



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Template
Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Meeting called to order at approximately 1905 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Chaplin Barry Butzoff

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Brian Fleming Jr,

POW/MIA Ceremony: Kevin VanOtterloo

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Brown, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ernest Alonso., 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Roberts, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Ricard, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Heinle, 3 rd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evin Planto, Jr. Past Comm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Butzloff, Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Arganda Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, M.a.L. |

Excused: Nick Giordano

QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

- Past Commander, Doug Nye – no comments
- Past Commander, Jess Lawson – no comments
- Alissa Villa: Spoke about veteran music “Operation Gig” program offered by OC Music & Dance.
- Judy Leonardi / Ray Flores: Spoke about American Legion Baseball and opportunity to give donations.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary President, Mary Beth Martin –




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Auxiliary President, Mary Beth Martin (cont.) –


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2024-2025 Auxiliary Officers



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Department Convention – June 26-29

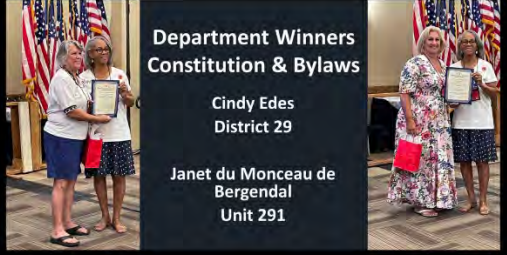


American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Department Winners Constitution & Bylaws

Cindy Edes
District 29

Janet du Monceau de Bergendal
Unit 291



Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- 2024 Membership at 100%.
- August 11, Veterans Relief Foundation, paddle boarding for the disabled veterans.
- On Flag Day handed our 400 flags and sold 265 hotdogs.
- 9/11 Memorial: will have catered by TK Bruger, live band, and the park will be lined with all the names who were lost during this tragic event.

American Legion Yacht Club – Commodore David Campagnari

American Legion Yacht Club

Welcome New Legionnaires

- ⇒ Only American Legion Post in U.S. with a Yacht Club
- ⇒ No boating experience necessary
- ⇒ Do not need to own a boat

American Legion Yacht Club Assets

1. Sailboat-free use after certification
2. Race Committee Boat—Valor—harbor cruises
3. Whaler—shuttle
4. (3) 1 meter Model Yachts
5. Duffy Electric Boat.




Activities

1. Youth Sailing Classes
2. Assistance with Adult Sailing Classes
3. Regattas and Ocean Series Racing
4. Summer Race Series (Sundowners) & (Model Yachts)
5. Cruise outs—Dana Point, Emerald Bay, Long Beach
6. Duffy Rally
7. Opening Day Ceremony
8. Sailing for the Visually Impaired
9. Paddleboard Race
10. Old Glory Boat Parade
11. Christmas Boat parade
12. Dive and Snorkel Club
13. Harbor Raft Ups
14. Monthly Social Events
15. Other club reciprocity



SOCIAL MEDIA

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Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander –

 **Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard**

- 41 events completed in 2024
- 2 additional pending for the month
- Dept Convention in Visalia
- 23 active members
- 1 New Recruit



General Membership Meeting Minutes:

No Minutes received from previous Adjutant to approve.

Correspondence

- None

Officer Reports:


Commander Brian Fleming Jr. -

 **Fourth of July Weekend**




 **Post Commander, Brian Fleming Jr.**

- **Fourth of July Weekend**
 - **Main Fourth of July Events**
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Special Pricing for Food and Beverage.
 - Boat Parade
 - Grand Marshal- Newport Beach Mayor, Will O'Neil
 - Silent Auction- Hosted by Auxiliary
 - Friday's Black-Tie Gala
 - Westminster Councilwoman, Amy West- Keynote Speaker

 **Post Commander, Brian Fleming Jr.**

- **Commendations from:**
 - Governor, Gavin Newsom
 - California State Controller, Malia Cohen
 - State Senator, Janet Nguyen
 - State Assemblymember, Diane Dixon
 - Newport Beach Mayor, Will O'Neil

 **Post Commander, Brian Fleming Jr.**

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS:

