



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 16 June 2018

Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of the victims of Kilauea volcano eruption; our fallen comrade, SSG Alexander Conrad 1st BN, 3rd SF Grp. (KIA, Somalia); and, all of our fellow veterans...
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed - We pray for their safe return... "Til They're Home!"
3. **Commander's Report:** CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam
 - **Veterans Beekeeping Program:** AmVets Hawaii MOA with Manoa Honey Company, LLC, **POC** is Kino, **Address:** 930 Palm Place, Wahiawa, 96786, **Phone:** 808-927-0501, **Owner:** Mr. Yuki Uzuhashi yuki@manoahoney.com **Date/Time:** Volunteer Schedule starts weekly on Wednesday at 1000
4. **Committee Report:**
 - Ewa Field - MCAS Ewa - NAS Barbers Point Preservation: Historian, John Bond
 - Family Services: Director Donna Gishitomi
5. **Government Agencies Update:**
 - North Korea begins returning remains of our MIAs from Korean War
 - President Trump signed S. 2372 – VA Mission Act of 2018 to fund the Choice Healthcare Program
 - President Trump nominated Robert Wilkie to be VA Secretary - Top 4-VSOs in full support
 - Effective OCT 1, 2018, the Department of the Army will no longer recognize Veteran Health Information Cards (VHIC) for access to Tripler Army Medical Center.
6. **Old Business:**
 - CDR Lazarus, CDR Vincenti (Post 3) and Director Gishitomi with Colonel Gregory Gadson visits: Wounded Warriors at American Renaissance Academy (ARA) Pool and the Manoa Honey Company and Bee Farm
 - Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration Ceremony: 0900 on Saturday, June 2nd at BBP Stables
 - AmVets HI-0003, 808USA50 Post installation
7. **New Business:**
 - Post 4 Installation Ceremony Tuesday, 19 June 2018
 - CDR Lazarus and Historian Bond meeting with Council Member Chair, Ron Menor: 0930, Wednesday 20 June 2018 Kapolei Hale, first floor confirmed by Menor staff - Jerrit 808-768-5052
 - HIANG Family Day Function - **When:** 8 July 2018 (Noon to about 1500) **Where:** Hawaii Air National Guard Region 9 & 10 EFAC, JBPHH, **Why:** AmVets to provide veterans benefits and other information
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8. **Issues/Concerns:**
 - **NAS Barbers Point P3 Monument:** In memory of Servicemembers wounded or KIA (1942 to 1999)
9. **Announcements:**
 - AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation 501(c)(3) request approved; IRS Letter, Effective Date of Exem: 15 MAY 2018
 - AmVets HI-0004, Pearl Harbor Post - CDR Michael "Mich" Ferreira
 - **Happy Father's Day & Happy Independence Day!!**
10. **Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: Saturday, 21 July 2018**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 19 MAY 2018

Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of the victims of Santa Fe Texas HS shooting and all impacted by the eruption of Kilauea volcano
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed - We pray for their safe return... "Til They're Home!"
3. **Commander's Report:** CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam
 - **Veterans Beekeeping Program:** AmVets Hawaii MOA with Manoa Honey Company, LLC, **POC** is Kino, **Address:** 930 Palm Place, Wahiawa, 96786, **Phone:** 808-927-0501, **Owner:** Mr. Yuki Uzuhashi yuki@manoahoney.com **Date/Time:** Volunteer Schedule starts weekly on Wednesday at 1000
 - **Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration** Site Prep continues: Volunteers from **U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Kimball** and HHC, **84th Engineers** and **RSVP DCS/Elderly Affairs Division**
 - Guest Speakers: **Colonel (R) Gregory D. Gadson**, former US Army Wounded Warrior Director, Garrison Commander of the U.S. Army Fort Belvoir. He is also a bilateral above-the-knee amputee, actor, and motivational speaker, **Benjamin Resnick**, historical archaeologist, **Daniel A. Martinez**, Chief Historian for the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and **Senator Mike Gabbard**
4. **Committee Report:**
 - Ewa Field - MCAS Ewa - NAS Barbers Point Preservation: Director & Historian, John Bond
 - Barbers Point Stables Update: Valerie Van der Veer, President, Barbers Point Riding Club
5. **Government Agencies Update:**
 - President Trump nominated Robert Wilkie to be VA Secretary - Top 4-VSOs in full support
 - Effective OCT 1, 2018, the Department of the Army will no longer recognize Veteran Health Information Cards (VHIC) for access to Tripler Army Medical Center. See flyer for details
6. **Old Business:**
 - JROTC Awards Ceremony Presentation (48 medals presented): 23 of the 26 HS eligible; 2 to UofH
 - AmVets - Navy Meeting: Mr. Victor M. Flint, Community Planning & Liaison Officer, Navy Facility Hawaii, JB4 Command, JBPHH: Mr. Flint provided the justification and timeline for removal/relocation of the Barbers Point P3 Orion Marker to CDR Lazarus and CDR Lam. AmVets Hawaii Commanders: CDR Lazarus, CDR Lam, CDR Vincenti will attend Makakilo NB Mtng May 23rd @ 1900 hrs to support the relocation until proper arrangements can be made for the relocation of the **BBP P3 Orion Marker**
7. **New Business:**
 - West Loch Memorial Ceremony: 1400 on Monday, May 21st at Punchbowl
 - Memorial Day Ceremony: 0830 on Monday, May 28th at Punchbowl
 - Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration Ceremony: 0900 on Saturday, June 2nd at BBP Stables
 - HIANG Family Day Function - **When:** 8 July 2018 (Noon to about 1500) **Where:** Hawaii Air National Guard Region 9 & 10 EFAC, JBPHH, **Why:** AmVets to provide veterans benefits and other information
8. **Issues/Concerns:**
 - **NAS Barbers Point P3 Monument:** In memory of Servicemembers wounded or KIA (1942 to 1999)
9. **Announcements:** AmVets Post HI-0003, **808USA50** - CDR Carl Vincenti, PHD, completed charter packet. **Happy Armed Forces Day, Everyone!!**
10. **Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: Saturday, 16 June 2018**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 17 MAR 2018

Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades: Lt. Cmdr. James Brice Johnson and Lt. Caleb Nathaniel King, killed when their F/A-18F Super Hornet crashed near NAS Key West on Wed and 7-Servicemembers killed in a helicopter crash in western Iraq a day later on Thur, 15 MAR 2018.
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed... Till They're Home!
3. **Commander's Report:** CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam
 - AmVets - **RSVP** signed MOU on Friday, 16 MAR 2018 (3-Year Agreement) City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services Elderly Affairs Division; **POC:** Mrs. Remy S. Rueda, RSVP Volunteer Services Coordinator, DCS/Elderly Affairs Division, Office: 808.768.7700, Email: rrueda@honolulu.gov
 - **ASAD:** Aloha State Association of the Deaf - requesting AmVets to support legislation in making Open Movie Captioning at the Movie Theaters; **POC:** Darlene Ewan, President
 - AmVets submitted 2-letters in support of **HB2698 HD3** for the WWI Centennial Commemoration
 - Hawaii Veterans Master BeeKeeping Program: Volunteer with pay - Honeybees Farm in Wahiawa
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - Legislative Action/Issues: Director James Logue/Director Rodney Boucher
 - Veterans Program & Benefits: VSO William Rodriguez
 - Ewa Field - MCAS Ewa Preservation: Director & Historian, John Bond
 - Wounded Warrior Program: Director, Thomas "Tom" Lee - Mililani HS Veterans Club 5k Run for WWP
 - Family Services Program: Director, Donna Gishitomi - Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony (17 MAR 2018), Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, 45-425 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe 96744
5. **Government Agencies Update:**
 - Controlled Access Pass (CAP) for Veterans and their caregivers; 22 MAR 2018 (1700-1930), see attached flyer for details
6. **Old Business:**
 - Silver Helmet Award Banquet, 9 Mar 2018 (Alexandria, Virginia) Recipient, Sen. Akaka
 - Beekeeping Workshop: Sun, 25 FEB 2018 (1200-1600), Pest & Diseases, Host: UofH Honeybee Project, POC: Jasmine Joy, hawaiibeecollective@gmail.com
7. **New Business:**
 - Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration Ceremony 2 June 2018 (0900-1100)
 - Beekeeping Workshop: Sun, 25 MAR 2018 (1000-1700), Mead Making, Host: HomeBrew in Paradise, POC: Jasmine Joy, hawaiibeecollective@gmail.com
8. **Issues/Concerns:**
 - Mililani HS Veterans Club - AmVets 5k Run for WWP, (Date/Time/Location: TBD), POC: Dir. Tom Lee
 - Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration: 2 JUN 18 (0900-1100), **Volunteers needed for Site prep.**
9. **Announcements:**
 - **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
10. **Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: Saturday, 21 APR 2018**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 17 FEB 2018

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades and for the 17 students and teachers at Douglas HS murdered, for the wounded
- **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed... Till They're Home!

