

# AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291

# 215 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, 11 September 2024

Mike Mailman, Sqt-at-Arms

Cory Vigil, Service Officer

Johnny Arganda Historian

Barry Butzloff, Chaplain

Meeting called to order at approximately 1914 hrs.

hoursThe Colors were advanced. Invocation: Chaplain Barry Butzloff Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Brian Fleming Jr. POW/MIA Ceremony: Walter Roberts Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

## ROLL CALL:

- Brian Fleming Jr., Commander
- Ernest Alonso., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.
- Ray Ricard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.
- David Heinle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.
- Evin Planto, Jr. Past Cmdr.
- David Zamudio, Adjutant
  - Excused: Nick Giordano Unexcused:

## QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

No Guest .

**Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:** 

Auxiliary- 1st Vice President - Dana Johnston



- Lawrence Brown, Judge Advocate Jon Reynolds, M.a.L. Bob Wine, Finance Officer
  - Walter Roberts, M.a.L.
  - Mike Berdine, M.a.L.
  - Mike Schubert, M.a.L.
  - Nick Giordano, M.a.L.
  - David Zamudio, M.a.L.

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#### Auxiliary President, Mary Beth Martin (cont.) -



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291



#### Sons of the American Legion - Tim Sullivan, Commander

- 2024 Membership at 100%
- 9/11 Memorial: Very Successful, we catered by TK Burger, live band, and the park will be lined with all the names who were lost during this tragic event.
  - o Banners of who we lost and who we have lost since then will remain posted for 1 more month.
  - December Boat Parade tickets go on sale 10/1/2024.

#### American Legion Yacht Club – Rear Commodore Chris Huey

Membership is over 1000 members

o Only American Legion Post in U.S. with a Yacht Club



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#### American Legion Yacht Club Assets

- Sailboat- free use after certification
- Race Committee Boat- Valor- Harbor cruises
- Whaler- shuttle
  - o (3) 1 meter Model Yachts
  - Duffy Electric Boat





American Legion Yacht Club Rear Commodore Chris Huey

#### Activities

- 1. Youth Sailing Classes
- 2. Assistance with Adult Sailing Classes

Welcome New Legionnaires

Do not need to own a boat

No boating experience necessary

- Regattas and Ocean Series Racing
  Summer Race Series (Sundowners) & (Model Yachts)
- 5. Cruise outs-Dana Point, Emerald Bay, Long Beach
- 6. Duffy Rally
- 7. Opening Day Ceremony
- Sailing for the Visually Impaired
  Paddleboard Race
- 10. Old Glory Boat Parade
- 11. Christmas Boat parade
- 12. Dive and Snorkel Club
- Harbor Raft Ups
  Monthly Social Events
- 15. Other club reciprocity
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- Follow us on Facebook and our website www.ALYC.com

Honor Guard - Vice Commander- Mike Mailman



Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- >49 events completed in 2024
- >6 additional pending for the month
- >23 active members
- ≻1 New Recruit



#### General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming for a motion to be put on the table to approve the 14 August 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made to approved the minutes of the 14 August 2024 General Meeting.
  M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously

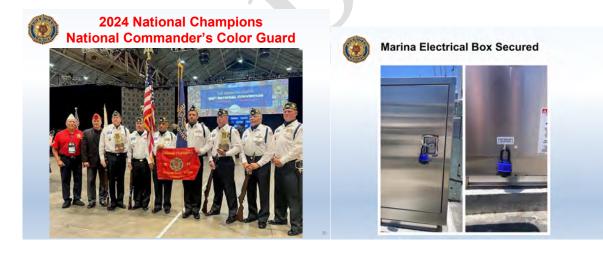
#### **Correspondence**

None

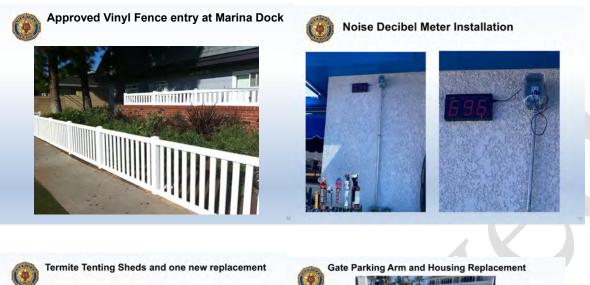
Officer Reports:

### Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

 Commander Fleming Jr. discuss the improvements to the Post and congratulates the Honor Guard for their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive National Title win at Nationals.



### Commander Brian Fleming Jr. (cont.)









Renovation, with a new roof, for the Marina Bathroom and Storage Building.



Adjutant David Zamudio

No Report

#### **Officer Reports (cont.)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Ernest Alonso



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

- Current Post Membership = 4,209 Legionnaires
- Current Membership Numbers for 2025 @ National =2141 (49.66%) > 2024-2025 Goal = 4,311
  - > 2,170 more needed to reach our goal.
  - ≻ Good thru 2024 = 2,068
  - > New Members 2025 = 67 2024 = 375 > 35 more new members this month

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard-

- Discussed role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander •
- Discussion of upcoming events and for members to look at the Events Calendar on website. •

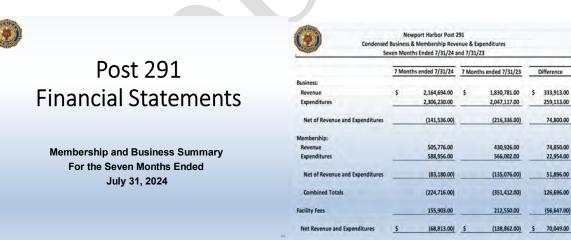
### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr. David Heinle-

No Report •

#### Jr. Past Cmdr. Evin Planto -

No Report •

#### Finance Officer Bob Wine - Post Financial Operations.



Difference

259,113.00

74,800.00

74,850.00

22,954.00

51,896.00

126,696.00

(56,647.00)

\$ 333,913.00

#### Officer Reports (cont.)

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	Actua	1	At Market		
Sales:	Dan a Shi S				
Food	\$ 162,445.00	49.97% \$	216,593.00	48.84%	
Beverage	149,820.00	46.08%	214,028.00	48.26%	
Hall Rental	10,250.00	3.15%	10,250.00	2.319	
Other	2,580.00	0.79%	2,580.00	0.58%	
Total Sales	325,095.00	100.00%	443,451.00	100.00%	
Cost of Sales:					
Food	60,256.00	37.09%	60,256.00	27.829	
Beverage	38,549.00	25.73%	38,549.00	18.019	
Other Direct Costs	17,139.00	5.27%	17,139.00	3.869	
Total Cost of Sales	115,944.00	35.66%	115,944.00	26.15%	
Labor:					
Staff & Management	91,875.00	28.26%	91,875.00	20.729	
Employee Benefits	31,350.00	9.64%	31,350.00	7.079	
Total Payroll	123,225.00	37.90%	123,225.00	27.799	
Other Expenses:					
Direct Operating Expenses	36,037.00	11.09%	36,037.00	8.139	
G&A Expenses	49,313.00	15.17%	49,313.00	11.129	
Total Other Expenses	85,350.00	26.25%	85,350.00	19.25%	
Restaurant Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 576.00	0% \$	118,932.00	279	

#### Historian Johnny Arganda

No Report (absent)

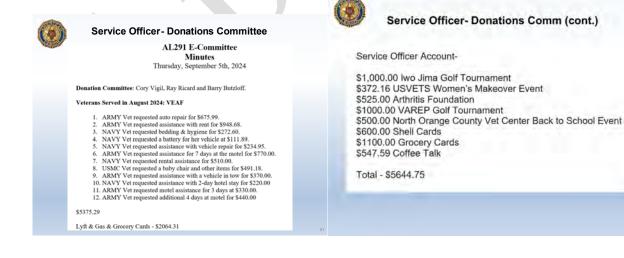
#### Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman-

- Reminded Membership of the rules of the Parking lot.
- Reminder of the decorum of leaving a meeting with your cover, saluting the flag when leaving and entering the hall.

#### **Chaplin Barry Butzloff**

- Read message to membership of how bitterness can consumer a person.
- Read from Hebrews Chapter 12, Verse 15

#### Service Officer Cory Vigil



#### **OFFICER REPORTS (cont.)**



## Service Officer June Report

Monthly Update for Serv	ice Officer		for the Sept 5,		
			2024 Actual	% of 2024 Budget	thru Dec
6510 Donations	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget	thru Aug 31		31
5519 Honor Guard	7,478.36	2,500.00	1,310.99		52%
6521 Unrestricted Service Office	er				
Expense	114,718.13	78,000.00	30,520.00		39%
6523- SO Discretionary		2,000.00	10,080.68		504%
6522 Restricted VEAF expense	129,645.07	65,000.00	77,731.60		120%
6515 Oratorical	3	-			0%
6510 Donations other	60,978.76	50,000.00	9,500.00		19%
Total 6510 expenses	312,820.32	197,500.00	129,143.27		65%
4520 VEAF current balance			33,683.22		
Aug Donations Out			3944.75		
Aug VEAF Donations Out			7439.6		

#### Judge Advocate Lawrence Brown

No Report

#### Members at Large -

Jon Reynolds.- No Report

Walter Roberts- No Report

Mike Berdine- No Report

Mike Schubert- Discussion on Flyer for Welcome Home Vietnam which will take place at the end of March. Informed membership that American Legion will be sponsoring the Army / Navy Football game. This is a first!

Nick Giordano- No Report (excused)

David Zamudio- No Report

#### Induction of New Members (total number: 35)

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business

### New Business cont. on next page

#### **New Business**

- Commander Fleming informs the membership of the need for amendments to 7.2.1.1 (Finance Committee) and 7.2.2.1 (House Committee)
  - Explains the composition would be amended to alleviate the mandate for the Adjutant to be on both committees and Chair the House Committee.
  - Explains this will be voted on in the October membership meeting.



## New Business

## **ByLaw Amendments**

• 7.2. Standing Committees.

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#### REVISION

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 7.2.2.1. Composition. The House Committee shall be composed of the Finance Officer, and at least five Post Members in Good Standing (one of which will be designated as the chair) selected by the Commander and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The majority of House Committee members and Ex Officio member of the House designated as the chair) selected by the Commander and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The majority of House Committee members and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Post. The Commander may also serve as an Ex Officio member of the House Committee members of the House Committee members and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The majority of House Committee members and proved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Most Committee members and Ex Officio member of the House Committee.

Discussion from Legionnaire requesting if these can be posted on the website.

### Good of the Legion

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- Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto discusses Medicare support.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander announces upcoming Veteran's Coffee Talk.
  - Reminds new members that you can get a cover protector for \$10.00.
- Member at Large Walter Roberts informs membership of upcoming Marine Corp Ball on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, tickets are \$75.00 and all are welcome to attend.
  - Attire is Formal.
  - Information is available on the AL 291 website.
- Judge Advocate Lawrence Brown recognized Commander Brian Fleming for his contribution helping train and support the Jackie Robinson Post Auxiliary unit.
  - Completed for the first time at Nationals and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
  - Commander Fleming reminded membership to the VEAF Campaign.

Chaplain Barry Butzloff gives closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2038 hours.