




08 February 2023 General Meeting Minutes - APPROVED 09 March 2023 -

Called to Order at 1900 hours by American Legion Post 291 **Commander Evin Planto**.


A motion was made to waive the reading of the previous general meeting's minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.

Commander Planto recognized honored guest District 29 Officer Mike Mailman.

Auxiliary



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291



Spouse and Descendants of Military Veterans

www.ala291.com

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\$10 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 291 16803

The Mardi Gras RAFFLE

5 Chances to Win

\$5,000 ~ \$4,000 ~ \$3,000 ~ \$2,000 ~ \$1,000

All proceeds will go to various Auxiliary charities. Drawing to be held on Feb 18, 2023. Need not be present to win. Winner must be at least 18 years of age and must provide valid identification and taxpayer information to obtain winnings.

\$10

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The Auxiliary had a giant baby shower at Camp Pendleton.

They also held a blood drive on 20 February 2023.




Blood Drive

Kindness
is in your blood.



American Red Cross Blood Drive
American Legion Auxiliary
Newport Harbor Unit 291
Banquet Hall
215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663
Monday, February 20, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



American Red Cross

Juniors Activities





American Legion Yacht Club



Membership

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Events last month

Budget Meeting	Jan 12 th
Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch	Jan 14 th
New Member Orientation	Jan 17 th
Dive and Snorkel Club Meeting	Jan 25 th
Bridge Meeting	Jan 26 th

Upcoming Events

General membership meeting	Feb 9 th
Midwinter Regatta	Feb 18-19
Midwinter Regatta Awards Dinner	Feb 19 th
New Member Orientation	Feb 21 st
Dive and Snorkel Club Meeting	Feb 22 nd
Bridge Meeting	Feb 23 rd
41 st Annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup	Feb 25 th
Social at Fontana Speedway	Feb 25 th

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First Vice Commander Fleming



AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 HONOR GUARD REPORT



Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- >0 events completed in 2023
- >3 additional pending for the month
- >22 active members
- >4 Potential New Members

- >We Need New Members!



AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 1ST VICE REPORT

■ **Current Post Membership 3,656 Legionnaires**

■ **Current Membership Numbers for 2023@ National =3,656 (87.0%)**

➤ **2022-2023 Goal = 4,202**

➤ **546 more needed to reach our goal.**

➤ **Good thru 2022 = 795**

➤ **New Members 2023 = 347 2022 = 468**

➤ **14 more new members this month**

➤ **25 new members for Jan + 14 new members for Feb**

➤ **39 new members for the February Induction Meeting**

Second Vice Commander Ricard reviewed upcoming special events and regularly scheduled weekly events.



3rd Vice Cmdr.- Cindy Baker

American Legion California Boys & Girls State Program

- Selected 16 Boys & 10 Girls

	# interviewed	selected as delegate	% of 26 candidates selected	Of boys/girls interviewed we choose this % of them
Boys	23	16	0.62	0.70
Girls	15	10	0.385	0.67
	38	26	1	

American Legion Orange County Baseball

- I requested confirmation from District 29 and told a 2023 baseball season will be discuss and I will be kept in the loop.

Third Vice Commander Baker said that several local high school administrators and

counselors have called her and expressed interest in the programs that she administers. She gave some recent history of the programs. Several of the candidates have achieved significant recognition. A restart of American Legion baseball is under discussion. She will share any news as soon as it becomes available. She could use some volunteers. She is always looking for volunteers.

Finance Officer Hal McNaughton

Finance Report 2022 Year End Presented, February 2, 2023

• Membership Income	\$863,853
• Membership Expenses	\$1,008,181
• Loss	(\$144,327)
• Business Income	\$4,107,885
• Business Expenses	\$3,444,490
• Net Income	\$660,395

Balance Sheet

• Total Assets	\$3,070,028
• Total Liabilities	\$259,565
• Total Equity (Net Worth)	\$2,810,462

The Historian was not present. A program for the post to make videos of World War II Veterans telling their stories is currently under development.

The Chaplain invited those in attendance to attend an upcoming "Reveal" Seminar.



The **Reveal Seminar** is ideal for anyone who making significant transition in their lives or simply want a change that might augment a particular situation.

It is an opportunity to to consider who you want to be as a friend, leader, family member and or within you work environment, and move into the new phase of life you want. This program will explore the patterns in your life that are helpful to your goals and as well as engage aspects that you experience as not helpful towards the life you want to have, personally and professionally - specifically with relationships to others.

It is a reflective and insightful consideration that allows you to recognize any attitudes and beliefs you have about yourself, others, or circumstances.

Once you recognize those attitudes and beliefs, the seminar is designed to support you in aligning those areas with your life in order to move into your future endeavors with boldness and conviction.

The goal of Reveal is to equip you to have radical transformation towards your vision, in a way that produces tremendous value and results for yourself and for others.



R | Pomona, CA | March 17-19, 2023

EXPLORE PATTERNS REVEAL SEMINAR

The Reveal Seminar is an opportunity to explore the patterns in your life that are working both for and against the vision you have for your personal and professional commitments and relationships. It is a reflective and insightful mirror that allows you to recognize any attitudes and beliefs you have about yourself, others, or circumstances. Once you recognize those attitudes and beliefs, the seminar is designed to support you in aligning those areas with your vision in order to have it happen.

