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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 08 July 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, 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: W. Roberts, C. Vigil
Unexcused:
QUORUM held.
Honored Guests:

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

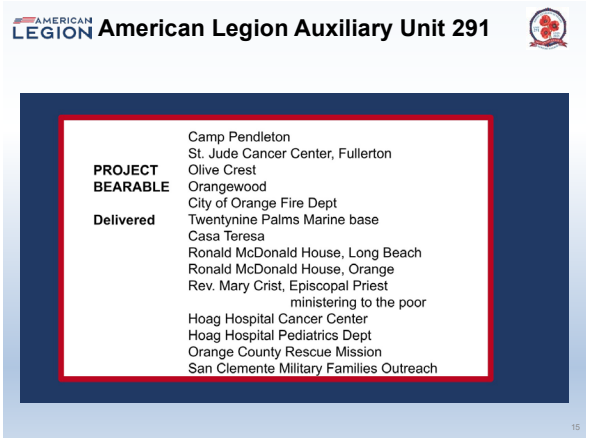
Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary- President, Cythia Minucci Neal



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Auxiliary (Cont.)



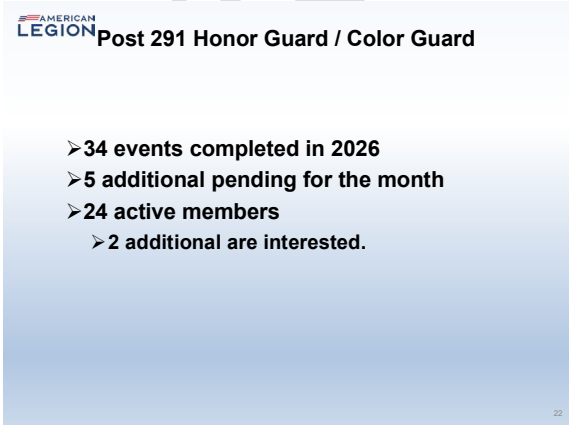
Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Membership at 100%
- Memorial Day Golf Tournament a huge success.
- June 14th, Flag Day in Veteran's Park- 600 Flags handed out.
- 9/11 Memorial in September.

American Legion Yacht Club – Wyatt Hoag, Commodore



Honor Guard / Color Guard– Commander Lawrence Brown



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General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 10 June 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the 10 June 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 10 June 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made, and seconded to approved the minutes of the 10 June 2026 General Membership Meeting.
    - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

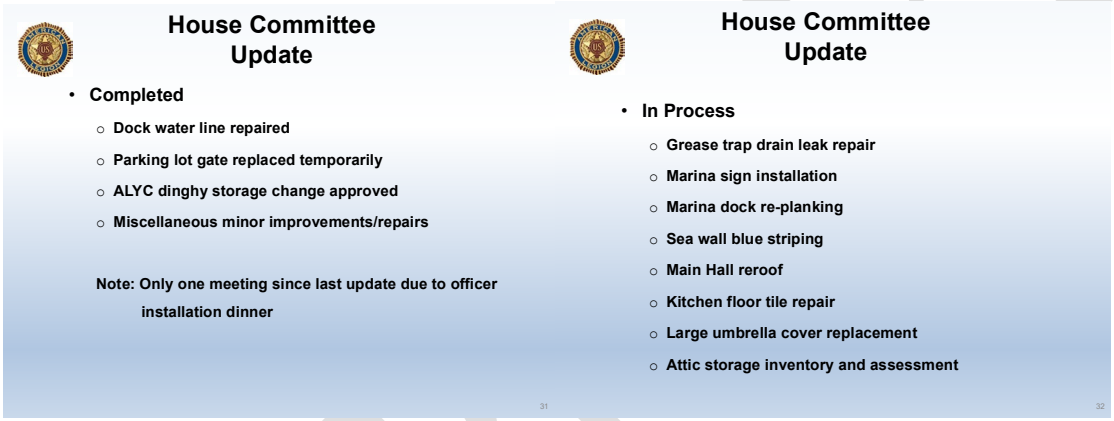
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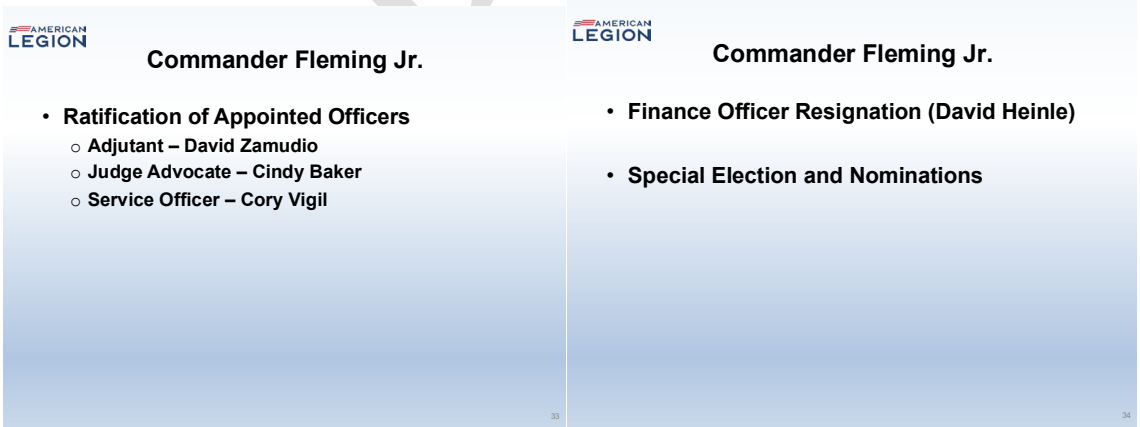
- None to Report