3. Commander's Report: CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam

- Welcome Aboard: Much Mahalo & Aloha to our new AmVets members for joining our TEAM
- Guest Speaker(s): USDA Exe Director, Al Frenzel - briefing will include Beekeeping and USDA valuable programs for veterans.
- AgVets funding opportunity and application process on the NIFA website (<https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/enhancing-agricultural-opportunities-military-veterans>).

4. Committee Reports:

- Legislative Action/Issues: Director James Logue/Director Rodney Boucher
- Veterans Program & Benefits: Director Rolly Alvarado/VSO William Rodriguez
- Ewa Field - MCAS Ewa Preservation: Director & Historian, John Bond
- Wounded Warrior Program: Director, Thomas "Tom" Lee
- Family Services & AmVets Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary: Director, Donna Gishitomi

5. Government Agencies Update:

- U.S. Senate unanimously passed Senators Mazie K. Hirono and Orrin G. Hatch's (R-Utah) State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act, a bill to ensure that severely disabled veterans are able to receive adult day health care services at no cost to them by defining the program as a reimbursable treatment option through the Veterans Affairs (VA).

6. Old Business:

- **POW Flag 50 State Tour** arrived on FEB 5th from New Mexico to raise public awareness for our 83,000 servicemembers still MIA. **Day-1:** tour began here at Barbers Point Stables, World War II Revetment District, Ewa Field - MCAS Ewa and ended at the USS Missouri (BB-63) Battleship.
- **Day-2:** tour began with the POW flag being raised at the Hawaii State Capitol, then to the USS Arizona Memorial with WWII Veterans; Fort Shafter with MPs; Wheeler Army Airfield with 25th CAB; and, ended at Schofield Barracks with fellow Wolfhounds.
- **Day-3:** final stop was 0900 on Thursday, 8 FEB 2018, at the **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency** (DPAA) with the great men and women, whose mission it is to conduct the global search and recovery of our Nation's POW/MIAs. At 1000, the POW/MIA flag continued its journey to Arkansas.

7. New Business:

- Silver Helmet Award Banquet, 9 Mar 2018 (Alexandria, Virginia) Recipient, Sen. Akaka: As per Sen. Akaka former CofS, Joan Ronald, the Senator request that CDR Lazarus to receive on his behalf.

8. Issues/Concerns:

- Mililani HS Veterans Club - AmVets 5k Run for WWP, (Date/Time/Location: TBD), POC: Dir. Tom Lee
- Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration: 2 JUN 18 (0900-1100), BP Stables; **Volunteers for Site prep.**

9. Announcements:

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10. **Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: Saturday, 17 MAR 2018**

AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 20 JAN 2018

Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades;
- **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed... Till They're Home!

3. **Commander's Report:** CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam

- Welcome Aboard: Veterans Service Officer William Rodriquez and Director James Logue
- Guest Speakers: Alicia Wills, Hearty Bees LLC and Jason Graham, PHD, University of Hawaii
- AgVets funding opportunity and application process on the [NIFA website](https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/enhancing-agricultural-opportunities-military-veterans) (<https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/enhancing-agricultural-opportunities-military-veterans>).

4. **Committee Reports:**

- Legislative Action/Issues: Director James Logue/Director Rodney Boucher
- Veterans Program & Benefits: Director Rolly Alvarado/VSO William Rodriquez
- Ewa Field Preservation: Director & Historian, John Bond
- Wounded Warrior Program: Director, Thomas "Tom" Lee
- Family Services & AmVets Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary: Director, Donna Gishitomi

5. **Government Agencies Update:**

- U.S. Senate unanimously passed Senators Mazie Hirono and Orrin G. Hatch's (R-Utah) State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act, a bill to ensure that severely disabled veterans are able to receive adult day health care services at no cost to them by defining the program as a reimbursable treatment option through the Veterans Affairs (VA).
- VA staffed inpatient psychiatric care and partial hospitalization care are also provided within a 20 bed VA operated ward in Tripler Army Medical Center.
- A 12 bed VA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Rehabilitation Program operates in its temporary site within Tripler Army Medical Center.

6. **Old Business:**

- The Rotary Club of Kapolei Sunset - AmVets Meeting Aboard Kai Oli Oli, Ko Olina, Jan 8, 2017
- Wreath Laying Ceremony at Punchbowl

7. **New Business:**

- State Preservation Division Meeting: CDR Lazarus, Dir. Bond, Dr. Alan Downer and Dr. Susan Lebo at 1000, Hawaii HPD, Department of Land & Natural Resources, 601 Kamokila Blvd, Suite 555, Kapolei
- Mililani HS Veterans Club - AmVets 5k Run for WWP, (Date/Time/Location: TBD), POC: Dir. Tom Lee
- Battle of Midway 76th Commemoration: 2 JUN 18 (0900-1100), Barbers Point Stables; Setup at: **0700**

8. **Issues/Concerns:**

- Silver Helmet Award Banquet, 9 Mar 2018 (Alexandria, Virginia) Recipient, Sen. Akaka: As per Sen. Akaka former CofS, Joan Ronald, the Senator request that CDR Lazarus to receive on his behalf.

9. **Announcements:**

- **Government Shutdown: May impact services and pay...**

10. **Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: Saturday, 17 FEB 2018**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 18 November 2017

Post 1 & 2 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades; we pray for a speedy and full recovery of Ed Martinez, Jr. (JA)
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed... Till They're Home!
4. Committee Reports:
 - AmVets Hawaii Exe. Director & USS Arizona Post 1 Commander: CDR Donovan Lazarus
 - Ewa Battlefield Post 2: CDR Ron Lam
 - 10th Annual Ewa Battlefield Commemoration: Director & Historian, John Bond
 - Wounded Warrior Program: Director, Thomas "Tom" Lee
 - Gold Star Families & AmVets Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary: Director, Donna Gishitomi
5. Government Agencies Update:
 - U.S. Senate unanimously passed Senators Mazie Hirono and Orrin G. Hatch's (R-Utah) State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act, a bill to ensure that severely disabled veterans are able to receive adult day health care services at no cost to them by defining the program as a reimbursable treatment option through the Veterans Affairs (VA).
 - Vietnam Era Veterans who would be willing to speak with the GAO representatives (see flyer for details).
 - VA staffed inpatient psychiatric care and partial hospitalization care are also provided within a 20 bed VA operated ward in Tripler Army Medical Center.
 - A 12 bed VA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Rehabilitation Program operates in its temporary site within Tripler Army Medical Center.
6. Old Business:
 - 11 NOV 2017 (0830-1000), 2017 Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Punchbowl
 - 11 NOV 2017 (1500-1600), 2017 Veterans Day & USMC Birthday Ceremony at Ka Makana Ali'i Mall
7. New Business:
 - 26 NOV 17 (0800-1100), Documentary on USS Arizona: Ewa Battlefield & Barbers Point Stables Tour
 - 26 NOV and 2 DEC 17 (0800-1200), Ewa Battlefield Site Prep; Start at: **0800**
 - 9 DEC 17 (0930-1100), 10th Annual Ewa Battlefield Commemoration Ceremony; Setup at: **0800**
 - 6 JAN 18 (1000-1200), Barbers Point Open House; Setup at: **0900** (Date/Time: TBD)
8. Issues/Concerns:
 - Death Site Markers for CPL Medlin and Sgt Luchan; Date/Time: TBD
 - Silver Helmet Award Banquet, 9 Mar 2018 (Alexandria, Virginia) Recipient, Sen. Akaka: As per Sen. Akaka former CofS, Joan Ronald, the Senator request that CDR Lazarus to receive on his behalf.
9. Announcements:
 - **Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!**
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 16 DEC 2017**