THE GOAL
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DETAILS
March 17 - 19, 2023
Pomona, CA
\$445 Early-Bird by Feb. 17
\$595 by March 15

WHO WE ARE
GAP is a faith-based organization committed to equip individuals to recognize the call of God in their lives and respond to that call with excitement, purpose, and responsibility.

Register at www.gapcommunity.com/reveal

Service Officer Corey Vigil emphasized the impact that American Legion Post 291 he is having within the veteran community. He gave the example of a USMC veteran who is struggling to support his college student daughter. The Post has provided financial assistance to the man and Post 291 gave her an "instant" scholarship of \$1,500.



Monthly Service Officer Update

Veterans Served in January:

Items approved or rejected:

1. *NAVY Veteran* requested auto repair assistance for \$1000.00. Referred by South County Outreach.
2. *ARMY Veteran* requested down deposit for apartment in the amount of \$1000.00. Referred by OC211.
3. *NAVY Veteran* requested past due Verizon for \$558.37. Referred by Santa Ana CRRC.
4. *NAVY Veteran* requested assistance with past due utility bill for \$240.00. Referred by the Santa Ana VA.
5. *AIR FORCE* requested rental assistance for \$1000.00. Referred by USAA.
6. *ARMY* requested past due utility assistance for \$500.56. Referred by OC211.
7. *NAVY Veteran* requested assistance with childcare for \$1000.00. Referred by VA Long Beach Women's Clinic.
8. *ARMY Veteran* requested motel voucher for \$931.72. Referred by Irvine Valley College.
9. *ARMY Veteran* requested assistance with auto past due for \$855.35. referred by Santa Ana VA.
10. *ARMY* requested assistance with Cellular phone past due for \$703.75. Referred by OC211.
11. *ARMY Veteran* requested assistance with tire replacement for \$578.24. Referred by the Tiemey Center.
12. *ARMY Veteran* requested auto repair for \$1000.00. Referred by Veterans Legal Institute.
13. *COAST GUARD Veteran* requested auto repair for \$1,546.82. Referred by OC211.

- 15. *NAVY* requested 30 Day Bus Pass for \$22.25. Referred by Long Beach VA
- 16. *ARMY Veteran* requested assistance with tuition for \$667.14. Referred by Irvine Valley College.
- 17. *AIR FORCE Veteran*. requested assistance with auto repair for \$185.00. Referred by OC211.

\$12,707.75

Sponsored 15 individuals from the South Orange County Vet Center for the Clippers game. \$1,215.89
 Ralph's Grocery Cards- \$1400.00
 Shell Gas Cards \$400.00

- 4 referrals to VA CRRC for housing.
- 14 Lyft rides to medical appointments or disability compensation.
- 4 referrals to Veteran's Legal Institute. (appeals)
- 1 referral to Public Law Center.
- 12 referrals to Veteran Service Office for disability compensation.
- 8 gas cards delivered.
- 10 grocery cards delivered.
- 2 Referrals for burial.



Monthly Service Officer Update

6510 Donations	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget	2023 Actual thru Dec 31	% of 2023 Budget thru Dec 31
6519 Honor Guard	\$ 3,325.98	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 37.00	1%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	\$ 25,996.34	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 3,015.39	3%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	\$ 93,761.21	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 12,707.75	25%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	\$ 46,772.60	\$ 50,000.00	-	0%
Total 6510 expenses	\$ 169,856.13	\$ 202,500.00	\$ 15,760.14	8%
4520 VEAF current balance			\$ 80,870.47	
Jan Donations Out			-	
Jan VEAF Donations Out			\$ 12,707.75	

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Member-at-Large (M.a.L.) Mike Schubert gave an overview of the Vietnam Veterans welcome home party that is coming up on Saturday, 25 March 2023. It will be a great time. The Vietnam Veterans of America's Huey helicopter will be on display here at Post 291. A Swift Boat is coming up from San Diego for the party. The first meeting of the 100-anniversary planning committee will be held on 4 March 2023. He needs volunteers to help with planning and executing the party.

M.a.L. Dennis de Rosia said that seven of our post 291 members will be receiving a decoration recognizing their Korean war service.

New members were introduced and stood up as their names and service eras were read.

A motion was made and seconded to accept their applications for membership. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Vietnam era veterans were called forward and guest Ray Flores recognized and thanked Vietnam Veterans with presented them with a special lapel pin.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to ratify the rules was made. It was seconded and passed unanimously without discussion.

A motion was made to approve the election committee members. It was seconded and approved unanimously without discussion.

M.a.L. Legionnaire Kevin Van Otterloo asked that the new adjutant, Dave Ortolf be approved or disapproved.

Finance officer Hal McNaughton recognized Robert Owens. Robert is Vietnam Veteran who recently rowed across the Atlantic Ocean to raise money to help combat veteran suicide. See: <https://www.newportbeachindy.com/newport-beach-veteran-to-row-across-the-atlantic-to-raise-attention-of-vet-suicides/>

Legionnaire Earnest Alonzo rose in support of Veteran's business networking organizations.

Adjourned at 2019 hours.