Officer Reports:

Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

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





Adjutant David Zamudio

- No Report

1st Vice Cmdr., Genevieve Dominguez

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1st Vice Commander

Genevieve Dominguez

- **Current Post Membership = 4031 Legionnaires**

- **Current Membership Numbers for 2026@ National: 539**
  - **2026-2027 Goal = ?????**
    - **?? more than needed to reach our goal.**
  - **Good thru 2025 = 3468**
  - **New Members 2026 = 0 2025 = 252 2024 = 282**
    - **33 are new members this month**

2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard

- Speaks about weekly events at the Post.

3rd Vice Cmdr. David Heinle-

- Speaks about American Legion, Post 291 Baseball Team.

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Post 291 Baseball Team

Coach Brad McDermott



Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

Post 291

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue and Expenditures for the Five Months

Ended May 31, 2026, and May 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

Finance Officer Bob Wine – (Cont. on next page)

Finance Officer Bob Wine – (Cont.)

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Finance Officer, Bob Wine

NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MEMBERSHIP	5/31/2026	5/31/2025	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE:			
MEMBERSHIP FEES	$ 117,000	$ 117,000	$ -
DONATIONS	66,000	57,000	9,000
OTHER REVENUE	55,000	56,000	-1,000
	$ 238,000	$ 230,000	$ 8,000
LESS: EXPENDITURES	322,000	340,000	(18,000)
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	$ (84,000)	$ (110,000)	$ 26,000
OPERATIONS			
REVENUE:			
BAR SALES	483,000	449,000	34,000
BANQUET SALES	259,000	227,000	32,000
RESTAURANT SALES	626,000	527,000	99,000
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	1,368,000	1,203,000	165,000
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD	1,163,000	1,060,000	103,000
GROSS PROFIT	205,000	143,000	62,000
OTHER REVENUE:			
MARINA	159,000	148,000	11,000
FACILITY FES	167,000	182,000	-15,000
MISCELLANEOUS	47,000	49,000	(2,000)
GROSS PROFIT & OTHER REVENUE	578,000	522,000	56,000
LESS: OTHER EXPENDITURES	526,000	496,000	30,000
NET OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES	52,000	26,000	26,000
SUMMARY			
MEMBERSHIP	$ (84,000)	$ (110,000)	26,000
OPERATIIONS	52,000	26,000	26,000
TOTALS	$ (32,000)	$ (84,000)	$ 52,000

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Historian Johnny Arganda

- Presented Video of All Branches Ball to Membership

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Historian - Johnny Arganda
All Branches Ball 2026

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu7WlGhtu8I



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Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman

- No Report

Chaplin Brad McDermott

- No Report

Service Officer Cory Vigil

- No Report (Excused Absence)

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
Ernie Gorrill - No Report
David Zamudio- No Report

