

Minutes were reconstructed in Sept 2004 after not being provided previously for the Executive Committee to approve.



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 2024**

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

**INVOCATION:** Ernest Alonso

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commander Evin Planto

**ROLL CALL:**

X Evin Planto, Commander	E Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	E Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
E Adjutant, Nick Saifan	X David Heinle, Finance Excused	X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
X Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	E Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
X Ernest Alonso, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	X Cory Vigil, Service Officer	X David Zamudio, M.a.L.
X Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	X 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
- Doug Nye – Past Commander
- Bob Wine
- Rick Sundell

**Affiliates and Programs Reports:**

**AUX Unit 291 – Mary Beth Martin President**

- Discussed upcoming events:
- Poppy time
- Bags of Love stuffing.
- Requested from all the members to send me a picture of their veteran preferably in uniform.
- Troop shipping, May 18th, collecting things now, collecting donations now.
- Salute to service

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

- Fairways of Honor Golf in May – Almost Sold Out
- Past and Present Activities
- Golf Donations coming in even before Tournament
- Flag Day June 14
- 9/11 event here at the park.

**ALYC** – David Campagnari

- Past and future events
- Membership Update- We're at just over 900.
- We're asking the e-board tonight to please confirm your approval of Tammy Rones as our new director.
- Multi year plan to maintain ALYC boats

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

- 15 events completed in 2024
- 9 pending for the month
- 23 active members
- 3 new recruits

**Minutes Approval**

- January, February and March minutes are not available for approval

CLOSED SESSION 1856 hrs

- Update given regarding Lease information

Returned to Open Session 1908 hrs

**Correspondence:** - None

**Committee Reports**

- House Committee
  - Marine bathroom repair discussion/update
  - Parking lot light upgrade
  - New oven approved and forwarded to EBoard
  - Trash dumpsters cleaned
  - New roof/repairs discussed
  - Property tax update
  - Upcoming events
- Finance Committee
  - Tax Exemption is ready and needs to be addressed in new business.
  - Inflationary adjustment is needed
  - Pam Garrets Donation Letter is requested to be distributed.
  - Internal Control Committee is needed – it's been 15 years
  - \$100,000 donation from Stanley is being worked on as a restricted account but details are forthcoming
  - Evin spoke to creating a surcharge of all guests and possible pricing structures and implementation structure.
  - Evin spoke to ALYC reciprocal issues and processes to control their attendance.
- Judicial Committee – No Report
- ByLaws Committee – Not Acknowledged

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **Commander Evin Planto**

- Veteran Coffee talk – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice assisted in discussion
- Past and Upcoming Events

### **ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan - No Report**

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

- Current Post Membership = 3,997 Legionnaires
- Current Membership Numbers for 2024@ National =3,997 (96.3%)
- 2023-2024 Goal = 4,148
- 151 more needed to reach our goal.
- Good thru 2023 = 453
- 23 of those are new members this month

### **2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ernest Alonso**

- Upcoming events
- Bands booked from 1 April to 1 August
- Contacted 80 bands
- Some bands not interested in playing at the post
- Saturday bands starting in June
- Many bands want to raise their rate
- Centennial bands update

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

- Boys/Girls state program Interviews / 20 May Dinner
- Trifold update
- District Baseball update
- Problem with busses and cost went up for Boys and Girls State Program

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

- No Report

### **FINANCE OFFICER – David Heinle**

- Financial Report Update
- Donation discussion

### **HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda**

- March Ruc March 2024 review

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

- Chaplain email bouncing
- Incident reporting discussion – will provide revised procedure for small infractions

## **CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott**

- Will assist with buddy calls

## **SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil**

- VEAF update
- Donations updates
- Veteran Coffee talk
- SVO Update
- Give Kelly Bennett 30 day notice

## **JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni**

- No Report – Not Present

## **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

- Kevin Van Otterloo – No Report – Not Present
- Wayne Zippi – No Report
- Mike Schubert – No Report
- Mike Berdine – No Report
- David Zamudio – No Report
- Nick Giordano – No Report – Not Present

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Social media/marketing discussion
- Give Kelly Bennett 30 day notice - Commander failed to cancel the contract per the previous vote of the E-Board
- Motion to cancel Kelly's contract, giving her 30 day notice tomorrow or before the 7th and then within the 30 days a marketing committee, will negotiate the contract, present it to the board ready to sign. M/S/U

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion to make Tammy Rhoams a new director of the ALYC M/S/U
- Motion to purchase the hydrovection oven for not to exceed \$21,000 M/S/U
- Motion amend the Post's Articles of Incorporation as requested by the California State Board of Equalization to meet the language requirement of the Organizational Clearance Certificate, as part of our request for Veterans' Organization Exemption M/S/U
- Discussion on centennial painting for \$8000 - declined

## **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

Brad discussed accusations against the Commander and Adjutant  
Reminder that at the election on the 8th of May  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice volunteered to assist the Adjutant with Post data reports to District.

**Meeting recess from 2121 to 2131**

**Closed session @ 21:26**

- Motion to allow the District Commander to attend the closed session – Approved Unanimous
- 7 New incident Reports – All failed as frivolous charges
- 3 unresolved incident report – disregarded by the Commander
- Attended by the District Commander with comments

**Returned to Open session @ 22:42**

**ADJOURNED: Approximately\_2245 hours.**

Approved