



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, 08 JANUARY, 2026
CALL TO ORDER: Appx. 1830 HRS

INVOCATION: Service Officer, Cory Vigil
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Wood, 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Roberts, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice (Late Attendance) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Heinle, 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Brown, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACATED , Jr. Past Comm | <input type="checkbox"/> Brad McDermott, Chaplain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Arganda, Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, M.a.L. |

Excused: D. Heinle, D. Zamudio, B McDermott, W. Roberts

Unexcused:

Quorum is held.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Kurt Vanderwest (Legionnaire) – Will chair the Vietnam event
Genevieve Dominguez (Legionnaire) – Is chair for the Post’s women’s veterans group and will chair External Relations Committee
Walt White (Legionnaire)

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

- Auxiliary Unit 291 – Cynthia Neal, President
 - No report
- SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan, Commander
 - Renewals on track
 - Christmas Boat Parade
 - Netted \$47,000
- ALYC –Commodore – Wyatt Hoag, Commodore
 - 1,023 members
 - Christmas Party success
 - ALYC awarded Club of Year and Commodores Trophy
 - Old to new officers meeting this Saturday

American Legion Yacht Club

ALYC Report January 2026

Membership
Active – A/O 8 January= 1123

Events last month

12/4/2025	ALYC Holiday Party
12/6/2025	ALYC New Board Orientation - Part 1
12/11-13	Harbor Lights Cruises
12/17-21	Christmas Boat Parade

American Legion Yacht Club

Upcoming Events

01/02/2026	Notified selected 2025 SCYA Club of the Year and Commodores Award, Senior Division.
01/10/2026	ALYC Board Orientation - Part 2 and new board swearing in.
01/17/2026	Commodores Ball A/O 01/07 138 registered

Valor out of service during January for maintenance

- ❑ Honor Guard – Commander, L.B. Brown



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Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- 67 events completed in 2025
- 2 additional pending for the month
- 19 active members
- 0 New Recruit

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Minutes Approval


- ❑ Executive Committee Minutes
 - Printed copies not available
 - Waived to February.

Correspondence

- ❑ Adjutant David Zamudio - Excused
No Correspondence

Committee Reports

- ❑ House Committee- Mike Berdine (Chair)
 - Review of House Committee completed items and pending items to resolve.



House Committee Update

- **Completed**
 - Hut water heater replacement
 - Handrail and gate painting
 - Main Hall roof repair
- **Approved Pending E Comm**
 - Hut ceiling
 - Marina electrical upgrade
 - Marina dock re-planking
- **In Process**
 - Post signage inventory and needs assessment
 - Interior painting of storage sheds
 - Complete gangway re-planking (Trex)
 - Sea wall blue striping
 - Main Hall roof repair
 - Main Hall reroof

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Finance Committee- Bob Wine

- No December meeting
- No update

Donations Committee – Cory Vigil

- \$118k plus in VEAF
- Delivering presentations to range of groups

Veterans Coffee Talk Committee – Cory Vigil

- Getting calls from National and other groups for information
- Accomplishing “a lot” on mental health
- Need another committee member

OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMMANDER- Brian Fleming Jr.

- No specific updates

ADJUTANT – David Zamudio

- Excused – No report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Neil Wood




1st Vice Commander
Neil Wood

- **Current Post Membership = 3,510** Legionnaires
- **Current Membership Numbers for 2026@ National 3,510 (83.3%)**
 - **2025-2026 Goal = 4,215**
 - **705** more than needed to reach our goal.
 - **Good thru 2025 = 726**
 - **New Members 2026 = 166 2025 = 252 2024 = 375**
 - **17** are new members this month

- Comment that National cuts off new application in early May

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard .

- Issue with New Year's Eve band performance



2nd Vice Commander
Ray Ricard

From: Ray Ricard <rrii@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 8:32 AM
To: carlierinlopez@gmail.com <carlierinlopez@gmail.com>
Subject: New Years Eve

Sent from my

Subject: Performance Concerns – New Year's Eve Event

Hello Carli

Thank you for performing at our New Year's Eve event Unfortunately, I need to raise concerns regarding the performance, as it did not meet the expectations outlined in our agreement.

During and after the event, we received multiple complaints from members regarding issues including:
 song selection / lack of energy / professionalism /
 : failure to engage the audience or follow the agreed set]

Because of these concerns and the volume of member feedback, we feel the value of the performance did not align with the fee paid.

We are requesting a [partial refund of \$ 1000 as a fair resolution. Our goal is to handle this professionally and amicably.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed. We appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,
 Ray Ricard
 2nd Vice Commander
 562-304-8915

3RD VICE COMMANDER – David Heinle .

- o Excused – No report

JR. PAST COMMANDER – POSITION VACATED

- o No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Bob Wine

- o November Executive Summary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY							
1/01 - 11/30/2025							
	2025		2024		2025		%
	11/30/2025		11/30/2024	\$	%	ANNUAL	OF ANNUAL
	YTD		YTD	CHG	CHG	BUDGET	BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP							
INCOME	1,022,761		972,506	50,255	5.2%	950,100	108%
OTHER INCOME	7,329		7,263	66	0.9%	7,600	96%
TOTAL INCOME	1,030,089		979,769	50,321	5.1%	957,700	108%
EXPENSES	956,890		992,609	-35,719	-3.6%	923,595	104%
NET INCOME	73,199		-12,840	86,040	-670.1%	34,105	215%
OPERATING							
INCOME							
BAR SALES	637,651		773,545	-135,895	-17.6%	889,203	72%
BANQUET SALES	508,856		570,018	-61,162	-10.7%	670,508	76%
RESTAURANT SALES	1,719,890		1,684,615	35,275	2.1%	1,915,919	90%
TOTAL FOODSERVICE	2,866,396		3,028,178	-161,782	-5.3%	3,475,630	82%
OTHER INCOME	447,095		461,525	-14,430	-3.1%	530,250	84%
GROSS INCOME	3,313,491		3,489,703	-176,211	-5.0%	4,005,880	83%
COGS	2,473,666		2,498,144	-24,477	-1.0%	2,812,964	88%
GROSS PROFIT	839,825		991,559	-151,734	-15.3%	1,192,916	70%
OTHER EXPENSES	1,175,955		1,194,501	-18,546	-1.6%	1,403,524	84%
TOTAL EXPENSE	3,649,621		3,692,644	-43,023	-1.2%	4,216,488	87%
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-336,129		-202,941	-133,188	65.6%	-210,608	160%
OTHER INCOME	69,151		78,175	-9,024	-11.5%	80,000	86%
FACILITY FEE	454,960		328,803	126,157	38.4%	475,000	96%
OTHER EXPENSE			0	0	0.0%		
NET INCOME	187,981		204,036	-16,055	-7.9%	344,392	55%
SUMMARY							
	2025		2024		CASH		
	NET	BANK	NET	BAN C	CHG		
	INCOME	CASH	INCOME	CASH			
MEMBERSHIP	73,199	274,588	-12,840	156,666	117,922		
OPERATING	187,981	177,338	204,036	184,660	-7,322		
RESERVE ACCT		1,429,168		1,137,766	291,402		
TOTAL AL 291	261,181	1,861,094	191,196	1,475,092	402,003		

- o Membership income higher
- o Operating income is down
 - o Bar and banquet sales off
- o December not looking good
 - o Weather was bad
- o Facility fee explanation
 - o Portion of dues
 - o Increased due to accounting change (accrued this year) and dues increase


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Finance Officer, Bob Wine (cont.)

- Marina projects
- Electrical

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Finance Officer- Bob Wine


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www.swiftslipdocks.com
6351 Industry Way – Westminster, CA 92683
Telephone (949) 631-3121 - Fax (714) 509-0618

American Legion Post 291 Newport Beach #
Attn: Bob Wine 5/29/2025
215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663
Office: 949-554-5503
Email: robertwine@yahoo.com

ESTIMATE
Marina Utilities Estimate

After evaluating the dock, we have determined that each of the panels and feeds should be acceptable to the city, however each of the feeds from the panel to the outlets need to be redone.

Scope:

We will replace all existing outlets and fixture posts with new code compliant 5x5 vinyl posts.

- 1) Panel A upgrades \$24,453
 - New pipe, wire, outlets, weatherproof covers, and breakers for each outlet
- 2) Panel B upgrades \$22,242
 - New pipe, wire, outlets, and weatherproof covers for each outlet
- 3) Panel C upgrades \$27,063
 - New pipe, wire, outlets, weatherproof covers for each outlet

Total: \$73,758

****Option - Replace all (10) pole lights with new aluminum pole light (LED Designer bell post light w/ 9' aluminum pole)**

Additional \$17,753

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Notes:

- 1) Pricing does not include any permit or consulting areas to get permits, customer is expected to handle any if needed. Swift can be hire to pull permits if needed
- 2) Any city inspections will be billed in addition to this cost.
- 3) Pole caps are NOT included in this price
- 4) Corner wheels, dock boxes, box stairs, auxiliary fenders or other accessories will NOT be reinstalled without instruction by client
- 5) Temporary boat relocation during construction will be client responsibility
- 6) The city may request ADA ramp at any phase of construction
- 7) Payment schedule is as follows:
 - a. 10% due at signing
 - b. 50% of balance billed after 1-2 weeks of on site work
 - c. Final balance billed at completion of work


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- Tried to get three bids
 - Only one written bid – Swift Slip – Dependable vendor
 - Verbal discussion and bid from second contractor – George Gregory
 - No coherent bid – Roughly same as Swift
- Recommend awarding contract to Swift Slips

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine (cont.)

- o Marina projects
- o Dock re-decking



Finance Officer- Bob Wine

General Contractor



1/6/26

American Legion Post #291
215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663
Bob Wine
949 554-5503
Robertwine@yahoo.com

This was left for Bob Wine
1/5/26
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Estimate / Proposal
Decking / Replacement

Scope of work:
Remove and replace damaged decking approximately 4208 sq ft.

- *Inspect existing side / center supports. Any needed supports will be pressure treated Doug fir.
- *Install new Azek 1x6 Slate Gray decking with Stainless Steel screws.
- *Remove / install existing hardware that is to remain / unchanged.
- *Any new cleats will have an additional charge.
- *Any new pile guides / roller guides will have an additional charge.
- *All existing fascia / rub rail to remain as is.
- *Any / all electrical / plumbing to be done by others.
- *Pile caps to be done by others.
- *Corner wheels / dock boxes / box stairs / fenders / accessories. Will only be reinstalled with owner's instructions.


Contractors' note:
Items not included in price below as follows.
Permit fees / surveys / deputy inspectors / engineering / coastal commission changes or from any others. Are Not included in price below.
Any / all Items with an (*) could have an additional charge added. Owners will be notified before any additional work / material is needed.
Temporary relocation of boats will be the Owners responsibility.
Haul away all debris relating to this job.

\$165,797.00


Payments as follows:
10% upon signing of Proposal / Contract
\$60,000.00 material draw
Progress draws upon request.

Sincerely
JCC

20381 Harbor Isle Ln Huntington Beach, CA 92648 949.294.1343 License # 648975



Finance Officer- Bob Wine



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ESTIMATE
Marina Redeck Project

Scope: Remove and replace decking on 4200 sq ft of existing wood sections of Marina

- Framing support will be added in necessary areas
- New decking with be Azek Slate gray, attached with SS Screws
- We will reinstall all existing hardware
 - o New cleats if requested are \$125/ea
 - o New pile guides if requested or \$400 for rub block style, \$750 for roller style
- We will not replace any fascia or rub rail

Total - \$168,000

Notes:

- 1) Pricing does not include any permit or consulting areas to get permits, customer is expected to handle any if needed. Swift can be hire to pull permits if needed "permit is recommended"
- 2) Any city inspections will be billed in addition to this cost.
- 3) Pile caps are NOT included in this price
- 4) Corner wheels, dock boxes, box stairs, auxiliary fenders or other accessories will NOT be reinstalled without instruction by client
- 5) Temporary boat relocation during construction will be client responsibility
- 6) The city may request ADA ramp at any phase of construction
- 7) Payment schedule is as follows:
 - a. 10% due at signing
 - b. 50% of balance billed after 1-2 weeks of on site work
 - c. Final balance billed at completion of work

Note: Permit fees, administration costs, surveys, deputy inspector, and engineering are NOT included in the above; they will be billed as an extra. All lumber will be ACQ pressure treated Douglas fir. All new hardware will be hot dipped galvanized. Utilities are NOT included. Pile caps are an additional \$115.00 each. Unseen obstacles when doing pile work, requiring pile to be cut off will incur additional charges.

