



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2022
-- APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1834_HRS

INVOCATION: Ken Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander	X Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
X Brian Fleming Jr., 1 st Vice	X E Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer	X Eric Schroeder, M.a.L.
X Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice	X Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms	E Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
X Cindy Baker, 3 rd Vice	X Cory Vigil, Service Officer	X David Zamudio, M.a.L.
X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	X Ken Wilson, Chaplain	X Mike Shubert, M.a.L.
E Richard Reyna, Adjutant	E Gary Mathison, Historian	X Dennis De Rosia, M.a.L.

Excused:

Richard Reyna
Nick Giordano
Gary Mathison

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Judy Lombrano – Spoke about fundraising for AJ's run for National Commander. Asked for funds.
Mike Mailman – Asked for support in his run for District Executive Member

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

- Auxiliary Unit 291 – Ray Ricard presented short update for Auxiliary

- SAL Squadron 291 – Evin Planto presented short update for SAL 9/11 and Patriot Day Planning
They have received their membership cards and are starting to send them out.

- ALYC – Commodore Tommy Wheeler –
Membership:
Up to 860 changing daily.

Events

Sundowners Series completed
Model Yacht Series completed
Sunday Harbor Cruise 8/7—15 attendees
Burial at Sea 8/9—11 boats participated
Ocean Series Race #2 8/14
Saturday evening Social - approximately 50 members attended
August New Member Orientation- 10 new members
Cruise out to Emerald Bay- 15 boats and 65 members
Dive and Snorkel club re engaged

Events coming up

BAC Master Angler Billfish Tournament 9/9-10
Saturday Evening Social 9/10 - 5-7 PM West Patio
Sunday Harbor Cruise 9/11 **sold out**
BAC Master Angler Billfish Tournament Awards Dinner 9/11
Coastal Cleanup 9/17
Argosy 2 Day Race to Long Beach and Back- 9/17 & 18
Argosy Awards & Pizza Party 9/18
Sundowners Series Awards Dinner 9/25
Great Pacific Air Show 9/30

- Honor Guard – Commander Brian Fleming Jr. –
Won National Commander’s Honor Guard for 2023 and two first place trophies
22 Members
53 Events this year
4 Pending

Minutes Approval

- All Board members received copies of the 04 August 2022 Executive Committee Minutes
 - The Commander asked for a motion to approve the 07 July 2022 Executive Committee Minutes
 - Hal McNaughton asked that they be amended to reflect his financial presentation on Facetime
 - David Zamudio asked that the Commander’s motion to record E Board meetings reflect vote
 - M/S/C: The motion to approve the 07 July 2022, Executive Committee Minutes was carried.

Correspondence

- Commander Evin –
 - No Correspondence
 - Cory asked if his correspondence should be mentioned here or in his portion of the meeting. It was recommended to him to cover his correspondence during his section.

Committee Reports

- House Committee – Evin Planto

Marina –

Seawall Project Awaiting update on Seawall project from Chris Miller

General Discussion - Kitchen and Restaurant Operations

Kitchen progress – Revaluating Quote

ABC Training Employee Report – Completed

Approved funding for new flag

Working lighting issue in parking lot

ALYC Duffy initiative needs insurance review

ALYC paddle board initiative will be a post initiative using the paddle board rental across the street from the post.

Post will pick up half of the day cost for members and one family member.

Staffing

2 current Worker Comp Case, both on modified duty

Facility

Monthly Post Property Cleanup underway

Dry dock storage contract deliverable plan – processing

\$4K approved for structural AC

Waiting for city to approve wall for fence color (blue or white)

- ❑ Lease Committee- Evin Planto
Post attorney working with City attorney to develop amended lease.
- ❑ Entertainment Committee – Ray Ricard
Excused – No report
- ❑ Finance Committee – Hal McNaughton
Discussion on moving to three banks from the current seven. Hal will provide the next board meeting with a written (slide) update for discussion.
Work continuing on signatures for bank accounts
- ❑ Audit Committee - No report
- ❑ Donations Committee – Cory Vigil no report

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Discussed National Convention
- Discussion on Seawall. 1st Vice brought on rumors.

ADJUTANT –

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- 4200 members
- Over 50% of membership goal

- Issues with National resolved

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard –

- No Report

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Discussed Boy State Dinner and how Boy State affected those who attended (pictures)
- Discussed SB-363 and its possible effect on next year
- Updated board on Boy Scouts and merit badge support

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Reported the benefits of having 3 vs 7 banks
- Board needs written pros and cons for review by next meeting or sooner
- Change could make the post ~\$35K a year in interest
- Discussion on adding and removing signatories from bank accounts

HISTORIAN – Gary Mathison - Excused

SERGEANT AT ARMS – “Skipper Tim” Bercovitz

- No Report

CHAPLAIN – Ken Wilson

- Report at Burial at Sea
- Discussed upcoming Coffee Talk

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

Veterans Served in June:

- A. Items approved or rejected:

Veterans Served in August:

1. AIR FORCE veteran requested assistance with motel voucher after release from VA Long Beach. Cancer patient. \$716.59 Referred by VOA.
2. NAVY veteran requested assistance with storage for \$330.54. Referred by OC211.
3. ARMY veteran requested assistance with rent for \$1000.00. Veteran is a Post member in good standing.
4. USMC veteran requested assistance with DMV registration for \$184.53. Referred by US VETS.
5. USMC veteran requested rental assistance for \$1000.00. Referred by the Tierney Center.
6. NAVY veteran requested Lyft and motel voucher for \$960.75. Referred by the Long Beach VA.
7. USMC veteran requested motel voucher for 7 days in the amount of \$882.00. Referred by the Tierney Center.
8. National Guard requested motel voucher for 3 days in the amount of \$378.00. Referred by MHA Santa Ana.
9. ARMY veteran requested assistance with Toll Road Tickets for \$223.10. Referred by OC211.
10. NAVY veteran requested rental assistance for \$750.00. Referred from the VA Stand Down.
11. ARMY Veteran requested rental assistance for \$75.00 for late fee. Referred by the Anaheim VA.

- 12. Army Veteran requested motel assistance for 5 days until housing is available \$505.80. Referred by the AL HB 133.
- 13. Family requested burial assistance for \$1000.00, referred by OC211.

\$8,006.31

\$1000.00 for the VA Santa Ana Stand Down Food on August 17th, 2022.

\$1000.00 Gas Cards.

\$775.00 VAREP Casino Night Gift Card Raffle.

\$550.00 sponsorship for veteran Casino Night Fundraiser.

2 burial referrals.

Ordered 7 DD-214's.

Referred 8 veterans for disability compensation.

Referred 4 veterans/families for housing.

Referred 2 veterans for employment.

Purchased dog food for 1 veteran service dog.

Discussion to insure names are removed for GMM reports.

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- Two Closed Session Items

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo – No Report
- Dennis de Rosia –
Update on WWII/Korean Luncheon
Fliers prepared and distributed
- Mike Schubert –
Discussed planning for Post Centennial Day.
- Eric Schroeder – No Report
- David Zamudio.- No Report
- Nick Giordano - Excused

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- ❑ Service Office Cory Vigil asked for a Motion for \$1k to provide food at a Veterans event at the Honda Center;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously
- ❑ Commander Evin Planto asked for a Motion to approve the Post A/V grade quote of \$8.5k;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously
- ❑ Commander Evin Planto asked for a Motion to record Executive Committee Meetings;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries
- ❑ Commander Evin Planto asked for a Motion to delete the Meeting Recordings after the Meeting Minutes are approved;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously
- ❑ Asked the AUX and Nick to clarify any gambling profit exposure for their events, must follow up on;
- ❑ MaL Eric Schroeder asked for a Motion to approve up to \$30k to retain Newmyer & Dillion to review and advise regarding the City and Post Audit issue;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously
- ❑ MaL Eric Schroeder asked for a Motion that the Lease Committee report upon the findings/recommendations of the meetings with Newmyer & Dillion to the Executive Committee;
 - M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously
- ❑ Commander Evin Planto appoints David Zamudio to the Lease Committee and David Zamudio accepts;
- ❑ MaL Eric Schroeder asked for a Motion that the Audit Committee meet with Newman & Dillion to City audit issue with Lease Committee;
- ❑ September Executive Committee Meeting rescheduled to September 8th due to National Convention;

Eric – NTE 10K to AJ election effort

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously

Eric – Cost of National Convention attendees to board

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously

Eric – Cost of National Convention vs budget to board

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries with one Nay (Hal)

Brian – Post to support Mike Mailman in his run for District Executive Member

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously

David – Bank 7 to 3 postponed for a written review

- M/S/D/C – Motion Carries Unanimously

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- ❑ 1st Vice asked the Commander to add the Preamble to the GMM.

Closed Session

- ❑ Executive Committee passed three motions on Judicial Committee recommendations
- Member suspension until 31 Jan 2023 approved.

- Member to pay for damage to gate card reader
- Member three month suspension effective immediately (9 Sept to 9 Dec)
- It was recommended to the Judicial Committee that there are no mentions of intoxication or directing to medical assistance in the Judicial Committee findings.

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2202_ hours.