



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, 03 OCT 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. 1833 HRS

INVOCATION: Barry Butzoff, Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 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 type="checkbox"/> Ernest Alonso., 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Roberts, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Richard, 2 nd Vice | <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Vigil, Service Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evin Planto, Jr. Past Comm | <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: Johnny Arganda / Ernest Alonso / Ray Richard

Unexcused:

Quorum is held.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Gilbert Quevas, Legionnaire

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

- Auxiliary Unit 291 – Mary Beth Martin, President



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Front Door Access

**Tuesdays
3 pm – 7 pm**

**Sundays
10 am – 3 pm**

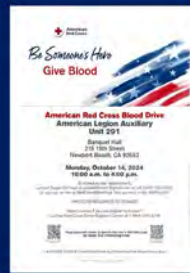


American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Blood Drive

Mon, Oct. 14th

10am – 4pm



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

99 Years Anniversary Party

Sunday

Oct. 20th

3 pm



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Kids Halloween Party

Sun, Oct. 27th

11am – 1pm

Main Hall



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Auxiliary Unit 291 (cont.)

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Raffle Stuffing Party

2 Opportunities:

Sun, Nov 3rd
4pm – 8pm

Mon, Nov 4th
9am – 2pm

Main Hall



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Holiday Boutique

Thur, Nov. 21
3:30 – 7:30pm
Main Hall



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Troop Shipping

Sat, Nov. 23
10am – 12pm
Main Hall



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Kids Christmas Party

Sun, Dec. 8th
11am – 1pm
Main Hall



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

Auxiliary Holiday Party

Mon, Dec. 9th
6pm – 8pm
Main Hall



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Renewals
- Online or 800#

New Members
- Closed

2025 Membership = 638

- ❑ SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan
 - Current Membership at 100%
 - 9/11 Memorial Banners will remain up until the end of the month.
 - Boat Parade Tickets on Sale, sales are very positive.
 - Month of December SAL squadron is dark.

- ALYC –Commodore– David Campagnari
 - Nominations for 2025 Officers is November 10th.



American Legion Yacht Club

ALYC Report Oct 2024

Membership
Active **1034**

-New ALYC part-time Admin support – Janette Wehrmann
-ALYC Nominating Committee Recommendations for ALYC 2025 Board of Directors:

- Commodore - David Campagnari
- Vice Commodore - Wyatt Hoag
- Rear Commodore - Tammy Rones
- Fleet Captain - Walt White
- Port Captain - Lonnie Bennett
- Director - Steve Deflethsen
- Director - Cindy Baker
- Director - Sylvia Wheeler
- Director - Ken Perrine
- Director - Peter Saine
- Director - Glenn Stanley

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American Legion Yacht Club

ALYC Report Oct 2024

Events last month

9/14/2024	September Paddleboard Social
9/14/2024	Veterans Outreach Cruises – Valor
9/14/2024	New Member Orientation
9/14/2024	ALYC Social (ALYC Dive Team)
9/15/2024	Summer Sunday Harbor Cruises on Valor & Liberty
9/21/2024	Coastal Cleanup 2024 at ALYC
9/25/2024	Dive and Snorkel Team meeting
9/26/2024	ALYC Bridge meeting

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American Legion Yacht Club

ALYC Report Oct 2024

Upcoming Events

10/4-10/6/24	Pacific Air Show
10/10/2024	New Member Orientation
10/10/2024	ALYC General Membership Meeting – Call for Nominations to the ALYC Board
10/12/2024	Bonnie Lou Gibson Memorial Sall for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SVI)
10/18-10/20/24	Cruise out to Long Beach Yacht Club
10/24/2024	ALYC Bridge meeting
10/30/2024	Dive and Snorkel Team meeting (Dive Chair Issac Carreon)
11/2/2024	Battle of the ALYC Paddle
11/9/2024	Veterans Weekend Raft-up
11/14/2024	ALYC General Membership Meeting – Elections

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- 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**


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Minutes Approval

- Executive Committee Minutes: 05 September 2024
 - Copies given to all officers
 - Motion presented to approve the 05 September 2024 Minutes
 - Seconded by Mike Berdine (Member at Large)
 - M/S/No D/MC- Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence


- Adjutant David Zamudio – The following was read to all Executive Committee Members:



Correspondence

Following the "Vote of No Confidence" against Junior Past Commander Evin Planto, a Recall has been initiated by a petition signed by 11 Voting Eligible Officers, which is more that the required 2/3rds needed.

The Recall Petition reads:



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.


Committee Reports

- House Committee- David Zamudio (Chair)
 - Review of House Committee completed items and pending items to resolve.





House Committee Completed Items



- Ontario Refrigeration -smart phone application.
- Marina Electrical Box – Secured
- Noise Decibel Meters
- Termite Tenting of Sheds.
- Shed by ALYC Hut dismantled.
- Marina vinyl gate to Entrance complete.
- Replacement Fans (3) Main Hall.
- Increased Dry Dock Storage by 6 Trailers.
- New Tough Shed



Noise Decibel Meter Installation

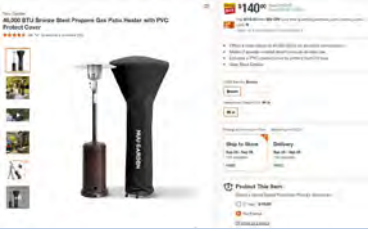



Marina Entrance- New Vinyl Gate

22 Patio Heaters Approved

E-Comm approved via email vote




Storage Shed Termite Tenting




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




House Committee Upcoming

- Dry Dock Storage space was increased by 6 spaces.
 - Those on the waiting list will be contacted by the end of the month.

- Finance Committee- Bob Wine
 - o Met and discussed the September statements.
 - Will discuss restricted repairs and maintenance line item in officer report.
- Donations Committee- Cory Vigil (Chair)
 - o Discussed committee meeting and VEAF Donation Campaign.
 - o Received \$7500.00 donation from Newport Yacht Club.
- Negotiations Committee- Bob Wine (Chair)
 - o Gave up on status with City on Amendment.
 - o In final stage of agreement.
 - o Commander Fleming stated that we will possible have a Special Executive Committee to review and approved the Amendment so it will get in the Newport City Council November Agenda.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMMANDER- Brian Fleming Jr.



Commander Brian Fleming Jr.

- **A formal letter has been sent to the Department Adjutant requesting the \$10,000.00 refund from the National Commander Campaign Fund.**
- **Reminder that we will have the Bylaw amendment voting at the October 9th General Membership Meeting.**

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



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ADJUTANT – David Zamudio

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Ernest Alonso. – Membership

- No Report (Excused Absence)

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

- No Report (Excused Absence)

OFFICERS' REPORTS (cont.)

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

- ❑ September 24th, Troop 8480 Girl Scouts toured the Post
 - ❑ 17 Girl Scouts
- ❑ Lead by Brad McDermott, Christmas tree fundraiser to benefit the Post 291 Baseball team is beginning soon.
- ❑ Emails sent out to High School counselors to solicit new candidates for the 2025 Boys/Girls State.

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Evin Planto

- ❑ Requested that correction be made to the correspondence referencing Past Commander vs. Jr. Past Commander.
 - ❑ Correction will be made to the slides.
- ❑ Requested more clarification on reasoning for “vote of no confidence”.
- ❑ Requested more clarification on “Cease and Desist” letter.

FINANCE OFFICER – Bob Wine

- ❑ Presented Executive Summary of Post 291 Financials

Finance Officer - Executive Summary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
YEAR TO DATE 2024
THRU 09/30/2024

	2024 9/30/2024 YTD	2023 9/30/2023 YTD	\$ CHG	% CHG	2024 ANNUAL BUDGET	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP						
INCOME	677,851	545,747	132,104	24.2%	925,710	73%
OTHER INCOME	6,243	4,688	1,555	33.2%	5,600	111%
TOTAL INCOME	684,094	550,435	133,659	24.3%	931,310	73%
EXPENSES	794,894	739,157	45,736	6.2%	949,400	83%
NET INCOME	-100,800	-188,723	87,922	-46.6%	-18,090	557%
OPERATING						
INCOME						
BAR SALES	651,727	530,510	121,217	22.8%	685,000	95%
BARQUET SALES	461,955	439,252	22,703	5.2%	653,200	71%
RESTAURANT SALES	1,414,136	1,208,660	205,476	17.0%	1,565,600	90%
TOTAL FOODSERVICE	2,527,818	2,178,422	349,396	16.0%	2,903,800	87%
OTHER INCOME	373,300	338,499	34,801	10.3%	568,500	66%
GROSS INCOME	2,901,119	2,516,921	384,197	15.3%	3,472,300	84%
COGS	2,035,174	1,875,639	159,535	8.5%	2,439,850	83%
GROSS PROFIT	865,945	641,282	224,662	35.0%	1,032,450	84%
OTHER EXPENSES	961,089	897,765	63,324	7.1%	1,218,700	79%
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,996,263	2,773,404	222,859	8.0%	3,658,550	82%
NET ORDINARY INCOME	95,144	-256,483	161,339	-62.9%	-186,250	51%
OTHER INCOME	68,105	45,513	22,652	49.8%	65,000	105%
FACILITY FEE	227,533	269,945	-42,413	-15.7%	470,000	48%
OTHER EXPENSE			0	0.0%		
NET INCOME	200,554	58,975	141,579	240.1%	348,750	58%
SUMMARY						
	2024 NET INCOME	2023 NET INCOME	CASH CHG			
MEMBERSHIP	-100,800	-188,723	221,709			-84,624
OPERATING	200,554	58,975	211,982			31,534
RESERVE ACCT		1,331,121	1,256,700			74,420
TOTAL AL 291	99,753	1,711,722	-129,748	1,690,392		21,331

Finance Officer - Marina Renovation Costs
As of 03 Oct 2024

Post 291 Restroom Renovation Costs			
Description	Amounts	Paid	Remaining
Architecture & Engineering, Printing	22,620.00	22,620.00	
Signing of Contract W/GC	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Start of Construction	25,583.00	25,583.00	
Building Permit	3,084.00	3,084.00	
Change Orders	18,105.00	18,105.00	
Start of Concrete	27,000.00		27,000.00
Completion of rough plumbing/elect	39,000.00		39,000.00
Completion of Roof	33,850.00		33,850.00
Start of waterproofing/tille	35,000.00		35,000.00
Completion of Drywall	15,000.00		15,000.00
Completion of Painting	10,000.00		10,000.00
Completion of Job	19,000.00		19,000.00
Totals	\$ 249,242.00	\$ 70,392.00	\$ 178,850.00

OFFICERS' REPORTS (cont.)

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- No Report (Excused Absence)

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- Discussion on Officer on Duty responsibilities

CHAPLAIN – Barry Butzloff

- Discussed on presenting slide to deceased Legionnaires

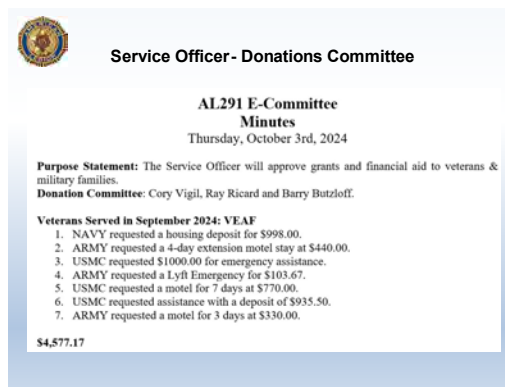


**Chaplain Barry
Deceased Legionnaires**

- **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)

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- Discussed new Cal-Vet grant that will allow veterans of other than honorable discharge.
 - Will utilize this Flex Funds towards gas cards.



Service Officer - Donations Committee

**AL291 E-Committee
Minutes**
Thursday, October 3rd, 2024

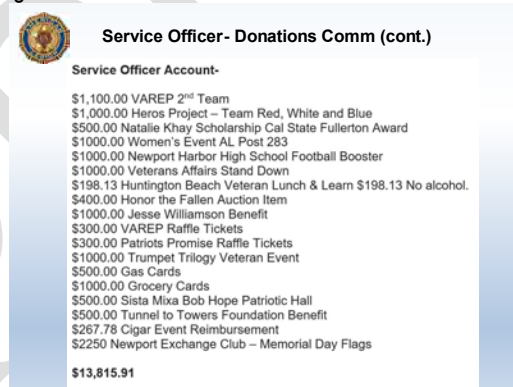
Purpose Statement: The Service Officer will approve grants and financial aid to veterans & military families.

Donation Committee: Cory Vigil, Ray Ricard and Barry Butzloff.

Veterans Served in September 2024: VEAf

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



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



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 VEAf expense	129,645.07	85,000.00	83,569.77	129%
6515 Oratorical	-	-	-	0%
6510 Donations other	60,978.76	30,000.00	13,750.00	28%
Total 6510 expenses	312,820.32	197,500.00	147,556.83	75%
4520 VEAf current balance			43,303.91	
Sept Donations Out			12548.13	
Sept VEAf Donations Out			6208.17	

OFFICERS' 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- No Report
- Nick Giordano- No Report
- David Zamudio- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.)

- Commander Fleming recites to Executive Committee, American Legion Post 291 Bylaw 5.8.2- Recall.



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).

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Elected "Voting" Officers

Commander Brian Fleming:	Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Mailman:
1 st Vice Cmdr Ernest Alonso: _____	M.a.L. Mike Berdine:
2 nd Vice Cmdr Ray Ricard:	M.a.L. Nick Giordano:
3 rd Vice Cmdr David Heinle:	M.a.L. Jon Reynolds:
Jr. Past Cmdr Evin Planto: _____	M.a.L. Walter Roberts:
Finance Officer Bob Wine:	M.a.L. Mike Schubert: _____
Chaplain Barry Butzloff:	M.a.L. David Zamudio:
Historian Johnny Arganda: _____	
Appointed "Non-Voting" Officers	
Adjutant David Zamudio:	Service Officer Cory Vigil: _____
Judge Advocate Lawrence Brown: _____	

- Commander Fleming request the resignation of Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto.
 - Jr Past Commander Evin Planto declines to resign.
- Commander Fleming informs the Executive Committee that the correspondence will be read by the Adjutant at the 09 October 2024 General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

- MOTION presented Finance Officer, Bob Wine
 - "I move that we eliminate account number 1123, which is the Merrill Lynch Restricted Maintenance Account, and transfer the balance of the fund of that account back to account number 1122, which is the Merrill Lynch savings account."
 - SECONDED by Member at Large, Nick Giordano
 - No Discussion – MOVE TO VOTE:
 - Aye 13
 - Nay- 0
 - Abstentions- 0
 - **M/S/noD/ MC: Motion Carries Unanimously**
- Donations Operating Policy
 - Commander Fleming offers attendees physical copies, and the policy has been sent out via email prior to the meeting.
 - Commander Fleming request to entertain a motion to approve the Donations Committee Operating Policy.
 - MOTION- Member at Large, Jon Reynolds
 - "I move the Executive Committee approve the published draft Donations Committee Policy."
 - SECONDED: Member at Large, Mike Berdine
 - DISCUSSION: Jr. Past Commander Evin Planto
 - Question concerning whether we are approving a draft to put in place.
 - Answered: Jon Reynolds, we are approving a draft that will become a policy.
 - MOVE TO VOTE:
 - Ayes- 13
 - Nays- 0
 - Abstentions- 0
 - **M/S/D/MC- Motion Carries Unanimously**
- Motion presented 3rd Vice Commander, David Heinle
 - "I move the Post to donate \$1000.00, as last year, towards the Christmas Tree Fundraiser, for American Legion Baseball."
 - Seconded: Jr. Past Commander, Evin Planto
 - Discussion: Member at Large, Nick Giordano
 - Requests more information to understand the fundraiser.
 - Member at Large, Mike Berdine
 - Comments that last year we purchased trees then donated them.
 - Member at Large, Mike Schubert
 - Asked how much money was raised last year with the program.
 - MOVE TO VOTE:
 - Ayes- 13
 - Nays- 0
 - Abstentions- 0
 - **M/S/D/MC- Motion Carries Unanimously**

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Service Officer, Cory Vigil
 - Informed the Executive Committee, for the donation to Veterans Legal Institute Gala, there are tickets available and would like to send out invitations to anyone who would like to come. Can bring a plus 1.
 - Reminded there are golf tournaments available and let him know.

CLOSING PRAYER- Chaplain Barry Butzloff

ADJOURNED: Approximately 2009 hours.