

# AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY, 01 AUGUST 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**: Appx. 1834 HRS **INVOCATION**: Barry Butzoff, Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

#### ROLL CALL:

⊠ Brian Fleming Jr., Commander	Lawrence Brown, Judge Advocate	
	⊠ Bob Wine, Finance Officer	
□ Ray Richard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice		Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
□ David Heinle, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice		Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
	□ Barry Butzloff, Chaplain	☐ Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
□ David Zamudio, Adjutant	<ul><li>Johnny Arganda, Historian</li></ul>	David Zamudio, M.a.L.

Excused: Nick Giordano, David Heinle Unexcused: Johnny Arganda

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Antionette Naddour, Executive Director and Founder (Veterans Legal Institute)

Overview of program and request for possible sponsorship of table for 10 year Anniversary Gala.

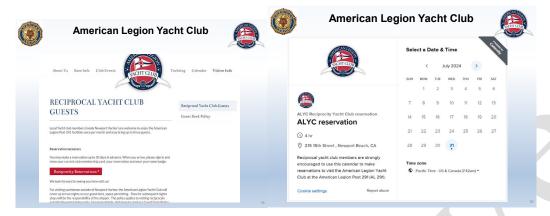
# **Affiliates and Programs Reports:**

- ☐ Auxiliary Unit 291 Mary Beth Martin
  - Presentation on Membership Numbers (1950)
  - Silent Auction final numbers.
  - Presentation on Girls State.





- □ SAL Squadron 291 Tim Sullivan
  - Current Membership 1860 with 29 New members.
  - Discussed sponsorship of 9/11 VRF Foundation.
- □ ALYC Commodore– Dave Campagnari
  - Spoke on Membership and Upcoming Events
  - Overview of program for reciprocal Yacht Club guests.





☐ Honor Guard – Commander Brian Fleming Jr.



#### **Minutes Approval**

- ☐ Executive Committee Minutes: July 02, 2024
  - Motion presented to approve minutes
  - Seconded
  - M/S/D/MC- Motion carries unanimously.

# Correspondence

☐ Adjutant David Zamudio – none to report

## **Committee Reports**

- ☐ House Committee- David Zamudio
  - Review of House Committee completed items and pending items to resolve.
- ☐ Finance Committee- Bob Wine
  - o Review of committee meeting and review of June 30th and July 24th statements.

# **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### **COMMANDER- Brian Fleming Jr.**

- Mentioned to Committee that if there are items at the Post that need to be addressed please email the House Committee.
- Marina Incident- female fell on the dock and had x-rays.
  - Husband spoke with Commander to continue to work on improvements to the docks.

## ADJUTANT - David Zamudio

□ No Report

## 1ST VICE COMMANDER - Ernest Alonso. - Membership

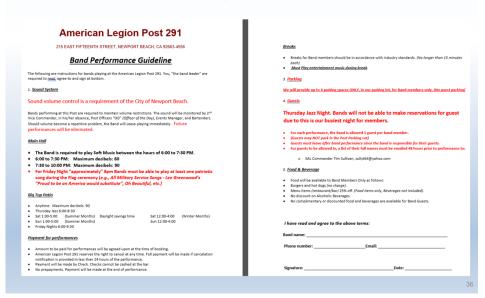
□ No Report

## 2ND VICE COMMANDER - Ray Richard - Speaking about upcoming events and bands.

Discussion on revision to Band Contract



# 2nd Vice Commander Ray Ricard



## **3RD VICE COMMANDER – David Heinle** - Speaking about Boys State and Americanism.

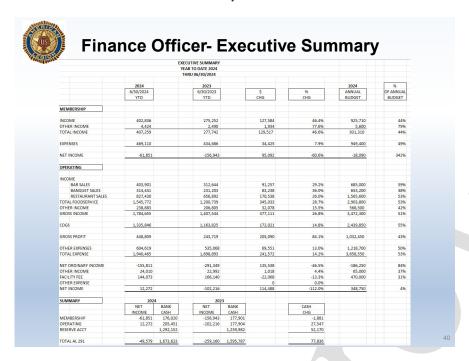
☐ Excused Absence- No Report

#### JR. PAST COMMANDER - Evin Planto

□ No Report

## FINANCE OFFICER - Bob Wine

☐ Presented Executive Summary of Post 291 Financials



# HISTORIAN - Johnny Arganda

Unexcused Absence- No Report

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS - Mike Mailman

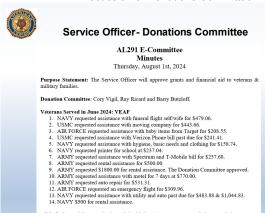
- Discussion on Officer on Duty responsibilities
  - Reminder to sign in when starting assigned day.
  - Review of materials in the OD book, located behind the bar.

## CHAPLAIN - Barry Butzloff

- Several Members who have deceased from our member roster for 2024.
  - Will have list of names to give remembrance to.
  - At any meeting, or board meeting (i.e., Coffee Talk) it would be nice to have a few minutes for prayer.
  - Will have an "open door" for prayer request after the meetings.

#### SERVICE OFFICER - Cory Vigil

Discussion of Donations Committee 



All Lyft, Gas and Grocery Cards totaled with the 14 veterans supported above totaled:



#### Service Officer- Donations Comm (cont.)

#### Service Officer Account-

\$1000.00 Independence Jam \$1000.00 - \$500 Grocery and \$500 Gas Cards \$49.25 OCTA Bus Passes \$1000.00 VAREP Housing Project – Marcos Villa \$750.00 OASIS – Air Museum Trip \$500 Lvft Credit \$500.00 Arco Gas Cards \$800.00 Boots, Beer & BBQ – Camp Pendleton Benefit \$600.00 Grocery Cards \$600.00 Arco Gas Cards \$300.00 Blind Motorcycle Ride

Total - \$4,747.99

\$3000 to AL Baseball - 6510 account



\$10,515.57

# Service Officer June Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer			for the Aug 1, 2024 E-Board	
6510 Donations	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget	2024 Actual thru July 31	% 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	27,122.84	35%
6523- SO Discretionary		2,000.00	9,897.40	495%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	129,645.07	65,000.00	70,291.45	108%
6515 Oratorical	-			0%
6510 Donations other	60,978.76	50,000.00	9,500.00	19%
Total 6510 expenses	312,820.32	197,500.00	118,122.68	60%
4520 VEAF current balance			37,780.36	
July Donations Out			18263.56	
July VEAF Donations Out			10515.57	

#### JUDGE ADVOCATE- Lawrence Brown

- Informed Executive Committee that 4 incident reports have been received the day after membership approved appointment.
- Judicial Committee is currently reviewing and will provide follow up at the next Committee meeting.

#### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

- ☐ Jon Reynolds- No Report
- ☐ Walter Roberts- No Report
- ☐ Mike Berdine- No Report
- Mike Schubert- No Report
- David Zamudio- No Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Mike Mailman (Sgt. At Arms)
  - 5-7 months ago information concerning the work on the patio was requested by the Past Commander (Evin Planto), Past Judge Advocate (Diane Torrianni) and Past Adjutant (Nick Saifan) with no information provided as of today.
  - Wanted to inform the Executive Committee that this information has still not been provided.
  - Discussed lack of transparency on project and lack of going through the proper channels.
- Mike Shubert (Member at Large)
  - Requested update on Trike that was stolen
  - Commander Fleming informed committee that he has spoken to the representative and asked three questions.
    - Was there insurance coverage involved?
    - Do they have a police report to provide?

- How did they calculate the dollar amount for the damages they are asking for?
  - Is that the cost of a brand new trike today or the cost the he paid for it then?
- Response was vague with no answers.
- Asked for the representative to look into the questions and give a call back.
  - Have not received a call back and will wait for their response.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Conflict of Interest Forms
  - Executive Committee members given Conflict of Interest Forms to review.
  - Commander Fleming discussed the importance of transparency to the Post Members and reviewed the form with the Committee.
  - o Informed Committee that members of the House Committee have already signed.
  - Committee told to take and review and will follow up at the next meeting to have forms signed.
    - Adjutant gave an overview of Conflict of Interest Form.
- □ Commander Fleming raises discussion on amendment to the bylaws for the House Committee taking off the need for the Adjutant to be the Chair of the House Committee.
  - No disagreement with drafting the language and bringing it to the next Executive Committee for approval.
- Bob Wine presents a Motion "I move that the Post official National Convention attendees to only include the Honor Guard, the Post Commander, the Adjutant, the Judge Advocate, and the Service Officer. Any other Post members who attend should do so at their own expense."
  - o Seconded: Jon Reynolds
  - Discussion concerning fiscal responsibility there need to be established guidelines. Discussion of concerns that several
    have paid for airlines, and possibly move this motion to be effective for 2025. Discussion that Post 291 is the second
    largest post and should have one of the largest delegations present. Discussion of National level seminars that can be
    attended.
    - Bob Wine states that it is not how many we want to spend but how many we can afford to spend and that we still need to have a limit on how many we send.
    - Bob Wine presents an amendment to his original motion: "I move that the Post official National Convention attendees to the August 2025 that the attendees should only include the Honor Guard, the Post Commander, the Adjutant, the Judge Advocate, and the Service Officer. Any other Post members who attend should do so at their own expense."
      - Discussion on amendment.
      - Judge Advocate explains that the vote is only on the amendment and then there will be a vote on the amended motion.
      - Move to Vote on Amendment of date: M/S/D/ Motion Carries Unanimously.
  - Discussion opened on amended motion. Evin Planto states that it is not just who is going but what you are trying to accomplish not selected by people according to position.
  - Judge Advocate recommends a "friendly amendment" to the motion to clear any misunderstanding as far as whether the motion is for just August 2024 or ongoing.
    - Executive Committee agrees to "friendly amendment."
    - Amended Motion: "I move that the Post official National Convention attendees starting with the August 2025 that the attendees should only include the Honor Guard, the Post Commander, the Adjutant, the Judge Advocate, and the Service Officer. Any other Post members who attend should do so at their own expense."
  - Move to Vote: M/S/D/ Motion Carries Unanimously
- ☐ Service Officer, Cory Vigil- "I would like to make a motion to support VLI for the amount of \$2500.00."
  - Seconded- Evin Planto
  - o Point of Clarification: funds will be drawn from the Service Officer Account. Executive Committee agrees.
  - Move to Vote: M/S/D/ Motion Carries Unanimously
- □ 1st Vice Commander, Ernest Alfonso
  - o Informed Executive Committee of iPhone training.
  - Service Officer recommends this should be part of the coffee talk.

- □ 1st Vice Commander, Ernest Alfonso
  - o Discussion of providing Honorary Membership.
  - o Discussion on how this is granted and reasons for allowing.
  - No motion brought forward.

# **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

- □ Service Officer- Cory Vigil
  - Discussion on ideas to improve attendance at Gaming Night.
  - Discussion of the purchased equipment.



- Past Commander, Evin Planto
  - o Discussion of the check of \$10K given to National Commander Campaign will be returned to the Post.

**CLOSING PRAYER- Chaplain Barry Butzloff** 

ADJOURNED: Approximately 2133 hours.