

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**April 10, 2024**

Meeting opened at 4:10 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, 1st Vice Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

Jim Hussey, Historian Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

Alex Okimoto, Chaplain Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice

Absent: Dave Carlson, Alt NEC Rex Corpus, Sgt at Arms

Rance Pinao, Asst Sgt at Arms

Guest: Alex Crawford

Motion to approve March Minutes by Alex Okimoto and seconded by Jim Hussey. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report, subject to audit, by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Alex Okimoto. Balance for April 10th is $10,034.38.

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.

HOMELESS PROGRAM: No report.

BUILDING/OPERATIONS: No report

HONOR GUARD: No report.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: No additional officers were nominated from the floor or volunteered. The present slate for next year remains as follows is as follows:

Commander: Steve Whetzel

1st Vice: Susan Bickell

2nd Vice: John Ferris

Adjutant: Antonio Gaspar

Finance Officer: Nestorio Domingo

Chaplain: Alex Okimoto

Sgt at Arms: Rex Corpuz, Asst: Rance Pinao

Historian: Jim Hussey

Judge Advocate: Antonio Gaspar

OLD BUSINESS:

Special Events/Activities:

Oratorical Contest. Jim Hussey reported that Lehua Norris, our Oratorical Contest winner won first place at Department level and will be competing at the National Oratorical Contest.

Jim also covered details for the State Convention. The Department session is scheduled for June 13-14 in Honolulu. Attendees verified their plans to go and $2500 is allocated for travel and lodging for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alex Crawford provided an update on the Kealakehe High School ROTC Program.

Jim Hussey reminded members of the upcoming presentation and discussion by John Atwell, former CIA Operations Officer at PTA on April 25th. Three members plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS: 4-2 Keoni Babcock, 4-6 Donald Eller, 4-9 Richard Pinkerton. 4-20 Jack Stranger, 4-23 Gary Uriu, 4-28 Alfred Nakaula

ILLNESS/DEATH: Steve Tartaglia continues to recover from his recent operations/treatment.

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 4:45 PM. Next meeting 1600, May 8, 2024, Ekahi Loft

Submitted by Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice.