



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2022
-- APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Brad McDermott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused:

Cindy Baker
Richard Reyna
Diane Torrianni
Gary Mathison
Nick Giordano
Dennis de Rosia

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Judy France - San Clemente Military Family Outreach
– Requesting funds to support their efforts

Maureen Tschopp – Merrill Lynch
– Provided an overview and insight in the services they provide the Post with our cash management services

Robert Owens - Courage Foundation
– Requesting funds to support their efforts

Jim Ibbottson
– Parking and previous EC Incident Recommendation concerns

Mike Mailman; District Executive Member
– Provided District and Calendar Update

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

- Auxiliary Unit 291 – Dana Johnston – 2nd Vice President
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.

- SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan - Commander
Spoke about Community Involvement
Provided 9/11 Event Update
Spoke about Hero's Foundation
Supporting Veterans and paddleboards via Paralyzed Veterans of America
Planning supporting their Boat Parade effort
Membership Renewal going well

- ALYC – Commodore Tommy Wheeler –
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 West Patio
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

Yacht Club will be meeting with the Service Officer to discuss how the Yacht Club supports veterans.

- Honor Guard – Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –
22 Members
Handful of Inactive Members
58 Events this year, averaging 6 a month
2 Pending

Correspondence

- Commander Evin –
 - Mr. Ibbottson’s Correspondence forwarded to the SAL Judge Advocate

Minutes Approval

- All Board members received copies of the 08 September 2022 Executive Committee Minutes
 - The Commander asked for a motion to approve the 08 September 2022 Executive Committee Minutes
 - M/S/C: The motion to approve the 08 September 2022, Executive Committee Minutes was carried.

Committee Reports

- House Committee – Evin Planto
Marina –
Seawall Project Update, ahead of schedule, minimum disruption to Post events/activities

General Discussion - Kitchen and Restaurant Operations

Kitchen progress – Received Quote

Post Hall and Kitchen will be Closed during January for A/C and Kitchen upgrades

Food Prices raised \$1.00

Facility

Monthly Post Property Cleanup underway

Dry dock storage contract deliverable plan – processing with Bob Wine

- Lease Committee- Evin Planto
Post attorney, Lease & Audit Committee working with City attorney to develop amended Lease, Commander provided update as to progress. City/Post Audit discussion suspended while addressing amended Lease.
- Entertainment Committee – Ray Ricard
Evaluating discontinuing Saturday Bands in November through the Winter Season
- Finance Committee – Hal McNaughton – No Report
- Audit Committee - No Report
- Donations Committee – Cory Vigil - No Report

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Recent Veterans Coffee Talk hosted a spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation aiding veterans
- Discussed WWII & Korean Luncheon
- Discussion Employee Appreciation Dinner participation
- Cover for A/C fence, reviewing with City
- Discussed progress and efforts the kitchen and HVAC as well as ceiling in Main Hall
- Update to Ceiling Upgrade Project
- Provided Seawall Project, drilling begins in January
- Group discussion regarding the Executive Committee's National Convention budget and participation which escalated to Closed Session

ADJUTANT – Richard Reyna

- Excused - No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- 4202 members
- Over 44% of membership goal
- 235 new members this year
- 32 new members this month
- All future retention ideas should go to the 1st Vice
- Discussion regarding when the Post issues parking cards to new members
- Discussion regarding disseminating Membership Rules to New Member who do not attend an Introduction Meeting

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard –

- No Report

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Excused - No Report

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Discussed the possibility of setting up an \$100k endowment Fund, funded by a member as a 501C3
- Reviewed Financial Summary month ending in September
- Discussion on adding and removing signatories from bank accounts

HISTORIAN – Gary Mathison

- Excused - No Report

SERGEANT AT ARMS – “Skipper Tim” Bercovitz

- No Report

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- ❑ Requested Post email access and Officer badge
- ❑ Requested burial information the Post offers members

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	
	2021 Actuals
6510 Donations	
6519 Honor Guard	2,842.34
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	10,000.00
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	84,573.73
6515 Oratorical	-
6510 Donations other	21,804.50
Total 6510 expenses	119,220.57
4520 VEAF current balance	
Sept Donations Out	
Sept VEAF Donations Out	

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- Excused – No Report

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo – No Report
- Dennis de Rosia – Excused
- Mike Schubert –
Discussed planning for Post Centennial Day.
- Eric Schroeder – No Report
- David Zamudio.- No Report
- Nick Giordano - Excused

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Presented by Finance Officer, Hal McNaughton – Motion to Approve New Bank Signers

The changes to the signers on Post 291’s bank accounts are as follows:

Signers appointed for all accounts are –

Evin Planto, Commander and Corporate CEO.
Brian Fleming, Jr, 1st Vice Commander
Richard Reyna, Adjutant, and Corporate Secretary
Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer, and Corporate Treasurer

Signers removed from all accounts are –

David Zamudio
Robert Wine
Jon Reynolds
Robert Brennan
James Updike
Mike Berdine

The bank Signers are authorized to endorse and make deposits, sign checks, withdraw funds and otherwise operate such accounts on behalf of Post 291.

The signers are not authorized to borrow money or obtain credit on the Post’s behalf; however, such authority may be granted by corporate resolution later.

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- Presented by Commander, Evin Planto

Motion the following bank accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to our existing Merrill Lynch account then managed by the Finance Committee.

Chase Bank - \$224,023

Comerica Bank - \$246,997

Bank of America - \$250,050

City National Bank - \$225,000

Farmers and Merchant's Bank -\$250,299

- M/S/C: Carries Unanimously

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- 1st Vice Fleming reported that Department Commander asked him if anyone wanted to volunteer to be the area 5 Commissioner for Boys State.
- 1st Vice Fleming reported that 3rd Vice Baker asked him to speak to the Adjutant Reyna to address her concerns regarding the Judicial Committee's pending Incident Reports.

Closed Session:

- Discussed the Post Officer's duties and responsibilities while attending the American Legion National Convention.

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2135_ hours.