



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST
291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 14 August 2024**

Meeting called to order at approximately 1900

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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Fleming Jr., Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Brown, Judge Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ernest Alonso., 1 st Vice Cmdr. | <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 Cmdr. | <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 Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evin Planto, Jr. Past Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Butzloff, Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, Adjutant | <input type="checkbox"/> Johnny Arganda Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Zamudio, M.a.L. |

Excused: Jon Reynolds, Mike Schubert, Nick Giordano

Unexcused: Johnny Arganda



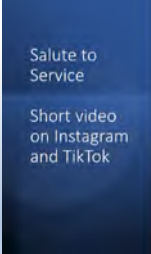

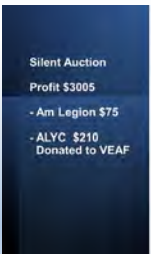

QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

- Past Commander, Doug Nye – no comments
- City of Newport Beach, Dennis Miller

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary President, Mary Beth Martin –

	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291		American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291
			

Auxiliary President, Mary Beth Martin (cont.) –

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291



Department of California
Girls State
Chairman
Caroline Miller
Unit 291 Member



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

New Members
- Closed
- Opens September 1

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Over 1800 members
- 9/11 Memorial: will have catered by TK Burger, live band, and the park will be lined with all the names who were lost during this tragic event.

American Legion Yacht Club

- Over 1000 members

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—Valer—harbor cruises
3. Whaler—shuttle
4. (3) 1 meter Model Yachts
5. Duffy Electric Boat.




American Legion Yacht Club



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



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Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander

Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard

- **38 events completed in 2024**
- **5 additional pending for the month**
- **National Convention for Competition**
- **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 raises awareness of the condition of the American Legion Post Colors.
 - Will be working on the cost to replace and bring back to membership.



Adjutant David Zamudio

- Discussion of items House Committee has completed and is working to resolve.

 **Adjutant- David Zamudio**

- **House Committee:**
 - Addressed TV in bar, per motion in July GMM.
 - **Currently looking to resolve:**
 - Parking Gate Arm
 - Brick Work around American Flag.
 - Noise Decibel Monitors
 - Hall AV
 - Marina Bathrooms
 - Dock Master looking at solutions to repair Marina items.

1st Vice Cmdr. Ernest Alonso

- No Report

2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard-

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

3rd Vice Cmdr. David Heinle-

- Boys/ Girls State
 - 25 Candidates sent
 - 1 qualified for National Conventions.
- Invited Brad McDermott to discuss AL Baseball.



American Legion Baseball

Brad McDermott



Help Us Keep American Legion Baseball Thriving in Our Community!

Introduction

We are raising funds to support American Legion Baseball, a century-old program that has been quietly shaping the lives of young athletes in our community. This program is about much more than just baseball; it's about instilling values of sportsmanship, patriotism, and community service.

Our Mission

American Legion Baseball has a rich history of fostering equality, sportsmanship, and active citizenship among young Americans. Founded in 1925, this program has been a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men, many of whom have gone on to serve their country or play at the highest levels of the sport. Hall of Famers like Dave Winfield, Rolfe Fingers, Reggie Jackson, and Albert Pujols have all worn the Legion uniform and speak of the profound impact it had on their lives and careers.

Why We Need Your Help

Despite its legacy, American Legion Baseball relies heavily on community support and funding to continue its mission. Our local Newport Harbor Post 291, the largest and most active American Legion post in California, plays a crucial role in facilitating this program. With nearly 8,000 members, Post 291 is a beacon of support and community engagement, providing essential services to veterans and their families.

However, running a successful program that benefits nearly 100,000 young athletes annually requires significant financial resources. We need your help to continue offering these young men a cost-effective way to engage in the sport, fostering a love for the game and instilling a sense of patriotism.

Impact of Your Donation

Your generous contribution will:

- **Support Youth Development:** Provide young athletes with opportunities to develop their skills, personal fitness, and leadership qualities.
- **Foster Community Engagement:** Help us instill values such as sportsmanship, patience, discipline, focus, and building friendships.
- **Aid Veterans and Active Military:** allow vets to give back to the community through volunteering and supporting teens through Post 291 and throughout OC, and beyond.

Personal Stories

Todd Hyton, a highly respected OC Sheriff and parent from Costa Mesa, shared his gratitude: "Playing with the team was a great experience for both him and myself. Each year we've had a tremendous experience getting time together while Parker had the opportunity to play a high level of competition, gaining confidence and improving his skills. We deeply appreciate the time and effort of the coaches and the baseball community."

Bradley McDermott, Commissioner of American Legion Baseball in Orange County, emphasizes: "We've been around for nearly 100 years, and our mission is as strong as ever. Our program offers young men a cost-effective way to engage in the sport, fostering a love for the game and instilling a sense of patriotism."

Call to Action

Join us in making a difference! Your donation, no matter how small, helps us continue our mission of developing young athletes and supporting our veterans. Every contribution counts and makes a significant impact on our community.

Jr. Past Cmdr. Evin Planto –

- No Report

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.



Post 291 Financial Statements

Membership and Business Summaries
For the Six Months and One Month Ended
June 30, 2024 & June 30, 2023

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures Six Months Ended 6/30/24 and 6/30/23			
	6 Months ended 6/30/24	6 Months ended 6/30/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 1,808,665.00	\$ 1,430,536.00	\$ 378,129.00
Expenditures	1,940,465.00	1,698,893.00	241,572.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(131,800.00)	(268,357.00)	136,557.00
Membership:			
Revenue	407,259.00	277,742.00	129,517.00
Expenditures	469,110.00	434,686.00	34,424.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(61,851.00)	(156,944.00)	95,093.00
Combined Totals	(193,651.00)	(425,301.00)	231,650.00
Facility Fees	144,073.00	166,140.00	(22,067.00)
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ (49,578.00)	\$ (259,161.00)	\$ 209,583.00



Newport Harbor Post 291
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures
One Month Ended 6/30/24 and 6/30/23

	1 Month ended 6/30/24	1 Month ended 6/30/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 382,208.00	\$ 298,813.00	\$ 83,395.00
Expenditures	357,971.00	348,825.00	9,146.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	24,237.00	(50,012.00)	74,249.00
Membership:			
Revenue	69,813.00	75,185.00	(5,372.00)
Expenditures	97,764.00	69,303.00	28,461.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(27,951.00)	5,882.00	(33,833.00)
Combined Totals	(3,714.00)	(44,130.00)	40,416.00
Facility Fees	8,645.00	75,920.00	(67,275.00)
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 4,931.00	\$ 31,790.00	\$ (26,859.00)

Historian Johnny Arganda

- No Report (absent)

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman-

- No Report

Chaplin Barry Butzloff

- Read message to membership of the meaning of career and unity.

OFFICER REPORTS (cont. on next page)

Service Officer Cory Vigil



Service Officer - Donations Committee
AL291 E-Committee
Minutes

Thursday, August 1st, 2024

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. NAVY requested assistance with funeral flight self/wife for \$479.06.
2. USMC requested assistance with moving company for \$443.66.
3. AIR FORCE requested assistance with baby items from Target for \$308.55.
4. USMC requested assistance with Verizon Phone bill past due for \$241.41.
5. NAVY requested assistance with hygiene, basic needs and clothing for \$158.74.
6. NAVY requested printer for school at \$237.04.
7. ARMY requested assistance with Spectrum and T-Mobile bill for \$257.68.
8. ARMY requested rental assistance for \$500.00
9. ARMY requested \$1800.00 for rental assistance. The Donation Committee approved.
10. ARMY requested assistance with motel for 7 days at \$770.00.
11. ARMY requested auto repair for \$531.31.
12. AIR FORCE requested an emergency flight for \$309.96.
13. AIR FORCE requested assistance with utility and auto past due for \$483.88 & \$1,044.83.
14. NAVY \$500 for rental assistance.

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

\$10,515.57



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 Lyft 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



Service Officer August Report

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

	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget	2024 Actual thru July 31	% of 2024 Budget thru Dec 31
6510 Donations				
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

- No Report

Members at Large -

Jon Reynolds.- No Report (excused)

Walter Roberts- No Report

Mike Berdine- No Report

Mike Schubert- No Report (excused)

Nick Giordano- No Report (excused)

David Zamudio- No Report

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (cont. on next page)

Induction of New Members (total number: 32)

- 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

- No New Business

Good of the Legion

- Commander Fleming request Sgt at Arms to ask Tracey Kleimeyer to come to front of stage
 - Commander Fleming reads Certificate of Recognition, from Congresswoman Michelle Steele.
 - Commander Fleming presents Certificate of Recognition to Tracey Kleimeyer.



- 1st Vice Cmdr. Ernest Alonso- Spoke about upcoming Veterans Coffee Talk and also video gaming.
- Legionnaire in Good Standing mentions upcoming 249th Marine Corps Ball- Nov 2, 2024.

Chaplain Barry Butzloff said the closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.