

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
PAGODA HONOLULU HOTEL**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**MINUTES**

Registration for the 80th State Convention from 1600 to 1700 on June 21, 2018.

Joint opening ceremonies were held at 1830 hours, June 21, 2018.

State Adjutant, “Welcome.” Colors posted.

State Chaplain: Invocation.

Emcee N. Enos: introduced the State Commander Jonathan Ho`omanawanui

Introduction of Head Table. State Officers by State Commander Hoomanawanui and State President Miriam Fernandez:

Commander Hoomanawanui introduced Opening Night Guest Speaker.

Keynote Speaker. Colonel U.S. Army Ret. Art Tulak. He gave a very inspirational speech. He received a certificate from Dept. of Hawaii.

Award Presentations:

Top EMT:

Patriotic Art: Presented by Anita Loando-Acohido to Morgan Roberts of Radford High School.

Top Fire Fighter: Capt. Kevin Mokulehua.

Patriot Pen Nat'l 5<sup>th</sup> Place Winner: Hala Anderson received \$2,500 and a Plaque.

Reception followed: Dinner & Pupu's were served at the Pagoda Pent House. Outstanding job by Taka!

9:00 – Friday June 22,'18 – Business Session: CDR Ho`omanawanui opened the convention in proper form. Nat'l Rep. JVCIC Doc Schmitz was introduced.

Roll call by A/Q Enos, a Quorum reported. Post Absent: 3870 Molokai, Excused: 1572 Waipahu

Rules for Convention: read by Judge Adv. Ron Lockwood. George Barlett motioned to accept, seconded. Motion carried.

A/Q's Reports: Convention Minutes, were posted on the Dept. website in July 2017. Financial report circulated. Motion by NCM Fernandez to accept A/Q's report. Motion carried.

Credential Report: A/Q Enos & JA not ready, reported Report not ready

CDR Ho`omanawanui: thanked all for their support. In addition, his other report is, circulated.

By-Laws Committee Chairman N. Enos: reported proposed By-Laws was mailed out. Copies provided. A/Q Enos explained changes. A/Q Enos motion to approve By-Laws changes. Seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution:** A/Q Enos reported no resolutions to send to National.

**Reports:** Most reports have been circulated, extra's on the table behind the room.

**CDR Jonathan Ho`omanawanui:** Report and gave a verbal review!

**SVC Maria Va`a-Igafo:** Circulated Report and gave a verbal review! Maria spoke of her training at HQ Kansas City. Also, her trip to New Mexico as Minority Veteran representative in her region. That position is an appointment by the secretary of VA. Unmet needs \$30,000 for Veterans affected by the Cyclone. Thanked National, CDR J. Ho`omanawanui and A/Q Enos for assisting her with the affected Veterans and all the Post that donated funds.

**Surgeon James Bowman:** Very brief report and circulated

**NVMS Frank Bragg:** Circulated

**COS George Barlett:** reported of his DC legislative visits, Youth programs, Legacy Life, Life membership and July 4th parade.

**10:00 –** Certificates presented to All Committee Chairs by State CDR and JVCIC Doc Schmitz

**10:15 –** Recess, after the recess, AUX joined the VFW for our guest speaker at 10:30 A. M.

**10:35 – 1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:** Mr. Norman Berg - excellent briefing on mobility needs, i.e. Assessable vehicles, wheelchairs, lifts and scooters, etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:** Andre Therieult, spoke of the million Veteran Program. It is a VA research of genes of veterans, to assist in future Veteran's Health, etc.

**11:00 –** Business session continued after Aux departed to their room.

The following was reported, and their reports are circulated: State Chaplain, State Inspector, Americanism, Membership National Home, VOD-P/Pen, Youth Activity-Scouts, Oahu Veterans Council and Ways & Means.

**Post Officers Training:** A/Q Enos reported – Oahu Officers to be Trained at his H/Q. Neighbor Isle to receive Training by Dept. staff traveling to various islands.

**11:55 –** Convention/Recess.

**12:00 –** Lunch was served in La Salle upstairs.

**13:30 – 15:00 –** Training, open Discussion, why were you successful or why do you think your Post could have done better? Trained by: State CDR and Staff.

**18:30 – 21:00 –** Dept. Commander and Dept. President Awards Banquet:

**Most Improve Post:** CDR Leslie Carter General Frederick Fundston – Post 94

**All State Awards** presented to by CDR Ho`omanawanui and JVCIC Schmitz:

**Commanders:**

Randall Mau	Pfc. Herbert K. Pililaa /Sgt. Leroy A Medonca – Post 2875
Frank Bragg	Ewa Beach – Post 12138
James Kahalehoe	Windward – Post 10154
Dean Anzai	Fort Shafter – Post 10276
Ron Lockwood	Diamond Head – Post 8615
Robert Toelupe	American- Samoa – Post 3391

**QM's:**

**Maria Va`a-Igafo  
Fred Chang  
George Barlett**

**American- Samoa – Post 3391  
Fort Shafter – Post 10276  
Windward – Post 10154**

**Top Dept Recruiters:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Randall Mau  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Va`a-Igafo  
1<sup>st</sup> Frank Bragg**

**Pfc. Herbert K. Pililaau /Sgt. Leroy A Medonca – Post 2875  
American- Samoa – Post 3391  
Ewa Beach - Post 12138**

**Top Over All Post**

**Fort Shafter - Post 10276**

**Dept. Auxiliary Pres. Miriam Fernandez along with Nat'l Aux. SV-Pres. Sandi Krieger presented Chairwomen Certificates.**

**Super Ono Roast Beef at Banquet! Many door prizes!**

**Music by: J. Ho'omanawanui.**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – Joint Memorial Services:**

**09:00 to 09:45 – Chaplain Fernandez did an excellent job. Chaplain thanked everyone, especially the reader. A/Q Enos read names of 170 deceased VFW members and Aux Chaplain Stanford Shiroma read the Aux. deceased list.**

**Joint Session w/Aux:**

**10:00 - Guest Speaker: Presentation by Linda Rose Herman. A presentation of Pre-Memorial Life Plan. She did an excellent job, she is a Pre-Planning Advisor and Veterans Specialist Life Planner! A very Surprise visit by Governor Ige & his staff. Governor spoke briefly and thanked all for our service! A few questions asked by members. Frank Pacarro told the governor that the VFW needs land to build our own facility and the DAV land is huge, so the VFW can use 1/2 of that land. Lots of Photos taken! Nice unexpected visit!**

**Business Session: Reconvened - at 10:40**

**Roll Call: A/Q Enos reported Post Absent: 3870-Molokai.**

**Reports to continue.**

**CDR Ho`omanawanui asked if there were any more reports: A/Q reported all reports are circulated since no one appeared to respond.**

**Unfinished Business: A/Q Enos reminded all of National Home Pledges for this year and next year. At the National Convention in Kansas City, MO. A/Q Enos motion to have Dept. Hawaii Endorse Tim Borland - Candidate Jr. Vice CIC 2020. Motion Second. Motion carried. Tim Borland from Arizona, Past All American CDR. And Top Recruiter in AZ every year!**

**New Business: Final Credential Report by A/Q Enos.**

**Nominations and Election of Officers: The following comrades were elected:**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Maria Va`a-Igafo</b>	<b>Post 3391</b>
<b>Sr.-Vice Cdr.</b>	<b>Harry K. Kaneakua</b>	<b>Post 3855</b>
<b>Jr.-Vice Cdr.</b>	<b>Ron Lockwood</b>	<b>Post 8616</b>

Quartermaster	Norbert K. Enos	Post 2875
Judge Advocate	Debra M. Lewis	Post 3830
Chaplain	Stan Fernandez	Post 10276
Surgeon	James J. Bowman	Post 970

Past National Inspector General – Norbert K. Enos installed Dept. Officers.

Good of the Order: 2019 (81<sup>st</sup>) Convention, A/Q Enos mentioned it will be tentatively at the Pagoda Hotel / June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

11:55 – State Chaplain, Stan Fernandez gave Closing Prayer.

State CDR Maria Va`a-Igafo closed convention in proper form.

18:30 – Aloha Banquet followed as scheduled. Door Prizes and Great Entertainment performed at the Banquet. Hula & Samoan Dances by many VFW/Aux members. CDR Jonathan Ho`omanawanui sang with 2 other musicians, "OUTSTANDING!"

Nat'l JVCIC Doc presented Jonathan Ho`omanawanui with his Past State Commander's Pin, PSC Ho`omanawanui gave his Mahalo's to his Staff, Commanders and Auxiliary. Dept. Aux. Cassie Ali introduced the Dept. President Miriam Fernandez, for her remarks and appointments.

CDR Maria Va`a-Igafo read her appointments and mahalos /remarks.

Remarks by: Nat'l Aux SV Pres. Sandi Krielbel, remarks were brief and to the point.

Keynote Speaker: Nat'l JVCIC Doc Schmitz gave a motivated Speech! A/Q Enos, on behalf of the VFW/AUX Hawaii presented gifts to both National Reps.

Dept. Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Master of Ceremonies Norbert Enos closed with his remarks to all in attendance, appreciated everyone's patients and cooperation. Mahalo to all Committee, Hospitality Gang - Great Job!

Banquet Closed, but Door Prizes, Dept.'s Fund Raiser Awards Continued.

Department's Grand Prize Fundraiser & Nat'l Convention trip Award Winner:  
Grand Prize winner of \$2,000.00 was Mr. Hiroshi Shimo of Hilo - Post 3875.

Membership Trip National Convention Award – winner Frank Bragg - Ewa / Post 12138

Respectfully submitted,

*Norbert K. Enos*

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Adjutant/Quartermaster