



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

Meeting called to order at approximately 1900 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Brad McDermott

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Ricard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer     | <input type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, M.a.L.                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad McDermott, Chaplain        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L.      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Reyna, Adjutant                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Mathieson, Historian                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis de Rosia, M.a.L.               |

**Meeting has Quorum**

**Excused:** C. Baker, Hal McNaughton, G. Mathieson, D. de Rosa, D. Zamudio, E. Schroeder

**Honored Guests:**

Doug Nye, Past Post 291 Commander

James (Jim) Garner – Project Healing Water Fly Fishing

- Presented an overview of their program to the membership

## Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

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



### **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291**

#### **Upcoming Event Dates for the Auxiliary**

Oct 10 GM  
Oct 22 New Member Social  
Oct 23 Bunco and Halloween Decorating  
Oct 29 Kids Halloween Party  
Nov 17 Holiday Boutique  
Nov 19 Troop Shipping.

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

- Spoke about Community Involvement
- Spoke about Hero's Foundation
- Supporting Veterans and paddleboards via Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Planning supporting their Boat Parade effort
- Thanked Commander Planto's Post Lease efforts and leadership



## What ALYC Offers and Provides to Military Veterans of Post 291



- **Membership** in the only American Legion Yacht Club in the world — whether you own a boat or not
- **Reciprocity** privileges to visit most other yacht clubs
- **Opportunity to sail — and learn to sail — two ALYC sailboats** — a Cal 20 and a Cal 22 (at no cost)
- **Opportunity to join and participate in the ALYC Dive and Snorkel Group**
- **Use of three ALYC remote controlled model yachts**
- **Discounted sailing lessons** at Marina Park
- **Opportunity to crew — and to learn to skipper — the ALYC 40-foot power boat *Valor*, the ALYC Race Committee boat**
- **Opportunities to cruise or ride** on the ALYC 40-foot power boat *Valor*, the ALYC Race Committee boat
- **Opportunity to participate in ALYC sailboat racing**
- **Opportunity to participate in many nautically-related ALYC social events**
- — **Opportunities to participate in numerous fun activities on, in, under, or near the water!**

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## American Legion Yacht Club



### Membership:

Up to 911 changing daily.

### Events

Hosted the BAC Master Anglers Billfish Tournament skippers meeting 9/11 and Awards dinners 9/13  
Sunday Harbor Cruise 9/11—15 attendees  
Southern California Coastal Cleanup 9/17- collected 125 pounds of trash  
Argosy Race 9/17 cancelled – lack of participation  
Saturday evening Social - 65 members attended  
September New Member Orientation- 15 new members  
Sundowners Awards Dinner 9/25  
Dive and Snorkel club re engaged  
Great Pacific Air Show 9/30- 12 members

### Events coming up

Great Pacific Air Show -10/01 & 10/02—12 members each day  
Painting the roof of Valor- 10/3-10/6  
Sailing for Visually Impaired- 10/8—25 boats and 100 riders -All day Event  
Saturday Evening Social 10/08 - 5-7 PM WestPatio  
General Membership Meeting -10/13- Nominations for BOD  
New Member Orientation 10/18  
Cruise Out to Long Beach Yacht Club 10/21-10/23  
Dive and Snorkel meeting – 10/26  
Fall Fishing Tournament 10/29-still working details.

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## AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 HONOR GUARD REPORT



### ▪ Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- 58 events completed in 2022
- 2 additional pending for the month
- 22 active members
  
- Averaging approx 6+ / services per month

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

- A motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes for 14 September 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 14 September 2022 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

### **Correspondence**

- None to report

**Officer Reports:**

**Commander Evin Planto –**

- Highlighted the Post's Officers and Delegates participation at the Legion National Convention
- Discussed progress and efforts for the kitchen and HVAC projects as well as ceiling in Main Hall
- Provided Seawall Project Update
- Encouraged membership to attend Jazz Night on Thursdays
- Encouraged membership to attend the WWII and Korean Veteran's Luncheon

**Adjutant Richard Reyna –**

- No Report

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



The graphic features a blue background with three circular American Legion emblems. A white banner at the top center contains the text "AMERICAN LEGION POST 291" and "1ST VICE REPORT" in red. Below the banner, the text "Current Post Membership = 4,311 Legionnaires" is displayed in bold black font. Further down, membership statistics for 2023 are listed, including a goal of 4,202 and a current count of 2,286 (54.4%).

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 291**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE REPORT**

**Current Post Membership**  
**= 4,311 Legionnaires**

**Current Membership Numbers for 2023@ National = 2286 (54.4%)**

- **2022-2023 Goal = 4,202 (??)**
- **1926 more needed to reach our goal**
- **Good thru 2022 = 2025**
- **New Members 2023 = 243      2022 = 468**
- **38 more new members this month**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ray Ricard**

- Encouraged membership to attend Jazz Night on Thursdays
- Encouraged membership to attend Taco Tuesday
- Encouraged membership to attend Line Dancing on Tuesdays
- Encouraged membership to attend the Post's Halloween Party
- Encouraged membership to attend Sat & Sun Patio Bands
- Encouraged membership to attend Friday Dinner & Dancing Night

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

- Excused -
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Fleming – Updated about Boys State and CA SB 363, non-gender specific

**Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds –**

- Excused - No Report

**Finance Officer Hal McNaughton –**

- Excused –
- Post Commander Planto reviewed the Post financial status



# Finance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY										
YEAR TO DATE 2022										
THRU 09/30/2022										
	2022		2021		\$		%		2022	
	9/30/2022		9/30/2021						ANNUAL	%
	YTD		YTD		CHG		CHG		BUDGET	OF ANNUAL
										BUDGET
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>										
INCOME	516,410		333,039		183,371		55.1%		603,280	86%
OTHER INCOME	6,760		3,037		3,723		122.6%		3,450	190%
TOTAL INCOME	523,169		336,076		187,094		55.7%		606,730	86%
EXPENSES	692,518		367,847		324,672		88.3%		573,879	121%
NET INCOME	-169,349		-31,771		-137,578		433.0%		32,851	-516%
<b>OPERATING</b>										
<b>INCOME</b>										
BAR SALES	600,811		307,052		293,759		95.7%		802,605	75%
BANQUET SALES	373,651		141,760		231,891		163.6%		394,491	95%
RESTAURANT SALES	1,103,465		893,339		210,126		23.5%		898,748	123%
TOTAL FOODSERVICE	2,077,927		1,342,151		735,776		54.8%		2,095,844	99%
OTHER INCOME	359,498		289,437		70,061		24.2%		664,100	54%
GROSS INCOME	2,437,425		1,631,588		805,837		49.4%		2,759,944	88%
CGS	1,732,376		1,255,968		476,407		37.9%		2,023,322	86%
GROSS PROFIT	705,050		375,620		329,430		87.7%		736,622	96%
OTHER EXPENSES	784,865		609,951		174,914		28.7%		891,893	88%
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,517,241		1,865,919		651,321		34.9%		2,915,215	86%
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-79,816		-234,331		154,516		-65.9%		-155,271	51%
OTHER INCOME	264,880		380,555		-115,675		-30.4%		15,250	1737%
FACILITY FEE	260,525		232,743		27,783		11.9%		450,000	58%
OTHER EXPENSE					0		0.0%			
NET INCOME	445,589		378,966		66,623		17.6%		309,979	144%
<b>SUMMARY</b>										
	2022		2021		CASH					
	NET	BANK	NET	BANK	CHG					
	INCOME	CASH	INCOME	CASH						
MEMBERSHIP	-169,349	148,623	-31,771	234,524	-84,901					
OPERATING	445,589	178,701	378,966	286,323	-106,622					
RESERVE ACCT		1,593,257		1,342,764	250,494					
TOTAL AL 291	276,240	1,922,581	347,195	1,863,610	58,971					

**Historian Gary Mathieson -**

- Excused – No Report

**Sergeant at Arms “Skipper Tim” Bercovitz -**

- Excused - No Report

**Brad McDermott - Chaplain**

- Introduced himself to the membership
- Encouraged Veteran’s and their families to contact him as needed for support

**Service Officer Cory Vigil –**

**Veterans Served in September:**

A. Items approved or rejected:

1. **USMC veteran** requested assistance with past due vehicle payment for \$468.56. Referred by the Tierney Center.
2. **ARMY veteran** requested assistance with storage fee for \$124.95. Referred by VOA.
3. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with motel voucher for 7 days at \$882.00. Referred by Working Wardrobes VetNet.
4. **ARMY veteran** requested burial assistance from Trident Society for \$866.00. Referred by 291member.
5. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with vet emergency for dog at Alicia Care Vet for \$332.95.
6. **AIR FORCE veteran** requested assistance with past due cellular bill for \$106.51. Referred by Cal State Fullerton.
7. **USMC veteran** requested rental assistance in the amount of \$1000.00. Referred by Fullerton College.
8. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with storage past due and motel voucher for \$705.20 and \$639.06. Referred by MHA Santa Ana.
9. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with auto past due of \$1000.00. Referred by the VA Santa Ana.
10. **NAVY veteran** requested assistance with Cell Phone Repair for \$139.00. Referred by VA Santa Ana.

**\$6,264.23**

Monthly Update for Service Officer		for the Oct 6, 2022 E-Board		
	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	2022 Actual thru Sept 30	% of 2022 Budget thru Sept 30
6510 Donations				
6519 Honor Guard	2,842.34	2,500.00	607.78	24%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	10,000.00	15,000.00	13,624.81	91%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	84,573.73	100,000.00	66,211.08	66%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	21,804.50	20,000.00	28,246.85	141%
Total 6510 expenses	119,220.57	137,500.00	108,690.52	79%
4520 VEAF current balance			69,918.52	
Sept Donations Out			9339.62	
Sept VEAF Donations Out			7325.23	

**Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni -**

- Excused - No Report

**Members at Large – No Reports**

**Unfinished Business**

- No Unfinished Business

**Induction of New Members**

- Presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Brian Fleming, Jr.
  - COUNT: 32 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**

- Ernest Alonzo – Encouraged the membership to attend the Veterans Better Business Meeting at the Post on Nov. 1st



**Brad McDermott - Closing Prayer.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.