Date: 21 October 2017

Post 1 & 2 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Donovan Lazarus/CDR Ron Lam
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades, especially **Mrs. Ella Lam** #RestInPeace, #NeverForgotten!
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed... Till They're Home!
4. Committee Reports:
 - Executive Director & USS Arizona Post 1 Commander: CDR Donovan Lazarus
5. Government Agencies Update: **Secretary Shulkin Letter:** Dept. of the Veterans Affairs no longer support a termination of total disability based on individual unemployability (TDUI) benefits in the Administration's FY 2018 budget for the VA. **AMVETS National Legislative Director, Amy Webb** would like to thank all our grassroots supporters!! You can read letter in its entirety here: <http://amvets.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017oct12-TDIU-letter-to-VSOs.pdf>
 - Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation - National Global War on Terrorism Memorial
 - **Forever GI Bill**, Check out the 11 things you should know: <https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/education/2017/08/16/trump-signed-the-for-ever-gi-bill-here-are-11-things-you-should-know/>
 - VA approved new lease agreements to build Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) on the islands of Maui and Kauai.
6. Old Business:
 - Tuesday, 19 Sep 2017 (1045-1300), **Hawaii World War One Centennial Commemoration:** Roll Call of Honor at Punahou School
7. New Business:
 - 24 OCT 17 (1700-2100), FREE Movie: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE; Check In: **1815-1830**
 - 2 NOV - 3 NOV 17 (0700-1700), AMVETS National Commander's Hawaii Visit; Ewa: **1300-1400**
 - 11 NOV 17 (1500-1600), 2017 Veterans Day & USMC 242nd Birthday Event; Setup at: **1430-1500**
8. Issues/Concerns:
 - Death Site Markers for CPL Medlin and Sgt Luchan; Date/Time: TBD - (possible 7 Dec 2017)
 - Ewa Battlefield 9th Annual, Pearl Harbor Commemoration Ceremony: 9 DEC 2017 (0930-1030)
 - Silver Helmet Award Banquet, 9 Mar 2018 (Alexandria, Virginia) Recipient, Sen. Akaka: As per Sen. Akaka former CofS, Joan Ronald, the Senator request that CDR Lazarus to receive on his behalf.
 - Navy Crash site: DPAA will forensic crash site survey and thereafter, and excavation of the site
9. Announcements:
 - Welcome to Donna Gishitomi (Surviving Spouse of Sergeant Daniel Renk, Drill Instructor, USMC): Director, Family Services Survivor/Wounded/Veteran & Suicide Prevention/Postvention Education
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 18 NOV 2017**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 16 September 2017

Post 1 & 2 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Ron Lam/1VC Cliff Chun/2VC Jose Cardenas/3VC Tom Schmidt
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades, especially COL Ralph Hiatt. #RestInPeace, #NeverForgotten!
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed...
4. Committee Reports:
 - Executive Director & USS Arizona Post 1 Commander: CDR Donovan Lazarus
5. Government Agencies Update: **Trump's Administration & Secretary Shulkin Backed-off...**
 - POTUS signed the Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act: The bill authorizes the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to begin the Commemorative Works Act process to establish a National Global War on Terrorism Memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia.
 - **Trump signed the 'Forever GI Bill.'** the biggest expansion of college aid for military veterans in a decade removing a 15-year time limit to tap into benefits and boosting money for thousands in the National Guard and Reserve. **Here are 11 things you should know:** <https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/education/2017/08/16/trump-signed-the-forever-gi-bill-here-are-11-things-you-should-know/>
 - VA approved new lease agreements to build Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) on the islands of Maui and Kauai.
6. Old Business:
 - Friday, 15 Sep 2017 (1000-1100), Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Punchbowl.
 - COL Hiatt's Funeral Service (7 Sep 2017)
 - VA 2017 Homeless Stand Down (1 Sep 2017)
7. New Business:
 - Tuesday, 19 Sep 2017 (1045-1300), **Hawaii World War One Centennial Commemoration:** Roll Call of Honor at Punahou School
8. Issues/Concerns:
 - Navy Crash site: DPAA will forensic crash site survey and thereafter, and excavation of the site
 - AMVETS National Commander Asia-Pacific Visit
 - AmVets Hawaii Veterans Day & USMC Birthday Event; 11 Nov 2017 (1500-1600)
 - AMVETS Silver Helmet Award Banquet - Recipient: Senator (former) Akaka
9. Announcements:
 - SSG (Ret.) Thomas "Tom" Lee, Wounded Warrior will be Keynote speaker on Veterans Day
 - Guest, Mr. Chris Prendergast @, President of Veterans Assn Of Real Estate Prof (VAREP)
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 21 OCT 2017**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 19 August 2017