- **Stanley Behrens**
- **Pam Garrett**

Adjutant David Zamudio –



Adjutant- David Zamudio

- **Parking Lot Gate Arm**
 - Experiencing complications and House Committee will be looking into replacing it.
- **Starting the process of soliciting for new bids concerning the repair or replacement of our marina dock fingers.**

1st Vice Commander Ernest Alonso –



1st Vice Commander

- **Current Post Membership = 4,179 Legionnaires**
- **Current Membership Numbers for 2025 @ National =286 (6.8%)**
 - 2024-2025 Goal = 4,179 (Pending)
 - 3,893 more needed to reach our goal.
 - Good thru 2024 = 3,893
 - New Members 2025 = 30 2024 = 375
 - 30 more new members this month

2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard-

- Discussed role of 2nd Vice Commander
- Discussed events and entertainment for each day of the week.

3rd Vice Commander David Heinle-

- Boys/ Girls State
 - 25 Candidates sent
 - 1 qualified for National Conventions.
 - Awards Dinner: 8/12/24

Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto –

- No Reports

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures Five Months Ended 5/31/24 and 5/31/23			
	5 Months ended 5/31/24	5 Months ended 5/31/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 1,426,457.00	\$ 1,131,724.00	\$ 294,733.00
Expenditures	1,582,494.00	1,350,068.00	232,426.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(156,037.00)	(218,344.00)	62,307.00
Membership:			
Revenue	337,445.00	202,557.00	134,888.00
Expenditures	374,166.00	365,382.00	8,784.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(36,721.00)	(162,825.00)	126,104.00
Combined Totals	(192,758.00)	(381,169.00)	188,411.00
Facility Fees	135,428.00	90,220.00	45,208.00
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ (57,330.00)	\$ (290,949.00)	\$ 233,619.00

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures One Month Ended 5/31/24 and 5/31/23			
	1 Month ended 5/31/24	1 Month ended 5/31/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 390,755.00	\$ 286,476.00	\$ 104,279.00
Expenditures	410,771.00	315,911.00	94,860.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(20,016.00)	(29,435.00)	9,419.00
Membership:			
Revenue	44,846.00	35,038.00	9,808.00
Expenditures	73,941.00	91,918.00	(17,977.00)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(29,095.00)	(56,880.00)	27,785.00
Combined Totals	(49,111.00)	(86,315.00)	37,204.00
Facility Fees	2,795.00	5,460.00	(2,665.00)
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ (46,316.00)	\$ (80,855.00)	\$ 34,539.00

Historian Johnny Arganda

- No Report

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman-

- No Report

Chaplin Barry Butzloff

- Read message to membership of the meaning of Friendship.
- Challenged members to have deeper relationships. Check it on how a person is really doing.

Service Officer Cory Vigil

Service Officer- Donations Committee

Purpose Statement: The Service Officer will approve grants and financial aid to veterans & military families.

Donation Committee: Cory Vigil, Ray Ricard and Barry Butzloff.

Veterans Served in June 2024: VEAF

1. ARMY requested motel assistance for 3 days \$330.00.
2. ARMY requested rental assistance for \$1000.00.
3. USMC requested assistance with application and deposit fee for \$348.00.
4. ARMY requested assistance with air mattress, blankets, sheets at Target for \$241.10.
5. ARMY requested \$836.00 for rental assistance.
6. ARMY requested \$150.00 for moving deposit.
7. NAVY requested assistance with bike repair for \$126.05.
8. ARMY requested assistance with cellular phone bill, shoes and bus pass for \$351.65.
9. ARMY requested a motel for 7 days at \$770.00.
10. ARMY requested \$1000.00 for rental assistance.
11. NAVY requested assistance with work clothes, shoes and hygiene for \$175.84.
12. NAVY requested emergency dental for \$1000.00.
13. NAVY requested 7-day motel stay at \$770.00.
14. ARMY requested assistance with oil change for \$128.32.
15. USMC requested rental assistance for \$796.00.
16. USMC requested motel assistance for 7 days at \$770.00.
17. USMC requested motel assistance for 7 days at \$770.00.

\$10,062.96

Service Officer- Donations Comm (cont.)

Service Officer Account- 20 gas cards and 20 grocery cards distributed. \$50 increments.


