

MINUTES SUMMARY

Council of Administration



February 11, 2023

Commander Bragg opened meeting in form 09:23.

Roll Call of officers:

Commander Frank Bragg:	Present
Senior Vice Commander Ronald Schaedel:	Present
Junior Vice Commander Ben Fuata:	Present
Quartermaster Norbert Enos:	Present
Adjutant George Barlett:	Present
Judge Advocate Randy Grant:	Present
Surgeon James Jones:	Absent
Chaplain Stanley Fernandez:	Present
Chief of Staff Lockwood:	Present
Inspector Frederic Chang:	Present
Immediate Past Commander Debra Lewis:	Absent
Past Commander:	Absent
Past Commander:	Absent
Past Commander:	Absent
Post 94:	Absent
Post 110:	Present
Post 352:	Present
Post 849:	Present
Post 970:	Absent
Post 1540:	Absent
Post 1572:	Present
Post 2875:	Present
Post 3292:	Present
Post 3391:	Present
Post 3830:	Present
Post 3850:	Absent
Post 3855:	Absent
Post 3870:	Absent
Post 3875:	Absent
Post 8616:	Present

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Post 10154:	Present
Post 10276:	Present
Post 12122:	Absent
Post 12138:	Present

We have a quorum.

Guests in attendance: National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento.

Zoom Coordinator: None

Adjutant Report: Minutes for December 10, 2022 meeting have been distributed and are on the website. The minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.
Report of Balloting since last COA: None

Quartermaster Report:

QM Report dated February 11, 2023. Motion to approve the report was made seconded and approved.

Correspondence: Distributed

Comrade/Family of a Comrade in Distress:

None:

Service Officer Report:

Ben Fuata reported \$506,156.62 in claims received in January. He also stressed the importance of getting a DD 214, what classifies as a U.S. veteran that is eligible for VA benefits, what the Post can do to aid us in completing the many claims that are be processed due to the enactment of the PACT Act.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Commander Bragg

Teacher of the Year- Award ceremony is today for the Departments entry to National.

Senior Vice Commander Schaedel:

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Buddy Poppy-Get out and distribute Buddy Poppies, send orders to State Quartermaster.

National Home- There was work done on the Hawaii House and our account was billed over \$8,000.00. We need all Posts to contribute to help our Hawaii House. Please send donations to the State Quartermaster or be sure that all donations made directly are earmarked for the Hawaii House or they will go in to the General Fund.

Legacy Life- Encourage your members to become Legacy Life members.

Quartermaster Enos: Membership, Recruiting and Life Membership reports circulated. Membership is our voice. Look at the National and All-State membership programs. We are currently at 95.28 %. Convention/Time and Place: State Convention will take place June 8-11 2023 at the Ala Moana Hotel. More information will be available soon as we finish more details for the Convention.

Chaplain Fernandez: OVC is hosting many events of importance to veterans and their families.

Judge Advocate Grant: VOD/PP Luncheon today after meeting.

Chief of Staff Lockwood

Community Service- Submit your reports. Post Adjutants msy entry this data on the Programs dashboard..

Student Veteran- UH SVA Meeting again.

Frederic Chang- We have completed over 1/3 of the inspections please schedule for your inspection. Inspections are a tool to help the Posts succeed. People that should be involved are the Commander, QM, ADJ, and Trustees. The goal is to inspect all Posts.

Wayne Yoshioka

Public Relations- No report. Todays luncheon and our contest results will be released to the press.

State Adjutant Barlett

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Youth Activities (Includes VOD, Scouting). Post Adjutants are responsible to make entries in the Programs dashboard.

Legislative: March Conference is on for early March and Priorities Goals for 2023 are out.

Department of Hawaii is hosting the 2024 Western Conference.

Veterans and Military Support- Donations to be made using the All-American Scoreboard.

National Home Prayer/Short Version

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. National Convention July 21-28 2024. Phoenix Arizona. Please plan to arrive on Friday and leave the following Friday. It is important to make reservations through the Portal which opens February 18, 2023. The Department benefits from you staying in our block of rooms.
2. Fundraising Requests from Posts.
2875 Zippy' Fundraiser in September.
3830 Smoked Meat and Rummage Sale.
Commander Approved requests.
3. SVC Schaedel along with Post Commander Seal are planning a massing of the colors at the OVC on June 14, 2024. Governor Waihe'e, General Bramlett and John Henry Felix are scheduled to speak. We are also working with youth groups in the project. More details to follow.
4. One recruited pins were awarded to eligible members.

Good of the Order: Announcements:

1. JVC Fuata reported the the "Wall that Heals" is coming to the Big Island in February 2024. If people on Oahu are interested in please contact Ben.

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2. Vietnam War Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held at the Oahu State Cemetery on March 29, 2023. The ceremony cannot be held at Punchbowl because of the ongoing work on parking areas. The VVA is looking for donations to aid in conducting this ceremony. Admiral Paparo of COMPACFLT is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.
3. Senior Vice Commander in Chief Sarmiento made comments about the importance of membership to our organization and the clout having a million members has in aiding our Legislative agenda. He also mentioned the Buddy Poppy prototype that is coming out.

Meeting was closed in form at 11:00. The next Council of Administration meeting will be conducted immediately after the State Convention in June at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Barlett", is positioned above the typed name.

Department Adjutant
George Barlett