**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2021**

Meeting was opened by Cdr. Rico Pacatang at 4:11 pm with 13 present.

Salute to the flag, opening prayer, opening POW/MIA ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, American Legion Preamble, and singing of “America the Beautiful” conducted.

Roll call by Adjutant: all present less Service Officer.

Minutes were put online, Nestorio Domingo made a motion to accept, seconded by Jim Hussey, passed.

Finance report given by Nestorio Domingo showed a bank balance of $13,754.48 as of today, which includes golf proceeds of $5003.25. Motion made to accept by Jim Traxler, seconded by Dick Scritchfield, passed.

Committee reports

WHVC: Jim Traxler reports that the projects are moving forward at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. If you have ideas for projects, they have money to spend from a large donation. One idea is to help the Honor Guard with needed items.

Golf: Jim Hussey reports that there will be about $1300.00 coming from Makalei Golf Course and he has another donation today. Paul Kelley has said he would like for someone else to take over as chairman next year. Proposal from Jim is that since out Oratorial Contest candidate has pulled out due to COVID restrictions, that we donate $500 to Department to help with their Oratorial Contest. Motion made by Jim Traxler and seconded by Dick Scritchfield, passed. Nestorio will send check.

Honor Guard: Rico Pacatang reports that he has ordered needed items – flag base, belts for flag holders, and scarf for uniform. These costs will be submitted as a project for WHVC donation fund.

District:Antonio Gaspar reports that 32 members are still unpaid and now suspended as of 2/1/21. Also he noticed that only 15 members are using mylegion.org and only 88 of our members have an email address on file. Adopt a Highway is still on hold. He says that nominees must be present at April elections or their name will be pulled from nomination list, and that all officers must pay their dues by Jul 1st. CPR must be started May 1 and submitted by June 15 to department.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following for their contributions to the gold tournament: Nestorio Domingo, Rico and Laurie Pacatang, Rance and Diane Pinao, Alfred Nakaula, Jim Traxler and Wildcat Art Works, Jim and Cheryl Hussey, Susan Bickell/Kukana’s Kreations.

Current nominations for officers: Cdr – Susan Bickell, 1st vice – Rico Pacatang, 2nd vice – John Ferris, 3rd vice/PIO – Jim Traxler, Adjutant – Joe Griskonis, Finance Officer – Nestorio Domingo, Chaplain – Alex Okimoto, Sgt at Arms – Rex Corpus, Asst Sgt at Arms – Rance Pinao, Historian – Jim Hussey, Judge advocate – Antonio Gaspar.

If anyone would like to run for any position, please make it know to one of the officers so we can add your name.

No New Business

No Old Business

Birthdays:

Tim Brady 2-9, Edwin Ueda 2-14, John Grogan 2-15, Richard Crook 2-19, Gary Eleys 2-22, Dennis Bilotti 2-24, Peter Calahan 2-25, Russell Faust 2-28.

Sick

Steve Tartaglia had another surgery and is recovering. Rance remains at home recuperating.

Closing prayer, closing POW/MIA ceremony and salute to the flag conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm. Next meeting will be March 10th.

Susan Bickell, Adjutant