,103.00
Combined Totals	(376,662.00)	(286,526.00)	(90,136.00)
Facility Fees	421,503.00	483,705.00	(62,202.00)
Net Before Other Income	44,841.00	197,179.00	(152,338.00)
<b>Other Income:</b>			
PPP Loan Forgiveness	254,100.00		254,100.00
Employee Retention Tax Credits	206,426.00		206,426.00
<b>Combined Net of Revenue &amp; Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 505,367.00</b>	<b>\$ 197,179.00</b>	<b>\$ 308,188.00</b>

**Historian, Rich Frauzimmer**

- No Report


## Sergeant at Arms, Bob Grundmeyer

- No Report

## Chaplain Ken Wilson

- Spoke about Buddy calls
- Solicited more volunteers to help with Buddy calls


## Service Officer, Cory Vigil



**Service Officer – Cory Vigil**

for the Jan 6, 2021 E-Board

6510 Donations	2020 Actuals	2021 Budget	2021 Actual thru Dec 30	% of 2021 Budget thru Dec 30
6519 Honor Guard	3,279.98	2,500.00	2,842.34	114%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	13,180.74	10,000.00	10,266.47	103%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	70,916.34	100,000.00	85,260.55	85%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	26,171.91	20,000.00	21,804.50	109%
Total 6510 expenses	113,548.97	132,500.00	120,173.86	91%
<b>4520 VEAF current balance</b>			<b>113,022.21</b>	
Dec Donations Out			8733.44	
Dec VEAF Donations Out			5451.88	



**AL291 Donation Committee Minutes**  
Wednesday, 29 Dec 21- Zoom Meeting

**Purpose Statement:** Newport Harbor Post No. 291 of the American Legion was organized to encourage its members and the local community to "assist primarily veterans & active-duty military personnel in need." The committee will approve grants and financial aid to veterans & military families. The Donation Committee consists of multiple Post members in good standing to oversee, recommend and approve all charitable distributions of AL291.

Attendees: Cory Vigil and Ken Wilson.

**Veterans Served in December:**

A. Items approved or rejected:

1. Romero, *NAVY veteran*, requested auto past due for 1774.35. Direct referral from family.
2. Martinez, *NAVY veteran*, requested motel assistance for \$415.76. Contacted me on social media.
3. *COAST GUARD veteran*, family requested assistance for traditional performer at a funeral for \$250.00. Referred by Legionnaire Bill Cunningham.
4. *ARMY veteran* requested motel assistance for \$492.11.
5. *USMC veteran* requested motel assistance for \$492.11.
6. *ARMY veteran*, requested assistance with luggage, jacket, shoes and underwear for \$105.55 at Ross.
7. *ARMY veteran* requested assistance with auto past due of \$1,672.00. Referred by Malo IVC.

Total is \$5,451.88

Purchased \$1373.11 in grocery cards for the holidays from the service officer account.

Declined 5 applications.

Provided \$75.00 grocery cards to 8 senior veterans.

Referred 7 veterans for disability compensation.

Referred 5 veterans for employment services.

Referred 3 veterans to the VA for services.

Ordered 5 DD-214's from archives.

Referred 2 veteran families to burial services.

Provided presents to 13 veteran families for Christmas.

## Judge Advocate Ed Infante

- Excused

## Members at Large –

- No report

## Induction of New Members

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr., Brian Fleming Jr. presented and read names of new inductees
- Total- 31
- Commander Evin Planto request for a motion to inductee new members
  - M/S/C- Motion carried unanimously
- New Inductees rules read by Commander Evin Planto

**Unfinished Business**

- No Unfinished Business

**New Business**

- No New Business

**Good of the Legion**

- None to report

**Chaplain Ken Wilson**

- Closing Prayer

**The Meeting was adjourned at 2006 hours.**