AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER, 2026
CALL TO ORDER: Appx. 1830 HRS

INVOCATION: Adjutant, David Zamudio
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Brian Fleming Jr.
OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain Brad McDermott

ROLL CALL:

☒ Brian Fleming Jr., Commander	☐ Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate	☒ Jon Reynolds, M.a.L.
☒ Genevieve Dominguez, 1st Vice	☐ Melissa DeLaRosa, Finance Officer	☐ Walter Roberts, M.a.L.
☐ Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice	☒ Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	☒ Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
☐ Anthony Garcia, 3rd Vice	☐ Cory Vigil, Service Officer	☒ Lawrence Brown, M.a.L.
☐ VACATED, Jr. Past Comm	☒ Brad McDermott, Chaplain	☐ Ernie Gorrill, M.a.L.
☒ David Zamudio, Adjutant	☐ Johnny Arganda, Historian	☒ David Zamudio, M.a.L.

Excused: R Ricard, A Garcia, C Baker, M DeLaRosa, C Vigil, J Arganda, W Roberts, E Gorrill
Unexcused:
Quorum is held.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:
Bobbi Bush (Legionnaire) – Update on Events and Post 291 Fundraising.
Stantley Behrens (Legionnaire) – Speaks about Legacy Fund and the hope to grow the fund and partner with others.

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

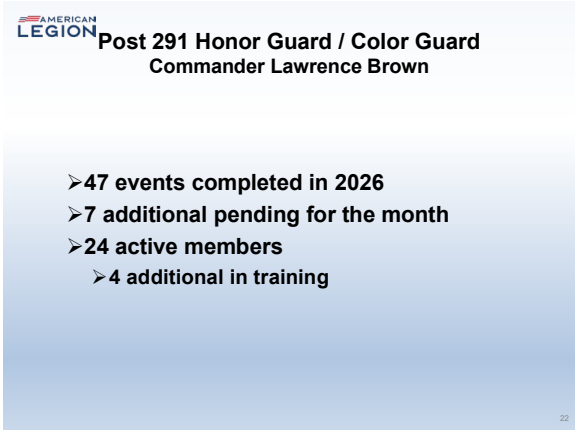
- ❒ Auxiliary Unit 291 – Cynthia Neal, President
  - No Report – Excused due to Convention Attendance.
- ❒ SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan, Commander
  - 100% Renewal of 2026 Membership
  - New 2nd Vice Announced
  - Financials reported to Executive Committee.
- ❒ ALYC –Wyatt Hoag (Commodore)



  - Financials reported to the Executive Committee

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- Honor Guard – Commander, L.B. Brown



Minutes Approval

- Executive Committee Minutes
  - I move that we approve the 06 August 2026 minutes as presented
    - Motion made by Mike Berdine
    - Seconded: Genevieve Dominguez
    - Discussion: None
    - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries- Unanimously

Correspondence

- Adjutant David Zamudio
  - NONE

Committee Reports

- House Committee- Mike Berdine (Chair)





- Finance Committee- Melissa DeLaRosa (Chair)
  - **MOTION:**I move that we allow Bob Wine to speak on behalf of the excused Finance Officer, Melissa DeLaRosa.
    - Motion made by Mike Berdine
    - Seconded: Mike Mailman
    - Discussion: None
    - M/S/NoD/MC Motion Carries Unanimously
  - Met September 2nd. .
    - Reviewed July Financial Statement- Look good
    - Looking at creating an oversight committee for SAL financials.

Donations Committee – Cory Vigil

- No Report (Excused Absence)

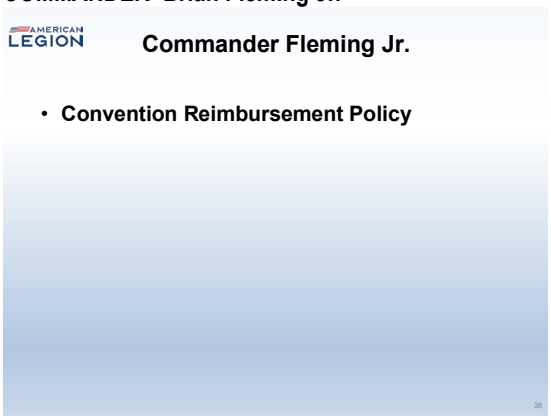
Veterans Coffee Talk Committee – Cory Vigil

- No Report (Excused Absence)

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMMANDER- Brian Fleming Jr.



- Presents and discusses the proposed Post 291 Convention Reimbursement Policy.
  - Will ask for a motion in New Business.

ADJUTANT – David Zamudio

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Genevieve Dominguez



2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- No Report (Excused Absence)

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Anthony Garcia

- No Report (Excused Absence)

JR. PAST COMMANDER – POSITION VACATED

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER (cont. on the next page)

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FINANCE OFFICER –Melissa DeLaRosa

- Presented by Bob Wine, in accordance with Motion that was presented and carried.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
YEAR TO DATE 2026
THRU 07/31/2026

	2026 7/31/2026 YTD	2025 7/31/2025 YTD	$ CHG	% CHG	2026 ANNUAL BUDGET	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP						
INCOME	608,191	678,624	-70,433	-10.4%	1,012,200	60%
OTHER INCOME	8,504	4,308	4,196	97.4%	10,600	80%
TOTAL INCOME	616,695	682,932	(66,237)	-9.7%	1,022,800	60%
EXPENSES	636,137	649,085	-12,947	-2.0%	1,118,797	57%
NET INCOME	-19,443	33,847	-53,290	-157.4%	-95,997	20%
OPERATING						
INCOME						
BAR SALES	402,919	426,606	-23,687	-5.6%	753,052	54%
BANQUET SALES	372,733	297,757	74,977	25.2%	693,477	54%
RESTAURANT SALES	1,184,755	1,068,348	116,407	10.9%	1,930,953	61%
TOTAL FOODSERVICE	1,960,407	1,792,710	167,696	9.4%	3,377,482	58%
OTHER INCOME	318,246	275,762	42,484	15.4%	586,900	54%
GROSS INCOME	2,278,653	2,068,473	210,180	10.2%	3,964,382	57%
COGS	1,655,124	1,551,238	103,886	6.7%	2,912,566	57%
GROSS PROFIT	623,529	517,235	106,294	20.6%	1,051,816	59%
OTHER EXPENSES	748,568	709,826	38,742	5.5%	1,253,010	60%
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,403,692	2,261,063	142,628	6.3%	4,165,576	58%
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-125,039	-192,591	67,552	-35.1%	-201,194	62%
OTHER INCOME	59,812	58,139	1,674	2.9%	75,000	80%
FACILITY FEE	281,400	278,100	3,301	1.2%	560,000	50%
OTHER EXPENSE			0	0.0%		
NET INCOME	216,174	143,648	72,526	50.5%	433,806	50%

SUMMARY	2026 NET INCOME	2026 BANK CASH	2025 NET INCOME	2025 BANK CASH	CASH CHG
MEMBERSHIP	-19,443	249,690	33,847	246,625	3,065
OPERATING	216,174	196,564	143,648	270,260	-73,695
RESERVE ACCT		1,471,932		1,275,405	196,526
TOTAL AL 291	196,731	1,918,186	177,495	1,792,289	125,897

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- No Report (Excused Absence)

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- No Report

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- No Report

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- No Report (Excused Absence)

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – continued

JUDGE ADVOCATE- Cindy Baker

- No Report (Excused Absence)

MEMBERS AT LARGE

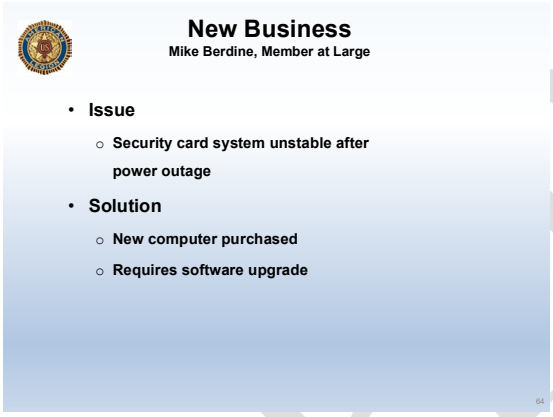
- Jon Reynolds- No Report
- Walter Roberts- No Report (Excused Absence)
- Mike Berdine- No Report
- Lawrence Brown- No Report
- Ernie Gorrill- No Report (Excused Absence)
- David Zamudio- No Report

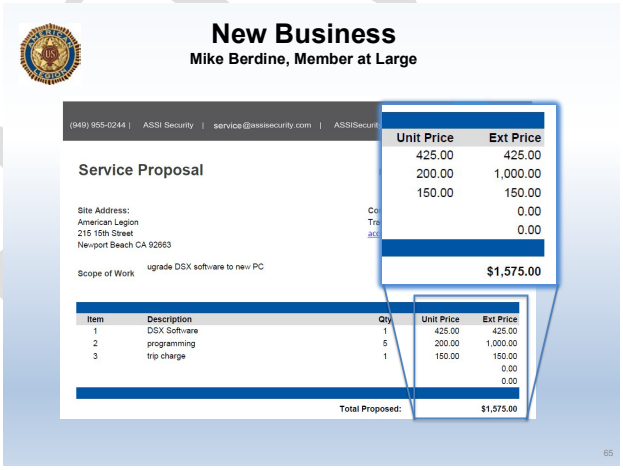
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Berdine presents current challenges that has surfaced from a recent power outage to the security system.





- **MOTION:** I move we authorize the expenditure to upgrade the computer system not to exceed $1700.00
  - Motion made by Mike Berdine
  - Seconded: John Reynolds
  - Discussion: None
  - M/S/NoD/MC Motion Carries Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS (cont. on next page)

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)



- **MOTION:** I move that the Post official Department Convention attendees should only include elected and appointed officers, and the Post 291 Color Guard Competition team, provided they can offer good cause for attending, and the approval of the Executive Committee. Any other Post members who attend should do so at their own expense.
  - Motion made by Mike Mailman
  - Seconded: Lawrence Brown
  - Discussion: brief clarification on wording, answered.
  - M/S/D/MC Motion Carries Unanimously

- **MOTION:** I move we approve the American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 Convention Reimbursement Policy as presented.
  - Motion made by Mike Berdine
  - Seconded: Genevieve Dominguez
  - Discussion: None
  - M/S/NoD/MC Motion Carries Unanimously



  - Commander Brian Fleming Jr., discusses the purpose of Honorary Life Membership. He then proposed Judge Advocate, Cindy Baker and Adjutant David Zamudio as recipients.
  - Commander Brian Fleming Jr., request that motions be entertained and presented.

- **MOTION:** I move we approved an Honorary Life Membership for Judge Advocate, Cindy Baker.
  - Motion made by Mike Berdine
  - Seconded: Mike Mailman
  - Discussion: None
  - M/S/NoD/MC: Motion Carries Unanimously
- **MOTION:** I move we approved an Honorary Life Membership for Adjutant, David Zamudio.
  - Motion made by Mike Berdine
  - Seconded: Mike Mailman
  - Discussion: None
  - M/S/NoD/MC Motion Carries Unanimously

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CLOSED SESSION – started 2009 hrs.

- Adjutant reads Incident Report against Legionnaire to Executive Committee.
  - Motion made and passed by Executive Committee to send the Incident Report to the Judicial Committee.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – 2015 hrs.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. – Veteran's Coffee Talk
  - September is Suicide Awareness Month
  - Commander will moderate panel on Vet Suicide.



- Mike Mailman- Marine Corps Ball.
  - November 7th

- 1st Vice Cmdr.- Genevieve Dominguez
  - Woman Veteran meeting, Sept 29th, 9:30am.
  - Meeting in the Yacht Club Hut.

- Lawrence Brown, Member at Large
  - Recommends a new standard in association for flag announcement, "Please Stand As Able", or "Please Stand If Able".

CLOSING PRAYER- Chaplain Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: 2027 hrs.

APPROVED