

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
81st ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
PAGODA HONOLULU HOTEL**

June 13-15, 2019

MINUTES

Registration for the 81st State Convention from 1530 to 1730 on June 13, 2019.

Joint opening ceremonies were held at 1830 hours, June 13, 2019.

**State Adjutant, "Welcome." Pledge of Allegiance.....State JVC Ron Lockwood
National Anthem & Hawaii Pono**

State Chaplain: Invocation.

Emcee N. Enos: Introduced the State Commander Maria Va'a Igafo

Introduction of Head Table, State Officers: State Commander Maria V. Igafo and State President Miriam Fernandez.

AQ Enos: Introduced Host Post & Auxiliary 2875. Co-Convention Chair Anita Loando Acohido introduced Keynote Speaker: Antonio M. Taguba, MG, U.S. Army Retired. He gave a very inspirational speech. He received a standing ovation from all.

Award Presentations:

Top EMT: Mr. Lane Hatori

Top Fire Fighter: Kenneth Bogowitz (No Show)

Top Water Safety Officer: Simeon Ke-Paloma

Top Police Officer: Deputy Police Chief-McCarthy

WWII Gold Medal Awards Presentations: Anita Loando Acohido Emceed and MG Taguba Presented all the awards to recipients and families. Lots of photos and Standing ovations!

Reception followed: Dinner & Pupu's were served at the Pagoda Penthouse. Outstanding job by Taka Shiroma Chairman and Host Post 2875!

9:00 – Friday June 14,'19 – Business Session: CDR Igafo opened the convention in proper form. Nat'l Rep. Inspector General Charley Shoemaker was introduced.

Roll call by A/Q Enos, a Quorum reported. Post Excused: 12122 Kailua Kona, Hawaii.

Rules for Convention, read by Judge Adv. Debra Lewis. George Barlett motioned to accept, seconded. Motion carried.

A/Q's Reports: Convention Minutes, were posted on the Dept. website in July 2018. Financial report circulated. Motion by NCM Fernandez to accept A/Q's report. Motion carried.

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

CDR Igafo: Mahalo to everyone for their support. In addition, Dept. is listed for All American, due to everyone that supported the Department's M/ship Plan and National's Make it Happen Plan.

CDR Maria Igafo: Reported her role as State Commander and Certified Service Officer.

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

DSO J. Hoomanawanui tabled the Motion, seconded, motion carried.

The Bylaws was distributed late to the Post was the main reason for the motion was tabled.

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.

COS George Barlett: reported of his DC Legislative visits, Legacy Life, Life membership and July 4th parade.

09:45 – Certificates presented to All Committee Chairs by State CDR and Nat'l IG

10:00 – Recess, after the recess, AUX joined the VFW for our guest speaker at 10:30 A. M.

10:15 – Speaker: Jennifer Getowski - excellent briefing on The New VA Mission Act.

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, Surgeon's mental Health, Safety, Nat'l Veterans & Family Support 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:

QM TRNG by George Barlett, everyone was welcomed TO ATTEND. Post Commanders/Officers TRNG by AQ Norbert Enos. It appeared all went well! Post Commanders shared their many ways of keeping their Post moderated and other techniques of how to keep post running and successful.

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

All State Awards presented by CDR Maria Igafo and Nat'l IG C. Shoemaker:

Commanders:

Sean Y. Mattimoe
Francis Orcutt
Asosi Ahping
Debra Lewis
Ron Lockwood
James Kahalehoe
Stephen Mortimer
J. Frank Bragg

Quartermasters:

Timothy Wong
Maria V. Igafo
Faamanu Teofilo

George Barlett
Fred Chang

Post 970
Post 2875
Post 3391
Post 3830
Post 8616
Post 10154
Post 10276
Post 12138

Top Recruiter of the Year: CDR J. Frank Bragg, Ewa Post 12138
Top Over All Post of the Year: Fort Shafter Post 10276, CDR Stephen Mortimer

Dept. Auxiliary Pres. Miriam Fernandez along with Nat'l Aux. SV-Pres. Peggy Haake presented Chairwomen Certificates. Ono Hawaii Mix Food/Plate at Banquet! The deserts were out this world! Door prizes!

