



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 10 January 2024 - APPROVED

Meeting called to order at approximately 1900

hoursThe Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplain Mr. Brad McDermott

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Evin Planto

POW/MIA Ceremony: Mr. Walter

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander	X Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	E Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
X Brian Fleming Jr., 1 st Vice	X Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer	X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
X Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice	X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	E 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	X Brad McDermott, Chaplain	X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
X Nick Saifan, Adjutant	X Johnny Arganda, Historian	X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

Reports from Legion Affiliates & Other Guests:

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
- Children Activities

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.
- May Golf Tournament, Memorial Day

American Legion Yacht Club – David Campagnari, Commodore

- Spoke about the ALYC, events
- Socials events, current, past and upcoming
- Duffy program
- Monday races are continuing
- Plenty of Social Activities

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –

- completed 2 events
- 3 Events pending
- 23 active members
- 2 new members

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

Minutes, unanimously approved

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
- Coffee Talk
- Boat Parade

Adjutant Nick Saifan

- Post work, contracts
- Reporting to membership
- Upcoming training
- Dock work in progress
- Marketing and advertising
- American Legion Post 291, 100 Year Anniversary

1st Vice Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- 4148 Legionnaires

- 3543 members renewed for 2024 @ 85.4% to goal of 4148
- 802 members that need to renew
- 28 New Members for the previous month

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard

Past and upcoming events at the post

3rd Vice Commander Cindy Baker

American Legion Boys and girls State Program, sending 25 juniors to the program, looking for volunteers

American Legion Baseball, May – July area 5

Chaplain is District 29th's Commissioner

Spoke about Scouts of America, Citizen of Nation Badge training

Upcoming interviews for the State Boys and Girls Program

Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds

- Asked about Update on City Lease, there was no update because there was no commitment because of the holidays.
- Members were curious and wanted to know more.

Finance Officer David Heinle

- Gave financial update for membership and business side

Sergeant of Arms – Mike Mailman

- Discussed proper etiquette on entering and leaving the hall and stage
- Thank all for a successful Holiday events, Thanksgiving and Christmas

Historian Johnny Arganda –

- Took pictures from at a few events
- Working on docuseries about veterans to tell their stories
- Planning a Ruck March in Spring – 23 March

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
- Checks presented to SVO for Approx \$6,700 From Cigar Events

Judge Advocate, Diane Torrianni -

No Report

Chaplain Brad McDermott

No Report

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
- Provided Vietnam Service lapel pins
- Drone soccer event at post again 27 January

Kevin Van Otterloo – No report - Excused

Wayne Zippi – No report

David Zamudio – No report

Nick Giordano – No report

Mike Berdine

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.

New Business:

2020 money owed to city \$286,000

2021 Commander Blocked from city negotiation

2023 Negotiation Team, Nothing to Report

We demand an update: a motion failed

Jon Renolds, no proposal to resolve exists

Audit, working with the city

Members chimed in and discussions were done

Unfinished Business –

City Negotiations

Good of the Legion

- asked about status of the post with the city
- Veteran Owned Business Training for certification doing business with the Government
- Cigar Event

Chaplain -closing prayer – Mr. Brad McDermott

The Meeting was adjourned at 2118 hours