



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 05 OCT 2023
--APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1800_HRS

INVOCATION: Brad McDermott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

CLOSED SESSION WITH THE LEASE NEGOTIATING TEAM

GUESTS:

- Doug Nye – Past Commander
- Jess Lawson – Past Commander
- Bob Wine – Member in good standing

**MOTION MADE PER THE NEG TEAM RECOMMENDATION

** CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander

X Adjutant, Nick Saifan

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

E Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

E Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

X Hal McNaughton, Finance Excused

X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms

X Cory Vigil, Service Officer

X Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Arganda, Historian

X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.

X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

E David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

QUORUM? YES

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Not Present

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SAL Squadron 291 – Not Present

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ALYC – Not Present

- Report given by Evin Planto
 - Reciprocals
- Report given by Mike Berdine
 - Upcoming events

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

- Updates on events (55 YTD) and membership 23 active
- 4 events currently pending for October in Orange County

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

- House Committee for
 - First Aid Kits are not ready
 - Discussing overtime
 - New Dock Master
 - American Legion National Commander/ and National Vice Commander visit
 - Adding a permanent wall inside the hall
 - Red Cross training / First responder training
 - Maintenance to stain the concrete and paint the rails
 - Toast system upgrade for donations
 - New dock master working on inspections
 - Marketing failings / New pilot program
 - Community partners awards
 - Con-ex box concerns
 - Motions
 - Extended warranty for A/C systems – needs approval
 - Marina camera installation approved for purchase and intallation
 - Patio/umbrella Coverings – needs approval

Minutes Approval

- Aug and Sept minutes are still pending till next month

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Coffee talk
- Oct Fest TBD
- Film festival something or other
- Halloween party

ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers
- Current membership is 4,262.
- 2,157 members have renewed for 2024 @ 58.6% of goal.
- 2024 membership goal is 4,175. Need 2018 more members.
- 2105 members from 2023 have not renewed.
- 22 New members to date.
- Evin spoke in regards to the raise in per capita for 2025

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- No Report, not present

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Boys state name change
- Legion Baseball
- Boy scout merit badge clinic
- Met with the Aux regarding honoring HS students joining the military in 2024

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Comprehensive financial update
- Working on reducing property taxes

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Docu-series “teaser” video and update
- Attending Post events as the Historian

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- Reminder of the OD book
- Weekly e-mails being sent
- Reminder of his new email address

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- Update on buddy call plans

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- VEAF update – Veterans Day program not going well – looking for marketing ideas
- Donations updates
- Coffee talk promotional video

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- No Report, not present

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report
- Wayne Zippi – No Report
- Mike Schubert –
 - Drone training/soccer update
- Mike Berdine –
 - WWII/Korea Luncheon update
- David Zamudio – No Report, not present
- Nick Giordano – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion for approval to rescind the previous motion of required board approval for Sea Breeze publication
 - Motion failed
- Proposed to do a study of noise control for the patio / discussion
- Need an updated list of all committee members
- Motion made for approval for SAL & AUX Incident reports
 - Motion failed
- Online Gaming initiative

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Drone project is supported by dept
- Access policy and Rules updates
- All officers are OD at all times
- A/C access / temp controls
- A/V system update

Benediction by Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2120_ hours.