



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template
Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Meeting called to order at approximately 1917

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: E. Schroeder, G. Mathieson, D. Zamudio, M. Schubert, D. de Rosia,

Honored Guests:

Brian Fleming Jr.- District 29 Sgt-at-Arms

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

Josh Gutierrez – Urban Valor – Presented overview of mission of Urban Valor and encouraged Legion member to share their military experience/stories

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.**

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Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- **Spoke about Community Involvement**
- **Upcoming overnight fishing trip**
- **Flag Day- June 14th**
- **9/11- Patriots Day**

American Legion Yacht Club – Tommy Wheeler, Commodore



American Legion Yacht Club



Membership:
Up to 850 changing daily.

Events
First Sunday Harbor Cruise 6/5—6 attendees
June New Member Orientation- 9 new members
Monday Evening Sundowners series and dinner
Model Yacht Tuesday Evening series at Mason Lake Irvine
Saturday evening Social and Raft Up BBQ - approximately 50 members attended
Valor Harbor Raft up- 6/11
Conducted Annual Sailboat Skippers Meeting #1 & #2
Dive and Snorkel club re engaged
New Pictures on Facebook.
Old Glory Boat Parade

Events coming up
Sundowners Series --continues
Model Yacht Racing Series--continues
Sunday Harbor Cruise 7/10, 8/7 sold out
Saturday Evening Social 7/11 - Hawaiian Shirts and Moo Moos 5-7 PM West Patio
Old Glory Boat Parade Awards Dinner 7/17
New Member Orientation 7/19

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Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –



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 08 June 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 08 June 2022 General

- Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

- None to report

Officer Reports:

Commander Evin Planto –

- Highlighted donation efforts and progress
- Knowledge Mike Bedine's 4th of July project efforts, well done.
- Discussed new purchases in kitchen and HVAC in Main Hall.
- Gave recognition Post event highlighting Jazz Nights

Adjutant Richard Reyna –

No Report

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –



The graphic is a blue rectangular slide with white and yellow text. It features the American Legion seal on the left and right sides. The title 'AMERICAN LEGION POST 291' is in large white letters, with '1ST VICE REPORT' below it in yellow. The main heading '▪Current Post Membership' is in white, followed by '= 4,072 Legionnaires' in yellow. Below this, a list of membership statistics is provided in white and yellow text.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 291
1ST VICE REPORT

▪Current Post Membership
= 4,072 Legionnaires

▪ Current Membership Numbers for 2023@ National **=234 (0.05%)**

- >2022-2023 Goal **= 4,151 (??)**
- >**3917 more needed to reach our goal.**
- >Good thru 2022 **= 3838**
- >New Members 2023 **= 68** **2022 = 468**
- >68 more new members this month



AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 1ST VICE REPORT



▪ 2021/ 2022 Attrition Rate = 365 Legionnaires (9.0%)

> DECEASED	– 64 Legionnaires = 15.2%	— 1.5% of overall membership
> WWII	– 23 Legionnaires = 6.3%	
> Korea	– 31 Legionnaires = 8.5%	
> Vietnam	– 184 Legionnaires = 50.4%	
> Leb/ Gre	– 14 Legionnaires = 3.8%	
> Panama	– 5 Legionnaires = 1.4%	— Named as the future
> Persian Gulf	– 52 Legionnaires = 14.2%	of the Legion = 32.3%
> GWOT	– 47 Legionnaires = 12.9%	

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard

- Spoke about Upcoming Events
- Asked for music/band type suggestions

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker



3rd Vice Cmdr: Cindy Baker

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



3rd Vice Omdr.- Cindy Baker

American Legion Baseball

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Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds –

- No Report

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

- Provided Revenue and Expenditures overview stating the financials for the Post are good

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 June:

A. Items approved or rejected:

1. **USMC veteran**, Carla Wilkerson requested assistance with auto repair for \$800.00 as two agencies covered another \$1600.00. Referral from the Tierney Center and Dana Point VFW.
2. **ARMY veteran**, Michael McGuinn requested \$640.00 for deep clean on apartment requested by the Santa Ana VA.
3. **NAVY veteran**, Michelle Ybarra requested auto repair for \$1,218.85. Self-referral.
4. **NAVY veteran**, Denice Munder requested medical assistance for service dog in the amount of \$488.62. Referred by the South County Vet Center.
5. **NAVY veteran**, Paul Stanford requested rental assistance for \$50.00. Referred by Santa Ana VA.
6. **ARMY veteran**, Jerry Harp requested assistance with rent and utilities in the amount of \$498.50 and \$38.32.
7. **USMC veteran**, Stephanie Holloway requested assistance for dental emergency for \$692.10. Referred by multiple agencies.

\$4,914.50

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Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Ordered 3 DD-214's

Assisted 7 student veterans with gas or food cards

3 burial referrals

Utilized a congressional investigation for 1 veteran.

Assisted 3 homeless veterans in shelter.

Assisted 2 veterans with dental emergencies

Assisted with 2 auto repairs

Assisted 2 veterans with Lyft rides

Referred 3 veterans for employment to VetNet.

\$500.00 Shell/Lyft Cards

\$200.00 Home Depot to Santa Ana Veterans Village

\$300.00 Shell Cards

Donated \$1000.00 in grocery cards to Coastline Community Colleges (3)

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Service Officer - Cory Vigil

Monthly Update for Service Officer		for the July 7, 2022 E-Board			
	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	2022 Actual % of 2022 Budget thru Jun 30		thru Jun 30
6510 Donations					
6519 Honor Guard	2,842.34	2,500.00	-		0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,547.81		70%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	84,573.73	100,000.00	44,703.83		45%
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	81,888.23		60%
4520 VEAF current balance			87,469.57		
June Donations Out			6550.12		
June VEAF Donations Out			6403.12		

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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: 55 Inductees
 - Motion to approve the new inductees into Post 291, by Cmdr. Planto
 - M/S/C; Motion Carries Unanimously

New Business

- No New Business

Good of the Legion

- None to Report

Ken Wilson - closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2043 hours.