



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 01 JUNE 2023
--APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS
INVOCATION: Hal McNaughton
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander		
X Adjutant, David Ortolf	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	E Phillip Orellano, Sgt-at-Arms	X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
X Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice	X Cory Vigil, Service Officer	X David Zamudio, M.a.L.
X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	E Brad McDermott, Chaplain	X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
	X Johnny Argarda, Historian	X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

Excused:

Dennis de Rosia, Diane Torrianni, Phillip Orellano, Brad McDermott

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Mike Berdine

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – No Report

SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Successful Golf Tournament
- Upcoming Flag Day
- 1st Responder Award
- 2nd Vice received a new wheelchair
- Jon Reynolds asked about SAL email about gate security service

ALYC – Stephen Alfanso – Commodore

- Adding 16 to 20 new members a month
- Opening Day a big success
- Stand up paddle board training
- Duffy Rally
- Harbor Cruises going well
- ALYC Duffy will not go into service until seawall project completed
- Duffy certification discussed

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

- Updates on events (26 YTD) and membership
- May busiest month
- 6 events pending for June

Minutes Approval

- May minutes reviewed. Motioned to approve May 4th minutes as amended to be approved. M/S. Approved (6 to 4).

Correspondence

- Letter from the City of Newport Beach concerning Noise Complaints read.

Committee Reports

- House Committee – Dave Ortolf

Acoustics and AV System completed in July.
Seawall work continuing.
Remodel work done.
No firearms policy.

- Lease Committee- Evin Planto

Jon Janecek unable to attend due to family conflict.

- Entertainment Committee – Ray Ricard –
 - Last month comedy show not as well as expected. Next one will be better.
 - Acoustics will help inside performances
 - Changes made due to city complaint. City complaint letter read.
- Finance Committee – Hal McNaughton - Cover in his report

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Reviewed past and future events

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers (4077) and relationship to quota (4202 and now at 97% - 125 short of goal).
- 483 members did not renew. Increase of 121 since last year.
- Retention of membership should be a focus.
- New membership is 14 less than last year.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- Would like to see more board members at post entertainment. Not just before election. Need more involvements.
- Wayne Zippi recommending more Officers great tables at GMM.
- Mike Schubert recommending more event notification to members.

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Update on Boys and Girls State Program. (Orientation Dinner and Travel)
- Awards dinner on Aug 14. Planning underway.
- Updating medals to reflect Girls State.
- Baseball Team and Opening Day on 9th update
- Boy Scout merit badge clinic date to be determined.

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- May have reciprocity from other yacht clubs this month.

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Planned Giving Seminar canceled. Next one on the 12th.
- Reviewed financials for membership and business
- Discussed profit and losses for the year
- Crane maybe slowing business
- Coming into high season so profits will increase

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Memorial Weekend photos.
- Law and Order photos taken. Not posted to social media.
- Let him know about photo requirements for events.
- Docuseries on veterans to start in August or September. May coordinate with other posts.

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Phillip Orellano - Excused

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott – Excused

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- VEAFF (\$45k) provided services to veterans and organizations
- Memorial Day Campaign at \$13K.
- VSO account spent \$52K YTD.
- Provided Lyft rides (11) for those left at appointments
- VEAFF update
- Sponsoring events

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni – Excused

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- ❑ Kevin Van Otterloo – Sent out updated post rules and did not receive any responses. Cindy provided a spelling correction.
- ❑ Dennis de Rosia - Excused
- ❑ Mike Schubert –
 - ❑ Continue work on Post 100th year event
 - ❑ Continue work on Vietnam Wall exhibit to Newport Beach
- ❑ Eric Schroeder –
 - Continued discussion of minutes
 - Provided coverage discussion on D&O insurance and full disclosure by all board members.
 - Email was not sent to board members with warranty statement request.
- ❑ David Zamudio – No Report
- ❑ Nick Giordano – Requested recess. 2000 and will reconvene at 2015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- September 2022 minutes need to be taken down and edited.
- Minutes from month prior needs to be provided.
- Bylaw committee members are still consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

- Need more detailed information for the minutes.
- Motion to cast all votes for post members at the upcoming District election and District 29 Commander for Vice Area Commander. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Move that if there are no election concerns with the vote count, the Executive Committee directs the Adjutant is directed to destroy all ballots. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion to have SGT-of-ARMS be instructed to have all elected and appointed officers on the OD Schedule. Discussion brought to the boards attention that that is the current practice except for the Commander. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Discussion was held to have post family members provide OD support.
- Move to have Sgt-of-Arms to identify new OD designation. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- It was brought up that there was no representation from the AUX at the meeting.
- It was brought up that the board is “here as one”. We will not agree all the time. We are all adults which need to earn respect.
- Mentioned that the Family does great things, but here might be too much entitlement amongst the Family. The family relationship is getting better.
- Rumors being spread by Family members about the E Board “not knowing their sh*t”.
- Motion Feb, March, and April are to be completed by June 14th for review by the E Board. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion for approval of delegates to the Department Committee (Fleming, Ricard, Zamudio, Story, Young, Roberts, Mailman, Van Otterloo, Brower, Torrianni, Garcia, Ortolf, Schubert, McNaughton, Vigil, Planto). M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion that Eric Schroder be designated to shop for D&O insurance as the liaison provide a decision by 1 July. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Commander on a National Subcommittee and should be receiving a stipend which will reduce post costs.

- Business should be put forth in New and Unfinished business not Good of the Legion.
- Discussion about the SAL email and how to mitigate future emails like this.
- Paid security cost the post \$120,000 per year which now is being handled by the SAL.
- Consolidated Report need input from all entities.

Closed Session

Benediction by Hal McNaughton

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2134_ hours.