June 15, 2019 – Joint Memorial Services:

09:00 to 09:45 – Chaplain Fernandez did an excellent job. Chaplain thanked everyone, especially the Maui singers. A/Q Enos read names of 155 deceased VFW members and Aux. Chaplain read the Aux. deceased list.

Business Session - Continued:

10:00 - Guest Speaker: Was a no show!

Business Session: Reconvened - at 10:05

Roll Call: A/Q Enos reported Post 12122 Kailua Kona, Excused.

Reports to continue. Most remaining reports circulated!

By-Laws Committee Chairman N. Enos: Motion to take from the table the earlier motion to table the Bylaw changes. There was a disagreement and un-necessary disruptions from a few delegates. National Rep Charley Shoemaker made a call to National and reported back to the convention floor that he spoke to the CIC and the Adjutant General, that AQ's Enos's motion to take from the table and procedure was correct. SVC Kaneakua immediately apologized to CDR Maria Va'a Igafo and AQ Enos.

Unfinished Business: A/Q Enos mentioned our Hawaii Home at National Home is doing well. Do not forget, Posts Pledges for this coming year. Normally at National convention We donate \$4,000.00 to the Hawaii home, it will not be necessary this time.

New Business: Final Credential Report by A/Q Enos and Judge Advocate Debra Lewis.

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

Commander	Harry K. Kaneakua	Post 3855
Sr.-Vice Cdr.	Ronald N. Lockwood	Post 8616
Jr.-Vice Cdr.	Debra M. Lewis	Post 3830
Quartermaster	Norbert K. Enos	Post 2875
Chaplain	Stan Fernandez	Post 10276

National Inspector General – Charley Shoemaker installed the above 5 Dept. Officers.
Commander Harry K. Kaneakua announced appointments below and more to follow:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>POST</u>
Jonathan K. Hoomanawanui	Adjutant	2875
Sean Mattimoe	Judge Advocate	970
Sherman Willis	Surgeon	1540
Sean Mattimoe	Chief of Staff	970
Leslie Carter	Inspector	94
Leslie Carter	Officer of the Day	94
John Kahaloa	Sargent at Arms	1540
Jonathan Hoomanawanui	Dept. Service Officer	2875

Leslie Gloston	Homeless & Hospital	94
Sheldon Gaison	Ways & Means	94

Good of the Order: AQ Enos mentioned of two Candidates, Bert Keys and Tim Peters running for Western Conference Vice Chairman, Motion by Jonathan Hoomanawanui to indorse Tim Peters, from Montana, second, motion Pass.

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

State CDR Harry Kaneakua closed.

18:30 – Aloha Banquet followed as scheduled. Door Prizes were Outstanding.

Nat'l Inspector General presented Maria Va'a Igafo with her Past State Commander's Pin, PSC Maria V. Igafo gave her Mahalo's to her Staff, Commanders and Auxiliary. Dept. Aux. Cassie Ali introduced the Dept. President Miriam Fernandez, for her remarks and appointments.

CDR Harry K. Kaneakua read his appointments and Final Remarks:

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Remarks by: Nat'l Aux SV Pres. Peggy Haake, remarks were brief and Mahalo's to all.

Keynote Speaker: Nat'l Inspector Charley Shoemaker gave a brief VFW update - 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 Committees, Hospitality Gang, Post 2875 - 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, Mr. Stephen Harris of Keaau, HI. Post 3830. Fifty Dollar Winners: Peter Pawling, Post 10276, Jim Dodd, Post 3850, Randy Grant, Japan, Janmar Gonzalez, Waianae.

Membership Trip National Convention Award – winner Leslie Carter - Post 94

Respectfully submitted,

Norbert K. Enos

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State Adjutant/Quartermaster
2018-2019