Service Officer Account - \$187.91 LYFT

Service Officer Account

- \$1000.00 Santa Ana Elks Golf Tournament
- \$100.37 Veterans Legal Institution presentation
- \$158.15 Gaming Night
- \$500.00 Joseph Lopez rental assistance
- \$428.67 Seal Beach Installation Dinner – VEAF Donor
- \$200.12 Lunch for Blind Veterans Group VA
- \$1000.00 Arco Gas Cards
- \$725.81 Coffee Talk
- \$1000.00 Grocery Cards
- \$1000.00 Project Healing Waters
- \$288.42 Seal Beach Rotary Raffles
- \$70.00 Army Ball Sponsorship
- \$231.80 USS Iowa Fundraiser

\$6,342.26

Service Officer Cory Vigil (cont.)



Service Officer June Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer for the July 1, 2024 E-Board

6510 Donations	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget	2024 Actual thru June 30	% of 2024 Budget thru Dec 31
6519 Honor Guard	7,478.36	2,500.00	1,310.99	52%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	114,718.13	78,000.00	23,259.84	30%
6523- SO Discretionary		2,000.00	8,999.41	450%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	129,645.07	65,000.00	60,275.88	93%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	60,978.76	50,000.00	6,500.00	13%
Total 6510 expenses	312,820.32	197,500.00	100,346.12	51%
4520 VEAF current balance			45,929.97	
June Donations Out			4342.26	
June VEAF Donations Out			12062.96	

Judge Advocate Lawrence Brown

- No Report

Members at Large –

Jon Reynolds- No Report

Walter Roberts- No Report

Mike Berdine- No Report

Mike Schubert- Week of March 28th, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event

Nick Giordano- No Report (excused)

David Zamudio- No Report

Induction of New Members (total number: 33)

- Inductees Names read to membership
- Inductees brought to the front of the stage.
- Motion presents to accept inductees.
 - M/S/No D/ MC
- Commander read rules and expectations to all new legionnaires.

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished Business

New Business



New Business

- **Approval of Appointments**
 - Adjutant- David Zamudio
 - Service Officer- Cory Vigil
 - Judge Advocate- Lawrence "LB" Brown

- All three Motions to approve Commander's appointments (M/S/No D/ MC) motion carries, unanimously.
- Commander reads all committee appointments.



New Business (cont.)

- **Post 291 Committee Appointments**
 - **House Committee**
 - David Zamudio / Bob Wine / Mike Berdine / Nick Giordano / Kevin VanOtterloo / Tommy Wheeler
 - **Finance Committee**
 - Bob Wine / David Zamudio / David Heinle / Cindy Baker / Bob Caroline
 - **Judicial Committee**
 - Lawrence Brown / Cindy Baker / Doug Green / Brandon Reed / Dennis Miller



New Business (cont.)

- **Post 291 Committee Appointments (cont.)**
 - **Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Committee**
 - Commander Brian Fleming Jr.
 - **Donations Committee**
 - Cory Vigil / Ray Ricard / Barry Butzloff
 - **Dock Master Appointment**
 - Tommy Wheeler

Motion presented to approve the all-committee appointments (M/S/No D/ MC) carries.

- Legionnaire John Chomin states motion:
 - "I move that the 3rd TV in the bar be addressed by July 31st (2024)"
 - Seconded
 - Discussion on topic (Doug Nye / Jess Lawson / Hector Storman)
 - M/S/D/MC
- Finance Officer Bob Wine:
 - "I move that we rescind the monthly mandate of Cigar Night"
 - Seconded
 - Discussion: Bob Wine elaborates that the event Cigar Night is not being cancelled just the monthly mandate.
 - June: 29 attendees and the Post lost money.
 - Other members gave their opinions, concerns, and support for the motion
 - Move to Vote: M/S/D/ MC- passes by 2/3rd vote.

Good of the Legion

- Jr. Past Cmdr., Evin Planto thanked membership for their support and asked to please support the new board.
- 1st Vice Cmdr. Ernest Alonso- Spoke about upcoming Veterans Coffee Talk and also video gaming.

Chaplain Barry Butzloff said the closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2111 hours.