



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template
Wednesday, 10 May 2023 - APPROVED

Meeting called to order at approximately 1901 hours

The 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:

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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 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phillip Orellano*, Sgt-at-Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Dave Ortolf, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Arjanda*, Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis DeRosia, M.a.L. |

*Newly Appointed

Excused: Eric Schroeder, Nick Giordano, Dennis DeRosia, and Dave Ortolf

Honored Guests: John Minella (District 29 Commander speaking about election to Area 5 Vice Commander), Joe Castillo (District 29 Executive Board Officer running for 1st Vice Commander), Robert Brower (District 29 Finance Officer provided legislation update), Mike Mailman (District 29 Executive Member)

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Dana Johnston, 2nd Vice President

Provided goals of the AUX and past/future events:

- Discussed their mission
- Pendleton event for kids
- Luau Event
- GMM
- Troop Shipping \$22 per box – looking for contributions

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Biggest and best SAL squadron

- Spoke about upcoming event.
- Reached 100% membership goal
- Golf tournament sold out
- Flag Day

American Legion Yacht Club – David Campagnari, 1st Vice Commodore

- Spoke about the ALYC, events, and activities.
- Opening Day
- Started Monday races
- Stand up paddle board rally
- Member meet up

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –

- Usually 3 events per month.
- 28 active members
- 14 events completed for the year.
- Recruiting new members

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

- A motion was presented to waive the reading of the Minutes for 12 April 2023 General Meeting.
- M/S/C: Carried Unanimously
- A motion was presented to approve the Minutes for 12 April 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
- Easter Brunch
- Law and Order Dinner
- Cinco DeMaio
- Coffee Talk – DSO for Orange County with 70 attendees
- Mother's Day

- Hall AV Solution and Acoustics solution passed by Executive Board

Adjutant David Ortolf – Excused

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- Provided membership report - 4002
- Provided membership goal update - 200 member under goal
- Goal needs to be reach by May 14
- Discussed membership retention

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard

- Swing dancing every other Tuesday
- Hootenanny on Tuesday
- Make your reservations for the variety comedy night
- Come out and have a good time

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker

- Discussion on what is Boy's and Girl's State – 14 boys and 11 girls
- AL Baseball schedule coming out in an email blast.

Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds

- HVAC now installed in the post – supported by Bob Wine
- City contract for sea wall project delays
- Commander provided additional updates

Finance Officer Hal McNaughton –

- Gave financial update
- Post is worth \$2,659,984

Historian Johnny Arganda – No report

Service Officer Cory Vigil

- Provided spending update
- VEAFF update - \$58K
- Service officer account update - \$59K
- LYFT cards are helping

Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni - No Report

Sergeant at Arms Phillip Orellano - No report

Members at Large –

Mike Shubert

- Discussed Law and Order Dinner
- Discussed members getting or not getting emails
- Mentioned 100th Anniversary planning for 4th of July 2024

Kevin Van Otterloo – No report

Dennis De Rosia - Excused

David Zamudio – No report

Nick Giordano – Excused

Eric Schreoder – Excused

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- Resolution was read to put American Legion Posts on active-duty post. Did not pass after discussion.
- 2023 Post 291 Election Results – Recess Until 2045
- Election Results Reported

2023 ELECTION RESULTS

COMMANDER

Evin Planto – 104 *

Kevin Van Otterloo – 90

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Brian Fleming Jr – 111 *

Mike Schubert -82

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Unopposed – Ray Ricard – 178

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Unopposed – Cindy Baker – 167

FINANCE OFFICER

Unopposed – Hal McNaughton – 170

SGT-AT-ARMS

Mike Mailman – 109*

Philip Orellano – 68

CHAPLAIN

Unopposed – Brad McDermott – 166

HISTORIAN

John Araganda – 96*

Walter Roberts – 87

MEMBER -AT-LARGE

Mike Berdine – 115*

Nick Giordano -120*

Wayne Zippi – 94

Good of the Legion – None

Kevin Van Otterloo - closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.