



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 04 MAY 2023
--APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Brad McDermott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander

E Adjutant, David Ortolf

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

X Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

X Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

X E Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer

X Phillip Orellano, Sgt-at-Arms

X Cory Vigil, Service Officer

X Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Argarda, Historian

X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.

X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

X David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

E Dennis de Rosia, M.a.L.

Excused:

Dave Ortolf

Dennis de Rosia

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Mike Mailman

Richard Sweeney – Spoke about Field of Honor

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Kim Ghilhart

- Discussed upcoming events

SAL Squadron 291 – Jeff Gottfredson – 1st Vice Commander

- Reviewed Membership
- Provided donation information
- Discussed upcoming events
- SAL Baseball team

ALYC – Stephen Alfanso – Commodore

- Discussed upcoming events.
- Need E Board to approve Port Captain Chris Huey

Post 291 Honor Guard/Color Guard - 1st Vice Commander Fleming

- Updates on events and membership (28)
- May busiest month

Minutes Approval

- No minutes were available for approval since the Adjutant was not in attendance. Short discussion on getting website up to date with posted approved minutes.

Correspondence

- None

Committee Reports

- House Committee – Evin Planto

Approved bids for Acoustics and AV System.

Jon Reynolds provided discussion about AV system.

Discussion on installations

Cindy Baker asked about the Seabreeze

New signage about service dogs has been ordered with discussion about Service Animals

- Lease Committee- Evin Planto

Board requested that Jon Janecek be invited to next board meeting.

- Entertainment Committee – Ray Ricard –

- Would like to see more Executive Committee engagement with the post.
- Adding swing dance to Tuesday nights.

- Audit Committee - No Report. Need to get additional personnel for the audit committee.

- Finance Committee – Hal McNaughton

- Ordered RDA report for post and plans to have findings available for next meeting
- Property tax exemption update
- Discussion about donations

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Reviewed past and future events

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers and relationship to quota.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- Update on variety show
- Need good board showing at events

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Update on Boys and Girls State Program (Dinner and Travel)
- Baseball Team update

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds - No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Reviewed financials
- Discussed losses for the year
- Crane maybe slowing business
- Coming into high season so profits will increase

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Law and Order event photos

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Phillip Orellano - No Report

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott – No report

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- Provided services provided to veterans and organizations
- Provided Lyft rides (11) for those left at appointments
- VEAF Update

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni – No Report

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- ☐ Kevin Van Otterloo – Provided feedback on Law and Order
- ☐ Dennis de Rosia - Excused
- ☐ Mike Schubert –
 - ☐ Provided update on Law and Order event.
 - ☐ City Councilwoman, Robin Grant, commented that our hall acoustics is the same as Mayor's Table.
 - ☐ Update on Post 100th year event
 - ☐ Discussion on having it on 4th of July
 - ☐ Discussion of Vietnam Wall exhibit to Newport Beach
- ☐ Eric Schroeder – No Report
- ☐ David Zamudio – Provided feedback on Law and Order
- ☐ Nick Giordano – Update on golf events and participation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Follow up on letter to be sent. Was being worked with Judicial Committee. Will be sent out by the end of the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to Approve Alcan AV system bid not to exceed \$25,000. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to Approve EEI Acoustics bid not to exceed \$30,000. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to send out "letter" by COB tomorrow to Vices. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to use all CD interest placed in a capital reserve restricted account for maintenance. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to donate flags project \$2500. Additional funds from service officer account. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion for Executive Board to approve the recommendation of ALYC for Chris Huey to be Port Captain. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to provide Chaplain account \$2000 for school children to bring their favorite veteran to the post for lunch. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Need to work on VEAF donations on website
- Post social media need work
- Need to email warranty statement from all board officers with response to commander. David Zamudio will craft statement. Emails read at following meeting correspondence to be placed in minutes.
- Bylaws committee recommendations sent to Commander by Chairman Reynolds

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Veteran Mental Health month of May
- Thanks for funds for Women Veterans Event
- Board needs to show up for events

Benediction by Chaplain

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2144_ hours.