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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 12 August 2026

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Meeting called to order at approximately **1900 hrs.**

The Colors were advanced.
Invocation: Cory Vigil, Service Officer
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:

☒ 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: B McDermott, J Reynolds, W Roberts, E Gorril, J Arganda
Unexcused:
QUORUM held.
Honored Guests:

- Doug Nye, Post 291 Past Commander

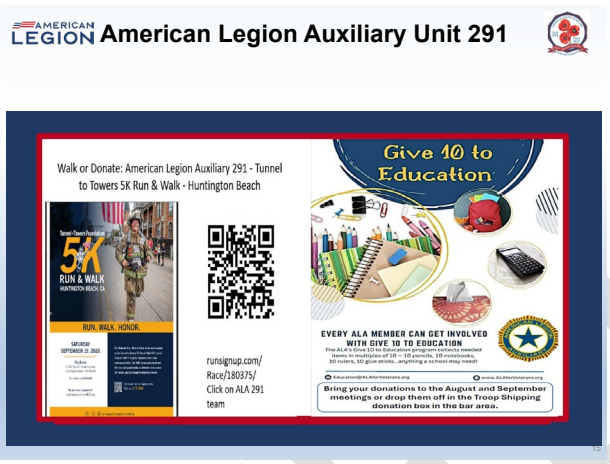
Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

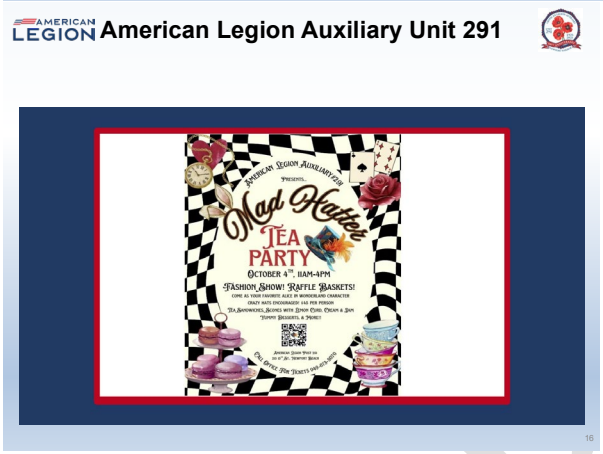
Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal



Auxiliary (Cont.)







Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

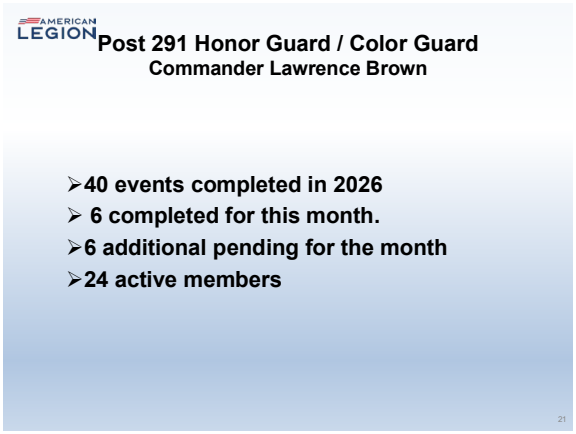
- Focusing on Veteran Suicide Support
- Raised over $40k for veterans in Orange County.
- 9/11 Memorial in September.

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



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Honor Guard / Color Guard– Commander Lawrence Brown



General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 08 July 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 08 July 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 08 July 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 08 July 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.





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Commander Brian Fleming Jr. (cont.)

