**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2021**

Meeting was opened by Cdr. Rico Pacatang at 4:02 pm with 14 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 Sgt-at-Arms.

Minutes were put online, Dick Scritchfield made a motion to accept, seconded by Jim Traxler, passed.

Finance report given by Nestorio Domingo showed a bank balance of $11,806.66 as of today. Motion made to accept by Susan Bickell, seconded by John Ferris, passed.

Committee reports

District report by Antonio Gaspar: Adopt a Highway program is still on hold and will need to be renewed once it gets going again. Reminder that State Convention is coming up in June. Dues for 2022 will start being accepted July 1, 2021.

Gold: Jim Hussey reports that the check from Makalei Golf Course is still pending.

Honor Guard: Rico Pacatang reported 2 funerals are coming up next week.

Homeless: Rex Corpuz asks for someone else to take chairman or act as assistant, as he still does not have a car.

Building: Elks Club will be moving July 1st and will plan to continue allowing us to meet at their new facility.

Old Business: none

New Business: Vets Dinner at Elks Club on April 18th and every 3rd Sunday of the month. Free to veterans, bring your guests and spouses to help with fund raising efforts.

NEC Dave Carlson reminded that CPR deadline to Department is June 15th. Also 3 departments in our division were “good” on renewals, and Hawaii was one of the three. GI Education benefits will be increasing, and some back payments could also be made.

Services for Jim Hussey’s cousin, Wilfred Hussey, Jr. will be held at Dodo Mortuary April 23rd at noon and will be committed at Veterans Cemetery in Hilo. Wilfred was a Korean War veteran whose remains were recently identified.

Election of officers: Slate was presented and accepted. Adjutant cast a vote to elect slate and following offices were filled:

Commander: Susan Bickell

1st Vice: Rico Pacatang

2nd Vice: Jim Traxler

Adjutant: John Ferris

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

Birthdays: Keoni Babcock 4-2, Don Eller 4-6, Alex Okimoto 4-12, Stephen Herbert 4-14, Bradley Tate 4-1, Wilfred Kaupiko 4-20, Tom Dembski 4-24.

Sick: Thomas Fleming, PUFL member passed to everlasting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:49PM. Next meeting will be May 12, 2021.

Susan Bickell, Adjutant