



American Legion Kona Post 20
P. O. Box 4706 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

Ellison Onizuka Post
Chartered Dec. 26, 1939

American Legion monthly meeting

January 8, 2025

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, 1st Vice

Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

John Ferris, 2nd Vice

Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

Jim Hussey, Historian

Dave Carlson, Alt NEC

Rex Corpuz, Sgt at Arms

Absent: Rance Pinao; Asst Sgt at Arms, Alex Okimoto; Chaplain

Guests: None

Motion to approve November Minutes by Paul Kelley, seconded by John Ferris.

Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer's (Nov-Dec) Report by Jim Hussey (upon audit), seconded by John Ferris. Balance for January 8, 2025 is \$1,948.42. Motion approved.

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: Rex Corpuz reported that 25 individual bags of assorted hygiene items were purchased and presented to Hope services-Kona. This was made possible due to the generous donation from Chandra Whetzel in memory of Steve Whetzel (Past Commander) of Post 20.

BUILDING/OPERATIONS: No report

SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES: Jim H. reports the American Legion Golf Tournament on Saturday, January 25th, check-in 7-8 am, start at 8 am. Registration entry can be made at Makalei Pro shop or contact Jim H and Paul K. Request set up assistance at 5 pm, January 24th at Makalei golf parking lot.

Hospice of Kona-Circle of Remembrance on Friday, February 7th, 2025 at 5:30 pm on the King Kamehameha Hotel grounds. Uniform is dress whites.

2/22-Local Oratorical contest

5/15- State Oratorical contest

HONOR GUARD: Rico reports that the Post received a \$500 check for the last quarter of Funeral Honor participation and is looking for (4) volunteers to post Colors at a ceremony at the Waikōloa Hotel on March 20, 2025. Jim H. reminded that donations received from funeral honors are allocated by number of Legion members attending. If you're available please attend, Uniform are whites.

OLD BUSINESS:

Antonio reports listing of overdue membership.

Antonio reports that this Saturday, January 11th from 7-9am will be the Adopt-a-highway trash pickup. Start point is the Pualani traffic light. Rico mentioned there will be a Funeral honor which will conflict with trash pick up.

NEW BUSINESS:

BIRTHDAYS: 1/16 Rudy Au and Micheal Damico, 1/18 Harvey Scott and Patrick Ward, 1/22 Phil Heavenston, 1/24 Steve Miller

ILLNESS/DEATH: Alex Okimoto-injury

Further Business:

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN: 4:47 PM. Next meeting 1600, February 12, 2025, at Ekahi Loft. Dress is blue shirt.

Submitted by James Hokoana, 1st Vice.