

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**November 13 2024**

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

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

Roll call by Adjutant, Antonio Gaspar:

Present: Susan Bickell, Commander

 James Hokoana, absent Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

 Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer Alex Okimoto, Acting Chaplain

 Dave Carlson, Alt NEC Rex Corpuz, Sgt at Arms

 Jim Hussey, Historian John Ferris, 2nd Vice

 Guests: Steve Gonzalez, Civil Air Patrol.

Special Speaker: Linda Vanderwoot of HOPE services. She gave us an overview of services they provide, and will provide us with a list of needed items that we will use out $520.00 donation for.

Motion to approve October minutes made by Jim Hussey, seconded by Alex Okimoto. Approved.

Finance officers report given by Nestorio Domingo. Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report by John Ferris, seconded by Dave Carlson. Approved. Balance for November 13th is $4,410.272.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

District IV Hawaii Report: Antonio Gaspar reported on Adopt A Highway status, and on the member status of AL, SAL and ALA.

HOMELESS PROGRAM: see Special Speaker.

BUILDING/OPERATIONS: No report

SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

Golf Tournament scheduled for Jan. 25. Working on sponsors and donations.

Christmas Parade- 14 DEC 2024, begins at 5:00 pm, report to the Kona Aquatic Center parking lot at 4:00 pm to assist with float setup. Reminder to buy a bag of (sealed) candies to hand out (must be handed out, not tossed)

Christmas Party- Will be held Dec 11 at Ekahi Loft. 4 pm cocktail hour (BYOB) and 5pm dinner. Cost if $40, half will be paid by the Post for members of AL, ALA, SAL.

Oratorial contest will be held on May 15 for the state, and ours will be on Feb 22, place TBD.

HONOR GUARD: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

BIRTHDAYS: 11/13 Daryl Bickell, 11/14 Fred Sims, 11/16 Bernard Haena, 11/28 Brad Hanley, 11/29 Ernie Nourrie, 12/2 John Kiaha, 12/9 Leslie Higgins, 12/14 John Dunne, 12/19 Ted Yasin, 12/23 Thomas Knurek, 12/25 Troy Tartaglia, 12/26 Paul Kelley, 12/20 John Ross.

ILLNESS/DEATH: Rance Pinao had a fall and is recovering.

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN: 4:53 PM. Next meeting 1600, January 8, 2025, Ekahi Loft, White shirt.

Submitted by Susan Bickell, Commander