Ewa Battlefield Post 2 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Ron Lam/1VC Cliff Chun/2VC Jose Cardenas/3VC Tom Schmidt
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades. #RestInPeace, #NeverForgotten!
 - **RED:** Remember Everyone Deployed...
4. Committee Reports:
 - AmVets Hawaii: CDR Donovan Lazarus
5. Government Agencies Update: **Trump's Administration & Secretary Shulkin Backed-off...**
 - POTUS signed the Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act: The bill authorizes the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to begin the Commemorative Works Act process to establish a National Global War on Terrorism Memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia.
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 - VA approved new lease agreements to build Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) on the islands of Maui and Kauai.
 - American Veteran Magazine July 2017 Issue: <http://reader.mediawiremobile.com/AmVet/issues/201434/viewer>
6. Old Business:
 - Ewa Battlefield Post Charter
 - Presentation & Dedication of Ewa Battlefield, Post 2 new Colors
7. New Business:
 - Friday, 15 Sep 2017 (1000-1100), Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Punchbowl.
 - Tuesday, 19 Sep 2017 (1045-1300), **Hawaii World War One Centennial Commemoration:** Roll Call of Honor at Punahou School
8. Issues/Concerns:
 - Saturday, 11 Nov 2017 (1500-1600) AmVets HI Veterans Day & USMC Birthday Ceremony
9. Announcements:
 - Congratulations to Mr. Marion Polk the newly elected AmVets National Commander
 - Guest, Mr. Chris Prendergast @, President of Veterans Assn Of Real Estate Prof (VAREP)
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 16 SEP 2017**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 15 July 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Ron Lam/1VC Cliff Chun/2VC Jose Cardenas/3VC Tom Schmidt
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to the families of 16 Servicemen killed in this week's KC-130T crash in Mississippi: Cpl. Daniel I. Baldassare (USMC), Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Hopkins (USMC), Sgt. Julian M. Kevianne (USMC), Sgt. Owen J. Lennon (USMC), Cpl. Collin J. Schaaff (USMC), Staff Sgt. Robert H. Cox (USMC), Sgt. Chad E. Jenson (USMC), Sgt. Talon R. Leach (USMC), Petty Officer Second Class Ryan Lohrey (USN), Sgt. Joseph J. Murray (USMC), Sgt. Dietrich A. Schmieman (USMC), Gunnery Sgt. Brendan C. Johnson (USMC), Staff Sgt. William Kundrat (USMC), Staff Sgt. Joshua Snowden (USMC), Capt. Sean E. Elliott (USMC), Maj. Caine M. Goyette (USMC). Rest In Peace, Brothers, Never Forgotten!
4. Committee Reports:
 - CDR Donovan Lazarus, AmVets, Department of Hawaii: Presentation & Dedication of Ewa Battlefield, Post 2 new Colors
5. Government Agencies Update: **Trump's Administration & Secretary Shulkin Backed-off...**
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 was signed into Law. 7 July 2017, VA Secretary Davis Shulkin announced today that more than 500 officials have been fired for misconduct.
 - Congressional Republicans and Democrats have reached an initial agreement on the biggest expansion of college aid for military veterans in a decade removing a 15-year time limit to tap into benefits and boosting money for thousands in the National Guard and Reserve.
 - American Veteran Magazine July 2017 Issue:
<http://reader.mediawiremobile.com/AmVet/issues/201434/viewer>
6. Old Business:
 - Ewa Battlefield Post Charter
 - Campbell HS JROTC Color Guards for Ka Makana Ali'i Kids Event: 8 July 2017 (1030-1230)
7. New Business:
 - Guest Speaker: Travis Schmidt, Guitars 4 Vets, Honolulu Chapter Coordinator
8. Issues/Concerns:
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9. Announcements:
 - **Congrats to ALL on the AmVets Charter Approval for Ewa Battlefield, Post 2!!**
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 19 AUG 2017**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 17 June 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Donovan A. Lazarus/1st VC Sam Chong/2nd VC Jose Cardenas
 - **Our Thoughts & Prayers:** The USS Fitzgerald Destroyer collided with a cargo ship off the coast of Japan. The Navy active Search & Rescue efforts for the **7-Missing Sailors** continues (over 24 hrs.). Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers goes out to our comrades and their families...
4. Committee Reports:
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5. Government Agencies Update: **Trump's Administration & Secretary Shulkin Backed-off...**
 - AMVETS and other VSOs met with VA Secretary Davis Shulkin about the President's proposed budget which calls for rounding down Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for veterans, and cutting Individual Unemployability (IU) disability benefits for seriously disabled service-connected veterans who are 65 and older.
 - Cutting IU disability benefits would "save" the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) \$3.2 billion in the first year alone. Taking rightfully earned benefits to fund other parts of VA, including the challenged Choice program, was unacceptable.
6. Old Business:
 - Battle of Midway Commemoration, Ewa Battlefield (0900-1000) June 4th
 - 50th Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Ceremony & Parade, Hale Koa (1600) May 27th
7. New Business:
 - Ewa Battlefield Post Charter
 - Campbell HS JROTC Color Guards for Ka Makana Ali'i Kids Event: 8 July 2017 (1030-1230); POC: Mrs. Alesha Burkeen, Events Coordinator
8. Issues/Concerns:
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9. Announcements:
 - [Happy Father's Day!!](#)
 - July 4th ~ Happy Independence Day!!
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 15 JUL 2017**