Finance Officer, Bob Wine (cont.)

- Marina projects
 - Dock re-decking
 - Both bids about the same
 - J Cook did not include framing replacement
 - Recommends awarding both electrical and re-decking contracts to Swift Slip
 - Best way to coordinate the overlap between the two projects
- Discussion about "statement of work" process

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Ruck March – March 21
- Discussion about donations and fund use

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- No Report

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- Excused – No report
- Post everlasting presented by Commander Fleming



Post Everlasting

- Donald Adams (WWII)
- Boris Alenin (Korea)
- Fred Arney (Korea)
- John Baker (Vietnam)
- Jack Barnes (Korea)
- Francois Boucher (Korea)
- Edward Bragg (Vietnam)
- Donald Broker (Korea)
- Raymond Brucks (Korea)
- Richard Burch (Korea)
- Harold Burnett (Vietnam)
- Joseph Charboneau (Persian Gulf)
- Frank Cornella (Korea)
- Kenneth Crilly (Vietnam)
- Joseph Davis (Korea)
- David Gardner (Korea)
- Ralph Helper (Korea)
- Sandor Horvath (Vietnam)
- James Leonard (Vietnam)
- Gerald Martin (Vietnam)
- Lloyd Martin (Vietnam)
- Hal McNaughton (Vietnam)
- Thomas Melum (Vietnam)
- Ralph Newhouse (Unknown)
- Kerry O'Halloran (Vietnam)
- Stanley Opegard (Vietnam)
- Robert Packer (Persian Gulf)
- Dale Phillips (Vietnam)
- Charles Pillsbury (Vietnam)
- Donald Putzig (Korea)
- Joesph Ross (Korea)
- Michael Schubert (Vietnam)
- Nelse Shepard (Vietnam)
- Robert Small (Vietnam)
- Clarence Smith (Korea)
- Gerald Smith (Vietnam)
- A Lawrence Tabor (Korea)
- Richard Theil (Vietnam)
- Felix Toedter (Vietnam)
- Barney Villa (Vietnam)

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SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil



Service Officer- Donations Committee (cont.)

Service Officer Account-

1. Lyft Purchase \$100.00
2. VAREP Christmas Fundraiser Orange County \$789.06
3. Gas & Grocery Cards \$500.00
4. Christmas Card/Gifts for Boat Parade Attendees. \$950.00
5. Christmas Meal Sponsorship \$121.50 (6510 account)
6. Christmas Meal Sponsorship \$311.89 (6510 account)
7. Veterans Coffee Talk \$625.81
8. Boat Parade Meals - \$825.00

\$3789.87

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SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil – continued

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Service Officer- Donations Committee

AL291 E-Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 8th, 2025

Purpose Statement: The Service Officer will approve grants and financial aid to veterans & military families.
Donation Committee: Cory Vigil, Ray Ricard and Brad McDermott.

Veterans Served in December 2025: VEOF

1. Veteran received rental assistance for \$1,000.00.
2. Veteran received basic needs, food and hygiene from Target \$165.54.
3. Veteran received auto repair for \$1,000.00.
4. Veteran requested 3 days motel for \$330.00.
5. Veteran requested 6 days motel for \$660.00.
6. Veteran requested payment for ticket \$845.00.
7. Veteran requested auto insurance past-due for \$437.98.
8. Veteran requested motel for 3 days after surgery. \$330.00
9. Veteran requested rental assistance for \$1,000.00.
10. Veteran requested Target run for \$277.83.
11. Veteran requested Lyft to Anaheim VFW for motored scooter at \$53.67.
12. Veteran requested Target clothing and Chevron basic needs for \$336.42.
13. Veteran requested house items and hygiene from Target for \$354.44.
14. Veteran Savage requested clothing, hygiene and food from Target \$385.45

\$7,066.43

Gas & Grocery Cards – 10 gas and grocery cards were distributed.