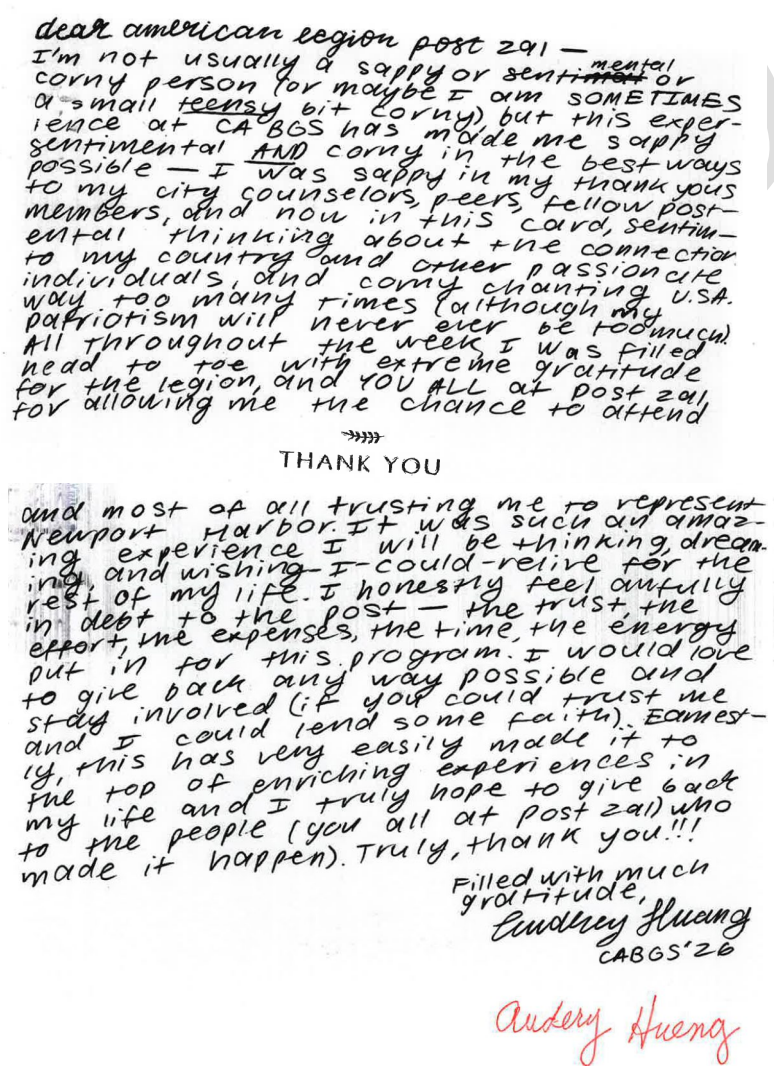
- Informs membership of committee appointments approved by Executive Committee.





Adjutant David Zamudio

- Reads Thank You Letter given by Boys/Girls State Attendee



dear american legion post 291 —
I'm not usually a sappy or sentimental corny person (or maybe I am SOMETIMES a small teensy bit corny) but this experience at CABGS has made me sappy sentimental AND corny in the best ways possible — I was sappy in my thank yous to my city counselors, peers, fellow post-members, and now in this card, sentimental thinking about the connection to my country and other passionate individuals, and corny chanting U.S.A. way too many times (although my patriotism will never ever be toomuch). All throughout the week I was filled head to toe with extreme gratitude for the legion, and YOU ALL at post 291 for allowing me the chance to attend

THANK YOU

and most of all trusting me to represent Newport Harbor. It was such an amazing experience I will be thinking, dreaming, and wishing I could relive for the rest of my life. I honestly feel awfully in debt to the post — the trust, the effort, the expenses, the time, the energy put in for this program. I would love to give back any way possible and stay involved (if you could trust me and I could lend some faith). Earnestly, this has very easily made it to the top of enriching experiences in my life and I truly hope to give back to the people (you all at post 291 who made it happen). Truly, thank you!!!

Filled with much gratitude,
Audery Hwang
CABGS'26

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1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez



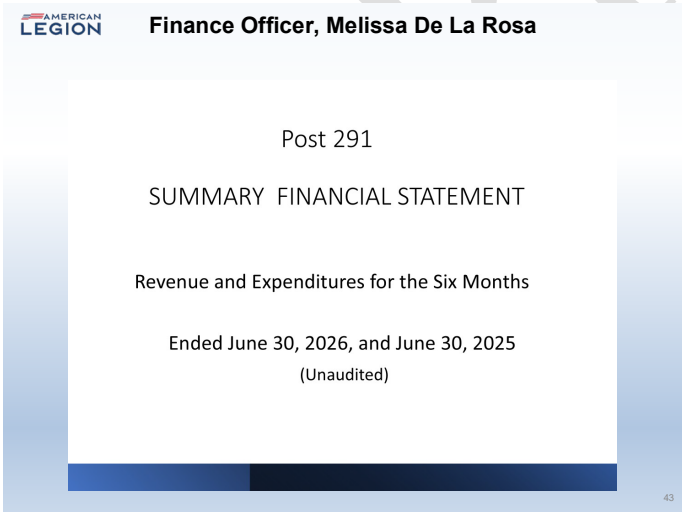
2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard

- 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 American Legion, Youth Programs

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.)

Finance Officer, Melissa De La Rosa

NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MEMBERSHIP	6/30/2026	6/30/2025	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE:			
MEMBERSHIP FEES	$ 126,000	$ 130,000	$ (4,000)
DONATIONS	83,000	132,000	(49,000)
OTHER REVENUE	109,000	84,000	25,000
	$ 318,000	$ 346,000	$ (28,000)
LESS: EXPENDITURES	409,000	402,000	7,000
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	$ (91,000)	$ (56,000)	$ (35,000)
OPERATIONS			
REVENUE:			
BAR SALES	606,000	570,000	36,000
BANQUET SALES	349,000	271,000	78,000
RESTAURANT SALES	763,000	670,000	93,000
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	1,718,000	1,511,000	207,000
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD	1,409,000	1,288,000	121,000
GROSS PROFIT	309,000	223,000	86,000
OTHER REVENUE:			
MARINA	189,000	177,000	12,000
FACILITY FES	155,000	155,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS	60,000	59,000	1,000
GROSS PROFIT & OTHER REVENUE	713,000	614,000	99,000
LESS: OTHER EXPENDITURES	627,000	602,000	25,000
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	86,000	12,000	74,000
SUMMARY			
MEMBERSHIP	$ (91,000)	$ (56,000)	-35,000
OPERATIIONS	86,000	12,000	74,000
TOTALS	$ (5,000)	$ (44,000)	$ 39,000

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Historian Johnny Arganda

- No Report – Excused Absence

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

- No Report

Chaplin Brad McDermott

- No Report – Excused Absence

Service Officer Cory Vigil

Service Officer- Donations Committee

AL291 E-Committee
Minutes
Thursday, August 6th, 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 July 2026: VEAF

1. requested rental assistance for $1,000.00.
2. requested gas and auto repair for $94.67 and $1,000.00.
3. requested storage fees for $290.00.
4. requested auto insurance for $784.50.
5. requested Target for $272.76.
6. requested gas for $58.01.
7. dual couple requested $2,000.00 for rental assistance.
8. requested 3-day motel stay for $330.00 and Gas/Grocery/Gift Cards for $350.00.
9. requested auto repair for $515.00.
10. requested rental assistance for $1,000.00.
11. requested auto repair for $1037.46.
12. requested battery and gas for $376.01.
13. requested bio clean-up for $1,300.00.
14. requested Target $322.50

$10,730.91

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Service Officer- Donations Committee (cont.)

Service Officer Account/SO Discretionary-

1. Patriots and Paws Comedy Show $1,200.00
2. Orangewood Children's Home Benefit $360.00
3. Human Works Foundation VALOR Program $1,000.00
4. Gas & Grocery Cards $502.99 – in S/O discretionary acct
5. VLI Cause Event $363.56
6. Coastline Community College Lunch $106.06
7. Vikings Jazz Night Donation $150.00 certificate
8. Veterans Coffee Talk $912.64 – in S/O discretionary acct
9. Long Beach Stand Down – Long Beach City College $1,002.99
10. Veteran Meals at Post (3) - $62.66
11. Gas/Grocery $1002.99 – in S/O discretionary acct

$6142.77

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Service Officer Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer			for the Aug 6, 2026 E-Board	
6510 Donations	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget	2026 Actual thru July	% of 2026 Budget thru July 31
6519 Honor Guard	2,853.25	2,500.00	-	0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	40,828.25	40,000.00	32,536.89	81%
6523- SO Discretionary	9,726.69	7,500.00	4,260.26	57%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	69,160.70	100,000.00	63,568.48	33%
6515 Oratorical	-	-		0%
6510 Donations other	13,900.00	25,000.00	8,164.60	33%
Total 6510 expenses	136,468.89	175,000.00	108,530.23	62%
4520 VEAF current balance			136,099.57	
July Donations Out			5636.79	
July VEAF Donations Out			12630.91	

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Judge Advocate Cindy Baker

- No Report

Members at Large –

Jon Reynolds.- No Report – Excused Absence
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

- None to Report

New Member Induction – 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez
Total: 3

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

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New Business

- None to Report

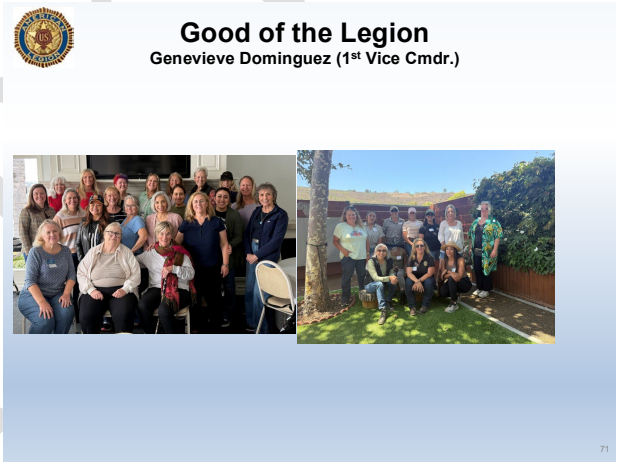
Good of the Legion

❒ Cory Vigil – Service Officer.



❒ Genevieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.





❒ Chase Wickersham (Member in Good Standing)
- Gives comments on starting the newsletter “Sea Breeze” back up again.
- Commander Fleming Jr., offers legionnaire to take the lead and be the editor.
  - Gives concerns on the viability of a printed newsletter and past practices.

❒ Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice Cmdr.-
- Speaks to membership on the need for volunteers to assist upcoming events.

CLOSING PRAYER - given by Cory Vigil, Service Officer

The Meeting was adjourned at 2007 hours.

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