



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template
Wednesday, 10 August 2022

Meeting called to order at approximately 1913

hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: 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:

Evin Planto, Commander	Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
Brian Fleming Jr., 1 st Vice	Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer	Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.
Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice	Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice	Cory Vigil, Service Officer	David Zamudio, M.a.L.
Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	Ken Wilson, Chaplain	Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
Richard Reyna, Adjutant	Gary Mathieson, Historian	Dennis de Rosia, M.a.L.

Meeting has Quorum

Excused: R. Ricard, Hal McNaughton, G. Mathieson, K. van Otterloo, N. Giordano

Honored Guests:

Bob Brower - Finance Officer for District 29, and the Legislative Commissioner for Area 5

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Dana Johnston, 2nd Vice President



Auxiliary Unit 291 **Dana Johnston, 2nd Vice & Legislative Chair**

- **Renewals are now available on -line for 2023 for Aux**
- **Aux volunteers loved helping out at 4th of July and felt it was very successful**
- **General meeting July 20 630pm. First meeting with new board**
- **One of our Girls State girls was elected Attorney General. We are very proud.**
- **Our garage sale made \$2000. Will go towards Camp Pendleton baby shower next month.**
- **Beginning stages of fall boutique. November 17th.**

9

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Spoke about Community Involvement
- Upcoming overnight fishing trip
- Supporting Veterans and SUP
- Flag Day- June 14th
- 9/11- Patriots Day

American Legion Yacht Club – Tommy Wheeler, Commodore



American Legion Yacht Club



Membership:
Up to 860 changing daily.

Events

Warrior Harbor Cruise 7/9– 6 Marines
Sunday Harbor Cruise 7/10–10 attendees
July New Member Orientation 5 new members
Saturday evening Social Hawaiian Shirts and Hula Hoop contest approximately 50 members attended
Old Glory Boat Parade Awards Dinner 7/17– 90 attendees
Dive and Snorkel club re engaged

Events coming up

Sundowners Series continues
Model Yacht Racing Series continues
Sunday Harbor Cruise 8/7 sold out
Burial at Sea Ceremony 8/9.
ALYC General Membership Meeting 8/11
Saturday Evening Social 8/13 5-7 PM West Patio
Ocean Series Race #2 8/14
Cruise Out Emerald Bay 8/26—Catalina Island

12

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –



The graphic is a blue rectangular slide with a white banner in the center. The banner contains the text "AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 HONOR GUARD REPORT" in red, serif, all-caps font. On either side of the banner is a circular seal of the American Legion, featuring a star, a wreath, and the words "AMERICAN LEGION". Below the banner, on the left, is a small black and white icon of three soldiers in uniform. To the right of the icon is a bulleted list in yellow text.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 291
HONOR GUARD REPORT**

- **Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard**
 - 47 events completed in 2022
 - 3 additional pending for the month
 - 22 active members
 - Averaging approx 7/ services per month
 - National Competition: August 26th

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

- A motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes for 13 July 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 13 July 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

- None to report

Officer Reports:

Commander Evin Planto –

- Highlighted donation efforts and progress
- Discussed new purchases in kitchen and HVAC in Main Hall.
- Seawall Project Update

Adjutant Richard Reyna –

No Report

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –



The slide features a blue background with three circular American Legion emblems. The top emblem is on the left, the bottom one on the right, and a smaller one is on the left side below the top one. The main title is in a white box with red text. Below the title, the membership count is displayed in large black text. At the bottom, membership statistics for 2023 and 2022 are listed with yellow highlights for specific numbers.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 291
1ST VICE REPORT

Current Post Membership
= 4,230 Legionnaires

Current Membership Numbers for 2023@ National = 1821 (43.9%)

- **2022-2023 Goal = 4,151 (??)**
 - **2450 more needed to reach our goal.**
- **Good thru 2022 = 2330**
- **New Members 2023 = 169 2022 = 468**
 - **62 more new members this month**

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard

- Excused

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker



3rd Vice Cmdr- Cindy Baker

- Boys State
- American Legion Baseball
- Boy Scouts
- Oratorical Scholarship Contest

28

Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds –

- No Report

Finance Officer Hal McNaughton



Newport Harbor Post 291
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures
Seven Months Ended 7/31/22 and 7/31/19

	7/31/2022	7/31/2019	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 1,844,486.00	\$ 1,234,430.00	610,056.00
Expenditures	1,870,615.00	1,304,914.00	565,701.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(26,129.00)	(70,484.00)	44,355.00
Membership:			
Revenue	374,648.00	184,190.00	190,458.00
Expenditures	470,997.00	472,428.00	(1,431.00)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(96,349.00)	(288,238.00)	191,889.00
Combined Totals	(122,478.00)	(358,722.00)	236,244.00
Facility Fees	209,045.00	192,075.00	16,970.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness	254,100.00		254,100.00
Combined Net of Revenue & Expenditures	\$ 340,667.00	\$ (166,647.00)	\$ 507,314.00

27

Historian Gary Mathieson

- ❑ Excused

Sergeant at Arms “Skipper Tim” Bercovitz

- No Report

Chaplain Ken Wilson

- Encouraged “Buddy Call” support and participation
- Spoke of and encouraged Veteran “Coffee Talk” Meetings at the Post participation

Service Officer Cory Vigil



Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Veterans Served in July:

A. Items approved or rejected:

1. **ARMY veteran** requested motel voucher for 3 days at \$415.18 and \$1005.00 for an extension. Referred by Coastline Community College Garden Grove Campus .
2. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with utility bill for \$531.33.
3. **USMC veteran** requested mortgage assistance for \$1,171.53. Referred by Strong Families, Strong Children.
4. **USAR veteran** requested rental assistance for \$669.16. Referred by OC211.
5. **ARMY veteran** requested rental assistance for \$600.00. Referred by OC211.
6. **ARMY veteran** requested motel assistance for \$1,094.21. Referred by Huntington Beach Post 133.

\$5,486.41



Service Officer - Cory Vigil

\$1000.00 grocery card donation to US VETS student veteran program.

Ordered 6 DD-214's

Referred 2 veterans for legal services.

Referred 2 families for burial benefits.

Referred 11 veterans for disability compensation



Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Monthly Update for Service Officer

for the Aug 4, 2022 E-Board

6510 Donations	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	2022 Actual thru July 31	% of 2022 Budget thru July 31
6519 Honor Guard	2,842.34	2,500.00	245.39	10%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,547.81	70%
6522 Restricted VEAFF expense	84,573.73	100,000.00	50,579.54	51%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	21,804.50	20,000.00	26,636.59	133%
Total 6510 expenses	119,220.57	137,500.00	88,009.33	64%
4520 VEAFF current balance			83,826.92	
July Donations Out			245.39	
July VEAFF Donations Out			5875.71	

34

Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni

- No Report

Members at Large – No Reports

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished Business

Induction of New Members

- Presented by 1st Vice Commander, Brian Fleming, Jr.
 - COUNT: 62 Inductees
 - Motion to approve the new inductees into Post 291, by Cmdr. Planto
 - M/S/C; Motion Carries Unanimously

New Business

- Member Chase Wickersham discussed the Post's Legal Defensive Fund donation of \$1k from a Korean War Veteran
- Service Officer Cory Vigil asked for Motion for \$1k to support project Stand Down for veterans experiencing homelessness.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

Good of the Legion

- ☐ None to Report

Ken Wilson - Closing Prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2019 hours.