AMERICAN VETERANS HAWAII

Date: 20 May 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Commander's Report: CDR Donovan A. Lazarus/1st VC Sam Chong/2nd VC Jose Cardenas
4. Committee Reports:
 - VAVS Representative's Update - **Ron**: Natatorium, WW I Memorial floral arrangement display on the Natatorium Gate for Memorial Day event scheduled on Sunday, 28 May 2017 (1000 - 1100), at the Waikiki Natatorium, WW I Memorial.
 - 1000 Folded Paper Cranes to Pearl Harbor Update [Donated by Mr. Daniel Hazen: "...they are Art of displays at memorials."]
 - Ewa Battlefield Director's Update - **John**: Battle of Midway tentative commemoration date/time: 0900-1000, Saturday June 3, or Sunday June 4 at Ewa Field.
5. Government Agencies Update:
6. Old Business:
 - ROTC/JROTC awards ceremonies
 - 50th Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Medal: 5 Nominees
7. New Business:
 - Appreciation Luncheon for Senator Akaka; 26 May 2017 (1100-1400) - Kina'ole Foundation
 - Presenter(s) for Waikiki Natatorium, WW I Memorial Ceremony; 28 May 2017 (1000-1100)
 - 68th Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony: Monday, 29 May 2016 (0830) at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)
 - Color Guard's request for Makana Kids Event: 8 July 2017 (1030-1230); POC: Mrs. Alesha Burkeen, Marketing, Events Coordinator, Ka Makana Ali'i
8. Issues/Concerns:
 - ROTC/JROTC awards ceremonies
9. Announcements: [Happy #ArmedForcesDay!!](#)
 - **West Oahu Vet Center** will be hosting a "**Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans**" event on Tuesday, 23 May 2017 from 0900-1500 at the Naval Air Museum in Barbers Point, Kapolei
 - **Hawaii National Guard's 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Commemoration**: Thursday, 25 May 2017, from 1000-1340 hours, at the 29th Infantry Brigade Readiness Center, Kalaeloa to honor Hawaii National Guard service members who served during the Vietnam War Era and their families. POC: CW4 Jeremiah Paraoan, J1 Plans Officer, Hawaii National Guard, E-mail: jeremiah.s.paraoan.mil@mail.mil, phone: 808 844-6449
 - **The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration**; Saturday, 27 May 2017: Parade Opening Ceremony begins at 1600 on the Hale Koa Front Lawn, with the Parade at 1800. If anyone taking part in the Parade and require transportation in the Parade itself, contact Mrs. Alma M.O.L Grocki, Email: alma.grocki@gmail.com.
10. Adjourn: Next Meeting Scheduled For: **Saturday, 17 June 2017**



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