



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, 07 DEC 2023  
--APPROVED--**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Appx. \_1830\_HRS

**INVOCATION:** Brad McDermott

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commander Evin Planto

**ROLL CALL:**

X Evin Planto, Commander

X Adjutant, Nick Saifan

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

E Ray Ricard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

X 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.

E Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

**QUORUM? YES**

CLOSED SESSION WITH THE LEASE NEGOTIATING TEAM 1835 HRS TO 1855 HRS

**GUESTS:**

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

**Affiliates and Programs Reports:**

**AUX** – Not Present

**SAL Squadron 291** – Tim Sullivan - Commander

- Boat Parade Sales and overflow to parking lot
- SAL Christmas Party successful

**ALYC** – Stephan Alfano – Commodore Not Present

- Election Results in Slide / Voted on during New business and passed

**Post 291 Honor Guard/Color Guard** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Fleming

- Updates on events (74 YTD) and membership 23 active
- 2 events pending for Dec
- 2 new recruits
- Correspondence - None

## **Committee Reports**

- House Committee for
  - Ontario Refrigeration Maintenance – Motion approved.
  - 100 year update
  - Patio Canvas – Motion approved.
  - Dock Repairs ongoing
  - Surveillance Camera ongoing
  - Parking lot building to be remodeled, renovated
  - 8 open dry dock spaces coming
  - BBSI – Open vs closed cases
  - Concrete Staining / beautification quotes in progress
  - Veteran On-Line Video gaming coming up (21 Dec)

## **Minutes Approval**

- Approved

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **Commander Comments/Announcement**

- Coffee talk – Cory Assisted in discussion
- Past and Upcoming Events
- Speaking to fiduciary responsibilities

### **ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan**

- No Report

### **1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership**

- Reviewed membership numbers
- Current membership is 4,310.
- 3,161 members have renewed for 2024 @ 76.2% of goal.
- 2024 membership goal is 4,148. Need 987 more members.
- 186 New members for 2024.

### **2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard - Excused**

- No report

### **3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker**

- Boys/Girls state program
- Boy scout merit badge

### **JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds**

- No Report

### **FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton**

- financial update
- Budgets presented and voted on, approved as presented

### **HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda**

- No Report

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman**

- Thanksgiving meal was great and will have a Christmas dinner

### **CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott**

- No Report / Came in at 2028 hrs

### **SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil**

- VEAFF update
- Donations updates
- Coffee talk
- Lack of housing / over 400 unemployed

### **JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni**

- No Report

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report
- Wayne Zippi – No Report
- Mike Schubert –
  - Drone training/soccer update and \$2,500 budget approved
  - 100 yr committee meeting
- Mike Berdine –
  - Parking lot Shed update
- David Zamudio – No Report

- Nick Giordano – No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Media package tabled until January meeting

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion for the Tuff Shed Proposal not to exceed \$10,250.00– Approved
- Motion for \$2,500 Soccer Drone event budget Approved
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander to meet with Complainant against SAL Commander to resolve questions
- Motion to Approved 2024 Budget as presented was Approved
- Motion for not to exceed budget of \$5,000 for Video Gaming Event Approved

### **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

- We are not moving needed items fast enough to improve the post
- Theft of Mail incident has a copy of the video, suspension is valid

### **Benediction by Brad McDermott**

**ADJOURNED: Approximately\_2200 hours.**