

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**May 8, 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, 1st Vice Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

Jim Hussey, Historian Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

Alex Okimoto, Chaplain Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice

Dave Carlson, Alt NEC Rex Corpuz, Sgt at Arms

Absent: Dave Carlson, Alt NEC Rance Pinao, Asst Sgt at Arms

Guests: Nestorio introduced 2 ROTC Instructers

Motion to approve April Minutes by Paul Kelley and seconded by Dick Scritchfield. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report, subject to audit, by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Paul Kelley. Balance for April 10th is $7,504.19.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: No additional officers were nominated from the floor or volunteered. The Adjutant cast one vote for the current slate of officers for next year. The slate was approved and will be installed in July 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 will be competing at the National Oratorical Contest. We wish her well.

The VFW will oversee the Memorial Day Ceremony at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. Post 20 Members need to help with set-up since the Scouts will not be able to provide manpower.

Jim Hussey also covered details for the State Convention. The Department session is scheduled for June 13-14 in Honolulu.

All were reminded of the Post 20 plans to participate in the Kamehameha Parade on June 8th.

All were asked to support the VFW Golf Tournament this coming Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

BIRTHDAYS: Fred Dosher 5/2, William Hilberg and Alex Okimoto 5/7, Edward Corona 5/8, Wayne Tanaka 5/9, Mel Behasa 5/20, Henry Hills 5/28.

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

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 4:30 PM. Next meeting 1600, June 12, 2024, Ekahi Loft

Submitted by Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice.