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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 14 October 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:

☒ Brian Fleming Jr., Commander	☐ Cindy Baker, Judge Advocate	☒ Jon Reynolds, M.a.L.
☒ Genevieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.	☐ Bob Wine, (Interim) 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: C Baker / W Roberts / E Gorrill
Unexcused:
QUORUM held.
Honored Guests:

- Jon Reynold, Post 291 Past Commander
- Chris Miller (ALEPA, Chapter 411- Anaheim
  - Presentation of the Check to VEAF.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal



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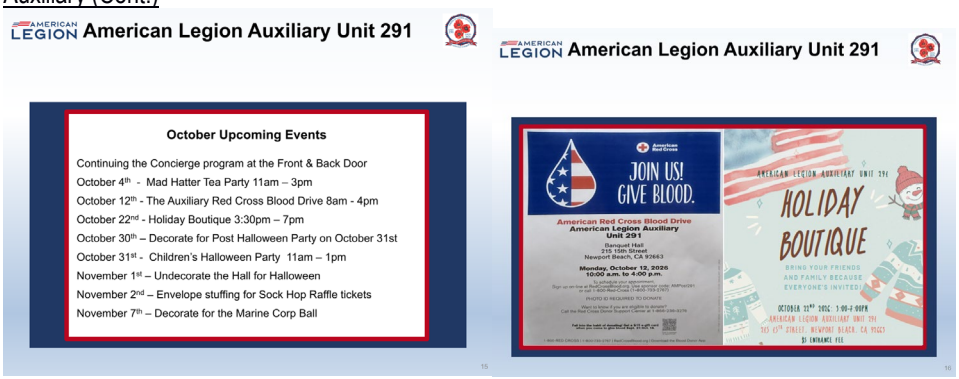
Auxiliary (Cont.)



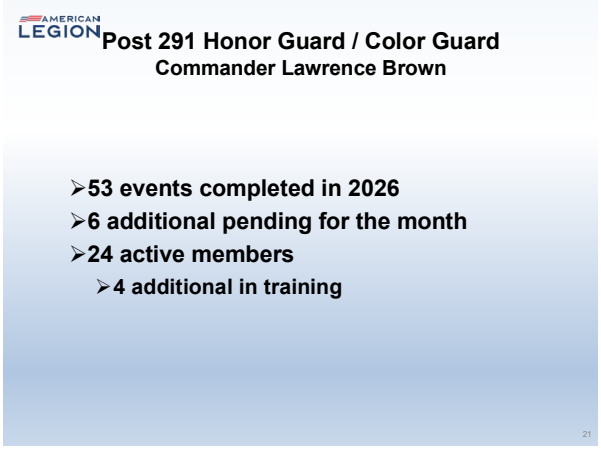
Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- 9/11 Memorial, 25th remembrance with HB Elks.
- Boat Parade tickets on sale, strong sales.
    - $70 per ticket

American Legion Yacht Club –Wyatt Hoag, Commodore



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 09 September 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 09 September 2026 General Meeting.
    - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

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- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to approve the 09 September 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 09 September 2026 General Membership Meeting.
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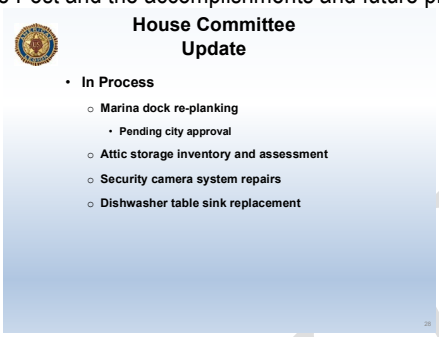
Officer Reports:

Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

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







Adjutant David Zamudio

- Read resignation of Finance Officer, Melissa DeLaRosa to membership



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1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez



2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard

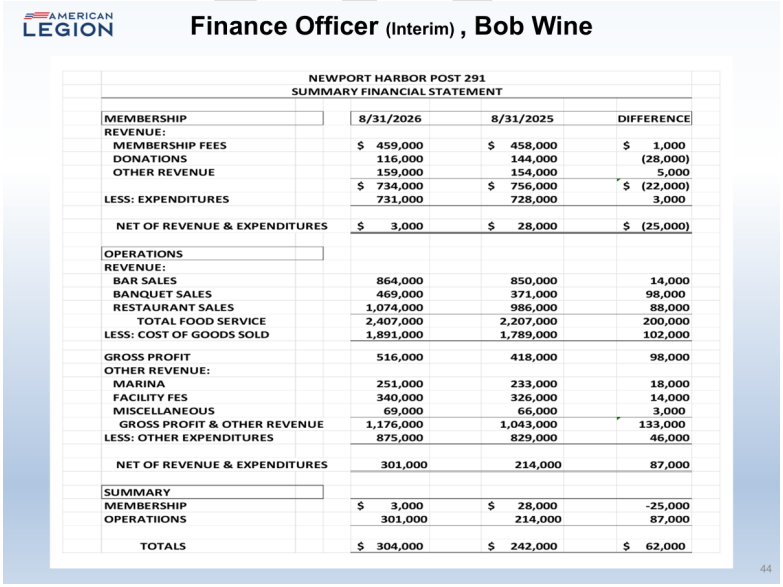
- Speaks about weekly events at the Post.
  - 10/31- Halloween Party
  - 11/11- Veteran's Day Event
  - 11/12- WWII / Korean War Veteran Luncheon
  - 11/26- Thanksgiving Brunch
  - 12/31- New Years Eve Bash

3rd Vice Cmdr. Anthony Garcia

- Speaks about upcoming Boys/Girls State

Finance Officer (Interim), Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.





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Historian Johnny Arganda

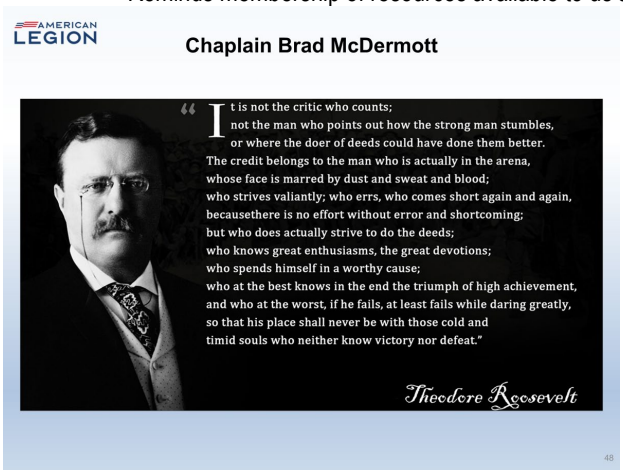
- No Report

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

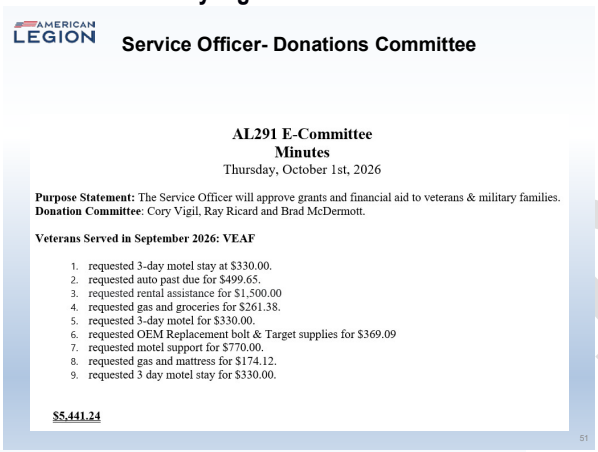
- No Report

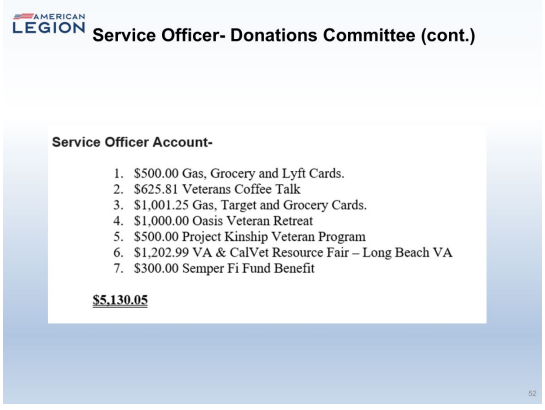
Chaplin Brad McDermott

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



Service Officer Cory Vigil





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Service Officer Cory Vigil (cont.)

Service Officer Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer			for the Oct 1, 2026 E-Board	
6510 Donations	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget	2026 Actual thru Sept	% of 2026 Budget thru Sept 30
6519 Honor Guard	2,853.25	2,500.00	-	0%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	40,828.25	40,000.00	37,074.14	93%
6523- SO Discretionary	9,726.69	7,500.00	6,823.41	91%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	69,160.70	100,000.00	77,145.59	37%
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	132,207.74	76%
4520 VEAF current balance			**148,709.36**	
Sept Donations Out			4280.05	
Sept VEAF Donations Out			5441.24	

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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

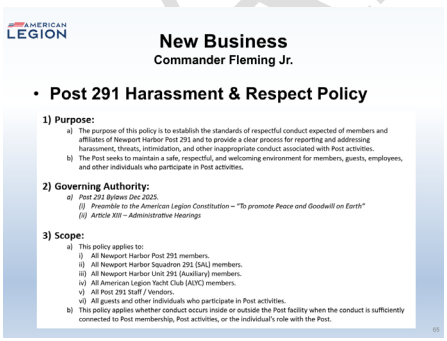
New Member Induction – 1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez

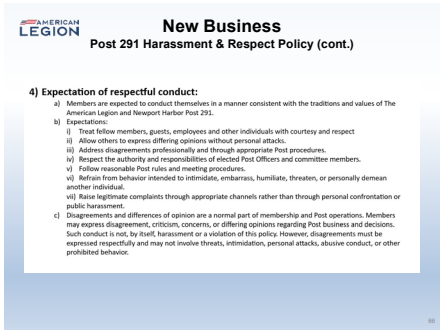
Total: 19

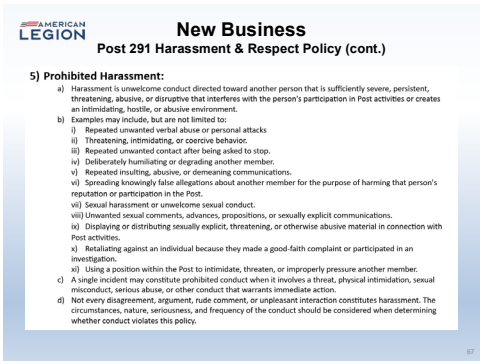
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr discusses Rules as a Legionnaire to newly inducted members.

New Business

- Adjutant Read Post 291 Harassment and Respectful Conduct Policy to Membership.







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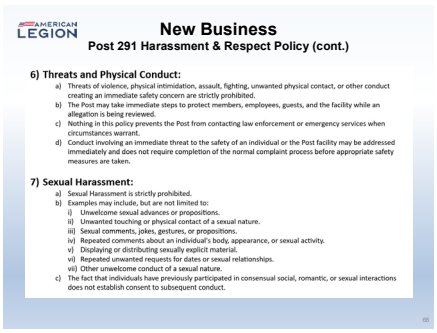

New Business
Post 291 Harassment & Respect Policy (cont.)

6) Threats and Physical Conduct:

a) Threats of violence, physical intimidation, assault, fighting, unwanted physical contact, or other conduct creating an immediate safety concern are strictly prohibited.
b) The Post may take immediate steps to protect members, employees, guests, and the facility while an allegation is being reviewed.
c) Nothing in this policy prevents the Post from contacting law enforcement or emergency services when circumstances warrant.
d) Conduct involving an immediate threat to the safety of an individual or the Post facility may be addressed immediately and does not require completion of the normal complaint process before appropriate safety measures are taken.

7) Sexual Harassment:

a) Sexual Harassment is strictly prohibited.
b) Examples may include, but are not limited to:
i) Unwelcome sexual advances or propositions.
ii) Unwanted touching or physical contact of a sexual nature.
iii) Sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or propositions.
iv) Repeated comments about an individual's body, appearance, or sexual activity.
v) Displaying or distributing sexually explicit material.
vi) Repeated unwanted requests for dates or sexual relationships.
vii) Other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature.
c) The fact that individuals have previously participated in consensual social, romantic, or sexual interactions does not establish consent to subsequent conduct.

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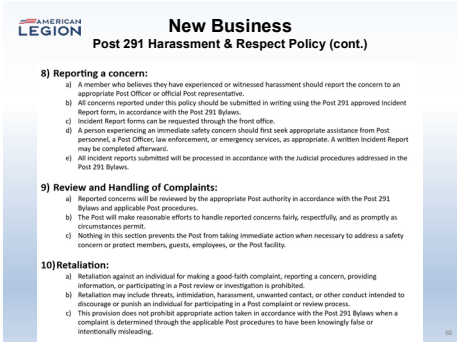

New Business
Post 291 Harassment & Respect Policy (cont.)

8) Reporting a concern:

a) A member who believes they have experienced or witnessed harassment should report the concern to an appropriate Post Officer or official Post representative.
b) All concerns reported under this policy should be submitted in writing using the Post 291 approved Incident Report form, in accordance with the Post 291 Bylaws.
c) Incident Report forms can be requested through the front office.
d) A person experiencing an immediate safety concern should first seek appropriate assistance from Post personnel, a Post Officer, law enforcement, or emergency services, as appropriate. A written Incident Report may be completed afterward.
e) All incident reports submitted will be processed in accordance with the Judicial procedures addressed in the Post 291 Bylaws.

9) Review and Handling of Complaints:

a) Reported concerns will be reviewed by the appropriate Post authority in accordance with the Post 291 Bylaws and applicable Post procedures.
b) The Post will make reasonable efforts to handle reported concerns fairly, respectfully, and as promptly as circumstances permit.
c) Nothing in this section prevents the Post from taking immediate action when necessary to address a safety concern or protect members, guests, employees, or the Post facility.

10) Retaliation:

a) Retaliation against an individual for making a good-faith complaint, reporting a concern, providing information, or participating in a Post review or investigation is prohibited.
b) Retaliation may include threats, intimidation, harassment, unwanted contact, or other conduct intended to discourage or punish an individual for participating in a Post complaint or review process.
c) This provision does not prohibit appropriate action taken in accordance with the Post 291 Bylaws when a complaint is determined through the applicable Post procedures to have been knowingly false or intentionally misleading.

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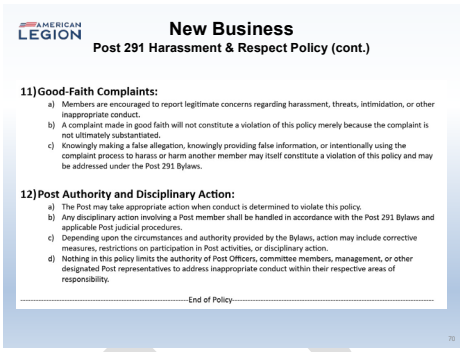

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Post 291 Harassment & Respect Policy (cont.)

11) Good-Faith Complaints:

a) Members are encouraged to report legitimate concerns regarding harassment, threats, intimidation, or other inappropriate conduct.
b) A complaint made in good faith will not constitute a violation of this policy merely because the complaint is not ultimately substantiated.
c) Knowingly making a false allegation, knowingly providing false information, or intentionally using the complaint process to harass or harm another member may itself constitute a violation of this policy and may be addressed under the Post 291 Bylaws.

12) Post Authority and Disciplinary Action:

a) The Post may take appropriate action when conduct is determined to violate this policy.
b) Any disciplinary action involving a Post member shall be handled in accordance with the Post 291 Bylaws and applicable Post judicial procedures.
c) Depending upon the circumstances and authority provided by the Bylaws, action may include corrective measures, restrictions on participation in Post activities, or disciplinary action.
d) Nothing in this policy limits the authority of Post Officers, committee members, management, or other designated Post representatives to address inappropriate conduct within their respective areas of responsibility.

End of Policy

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- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to approve the Post 291 Harassment & Respectful Conduct Policy as read to membership.
    - MOTION: I move that we approved the Post 291Harassment & Respectful Conduct Policy as read:
        - Motion by: Mike Berdine, Member at Large
        - Second: Genevieve Dominguez, 1st Vice Cmdr.
        - Discussion: None
        - Move to Vote
            - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

- Commander Brian Fleming Jr., announcing the need for a special election, in accordance with Post Bylaws, dues to the resignation of the current Finance Officer.



New Business
Commander Fleming Jr.

- **Special Election for position of Finance Officer**
    - **Remaining term of 2026-2027**

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- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. opens nominations for the vacancy of the Finance Officer to Membership.
    - Nomination by Mike Berdine, Member at Large
        - Nominates Bob Wine (Legionnaire in Good Standing / Past Finance Officer)
        - Nominee Bob Wine accepts the Nomination.
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. speaks to membership to solicit any further nominations.
    - No nominations given by membership.
    - Having no further nominations, Commander Brian Fleming Jr. closes the nominations.
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. moves to vote on the nomination of Bob Wine as the 2026-2027 Finance Officer.
    - Adjutant David Zamudio- " As Adjutant for Newport Harbor Post 291, I cast a vote of one for Bob Wine for Finance Officer for the remaining 2026-2027 term."
    - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. accepts Adjutant's vote of 1.
    - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. announces Bob Wine as the new 2026-2027 Post 291 Finance Officer to membership.

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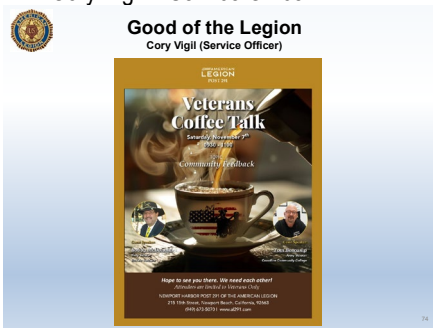
Good of the Legion

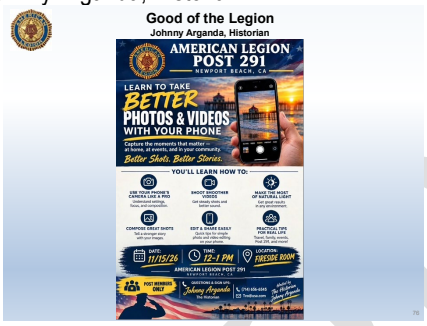
- ❒ Cory Vigil – Service Officer.



- ❒ Genevieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.



- ❒ Johnny Arganda, Historian



- ❒ Mail Mailman, Sgt. At Arms



- ❒ Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice Cmdr.
  - WWII / Korean War Luncheon – November 12, 2026

CLOSING PRAYER - given by Chaplain Brad McDermott

The Meeting was adjourned at 2019 hours.

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