**American Legion Monthly Meeting**

**March 8, 2023**

Meeting opened at 1605hrs by Susan Bickell, Commander.

Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA Opening ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, AL Preamble.

Roll call by Adjutant Antonio Gaspar:

Present: Susan Bickell, Commander

 Rico Pacatang, 1st Vice Antonio Gaspar, Judge Advocate

 Jim Hussey, Historian Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

 Rex Corpus, Sgt at Arms Dave Carlson, Alt NEC

 Alex Okimoto, Chaplain

Absent: Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice

Guests: Local Boy Scouts of America representative

Motion to approve February Minutes by Mel Behasa and seconded by John Ferris. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report, subject to audit, by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Dick Scritchfield. Motion approved. TREASURER’S REPORT DISTRIBUTED. Balance $11,451.35.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: District IV Hawaii Report: Antonio Gaspar announced the next “Adopt the Highway” clean-up will be on Saturday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 AM. We have 120 Post 20 paid members. Report distributed, 4 new members.

HOMELESS PROGRAM: No report

BUILDINGS/OPERATIONS: No report

HONOR GUARD: Antonio Gaspar update on honor guard procedures.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motiion to donate $1,000 to AL State Convention in June by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Alex Okimoto. Motion approved.

James Hussey updated West Hawaii Vietnam Memorial ceremony scheduled for March 29 at 11 AM.

Recognized the Oratorical Speech Contest winner and presented check.

Jim Hussey moved to contribute to Boy Scouts of America $100 for purchase of 10 fundraiser cards. Seconded by Dave Carlson. Motion approved.

Jim Hussey moved to donate $500 for State Oratorical Competition. Seconded by Dave Carlson. Motion approved.

Jim Hussey moved to donate $150 to Child Welfare Foundation. Seconded by Dave Carlson. Motion approved.

Noted: National Convention scheduled for August 25-31 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

Motion to carry over current officers by Nestorio Domingo. Seconded by Dave Carlson. Unanimous approval.

Birthdays: 3/2 Adam Dunaway, 3/4 John Ferris, 3/7 Rick Robinson, 3/10 Donald Dietrich, 3/19 Susan Bickell, 3/26 Tony Brigoli

Closing Prayer, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN: 1658hrs. Next meeting 1600hrs April 12, 2023, Ekahi Loft

Submitted by Steve Whetzel, member American Legion