AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 14 October 2026

APPROVED

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: Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice Cmdr.
Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: M DeLaRosa / W Roberts / L Brown
Unexcused:
QUORUM held.
Honored Guests:

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

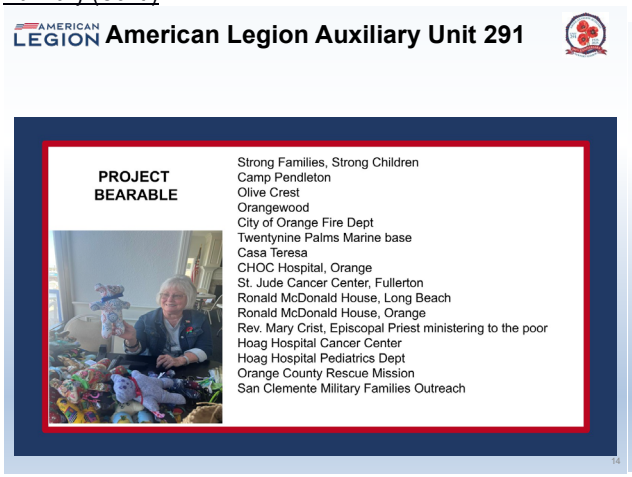
Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

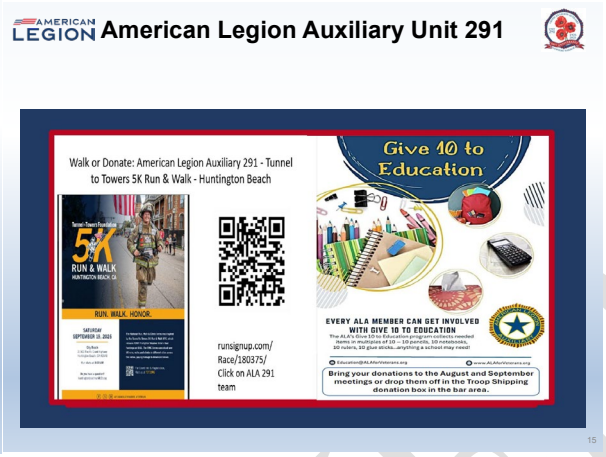
Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal

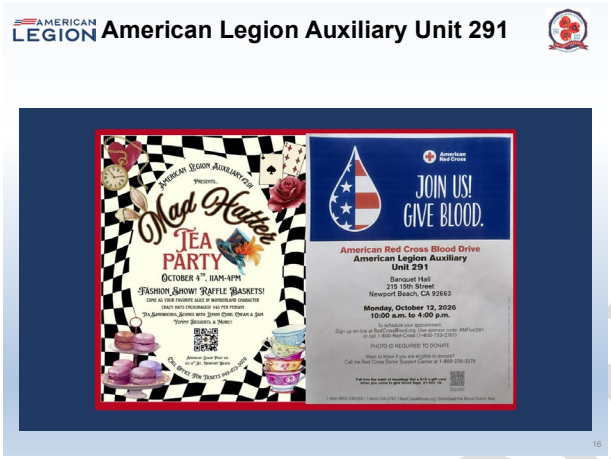




Auxiliary (Cont.)







Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

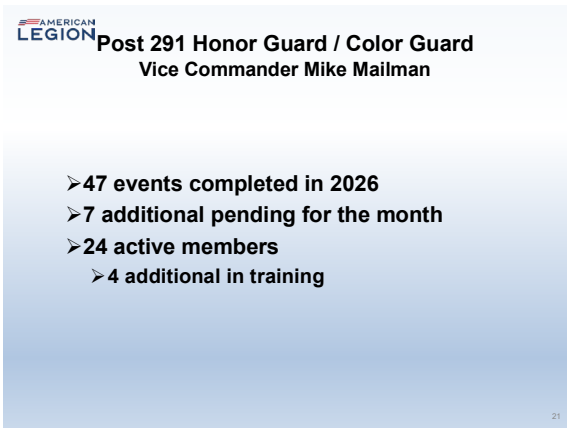
- Membership renewal under way
- 9/11 Memorial, 25th remembrance with HB Elks.
- Boat Parade tickets on sale (Oct.1)
    - $70 per ticket

American Legion Yacht Club – Mike Berdine, Staff Commodore / Post 291 Member at Large



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Honor Guard / Color Guard– Vice Commander Mike Mailman



General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 12 August 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 12 August 2026 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 12 August 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 12 August 2026 General Membership Meeting.
    - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

Officer Reports:

Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

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





Adjutant David Zamudio

- No Report

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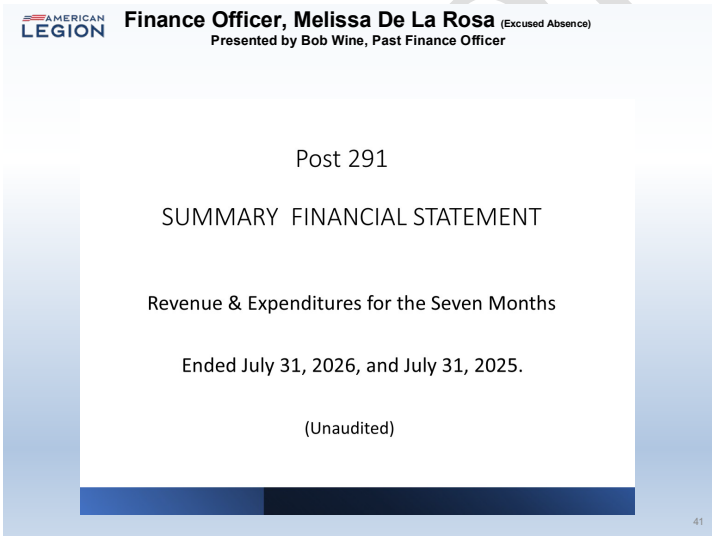
2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard

- Speaks about weekly events at the Post.
  - 10/31- Halloween Party
  - 11/11- Veteran's Day Event
  - 11/12- WWII / Korean War Veteran Luncheon
  - 11/26- Thanksgiving Brunch
  - 12/31- New Years Eve Bash

3rd Vice Cmdr. Anthony Garcia

- Speaks about upcoming Boys/Girls State

Finance Officer Melissa De La Rosa – Post Financial Operations.



Finance Officer Melissa De La Rosa – (Cont. on next page)

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Finance Officer Melissa De La Rosa – (Cont.)

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Finance Officer, Melissa De La Rosa (Excused Absence)

Presented by Bob Wine, Past Finance Officer

NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MEMBERSHIP	7/31/2026	7/31/2025	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE:			
MEMBERSHIP FEES	$ 372,000	$ 395,000	$ (23,000)
DONATIONS	89,000	142,000	(53,000)
OTHER REVENUE	156,000	146,000	10,000
	$ 617,000	$ 683,000	$ (66,000)
LESS: EXPENDITURES	636,000	649,000	(13,000)
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	$ (19,000)	$ 34,000	$ (53,000)
OPERATIONS			
REVENUE:			
BAR SALES	739,000	720,000	19,000
BANQUET SALES	403,000	317,000	86,000
RESTAURANT SALES	911,000	823,000	88,000
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	2,053,000	1,860,000	193,000
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD	1,655,000	1,551,000	104,000
GROSS PROFIT	398,000	309,000	89,000
OTHER REVENUE:			
MARINA	220,000	205,000	15,000
FACILITY FES	281,000	278,000	3,000
MISCELLANEOUS	66,000	62,000	4,000
GROSS PROFIT & OTHER REVENUE	965,000	854,000	111,000
LESS: OTHER EXPENDITURES	749,000	710,000	39,000
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	216,000	144,000	72,000
SUMMARY			
MEMBERSHIP	$ (19,000)	$ 34,000	-53,000
OPERATIIONS	216,000	144,000	72,000
TOTALS	$ 197,000	$ 178,000	$ 19,000

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Historian Johnny Arganda

- No Report – Excused Absence

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

- No Report

Chaplin Brad McDermott

- Reminds membership of resources available to us all. Speaks about building our connection to others.

UNAP

Service Officer Cory Vigil

Service Officer- Donations Committee

AL291 E-Committee
Minutes
Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

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 August 2026: VEAF

1. requested Lyft for $59.93
2. requested auto repair for $1,000.00.
3. requested cellular & utilities past due for 231.98, $121.93 and $218.82
4. requested rental assistance for $1,000.00.
5. requested auto repair and 3-day motel at $330.00 & $929.75.
6. requested gas at the pump for $116.31.
7. requested auto repair for $2700.00.
8. requested bio cleanup for $400.00.
9. requested transportation to LAX for $109.13.
10. requested auto repair for $1,000.00.
11. requested assistance with utility & water bills of $255.78 & $34.44
12. requested auto repair $1200
13. Includes gas and grocery cards distributed.

$10,958.07

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Service Officer- Donations Committee (cont.)

Service Officer Account-

1. $1,002.99 – Gas & Grocery Cards (SO discretionary)
2. $196.98 Women's Lunch after VCT
3. $600.00 SFSC Back to School Event.
4. $1,000.00 Tunnels to Towers Foundation 5k
5. $194.50 Santa Ana Elks membership/collaboration.
6. $802.99 Gas & Grocery Cards.
7. $1,000.00 Marine Corps League South Coast Detachment 022 IWO JIMA Event
8. $500.00 Working Wardrobes Visionary Event
9. $730.11 Veterans Coffee Talk
10. $42.78 – Women's Veteran Connection event expense to Genevieve D.
11. $1000 – VAREP – Stripes Golf Tournament

$7070.35

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Service Officer Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer			for the Sept 3, 2026 E-Board	
6510 Donations	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget	2026 Actual thru Aug	% of 2026 Budget thru Aug 31
6519 Honor Guard	2,853.25	2,500.00	-	0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	40,828.25	40,000.00	34,071.15	85%
6523- SO Discretionary	9,726.69	7,500.00	5,546.35	74%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	69,160.70	100,000.00	73,204.35	34%
6515 Oratorical	-	-		0%
6510 Donations other	13,900.00	25,000.00	11,164.60	45%
Total 6510 expenses	136,468.89	175,000.00	123,986.45	71%
4520 VEAF current balance			**151,215.60**	
Aug Donations Out			5820.35	
Aug VEAF Donations Out			10958.07	

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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
Ernie Gorrill - No Report
David Zamudio- No Report

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished Business

New Member Induction – 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez
Total: 32

- Commander Brian Fleming Jr discusses Rules as a Legionnaire to newly inducted members.

New Business

- No New Business

Good of the Legion

❒ Cory Vigil – Service Officer.



❒ Genevieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.

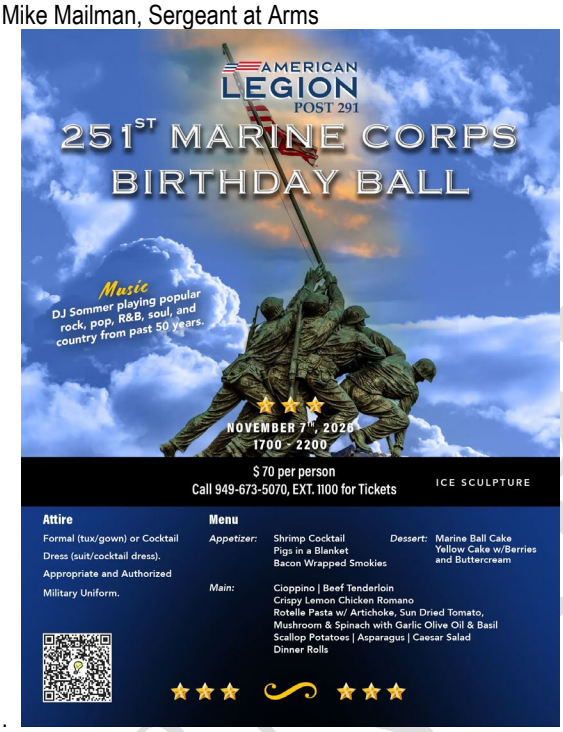


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- Commander Brian Fleming Jr.,



- Mike Mailman, Sergeant at Arms



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- Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice Cmdr.-
  - Speaks to membership on the need for volunteers to assist upcoming events.
- Bruce Ellison, Legionnaire
  - Spoke about supporting the Veteran's Coffee Talk

CLOSING PRAYER - given by Chaplain Brad McDermott

The Meeting was adjourned at 1957 hours.

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