



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 14 January 2026

Meeting called to order at approximately 1900 hrs.

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplain Brad McDermott

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Fleming Jr.

POW/MIA Ceremony: David Zamudio, Adjutant

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by 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 type="checkbox"/> Neil Wood, 1 st Vice Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Roberts, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Heinle, 3 rd Vice Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Brown M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACATED, Jr. Past Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad McDermott, Chaplain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Arganda Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, M.a.L. |

Excused: N Wood, R Ricard, W Roberts, Lawrence Brown

Unexcused:

QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

- Jon Reynolds, Post 291 Past Commander
- Karen Lewin- District 29 Executive Committee (Post 291 Liaison)

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal

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What has the Auxiliary been up to ...

December is dark for the Auxiliary. No Executive Board or General Membership meeting

Front & Back Patio Door Concierge Tuesdays: Front Doors 4pm to 6:30pm, Saturdays: Front & Back Patio Gate 11am to 5pm, & Sundays: Front Door 11am to 5pm

12/13/2025 Wreaths Across America Beautiful ceremony. Laid wreaths in honor of the Veterans at Pacific View and Riverside National

12/20 Kids Children's Christmas Party with Santa at Camp Pendleton

12/29/2025 – Poppy Making Class 10am to 2pm next class is Feb 26, 11am to 2pm

12/30/2025 – Took down Christmas decorations & decorated for the Legions New Years Eve Party

12/31/2026 – Completed NYE decorations: Installed the chair covers & bows, decorated the tables, & completed the balloon art

January 2026

- 01/02 Took down the NYE decorations
- 01/06 Took down the Veterans Wall Project
- 01/08 Executive Board meeting
- 01/12 Military Family 101 Class with Cory Vigil, Service Officer Post 291
- 01/19 1st Online Front & Back Door Concierge class
- 01/26 Military Family 101 Class

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American Red Cross Blood Drive – Monday, February 16, 2026
See flyer on the table 10am – 4pm in the Hall

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Sons were dark in December.
- Boat Parade raised \$47k
- Donated \$146K to veterans and families for the year.
- Marine 911 Foundation 0 \$25k

American Legion Yacht Club – Wyatt Hoag, Commodore

AMERICAN LEGION American Legion Yacht Club

Welcome New Legionnaires

- ⇒ Only American Legion Post in U.S. with a Yacht Boat
- ⇒ No boating experience necessary
- ⇒ Do not need to own a boat

American Legion Yacht Club Assets

1. Sailboat-free use after certification
2. Race Committee Boat—Valor—harbor cruises
3. Whaler—shuttle
4. (3) 1 meter Model Yachts
5. Duffy Electric Boat.

AMERICAN LEGION American Legion Yacht Club

Activities

1. Youth Sailing Classes
2. Assistance with Adult Sailing Classes
3. Regattas and Ocean Series Racing
4. Summer Race Series (Sundowners) & (Model Yachts)
5. Cruise outs—Dana Point, Emerald Bay, Long Beach
6. Duffy Rally
7. Opening Day Ceremony
8. Sailing for the Visually Impaired
9. Paddleboard Race
10. Old Glory Boat Parade
11. Christmas Boat parade
12. Dive and Snorkel Club
13. Harbor Raft Ups
14. Monthly Social Events
15. Other yacht club reciprocity

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook and our website www.ALYC.com

Honor Guard – Commander- Lawrence Brown

AMERICAN LEGION Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

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

General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 10 Dec. 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 10 Dec. 2025 General Meeting.
 - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously
- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to approve the 10 Dec. 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 10 Dec. 2025 General Membership Meeting.
 - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

Correspondence

- None to Report

Officer Reports:

Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- Speaks about the improvements to the Post and the accomplishments and future plans of the House Committee.



Commander Fleming Jr.



House Committee Update

- **Open Saturday for Breakfast**
 - 10:00am to 12:00 pm
- **Officer Election Policy**
- **Post Volunteers Needed**

- **Completed**
 - Hut water heater replacement
 - Handrail and gate painting
 - Main Hall roof repair
- **Approved - Pending Planning Completion**
 - 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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Adjutant David Zamudio

- No Report

1st Vice Cmdr., Neil Wood (Excused Absence)



1st Vice Commander

Neil Wood (Excused Absence)
Read by Commander Fleming Jr.

- **Current Post Membership = 3,563 Legionnaires**
- **Current Membership Numbers for 2026@ National 3.563 (84.5%)**
 - **2025-2026 Goal = 4,215**
 - **652** more than needed to reach our goal.
 - **Good thru 2025 = 652**
 - **New Members 2026 = 166 2025 = 252 2024 = 375**
 - **20** are new members this month

2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard- (Excused Absence)

- No Report
- 3rd Vice Cmdr. David Heinle-
- Discussed Boys and Girls State.
 - Currently screening
 - 25 Candidates

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Post 291
CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended
November 30, 2025, and November 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Membership Revenue & Expenditures Eleven Months Ended 11/30/25 and 11/30/24			
	11/30/2025	11/30/2024	Difference
Revenue:			
Membership Fees (Net of Facility Fees)	\$ 395,000	\$ 393,000	\$ 2,000
Donated Revenue	219,000	198,000	21,000
Event Revenue	154,000	150,000	4,000
Merchandise Sales and Other Revenue	30,000	27,000	3,000
Total Revenue	798,000	768,000	30,000
Expenditures:			
Americanism Expenditures	35,000	30,000	5,000
Administrative Payroll	49,000	44,000	5,000
Department & National Fees	145,000	115,000	30,000
Donations & Service Officer Expenditures	127,000	172,000	(45,000)
Event Expenses	134,000	210,000	(76,000)
All Other Expenditures	235,000	210,000	25,000
Total Expenditures	725,000	781,000	(61,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 73,000	\$ (13,000)	\$ 91,000

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business Revenue & Expenditures Eleven Months Ended 11/30/25 and 11/30/24			
	11/30/2025	11/30/2024	Difference
Revenue:			
Food Sales	\$ 1,311,000	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 16,000
Beverage Sales	1,133,000	1,234,000	(101,000)
Banquet Revenue	545,000	648,000	(103,000)
Total Restaurant Revenue	2,989,000	3,177,000	(188,000)
Cost of Goods Sold:			
Food, Beverage & Banquet Costs	1,094,000	1,127,000	(33,000)
Direct Labor, including Employee Benefits	1,380,000	1,371,000	9,000
Total COGS	2,474,000	2,498,000	(24,000)
Gross Profit	515,000	679,000	(164,000)
Other Revenue & Expenditures:			
Marina Revenue	317,000	308,000	9,000
Facility Fees	455,000	329,000	126,000
Other Income Including Interest	76,000	84,000	(8,000)
General & Administrative Expenses	(1,176,000)	(1,196,000)	20,000
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 187,000	\$ 204,000	\$ (17,000)

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Combined Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures Eleven Months Ended 11/30/25 and 11/30/24			
	11/30/2025	11/30/2024	Difference
Business:			
Total Revenue	\$ 3,837,000	\$ 3,898,000	\$ (61,000)
Total Expenditures	3,650,000	3,694,000	(44,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	187,000	204,000	(17,000)
Membership:			
Total Revenue	798,000	768,000	30,000
Total Expenditures	725,000	781,000	(56,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	73,000	(13,000)	86,000
Combined Totals	\$ 260,000	\$ 191,000	\$ 69,000

Historian Johnny Arganda

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Historian, Johnny Arganda

NEVER FORGET THE HONOR

For Donations and to Sign up, Contact:
American Legion Post 291 Newport Beach CA,
(949) 673-5070 Ext. 1100

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

- No Report

Chaplin Brad McDermott



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)
- Joseph Ross (Korea)
- Michael Schubert (Vietnam)
- Nelse Shepard (Vietnam)
- Robert Small (Vietnam)
- Clarence Smith (Korea)
- Gerald Smith (Vietnam)
- A Lawrence Tabor (Korea)
- Richard Thell (Vietnam)
- Felix Toedter (Vietnam)
- Barney Villa (Vietnam)

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Service Officer Cory Vigil



Service Officer- Donations Committee (cont.)



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: VEF

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 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 October Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer	for the Jan 8, 2026 E-Board			
	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actual thru Dec 31	% of 2025 Budget thru Dec 31
6510 Donations				
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- 50 Discretionary	11,438.44	10,000.00	9,726.69	97%
6522 Restricted VEF 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 VEF current balance			115,976.94	
Dec Donations Out			3723.26	
Dec VEF Donations Out			7566.43	Includes distributed gas/grocery cards

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Judge Advocate Cindy Baker

- No Report

Members at Large –

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

Unfinished Business

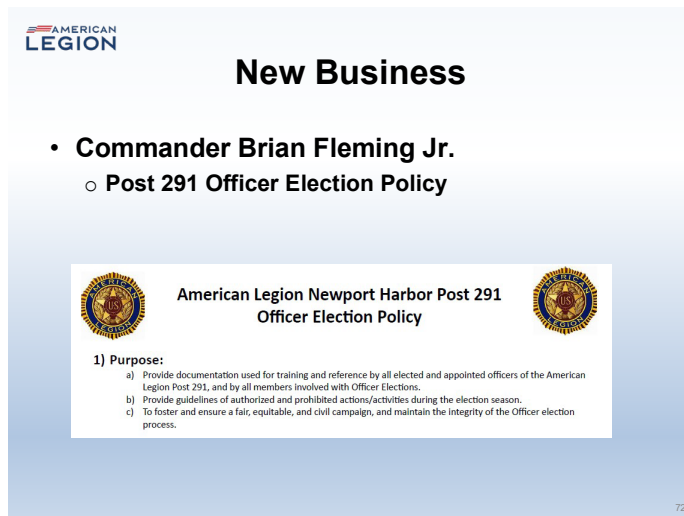
- None

New Member Induction

Total: 20

- Commander Brian Fleming Jr reads New Member names and Rules as a Legionnaire.

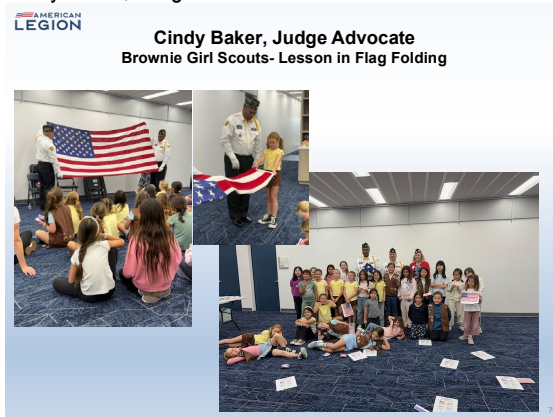
New Business



- Motion to waive the reading of the Post 291 Officer Election Policy prior to approval
 - o Motion by: Mike Berdine, Member at Large
 - o Seconded: Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate
 - o Discussion : None
 - o MOVE TO VOTE (M/S/NoD/ MC) Motion Carries Unanimously.
 - Aye- Unanimous
 - Nay- None
 - Abstention- None
- Motion to approval the Post 291 Officer Election Policy.
 - o Motion by: Mike Berdine, Member at Large
 - o Seconded: Mike Mailman, Sergeant at Arms
 - o Discussion : None
 - o MOVE TO VOTE (M/S/NoD/ MC) Motion Carries Unanimously.
 - Aye- Unanimous
 - Nay- None
 - Abstention- None

Good of the Legion

- Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate



- Corry Vigil, Service Officer
 - Veterans Coffee Talk (Feb. 14th 0930 -1100 hrs.)
 - Largest in the Country (55-85 Attendees)
- Geneieve Dominguez (Legionnaire)- Women's Veteran Meeting, 1st Saturday of the month (9:30am – 11:30am)

Chaplain Brad McDermott, gives closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2007 hours.