



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 13 September 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 st Vice	Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer	Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice	Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice	Cory Vigil, Service Officer	David Zamudio , M.a.L.
Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	Brad McDermott, Chaplain	Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
X Nick Saifan, Adjutant	Johnny Arganda, Historian	Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

Reports from Legion Affiliates & Other Guests:

Boys and Girl's State honored guest, spoke to our members,

Auxiliary – Janet du Monceau de Bergendal

Provided goals of the AUX and past/future events:

- membership
- Fund raising to meet goals
- Box stuffing
- Troop Shipping \$20 per box – looking for contributions

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Biggest and best SAL squadron
- Spoke about upcoming event.
- Spoke about SAL programs
- Sons of Veterans please join.

American Legion Yacht Club – Stephen Alfano, Commodore

- Spoke about the ALYC, events, and activities.
- Socials events, current, past and upcoming
- Duffy program
- Monday races are continuing
- Sailing for the visually impaired coming up
- Planning Old Glory Boat Parade

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –

- completed 50 events
- 3 Events pending
- 28 active members
- National competition win
- Recruiting new members

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

- A motion was presented to approve 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 – Acoustical panels going up and AV systems being installed
- Coffee Talk
- upcoming events

Adjutant Nick Saifan

- Post work, contracts
- Reporting to membership
- Upcoming training
- Dock work in progress
- Marketing and advertising

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- Provided membership report
- Provided membership goal update
- Goal need to be reached
- Discussed membership retention

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard

- So much to do here.
- Line and Swing dancing every other Tuesday
- Hootenanny on Tuesday
- Thursday night Jazz Night with complementary wine tasting
- Friday night Dinner Dance in hall
- Saturday and Sunday live bands from 12 to 4PM.
- Karaoke on Sunday at 5PM
- Come out and have a good time

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker

Excused

Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds - No report

Finance Officer Hal McNaughton –

- Gave financial update for membership and business side
- Financially sound with over a million in reserve.

Historian Johnny Arganda –

- Took pictures from AL Baseball
- docuseries about veterans to tell their stories

Service Officer Cory Vigil

- Supports all veteran needs
- Disability claims
- Provided spending update
- Gave report on veterans supported
- VEAFF to support emergency situations.
- Showed donation list of agencies and veterans
- Service officer account update

- LYFT cards are helping

Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni -

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

No Report

Chaplain Brad McDermott

Members at Large –

Mike Shubert

- Mentioned 100th Anniversary planning for 4th of July 2024
- Spoke about volunteers supporting the veterans
- Read emails to keep up with what is going on at the post
- Discussed members getting or not getting emails
- We have the largest Vietnam Welcome Home Event
- Spoke about poor turnout for election
- Provided Vietnam Service lapel pins

Kevin Van Otterloo – No report

Wayne Zippi – excused.

David Zamudio – No report

Nick Giordano – No report

Mike Mailman – no report

Induction of New Members

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

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

None

- Good of the Legion – asked about status of the post with the city
- Jon Renolds gave an explanation on status with the city

Chaplain - closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours