



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 11 February 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: Lawrence Brown, M.a.L.

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 type="checkbox"/> Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genevieve Dominguez (<i>interim</i>), 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 checked="" 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: R Ricard, C Baker, W Roberts,

Unexcused:

QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

- Jon Reynolds, Post 291 Past Commander
- Doug Nye, Post 291 Past Commander

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal

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What has the Auxiliary been up to ...

Jan 2nd - Take down and pack up NYE decorations
 Jan 12th - Fundraising
 Planning of the Palm Royale Party - 1960's tickets are on sell. QR code on the flyer

Front & Back Patio Door Concierge
 Continued as scheduled on Tuesdays: Front Door 4pm to 6:30pm, Saturdays: Front & Back Patio Gate 11am to 5pm. & Sundays: Front Door 11am to 5pm

Held classes for Front & Back Door Concierge - class at Post on Jan 19th and online Feb. 2nd

Military Family 101 - presented by Post 291 Service Officer Cory Vigil
 Held on Jan. 12th and 22nd, and on Feb 2nd - Auxiliary members continue to enroll in this very popular and engaging class for volunteers to understand the experience and needs of the Veteran, Military and Military connected families. Learning about the battle mindset, communication styles and Military discharge and the transaction process

Project Bearable's Program
 New program and Growing
 2nd meeting held had we had 30 members on January 26th cutting out bears, sewing, stuffing, and sewing Currently making bears

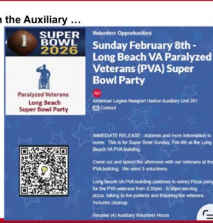
To deliver to:
 - Long Beach VA
 - Orangewood
 - St. Jude
 - CHOC



What's New with the Auxiliary ...

Community Service
 Sunday February 8th - Super Bowl
 Paralyzed Veterans - Long Beach, Super Bowl Party

A group of Auxiliary members are going to the Long Beach VA to the Paralyzed Veterans (PVA) to help with a Super Bowl Party serving pizza & drinks and watch the Super Bowl with them and sit and talk with the patients.



Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal (cont.)

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What's New with the Auxiliary ...

Salute to Service - has started planning for the May 18th Dinner at the Post to acknowledge our local seniors entering the military after graduation. Event is scheduled on May 18th.

Fundraising - Continue to sell Raffle tickets for 5 prizes from \$1,000 - \$5,000 may be purchased at the Bar \$10 per ticket

Front & Back Patio Door Concierge
 - Starting in March we will be at adding to the Front Door Concierge on Thursdays 4pm – 6:30pm checking membership cards.
 - The Auxiliary will continue on Tuesdays: Front Door 4pm to 6:30pm, Saturdays: Front & Back Patio Gate 11am to 5pm, & Sundays: Front Door 11am to 5pm

Front & Back Door Concierge Class - Now Online Class, next class is on Feb. 23rd 6pm – 7:30pm

Military Family 101 - presented by Post 291 Service Officer Cory Vigil
 TBD - Auxiliary members continue to enroll in this very popular and engaging class for volunteers to understand the experience & needs of the Veteran, Military and Military connected families an important foundation for all who volunteer and serve with the American Legion community. Now scheduling the New Military Family 201 starting next month.

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

Appointments are still available to donate
 See flyer on the table to sign up

AMERICAN LEGION American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Palm Royale Party
 Saturday March 7, 2026
 5pm – 10pm

See flyer on the table and sign up today

Appetizers, Dinner
 Dancing to The Reef Brothers
 Silent Auction
 And the Raffle Drawing!

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Boat Parade raised \$47k
- Donated \$146K to veterans and families for the 2025.
- Memorial Day Golf Tournament Upcoming.
- June 14th, Flag Day in Veteran’s Park.

American Legion Yacht Club – Wyatt Hoag, Commodore

Mid Winter Regatta February 15th
 General Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Dinner February 25th
 ALYC Social Event March 14th
 Whale Watching Cruise on Valor March 14th
 Dive and Snorkel Team Meeting March 21st
 Dana Point Cruise Out April 10th -12th
 60th Anniversary Alaska Cruise September 14th -22nd
 Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and our website ALYC.com

Honor Guard – Commander- Lawrence Brown

AMERICAN LEGION Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- 5 events completed in 2026
- 3 additional pending for the month
- 24 active members
- 3 New Recruits this Month

General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 14 Jan. 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 14 Jan. 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 14 Jan. 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 14 Jan. 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.

- 1st Vice Commander Resignation
 - Genevieve Domingues appointed as Interim 1st Vice Cmdr.
- Superbowl Party
- Election Committee Approval
- Special Election and Nominations


House Committee Update

- Completed
 - Main Hall emergency roof repair
 - Complete gangway re-planking (Trex)
 - Parking lot sink hole repair


House Committee Update

- In Process
 - Saturday breakfast
 - Annual staff evaluations
 - Entertainment "tuning"
 - Hut ceiling
 - Marina electrical upgrade
 - Marina dock re-planking
 - Post signage inventory and needs assessment
 - Interior painting of storage sheds
 - Sea wall blue striping
 - Main Hall roof repair
 - Main Hall reroof

House Committee Men's Restroom Shelves



House Committee Post 291 Marina

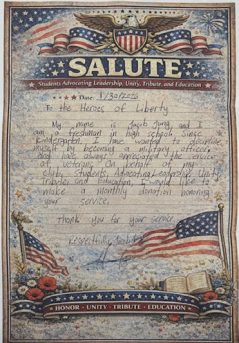


House Committee Post 291 Marina



Adjutant David Zamudio

Correspondence



1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez (Interim)

AMERICAN LEGION 1st Vice Cmdr. (Interim)
Genevieve Dominguez

- Current Post Membership = **3,713** Legionnaires
- Current Membership Numbers for 2026@ National **3,713** (88.1%)
 - 2025-2026 Goal = **4,215**
 - **502** more than needed to reach our goal.
 - Good thru 2025 = **578**
 - New Members 2026 = **186** 2025 = **252** 2024 = **375**
 - **30** 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 / 21 Slots

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

AMERICAN LEGION Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Post 291
CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue and Expenditures
For the Years Ended
December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

AMERICAN LEGION Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291			
Condensed Membership Revenue & Expenditures			
For the Years Ended 12/31/25 and 12/31/24			
	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	Difference
Revenue:			
Membership Fees (Net of Facility Fees)	\$ 444,000	\$ 502,000	\$ (58,000)
Donated Revenue	224,000	436,000	(212,000)
Event Revenue	174,000	173,000	1,000
Merchandise Sales and Other Revenue	32,000	38,000	(6,000)
Total Revenue	874,000	1,149,000	(275,000)
Expenditures:			
Americanism Expenditures	35,000	33,000	2,000
Administrative Payroll	52,000	48,000	4,000
Department & National Fees	166,000	183,000	(17,000)
Donations & Service Officer Expenditures	136,000	178,000	(42,000)
Event Expenses	154,000	231,000	(77,000)
All Other Expenditures	261,000	261,000	-
Total Expenditures	804,000	934,000	(132,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 70,000	\$ 215,000	\$ (143,000)

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations (cont.)



Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business Revenue & Expenditures For the Years Ended 12/31/25 and 12/31/24			
	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	Difference
Revenue:			
Food Sales	\$ 1,418,000	\$ 1,401,000	\$ 17,000
Beverage Sales	1,242,000	1,345,000	(103,000)
Banquet Revenue	648,000	760,000	(112,000)
Total Restaurant Revenue	3,308,000	3,506,000	(198,000)
Cost of Goods Sold:			
Food, Beverage & Banquet Costs	1,191,000	1,222,000	(31,000)
Direct Labor, Including Employee Benefits	1,533,000	1,510,000	23,000
Total COGS	2,724,000	2,732,000	(8,000)
Gross Profit	584,000	774,000	(190,000)
Other Revenue & Expenditures:			
Marina Revenue	344,000	335,000	9,000
Facility Fees	538,000	488,000	50,000
Other Income Including Interest	90,000	89,000	1,000
General & Administrative Expenses	(1,278,000)	(1,315,000)	37,000
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 278,000	\$ 371,000	\$ (93,000)

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Combined Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures For the Years Ended 12/31/25 and 12/31/24			
	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	Difference
Business:			
Total Revenue	\$ 4,280,000	\$ 4,418,000	\$ (138,000)
Total Expenditures	4,002,000	4,047,000	(45,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	278,000	371,000	(93,000)
Membership:			
Total Revenue	874,000	1,149,000	(275,000)
Total Expenditures	804,000	934,000	(130,000)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	70,000	215,000	(145,000)
Combined Totals	\$ 348,000	\$ 586,000	\$ (238,000)

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Newport Harbor Post 291 Current Ratio December 31, 2025	
The Current Ratio equals current assets divided by current liabilities.	
*Total Current Assets	\$1,960,000
Total Current Liabilities	/\$282,000
Current Ratio	6.95
* Doesn't include VEAF & Endowment accounts totaling \$216,000.	

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Historian Johnny Arganda

March Madness Ruck March 2026
Veteran Suicide Awareness



Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

- No Report

Chaplin Brad McDermott

- Presented biblical words of wisdom to the General Membership.

Service Officer Cory Vigil

AMERICAN LEGION Service Officer- Donations Committee

AL291 E-Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 5th, 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 January 2026: VEAF

1. requested cleaning service for \$245.00.
2. requested rental assistance for \$1,000.00.
3. requested rental assistance for \$1,000.00.
4. requested cashier's check for \$1,000.00.
5. requested auto repair for \$1,500.00.
6. requested basic needs and supplies from Target for \$265.32.
7. requested utility assistance for \$62.18
8. requested emergency Lyft \$43.97.
9. requested basic needs, hygiene and food at Target for \$290.65.
10. requested deep clean property for \$250.00.
11. requested hotel stay \$330 Hygiene products \$246.11
12. requested moving assistance for \$900.00
13. requested hotel stay 4 days for \$440.00

\$7633.23 – includes cards from below

AMERICAN LEGION Service Officer- Donations Committee (cont.)

Service Officer Account-

1. Jasmine Medina Cal State Long Beach Scholarship \$500.00
2. Service Officer Training Mental Health Symposium \$302.21 – Legion expense
3. Homeward Bound Veterans Housing Sponsorship \$363.17.
4. Gas & Grocery Cards \$500.00.
5. 1st & Goal Project Golf Tournament \$1,200.00
6. Child Guidance Center Tree Fantasy \$1,200.00
7. Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce \$340.00
8. Santa Ana Elks VCT Gathering \$800.00
9. Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce Prayer Breakfast \$100.00 Legion Expense
10. Veterans Coffee Talk \$625.81
11. Reimbursements from Christmas dinner at Post \$433.39

\$5622.37

AMERICAN LEGION Service Officer October Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer	for the Feb 5, 2026 E-Board			
	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget	2025 Actual thru Jan 31	% of 2026 Budget thru Jan 31
6510 Donations				
6519 Honor Guard	2,853.25	2,500.00	-	0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	40,828.25	40,000.00	4,496.56	19%
6523- SO Discretionary	9,726.69	7,500.00	625.81	8%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	69,160.70	100,000.00	7,633.23	4%
6515 Oratorical	-	-		0%
6510 Donations other	13,900.00	25,000.00	-	0%
Total 6510 expenses	136,468.89	175,000.00	12,755.60	7%
4520 VEAF current balance			119,270.89	
Jan Donations Out			0	
Jan VEAF Donations Out			7633.23	includes distributed gas/grocery cards

Judge Advocate Cindy Baker (Excused Absence)

- No Report

Members at Large –

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

Unfinished Business

- None

New Member Induction – Interim 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez

Total: 20

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

New Business

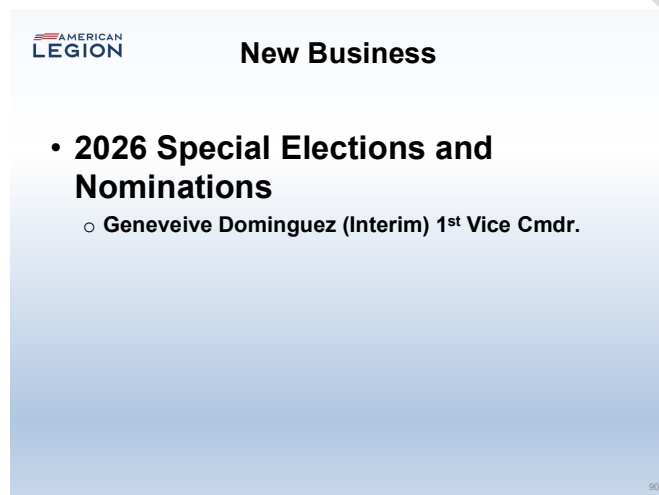


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New Business

- **2026 Officer Elections Committee**
 - **Cindy Baker (Chair)**
 - **Bob Wine**
 - **Nick Giordano**
 - **Walter Roberts (alternate)**
 - **David Zamudio (alternate)**

- Motion accept the 2026 Election Committee as presented.
 - Motion by: Mike Berdine, Member at Large
 - Seconded: Mike Mailman, Sgt. At Arms
 - Discussion : None
 - MOVE TO VOTE (M/S/NoD/ MC) Motion Carries Unanimously.
 - Aye- Unanimous
 - Nay- None
 - Abstention- None



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New Business

- **2026 Special Elections and Nominations**
 - **Genevieve Dominguez (Interim) 1st Vice Cmdr.**

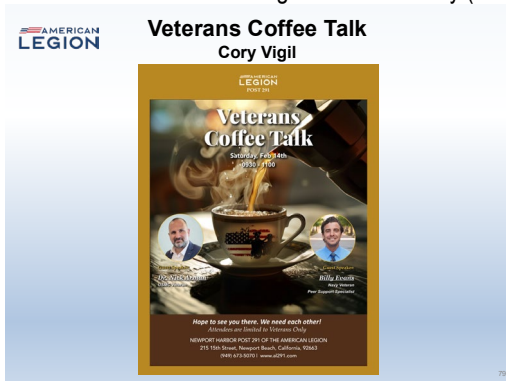
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr., announces the vacancy of 1st Vice Commander and opens the floor for a special election and nominations.
 - 3rd Vice Cmdr. David Heinle
 - Nominates Interim 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez.
 - Interim 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez accepts the nomination.
 - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. asks for any other nominations from Membership present.
 - Having not other nominations, Commander Brian Fleming Jr. accepts by acclamation in accordance with Post 291 Bylaws §5.7.3.1.
 - Adjutant David Zamudio votes:
 - “On behalf of the membership, I cast a vote of one for Genevieve Dominquez as the 1st Vice Commander of Post 291”.
 - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. proclaims Genevieve Dominguez as the 1st Vice Commander of Post 291 for the duration of the 2025-2026 term.

Good of the Legion

- ❑ Kurt Vanerwest, Legionnaire



- ❑ Corry Vigil, Service Officer
 - Veterans Coffee Talk (Feb. 14th 0930 -1100 hrs.)
 - Largest in the Country (55-85 Attendees)



- ❑ Geneieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.
 - Women's Veteran Meeting, 1st Saturday of the month (9:30am – 11:30am)



Chaplain Brad McDermott, gives closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours.