

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**February 14, 2024**

Meeting opened at 4:00 PM by Susan Bickell, Commander.

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

Roll call by Adjutant, Antonio Gaspar:

Present: Susan Bickell, Commander

 Rico Pacatang, 2nd Vice Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

 Jim Hussey, Historian Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

 Rex Corpus, Sgt at Arms Dave Carlson, Alt NEC

 Alex Okimoto, Chaplain Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice

 Guest:

Motion to approve November Minutes by Darrel Bickel and seconded by Jim Hussey. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report, subject to audit, by Jim Traxler. Seconded by Alex Okimoto. Balance for the Golf Tournament as of January 10th is $10,375.34.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

District IV Hawaii Report: Antonio Gaspar reported on the many activities and meetings he attended since the last meeting. His detailed report is available upon request. Every Thursday, Antonio devotes his time working on free tax help at Hale Halawai until April 15th. His cell number is 808-345-5478.

HOMELESS PROGRAM: No report.

BUILDING/OPERATIONS: No report.

HONOR GUARD: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Special Events/Activities: Jim Hussey gave an update on the “Wall that Heals” exhibit in Hilo, 22 through 28 January. The event went very well with an attendance estimated to be 23,000.

Jim Hussey also gave an update on the Post 20 Golf Tournament. It was a success and netted $10K+ which is reflected in the finance report.

Oratorical Contest. Jim reminded the judges that a March date will be firmed up to judge the Post 20 Oratorical participant.

Jim also covered American Legion conventions. The Department session is scheduled for June 13-14 in Honolulu and the National Convention is slated for August 23-29 in New Orleans.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about the new Post 20 officers’ nomination and election in the coming months. Those interested need to contact Susan, if they haven’t already done so.

BIRTHDAYS: 2-6 Rosemarier Eller, 2-10 Timothy Brady, 2-12 Daniel Malakie, 2-14 Edwin Ueda, 2-16 Peter Lindsey, 2-25 Peter Callahan, 2-18 Russel Faust

ILLNESS/DEATH: It was reported that Steve Tartaglia is recovering from his operations/treatment. We look forward to seeing him back soon.

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 4:40 PM. Next meeting 1600 March 13, 2024, Ekahi Loft

Submitted by Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice