



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291**  
**215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template**  
**Wednesday, 12 April 2023 - APPROVED**

Meeting called to order at approximately 1901

hoursThe Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin 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:**

Evin Planto, Commander	Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer	Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.
Ray Ricard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Phillip Orellano*, Sgt-at-Arms	Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Cory Vigil, Service Officer	David Zamudio , M.a.L.
Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	Brad McDermott, Chaplain	Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
Dave Ortolf, Adjutant	Johnny Arjanda*, Historian	Dennis DeRosia, M.a.L.

\*Newly Appointed

**Excused:** Ray Ricard, Eric Schroeder, Dennis DeRosia, Hal McNaughton

**Honored Guests:** None

**Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:**

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

Provided goals of the AUX and past/future events.

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

- Biggest and best SAL squadron
- Spoke about upcoming event: Flag Day, Fins and Fairways, and paddle boards.

**American Legion Yacht Club** – Stephen Alfano, Commodore

- Spoke about the ALYC, events, and activities.

**Honor Guard** – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –

- 25 active members (three new)
- 10 events completed for the year.
- Recruiting new members

**House Committee** – David Ortolf, Chair

- Described HC responsibilities
- Hall update
- Seawall update

**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 March 2023 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 08 March 2023 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously

**Donation Committee – Cory Vigil**

- Described Service Officer's job
- Spoke about VEAF
- Reviewed veteran support for the past month
- Discussed Coffee Talk successes

**Officer Reports:**

**Commander Evin Planto –**

- Commander discussing past and upcoming events
- Hall is work in progress

**Adjutant David Ortolf –**

- No official correspondence received.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –**

- Provided membership report
- Provided membership goal update
- Discussed membership retention

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

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- Excused

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

- Discussion on what is Boy's and Girl's State , AL Baseball, and Boy Scouts.

**Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds** – No report

**Finance Officer Hal McNaughton** – Post Financial Operations - Excused

### **Historian Johnny Arganda**

- Provided report on his plans for the Historian position

### **Sergeant at Arms Phillip Orellano**

- Commander introduced Phillip
- No report

### **Chaplain Brad McDermott**

- Provided update on Skipper Tim.
- Post Everlasting report
- Discussed Chaplain duties

### **Service Officer Cory Vigil**

- Provided spending update
- VEAF update
- Service officer account update

**Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni** - No Report

### **Members at Large –**

Mike Shubert

- Discussed Vietnam Service Pins
- Talked about Vietnam Welcome Home Party
- Discussed members getting or not getting emails
- Mentioned Vietnam Wall to Newport Beach

Kevin Van Otterloo – No report

Dennis De Rosia - Excused

David Zamudio

- Discussed how to wear cover
- Told member that they need to salute when entering and leaving the meeting

Nick Giordano – No report

Eric Schreoder - Excused

### **Induction of New Members**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Brian Fleming Jr., presents inductees
- COUNT: over 30 Inductees
- Motion to approve the induction of New Members to Post 291
  - M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
  - Commander Planto reads rules to new members.

## New Business

- 2022 Post 291 Elections – Officer Nominations (2nd Round)



### Nominations of Post Officers

- **Structure**
  - Nominations at two successive GMMs — **March and April**
- **Process**
  - “Raise Hand” to be recognized by Chair
  - Nominations will focus on only one Position at a time
  - Nominations do not require a Second (Robert’s Rules)
  - Nominee must verbally acknowledge acceptance (Post Policy)
- **Sequence of Elected Officer Positions for Nominations**
  - Commander
  - First Vice Commander
  - Second Vice Commander
  - Third Vice Commander
  - Finance Officer
  - Historian
  - Sergeant at Arms
  - Chaplain
  - Member(s) at Large

## Nominations

- Commander - None
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Mike Schubert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – None
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – None
- Finance Officer – None
- Chaplain – None
- Historian – Johnny Argarda
- Sgt–At–Arms–Phillip Orellano
- Members At Large - None

## Speeches by all nominees

**Good of the Legion** – Recommended to get on the email list for the post

**Chaplain Brad McDermott** - closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.