



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 09 October 2024

Meeting called to order at approximately 1909 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:

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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 Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Roberts, M.a.L. |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evin Planto, Jr. Past Cmdr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barry Butzloff, Chaplain | <input checked="" 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: Ray Ricard / Evin Planto

Unexcused: Johnny Arganda

QUORUM held.

Honored Guests:

- Jess Lawson- Post 291 Past Commander
- Doug Nye- Post 291 Past Commander

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary- 1st Vice President - Dana Johnston

- Assisting with Front Door Access
 - Tuesdays (3-7pm)
 - Sundays (10am – 3pm)
- Blood Drive, Oct 14th (10am-4pm)
- AUX 99 year Anniversay Party, Oct 20th (3pm)
- Kids Halloween Party, Oct, 27th in the Main Hall (11am-1pm)
- Holiday Boutique, Nov 21st (3:30-7:30pm)
- Troop Shipping, Nov 23rd (10am-12pm)
- Kids Christmas Party, Dec. 9th (6pm -8pm)
- 2025 Membership- 638

Sons of the American Legion – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- 2025 Membership steadily increasing.
- Main focus on the Boat Parade.
 - 376 tickets already sold.

American Legion Yacht Club – Rear Commodore Chris Huey

- Membership is over 1000 members

American Legion Yacht Club
Rear Commodore Chris Huey

- **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
Rear Commodore Chris Huey

- **American Legion Yacht Club Assets**
 - Sailboat- free use after certification
 - Race Committee Boat- Valor- Harbor cruises
 - Whaler- shuttle
 - (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
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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American Legion Yacht Club

Bonnie Lou Gibson Memorial Sail for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SVI)



Honor Guard – Vice Commander- Mike Mailman

Post 291 Honor Guard / Color Guard


- 54 events completed in 2024
- 6 additional pending for the month
- 20 active members
- 0 New Recruit



General Membership Meeting Minutes:

- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to waive the reading of the 11 September 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes of the 11 September 2024 General Meeting.
 - M/S/No D/ MC- Motion Carries Unanimously
- Commander Fleming requests for a motion to be put on the table to approve the 11 September 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was made to approved the minutes of the 11 September 2024 General Meeting.
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Correspondence




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Following the “Vote of No Confidence”, motioned and carried at the 05 September 2024 Executive Committee meeting, against Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto, a Recall has been initiated by a petition signed by 11 Voting Eligible Officers, which is more than the required 2/3rds needed.

The Recall Petition reads:

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Correspondence

Subject: Recall Petition for Evin Planto - 205779989

In accordance with the American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 Bylaws, **Section 5.8.2 – Recall**, this petition is in reference to Evin Planto (205779989)

By my signature below, I attest that I am no longer confident in the abilities of Evin Planto to continue the duties of the American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 Jr. Past Commander. I request that a recall vote take place to remove Evin Planto from his position of the Executive Committee.

It is with good intentions to offer Evin Planto the opportunity to resign in order to prevent the complications and possible embarrassment of an officer recall.

If the Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto declines his resignation, this correspondence will be read at the General Membership meeting on October 9th.

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Recalled "Voting" Officers


Commander Brian Fleming	W.A. Mike Bradley
1 st Vice Cmdr Evin Planto	W.A. Mike Bradley
2 nd Vice Cmdr Ray Smith	W.A. Mike Bradley
3 rd Vice Cmdr Chad Smith	W.A. Mike Bradley
4 th Vice Cmdr Evin Planto	W.A. Mike Bradley
President Officer Bob Smith	W.A. Mike Bradley
Chairman Brian Smith	W.A. Mike Bradley
Executive Officer Evin Planto	W.A. Mike Bradley
Appointed "Non-Voting" Officers	
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Officer Reports:

Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- Commander Fleming Jr. discuss the improvements to the Post and appreciation to Chris and Karen Smith for their volunteer work.



Great thank you to Chris & Karen Smith for volunteering to do their part.

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Commander Brian Fleming Jr. (cont.)



Marina Entrance- New Vinyl Gate



Noise Decibel Meter Installation



Storage Shed Termite Tenting



Gate Parking Arm and Housing Replacement



Gate Parking Arm and Housing Replacement



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



Adjutant David Zamudio

- No Report

1st Vice Cmdr. Ernest Alonso

- 4200 Members

Officer Reports (cont)

2nd Vice Cmdr. Ray Ricard-

- No Report (Excused Absence)

3rd Vice Cmdr. David Heinle-



**3rd Vice Commander
David Heinle**

- Girl Scout Troop 8480 Post Visit
- Post 291 Baseball Christmas Tree Sale
 - Fundraiser Kicking Off!
- Boys & Girls State emails going out.