Unfinished Business

- None

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

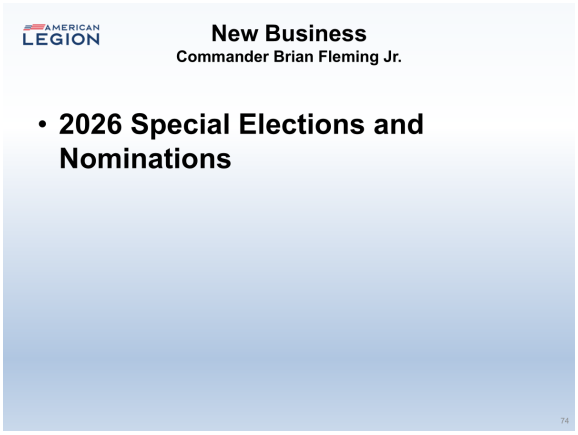
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr discusses Rules as a Legionnaire to newly inducted members.

New Business



- Commander Brian Fleming solicits a motion to ratify Commander's appointment of Officers.
  - ❒ Motion to ratify the Commander's appointment of Officers (David Zamudio – Adjutant / Cindy Baker – Judge Advocate/ Cory Vigil – Service Officer).
    - 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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- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. opens nominations for the vacancy of the Finance Officer to Membership.
    - Nomination by Bob Wine, outgoing Finance Officer
        - Nominates Melissa De La Rosa (Legionnaire in Good Standing)
        - Commander Brian Fleming Jr directs Adjutant David Zamudio to read, to membership, a letter submitted by Melissa De La Rosa accepting the nomination.

Melissa A. De La Rosa
Veteran/USAF
Post 291 Legionnaire

June 11, 2026

American Legion
Newport Harbor Post 291
215 15th Street
Newport Beach CA 92663

Re: Finance Officer Position Announcement

Dear Post 291 Commander,

This letter constitutes my written request to announce interest in nomination to fill pending Finance Officer position at American Legion, Post 291.

I have an interest in contributing my extensive financial skills from purchase requisitions and accounts payable reports to monthly financial projection reports, as well reconciliations and dispositions on multi-million-dollar contracts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 562-732-3156.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. De La Rosa

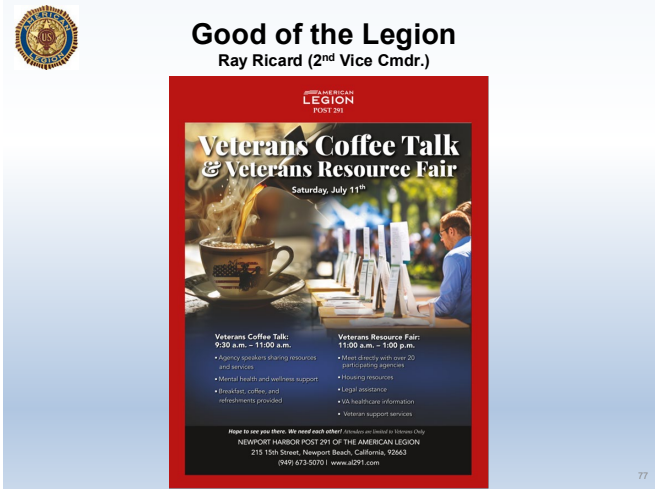
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. speaks to membership to solicit any further nominations.
    - No nominations given by membership.
    - Having no further nominations, Commander Brian Fleming Jr. closes the nominations.
- Commander Brian Fleming Jr. moves to vote on the nomination of Melissa De La Rosa as the 2026-2027 Finance Officer.
    - Adjutant David Zamudio- " As Adjutant of Post 291, I give a vote of 1 to Melissa De La Rosa as the 2026-2027 Finance Officer of Post 291."
    - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. accepts Adjutant's vote of 1.
    - Commander Brian Fleming Jr. announces Melissa De La Rosa as the new 2026-2027 Post 291 Finance Officer to membership.

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- Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice Cmdr.



- Genevieve Dominguez , 1st Vice Cmdr.



- Brad McDermott, Chaplain
  - Offers services to membership.
  - States that Home Buddy Checks are starting again, solicits volunteers.

CLOSING PRAYER - given by Scott McKee (District 29 Chaplain)

The Meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours.

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