

Minutes were reconstructed in Sept 2024 after not being provided previously for the Executive Committee to approve.



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Kevin Van Otterloo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander	L Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
X Adjutant, Nick Saifan	X David Heinle, Finance	X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
X Brian Fleming Jr., 1 st Vice	E Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	E Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
X Ernest Alonso, 2 nd Vice	X Cory Vigil, Service Officer	E David Zamudio, M.a.L.
X Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice	L Brad McDermott, Chaplain	X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	X Johnny Arganda, Historian	X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

QUORUM? YES

Guests:

- Jim Eubanks – D29 Commander

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX Unit 291 – Mary Beth Martin - President

- Past and future activities
- Troop shipping

SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan - Commander

- 1st Nominations for 2024 Elections – currently unopposed
- Launch Cart Update
- Past and Present Activities

ALYC – Stephan Alfano –

- Past and future events
- Membership Update
- 1 Board member resigned, will need the Legions approval for new appointment
- Boats available to use

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

- 10 events completed in 2024
- 3 pending for the month
- 23 active members
- 4 new recruits

Chaplain entered @ 18:50

CLOSED SESSION 1852 HRS TO 1910 HRS

Update for Lease Negotiations.

Judge Advocate entered @ 18:56

Minutes Approval

- January and February minutes are not available for approval

Committee Reports

- House Committee – No Report
 - Noted that House Committee minutes have not been provided to the Executive Board as required.
- Judicial Committee – No Report
- Finance Committee
 - Approval of the Service Officers New Budget
 - New GL Account
 - \$60,000 donation information has been requested to be provided to the E-Board and spoke to bad practices of project planning
 - Disapproves the Media package and wants it renegotiated as per the original E-board approval
- ByLaws Committee
 - Second reading upcoming on March 13th GMM

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Past and Upcoming Events

ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan

Nothing to Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Current Post Membership = 3,906 Legionnaires
- Current Membership Numbers for 2024@ National =3,906 (94.2%)
- 2023-2024 Goal = 4,148
- 242 more needed to reach our goal.
- Good thru 2023 = 499
- New Members 2024 = 282 2023 = 465

- 25 of those are new members this month

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ernest Alonso

- Requested feedback with ideas and suggestions

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Boys/Girls state program Interviews 28 boys/11 girls
- Baseball asking for volunteers and fundraising \$5,000
- Brad as District 29, Orange County, American Legion Baseball Commissioner

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Financial Report Update

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Ruck march coming up for suicide awareness

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- No Report – Not Present

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- No Report

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- VEAFF update – busiest month for assistance
- Donations updates

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- No Report

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report
- Wayne Zippi – No Report

- Mike Schubert –
 - 100 yr committee meeting
 - Vietnam party update
 - Law and Order update
- Mike Berdine – No Report
- David Zamudio – No Report – Not Present
- Nick Giordano – No Report – Not Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Missing Minutes concern was addressed that the Adjutant is not fulfilling his responsibilities
- Concerns with the improper spending of a \$60,000 donation
- No contract information provided to the E-Board for service work on the Patio
- No contract information provided to the E-Board for service work on the Main Hall Floor

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to increase the membership dues by \$10 as of the 2025 fiscal year / Passed
- Motion to approve SAL/AUX membership Policy / Motion By 1st Vice Passes
- Motion NTE \$1,000 to create a new trifold and stand for post-advertising / Passed
- Motion to go to closed session with Dist 29 Commander present
- Motion to Censure Nick Saifan for failing to provide contractor documents and not fulfilling his responsibilities as the Post Adjutant / By 3rd Vice, Passed 7y/4n
- Motion to blast the month-long drive for donations to the VEAFF / Passed
- Motion to give 30 days notice to Media Package Contractor / Passed

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Veteran Coffee Talk Discussion
- Hold Board Accountable

Closed Session: 2125 hrs

- District Commander Present
- Violations moved to Judicial Committee
- Incident reports filed by 3rd Vice / Motion to move to Judicial Committee Passed

Closed Session Ended: 2153

Benediction by Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2154 hours.