Jr. Past Cmdr. Evin Planto –

- No Report (Excused Absence)

Finance Officer Bob Wine – Post Financial Operations.



**Post 291
Financial Statements**

**Membership and Business Summaries
For the Eight Months and One Month
Ended
August 31, 2024, and August 31, 2023**

Newport Harbor Post 291 Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures Eight Months Ended 8/31/24 and 8/31/23			
	8 Months ended 8/31/24	8 Months ended 8/31/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 2,625,170.00	\$ 2,218,300.00	\$ 406,870.00
Expenditures	2,669,826.00	2,421,081.00	248,745.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(44,656.00)	(202,781.00)	158,125.00
Membership:			
Revenue	608,624.00	530,523.00	78,101.00
Expenditures	701,060.00	662,300.00	38,760.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(92,436.00)	(131,777.00)	39,341.00
Combined Totals	(137,092.00)	(334,558.00)	197,466.00
Facility Fees	190,093.00	243,945.00	(53,852.00)
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 53,001.00	\$ (90,613.00)	\$ 143,614.00



**Newport Harbor Post 291
Condensed Business & Membership Revenue & Expenditures
One Month Ended 8/31/24 and 8/31/23**

	1 Month ended 8/31/24	1 Month ended 8/31/23	Difference
Business:			
Revenue	\$ 460,522.00	\$ 387,519.00	\$ 73,003.00
Expenditures	363,580.00	373,964.00	(10,384.00)
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	96,942.00	13,555.00	83,387.00
Membership:			
Revenue	102,801.00	99,597.00	3,204.00
Expenditures	112,119.00	96,298.00	15,821.00
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	(9,318.00)	3,299.00	(12,617.00)
Combined Totals	87,624.00	16,854.00	70,770.00
Facility Fees	34,190.00	31,395.00	2,795.00
Net Revenue and Expenditures	\$ 121,814.00	\$ 48,249.00	\$ 73,565.00

Officer Reports (cont.)

Historian Johnny Arganda

- No Report (absent)

Sergeant at Arms Mike Mailman-

- No Report

Chaplin Barry Butzloff

- Moment of Silence for those who have departed.




Chaplain Barry
Deceased Legionnaires

- David Adams (Vietnam)
- Paul Alfrey (Korea)
- Giles Allison (Vietnam)
- Darrell Boucher (Vietnam)
- Donald Bradbury (Vietnam)
- Carl Brighton (Vietnam)
- Walter Charamza (WWII)
- Peggy Duerr (Vietnam)
- Ned Eckert (Vietnam)
- Thomas Hohman (Persian Gulf)
- Emil Horvath (Vietnam)
- Gail Huitt (Vietnam)
- Billy Kimberly (Korea)
- James Ibbotson (Korea)
- Douglas Landrum (Vietnam)
- Samuel Martinez (Korea)
- Daniel McIntyre (Vietnam)
- Ronald McVicar (Vietnam)
- William Moodie (WWII)
- Kent Moore (Vietnam)
- John Ochs (GW-Terrorism)
- Patrick Ohealy (Vietnam)
- David Reidy (Vietnam)
- Ronald Rismon (Vietnam)
- Paul Taylor (Vietnam)
- Alfred Wach (Vietnam)
- Benton Williams (Korea)
- Robert Woolford (Vietnam)

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Service Officer Cory Vigil



Service Officer- Donations Committee

AL291 E-Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 3rd, 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 September 2024: VAEF

1. NAVY requested a housing deposit for \$998.00.
2. ARMY requested a 4-day extension motel stay at \$440.00.
3. USMC requested \$1000.00 for emergency assistance.
4. ARMY requested a Lyft Emergency for \$103.67.
5. USMC requested a motel for 7 days at \$770.00.
6. USMC requested assistance with a deposit of \$935.50.
7. ARMY requested a motel for 3 days at \$330.00.

\$4,577.17

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Service Officer- Donations Comm (cont.)

