



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template
Wednesday, 09 Feb 2022

Meeting called to order at approximately 1904 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin Ken Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Evin Planto

POW/MIA Ceremony: Kevin Van Otterloo

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"/> Unappointed, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Morales, 2 nd 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 rd 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Frauzzimmer, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis DeRosia, M.a.L. |

Meeting has Quorum

Excused: Eric Schroeder, Nick Giordano

Honored Guests: Nick Ferrai

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Dana Johnston, 2nd Vice President

Auxiliary Unit 291
Dana Johnston, Legislative Chair

- **Baby Shower last weekend**
 - Camp Pendleton – supported 45 new moms

Auxiliary Unit 291
Dana Johnston, Legislative Chair

- **Blood Drive**
 - 2/7/22 (10am – 4pm)
- **E-Board mtg (online) 02/10/2022**
- **GMM (in person) 02/16/2022**
- **Fashion show luncheon to benefit cystic fibrosis- 02/19/2022**
- **Mardi Gras party- 02/26/2022**
 - Raffle tickets

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Spoke about upcoming event: Fins and Fairways

American Legion Yacht Club – Bruce Bacheller, Commodore



American Legion Yacht Club Commodore, Tommy Wheeler

Membership:

- Up to 794 changing daily.
- Managing renewals now.
- ALYC memberships expired at year-end (with a grace period through Q1)
- ALYC 2022 memberships require a 2022 Post membership

Financial

- Part Time Administration Assistant Hired. Kimberly Perez.

Events

- January New Member Orientation 14 new members

Events coming up:

- ALYC General Membership meeting via zoom 2/10
- Saturday Evening Social 2/12 5-7 PM West Patio
- SCYA Midwinters Regatta scheduled for 2/19 & 20.
- SCYA Midwinters Regatta Dinner scheduled for 2/20
- SCYA installation Dinner scheduled for 3/5/22
- ALYC Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch scheduled for 3/19/2022

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –



Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- **10 events completed in 2022**
- **2 additional pending for the month**
- **26 active members**
 - *****1 new recruit*****
- **Averaging approx. 6+ services per month**



House Committee – Mike Mailman, Chair



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- **Mag Lock installed**
- **HVAC for bar and view room has been installed.**
- **Dry Dock Storage**
- **New Kitchen Equipment**
- **Front office Face Lift**
- **Window Coverings will be installed mid- March**

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General Membership Meeting Minutes: Commander Planto requested the following motion be presented.

- A motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes for 12 Jan 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 12 Jan 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

Executive Committee Reading of Motions: Commander Planto requested the following motion be presented.

- A motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes for 12 Jan 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/D-
 - M.a.L- Mike Shubert raises awareness to membership that all minutes are posted on Post website.
- M/S/D/C-
 - Request vote count:
 - Ayes- 17
 - Nays- 9
 - Motion Carries



Correspondence

- None to report

Officer Reports:

Commander Evin Planto –

- Commander discussing upcoming events
- H.R. McMaster “Crisis in America”, Feb 22nd (8:30-10:00am)

Adjutant David Zamudio –

No Report

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –

- Discussed recruitment strategy for Post 1000 members within our region.



1st Vice Cmdr.- Brian Fleming Jr.

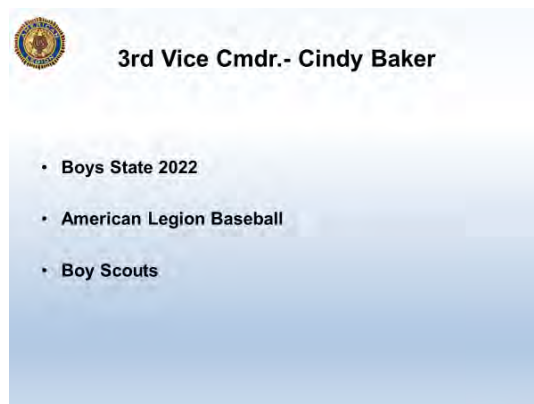
- Current Post Membership = 3,540 Legionnaires
- 2021-2022 Goal = 4,151
 - 611 over last years Goal
- Current Membership Numbers for 2022@ National = 3,540 (85.2%)
 - Feb 9th Goal = 85.0% (3,528)
 - Good thru 2021 = 711
 - Good thru 2022 = 3,340 (need 811 to meet goal)
 - New Members 2022 = 363
 - +21 more new members this month

2nd Vice Commander Anthony Morales

- Spoke about upcoming band events and thanked members for attending.

