

MINUTES SUMMARY

Council of Administration



September 10, 2022

Commander Bragg opened meeting in form 14:51.

Roll Call of officers:

Commander Bragg appointed Chief of Staff Lon Lockwood as Adjutant Pro Temp

Roll Call of officers:

Adjutant Pro Temp Lockwood called the roll. A quorum was established.

We have a quorum.

Guests in attendance: None

Zoom Coordinator: N/A

Adjutant Report: Minutes for June 11, 2022 meeting have been distributed and are on the website. Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections or additions was approved.
Report of Balloting since last COA: None

Quartermaster (QM) Report:

QM Enos. Motion to approve the report was made seconded and approved.

Correspondence: None

Comrade/Family of a Comrade in Distress:

Post 10276 reported loss of 2 members.

Service Officer Report: Department Service Officer Fuata reported that the VA is hiring more Decision Review Officers due to passage of the PACT Act. Service Officer Training for Penny and Alan will be in September 18-24 2022 on the mainland. Our officer at Tripler needs a person to work from 0900-1300 Monday through Friday.

Officer and Committee Reports: Circulated or presented at meeting.

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Commander's Report: Commander Bragg reported on Teacher of the Year program. To meet All-American requirements a Post must submit at least one teacher for consideration. Each Department will submit an elementary, middle and high school teacher for consideration.

Senior Vice Commander Report: SVC Schadael submitted a written report on Buddy Poppies and National Home.

Junior Vice Commander: JVC Fuata See Service Officer Report

Chaplain: Chaplain Fernandez reported that the OVC is requesting that all members send a representative to each meeting.

Chief of Staff: COS Lockwood reported the Budget took a \$22,000 hit as the HVAC at office went out after 50+ years was replaced. Community Service hours have been received from Posts 12138, 10276, 8616, 3875, and 2875. Goal for this year is 85,000 hours and \$180,000 in donations. If your Post donates to the National Home directly please write Hawaii Home on the check for proper credit. Loyalty Day is May 1st and is required under VFW Manual of Procedure; Student Veterans are back at UH Manoa and West Oahu and contact has been made. Ways and Means fundraiser will begin stuffing envelopes in early or mid October. Please consider purchasing two or more booklets this year to help recoup the HVAC cost.

Quartermaster: QM Enos. Investments have maintained growth due to diverse investments; Membership as of today we are # 5 in VFW and 454 from being 100% however our CIC wants all Departments at 102%. Life membership helps make reaching 100% easy, help your members make the switch.

Adjutant: ADJ Barlett Special events, National Legislative, Website, Scouting JROTC and Youth Activities. Written report submitted.

Surgeon: Surgeon Jones Reported on PACT Act and a new vaccine for COVID. Homeless Veterans and Hospital.

Judge Advocate: JA Grant Bylaws, Resolutions and Credentials, and Patriots Pen asked every Post to get the 2023 Podium Edition of the VFW MOP. It is available online but runs over 400 pages to copy. Any Resolution for the Convention will be approved by the Post and submitted to the Department by February, Credentials make sure your Post submits Trustee reports and has annual inspection. Patriots Pen are due to the Department by the December COA.

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Inspector: Inspector Chang Inspections are ongoing and can be scheduled at QM convenience.
Call Department Adjutant to setup a time and day.

VMS Chairman Boucher has requested Post information.

National Home Prayer/Short Version Chaplain conducted prayer.

Unfinished Business:

1. COA for December changed per our June meeting now December 3, 2022.
2. Ways and Means Fundraiser will be prepared in October for November distribution. Be generous this year.
3. Western Conference November 3-6, 2022 in Portland Oregon.
4. Inspection of Post records is ongoing.
5. Homecoming for Department Commander will be February 10, 2023.
6. Department Convention will be June 8-10 2023. Place TBD.
7. Western Conference October 31- November 3, 2024. Help and Donations will be needed.

New Business:

1. September is Suicide Prevention Month we have gone from 22/day to 20/day. Call your people for Buddy Check.
2. Patriot's Day September 11, 2022 2 events on Oahu 0830at the Waikiki Elks and a 1700 event at Honolulu Hale followed by a toast at FRA.
3. Veterans Day Ceremonies start at 0700 downtown Honolulu followed by numerous other sites. Hilo Ceremon and various others.
4. Post Fundraising requests:
 - a. Post 3830 breakfast 9 October, hold a December 17 2022 Meeting, candy sales, and an Octoberfest.
 - b. Post 2875 Zippy's Fundraiser.Department Commander approved all requests.

Good of the Order: Announcements:

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WWII and the Korean/Vietnam ceremonies at 0700 November 11, 2022.

Purchase your MOP from the VFW Store, as it is part of your Inspection Report.

Tentative discussion ongoing to bring travelling Vietnam Wall to Hawaii. It may run \$22,00 to \$100,000 to visit many islands.

Awards: for All-American Posts for 2021-2022 were distributed.

Meeting was closed in form at 10:55. The next Council of Administration meeting will be :conducted on 0900 December 3, 2022 at the OVC.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Barlett", is written over the "Submitted:" line.

Department Adjutant
George Barlett

Approval Date: _____

State Adjutant Initials: _____