Service Officer Account-

- \$1,100.00 VAREP 2nd Team
- \$1,000.00 Heros Project – Team Red, White and Blue
- \$500.00 Natalie Khay Scholarship Cal State Fullerton Award
- \$1000.00 Women’s Event AL Post 283
- \$1000.00 Newport Harbor High School Football Booster
- \$1000.00 Veterans Affairs Stand Down
- \$198.13 Huntington Beach Veteran Lunch & Learn \$198.13 No alcohol.
- \$400.00 Honor the Fallen Auction Item
- \$1000.00 Jesse Williamson Benefit
- \$300.00 VAREP Raffle Tickets
- \$300.00 Patriots Promise Raffle Tickets
- \$1000.00 Trumpet Trilogy Veteran Event
- \$500.00 Gas Cards
- \$1000.00 Grocery Cards
- \$500.00 Sista Mixa Bob Hope Patriotic Hall
- \$500.00 Tunnel to Towers Foundation Benefit
- \$267.78 Cigar Event Reimbursement
- \$2250 Newport Exchange Club – Memorial Day Flags

\$13,815.91

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Service Officer October Report

Monthly Update for Service Officer for the Oct 3, 2024 E-Board

6510 Donations	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget	2024 Actual thru Sept 30	% of 2024 Budget thru Dec 31
6519 Honor Guard	7,478.36	2,500.00	1,701.47	68%
6521 Unrestricted Service Officer Expense	114,718.13	78,000.00	38,818.13	50%
6523- SO Discretionary	-	2,000.00	9,717.46	486%
6522 Restricted VAEF expense	129,645.07	65,000.00	83,569.77	129%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	60,978.76	50,000.00	13,750.00	28%
Total 6510 expenses	312,820.32	197,500.00	147,556.83	75%
4520 VAEF current balance			43,303.91	
Sept Donations Out			12548.13	
Sept VAEF Donations Out			6208.17	

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Service Officer Cory Vigil

THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN VETERAN

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CONFERENCE

Wed OCT 2 Hyatt Regency Long Beach Regency Ballroom

Presented by:
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck

RAND - USC Epstein Family Foundation Center for Veterans Policy Research

SoCal Grantmakers

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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OFFICER REPORTS (cont.)

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

David Zamudio- No Report

Induction of New Members (total number: 23)

- 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 reads rules and expectations to all new legionnaires.

Unfinished Business



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ByLaw Amendments

- 7.2. Standing Committees.
 - 7.2.1. Finance Committee.
 - 7.2.1.1. Composition. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Finance Officer (as Chair), ~~the Adjutant~~, and at least two Post Members in Good Standing selected by the Commander and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Commander may also serve as an Ex Officio member of the Finance Committee
- **REVISION**
 - 7.2.1.1. Composition. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Finance Officer (as Chair), ~~one additional elected officer~~, and at least two Post Members in Good Standing selected by the Commander and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Commander may also serve as an Ex Officio member of the Finance Committee

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- **Motion** (Mike Berdine, Member at Large)
 - To approve the revisions as adopted.
- **Seconded:** John Chomin (Legionnaire)
- **Discussion:** Legionnaire discusses the Adjutant duties and bylaws as referenced.
- **Move to Vote:** (M/S/D/MC) motion carries.
 - **Aye:** 48
 - **Nay:** 4

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ByLaw Amendments

- 7.2. Standing Committees.
 - 7.2.2. House Committee.
 - 7.2.2.1. Composition. The House Committee shall be composed of the **Adjutant (the Chair), the Finance Officer, and at least four Post Members in Good Standing**, selected by the Commander and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. The majority of House Committee members shall be elected officers of the Post. The Commander may also serve as an Ex Officio member of the House Committee.
- **REVISION**
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- **Motion:** Mike Berdine, Member at Large
 - Motion to adopt the revisions as presented.
- **Second:** John Chomin, Legionnaire
- **Discussion:** Members ask questions on what is supported through the bylaws.
- **Move to Vote:** (M/S/D/MC)- Motion Carries
 - **Aye:** 50
 - **Nay:** 1
 - **Abstention:** 1

New Business

NONE

Good of the Legion

- Legionnaire invited all members, regardless of branch, to US Marine Corps Ball
 - Saturday, November 2nd, tickets \$75.00 each.
- 1st Vice Cmdr., Ernest Alonso
 - Reminds membership of next Veteran's Coffee Talk
 - Saturday, Nov 2nd (9:30- 11:00 am)

Chaplain Barry Butzloff gives closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2104 hours.