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker

- Informative discussion



3rd Vice Cmdr.- Cindy Baker


- Boys State 2022
- American Legion Baseball
- Boy Scouts

Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds –

- No Report

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

- Revenue and Expenditures



Finance Officer- Bob Wine
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures One Month Ended 1/31/22 and 1/31/20			
	Month ended 1/31/22	1/31/20	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 174,300.00	\$ 171,136.00	\$ 3,164.00
Expenditures	193,780.00	189,938.00	3,842.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(19,480.00)	(18,802.00)	(678.00)
Membership:			
Revenue	22,274.00	37,076.00	(14,802.00)
Expenditures	42,800.00	40,833.00	1,967.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(20,526.00)	(3,757.00)	(16,769.00)
Combined Totals	(40,006.00)	(22,559.00)	(17,447.00)
Facility Fees	18,765.00	24,505.00	(5,740.00)
Combined Net of Revenue & Expenditures	(21,241.00)	1,946.00	(23,187.00)

Historian Rich Fraenzimmer




Sergeant at Arms Bob Grundmeyer

- No Report

Chaplain Ken Wilson


- Discussed Four Chaplains and showed video



Chaplain Ken Wilson

- The Four Chaplains**
 - The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains," were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troopship USAT Dorchester on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOG_4Mo2acM


Service Officer Cory Vigil



Service Officer – Cory Vigil

Monthly Update for Service Officer for the Feb 3, 2022 E-Band

6510 Donations	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	2022 Actual thru Jan 31	% of 2022 Budget thru Jan 31
6519 Honor Guard	2,842.34	2,500.00	-	0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	10,000.00	15,000.00	2,500.00	17%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	84,573.73	100,000.00	7,751.82	8%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	21,804.50	20,000.00	21,804.50	109%
Total 6510 expenses	119,220.57	137,500.00	32,056.32	23%
4520 VEAF current balance			109,958.55	
Jan Donations Out			4327.46	
Jan VEAF Donations Out			7751.82	includes \$1k in gas cards purchased



Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Veterans Served in January:

A. Items approved as requested:

1. **ARMY veteran** requested assistance with a motel (vacation) for \$610.33. Self-referral and linked to VA CERIC for food-train.
2. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with Covid test kits for \$73.37. Called my contact number from OCC 211.
3. **NAVY veteran**, requested auto past due for \$1,767.45. Called my contact number from OCC 211.
4. **COAST GUARD veteran**, daughter requested assistance with cremation for \$1,018.04. Referred by Tracy Hartman.
5. **AIR FORCE veteran** requested assistance with college tuition payment of \$277.20. Referred by the VRC at OCC.
6. **AIR FORCE veteran** requested assistance with past due sum for \$405.43. Referred by VOA Santa Ana.
7. **USMC veteran** requested rental assistance for \$1600.00. Self-referral and called me.
8. **NAVY veteran** requested rental assistance for \$1000.00. Referred from working Wardrobe VetNet.

\$6,771.13


Donation of \$1800.00 made to Hero's Deserve Help

Donation of \$1000.00 made to Quilts of Valor



Donation of \$2500.00 for Women Veterans' Lunch in February

Purchased \$1000.00 in gas cards from Service Officer account.

- 10 gas cards were distributed.
- 10 grocery cards were distributed.
- 3 referrals for employment.
- 3 disability compensation referrals.
- Ordered 17 DD-214's
- 1 referral for legal.
- 3 referrals to the Vet Center – combat related.
- 3 referrals for burial services.
- 7 referrals declined.



Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Veteran Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF)

During 2021, the VEAF provided these services:

- 177 motel nights for 80 individual homeless veterans or veteran families.
- 25 individual veterans or veteran families received rental assistance to keep them housed.
- 15 vehicles owned by veterans were repaired.
- 104 gas cards and 10 bus passes were distributed.
- 55 Walmart gift cards were distributed for emergency food or baby supplies.
- 88 veterans were given financial support for special needs such as:
 - DMV ID's
 - Dental costs
 - Emergency clothing
 - Utility bills
 - Grocery cards
 - Moving expenses
 - Relocation
 - Cremation costs for a veteran's parent

In 2021, the Veteran Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF) granted applications for \$85,096 in emergency services to local veterans and veteran families. We spent \$80,000 in 2022.

In addition, the Service Officer, Cory Vigil, negotiated numerous times with 25 other local veteran service providers to share costs so that a veteran's application for assistance would not be rejected.

All donations to the VEAF are considered "restricted" and are maintained in a separate bank account to ensure that they are only used to help veterans in need. Veterans apply with an application so that their veteran status can be verified and their needs and current financial situation can be reviewed by the Service Officer. The VEAF has become an important resource because it is able to respond quickly and will partner with all local service providers.

Your generous donations will allow this program to continue helping our local veterans.

Judge Advocate (Unappointed)

- No Report

Members at Large –

Mike Shubert



Induction of New Members

- 1st Vice Commander, Brian Fleming Jr., presents inductees
- COUNT: 31 Inductees
- Motion to approve the induction of New Members to Post 291
 - M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
 - Commander Planto reads rules to new members.

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished business

New Business

- Motion present by Finance Officer, Bob Wine, to approve the appointment of Richard Reyna to the position of Judge Advocate.
 - M/S/C- Carried Unanimously
- Motion presented to approve the Election Rules for the 2022 Officer Elections.
 - M/S/C- Carried Unanimously
- Legionnaire Jim Boggle present consideration for a Cornhole Tournament
 - Planning stage looking to take place in the next 2-3 months
 - Discussion on Legionnaire's boat "Fairwinds" needing assistance for repairs and GoFundMe page.

Good of the Legion

- Commander Planto
 - Update and plans for AV System
 - Update and plans for fire alarm system.

Chaplain Ken Wilson - closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2046 hours.