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Service Officer October Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer	for the Jan 8, 2026 E-Board			
6510 Donations	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actual thru Dec 31	% of 2025 Budget thru Dec 31
6519 Honor Guard	4,830.53	2,500.00	2,853.25	114%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	54,454.49	39,500.00	41,828.25	177%
6523- SO Discretionary	11,438.44	10,000.00	9,726.69	97%
6522 Restricted VEOF expense	93,513.30	100,000.00	69,940.70	42%
6515 Oratorical	-	-		0%
6510 Donations other	13,494.62	25,000.00	14,333.39	57%
Total 6510 expenses	177,731.38	177,000.00	138,682.28	78%
4520 VEOF current balance			115,976.94	
Dec Donations Out			3723.26	
Dec VEOF Donations Out			7566.43	includes distributed gas/grocery cards

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JUDGE ADVOCATE- Cindy Baker

- o No Report

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- o Jon Reynolds- No Report
- o Walter Roberts- No Report (Excused Absence)
- o Mike Berdine- No Report
- o Lawrence Brown- No Report
- o Nick Giordano- No Report
- o David Zamudio- No Report (Excused Absence)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- o None

NEW BUSINESS



New Business

- **Member at Large, Mike Berdine**

- **House Committee Approvals**

- **To replacement of the dock electrical system at a cost of not more than \$80,000.**
- **The removal and replacement of the wood decking on the docks not to exceed \$175,000.**
- **To repair of the Hut ceiling not to exceed \$18,000.**

- I move that we approve the replacement of the dock electrical system at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.
 - Motion made by Mike Berdine (Member at Large, House Committee Chair)
 - Discussion: None
 - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries- Unanimously
- I move that we approve the removal and replacement of the wood decking on the docks not to exceed \$175,000.
 - Motion made by Mike Berdine (Member at Large, House Committee Chair)
 - Discussion
 - Wood to be replaced by synthetic, composite material
 - Project to be completed within a few months
 - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries- Unanimously
- I move that we approve the repair of the Hut ceiling not to exceed \$18,000.
 - Motion made by Mike Berdine (Member at Large, House Committee Chair)
 - Discussion
 - Full repair of the ceiling, not just the pathed section
 - Includes electrical, lighting and fan upgrades
 - ALYC may contribute to costs – amount not confirmed
 - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries- Unanimously
- Discussion related to ALYC facility fee payment and Hut rent
 - Facility fees are part of dues
 - Paid by all members
 - Rent is separate and is paid yearly



New Business

- **Commander Fleming Jr.**

- **Motion to approve the Post 291 Officer Election Policy**

- I move that we approve the Post 291 Officer Election Policy as submitted
 - Motion made by Mike Berdine (Member at Large, House Committee Chair)
 - Discussion: None
 - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries- Unanimously

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Cindy Baker – Judge Advocate
 - Will chair the 2026 Election Committee
 - Asking for volunteers to join the committee
 - Discussion about 2026 elections – timing and process
- Cory Vigil – Service Officer
 - This week's Veterans Coffee Talk

Good of the Legion

Veterans Coffee Talk

Saturday, Jan 10th
0930 - 1100

Cory Proffers
Newport Harbor Commander
Specializing in Veterans,
Bill Employment, Document,
& Spouse Speakers

Robin Taylor
Executive Director
Veterans Legal Institute

Vic Martin
The American Legion
District 22 Commander

Hope to see you there. We need each other!
Attendees are limited to Veterans Only

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- Looking for help with Coffee Talk
- Brian Fleming – Commander
 - Very few member complaints and issues
 - Membership renewal discussion
 - No need to chase membership numbers
 - Freedom bracelet sales review

CLOSING PRAYER- Cory Vigil, Service Officer

ADJOURNED: appx. 2000hrs

Submitted by Member at Large Mike Berdine