

Minutes were reconstructed in Sept 2024 after not being provided previously for the Executive Committee to approve.



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Appx. \_1830\_HRS

**INVOCATION:** Brad McDermott

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commander Evin Planto

**ROLL CALL:**

X Evin Planto, Commander	E Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate	X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.
X Adjutant, Nick Saifan	X David Heinle, Finance Excused	X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
X Brian Fleming Jr., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms	X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
E Vacant, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	X Cory Vigil, Service Officer	X David Zamudio, M.a.L.
X Cindy Baker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	X Brad McDermott, Chaplain	X Mike Schubert, M.a.L
X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm	X Johnny Arganda, Historian	E Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

**QUORUM? YES**

**GUESTS:**

- Doug Nye – Past Commander
- Jess Lawson – Past Commander
- John Hudson – 5<sup>th</sup> Area Judge Advocate
- Bob Wine – Member in Good Standing
- Mickey Bennet – Member in Good Standing
- Ernest Alonso – Member in good standing

**Affiliates and Programs Reports:**

**AUX Unit 291**– Mary Beth Martin - President

- New President introduction
- Past and future activities
- Flags Available to borrow
- Aux banner design

**SAL Squadron 291** – Tim Sullivan - Commander

- SAL store is open for business
- Events Updates

**ALYC** – David Campagnari–

- Past and future events

- Membership Update
- Boats available to use
- Approval needed of ALYC Board

**Post 291 Honor Guard/Color Guard - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Fleming**

- 6 events completed in 2024
- 2 pending for the month
- 23 active members
- 4 new recruits

**CLOSED SESSION WITH THE LEASE NEGOTIATING TEAM 1844 HRS TO 1850 HRS**

**Correspondence:** - None

**Committee Reports**

- House Committee
  - ❑ Ontario Refrigeration Maintenance – Motion approved.
  - ❑ 100 year update
  - ❑ Patio Canvas – Motion approved.
  - ❑ Dock Repairs ongoing
  - ❑ Surveillance Camera ongoing
  - ❑ Parking lot building to be remodeled, renovated
  - ❑ 8 open dry dock spaces coming
  - ❑ Concrete Staining / beautification quotes in progress
- Judicial Committee – No Report
- Finance Committee – Deferred to Finance Officer Report
- Bylaws Committee – Gave a report

**Minutes Approval**

- No minutes provided for January

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**COMMANDER – Evin Planto**

- Veteran Coffee talk
- Past and Upcoming Events
- Spoke to the Mayor regarding a Veterans Memorial in Veteran's Park

**ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan**

- Gov't Contracting and Vet Certification training on first Saturday of each month

### **1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership**

- Current Post Membership = 3,761 Legionnaires
- Current Membership Numbers for 2024@ National =3,761 (90.6%)
- 2023-2024 Goal = 4,148
- 387 more needed to reach our goal.
- Good thru 2023 = 613
- New Members 2024 = 245                      2023 = 465
  - 16 of those are new members this month
- Spoke to 3-year renewal process through National
- Dues Increase @ National will affect the Post financially

### **2ND VICE COMMANDER – Vacant**

- No report

### **3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker**

- Boys/Girls state program Interviews continue and ongoing
- Boy scout merit badge
- Baseball asking for volunteers and fundraising

### **JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds**

- No Report

### **FINANCE OFFICER – David Heinle**

- Financial Report Update

### **HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda**

- Working with Auxiliary for events
- 100 year Anniversary involvement
- Ruck march coming up for suicide awarness

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman**

- When voting at meetings, membership card is a must
- Members need to be recognized when speaking
- The need to be respectful and no yelling
- I.D. must be validated
- This is a veteran club
- We must only get food from people that have a catering permit
- Adjutant must e-mail House Committee minutes one week prior to E-Board meeting.

### **CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott**

- No Report

### **SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil**

- VEAF update
- Donations updates
- Coffee talk
- Outside food authorization, equal opportunity for all to have

### **JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni**

- No Report – Not Present

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report
- Wayne Zippi – No Report
- Mike Schubert –
  - Drone training/soccer update
  - 100 yr committee meeting
  - Vietnam Party update
  - Law and Order event
- Mike Berdine – No Report
- David Zamudio – No Report
- Nick Giordano – No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Bylaws presentation to General Meeting, explained process / Jon Reynolds
- Amend Articles of Incorporation Secretary of state,

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ernest Alonso confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander
- ALYC Election list approved
- Commander will select a new audit committee
- Motion to approve bylaws to be read to general meeting approved
- Motion to approve election rules as presented Approved
- David Zumudio requested to change # 7 negative Campaigning Approved
- Motion by Chaplain to Censure Commander for inappropriate comments to defame the other board members at previous GMM / Approved

### **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

- John Hudson Area 5 Vice Commander
  - Discussed our probation and delegate count
  - Probation date to beat is 23 June.
  - Discussed programs under American Legion
  - Online Basic training, Legion College in Corona in October.

- Weight Challenge Event / Brad McDermott Chaplain Approved
- Donations
- Army Ball June 8
- Employee Overtime an issue
- No volunteering, need committee
- T.V. for bar approved
- Dock repair plan for the next 5 years

**Benediction by Brad McDermott**

**ADJOURNED: Approximately\_2200 hours.**

Approved