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MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: AMVETS Department of Hawaii

DATE: January 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Commander Donovan A. Lazarus at 1300 hours.

INVOCATION:

- Chaplain Not Available; Prayer given by AMVETS Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary President, Latisha Robinson. Commander Lazarus: Moment of Silence for those not with us.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Commander Lazarus led the Department in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PREAMBLE:

- Judge Advocate Luis Linares led the Department in reciting the Preamble: We, the American Veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our state and to our nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans; and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance; this by the grace of God.

ROLL CALL:

- Public Relations Officer, Aurelie Mulcare called the roll of officers.

PRESENT:

- Commander Donovan A. Lazarus, 1VC Ron Lam, 3VC Julian Crawford, Service Officer William Rodriguez, Wounded Warrior Program Director Thomas "Tom" Lee Jr, Judge Advocate Luis Linares, Provost Marshall Carmelo Diaz-Rotger, Women Veterans' Representative Savanya Hall, Archaeologist Patricia Taylor, Military Advisor SGM Stanley Hall, USS Arizona Post Commander Juan Sponberg and Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary President, Latisha Robinson

ABSENT:

- Officers not present were due to occupational responsibilities.



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OFFICIAL VISITORS/GUESTS:

- USS Arizona Post Commander, Juan Sponberg (HI-0001)
- Introduction of guests: Commander Lazarus introduced Commander Sponberg

MINUTES:

- 12 January 2019 marks the first Department meeting - prior minutes were not available.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:

- Motion by: _____ 2nd by: _____ Motion passed:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Commander.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- Ewa Battlefield Preservation Project (NPS Grant) - Meeting with Subconsultant, Louis Berger - Agreement - posted on website: https://amvets-hawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/1278_001.pdf POC: Archaeologist, Patrisha Taylor - Monthly Newsletters emailed to members and posted on website: <https://amvets-hawaii.org/ewa-battlefield-history/ewa-plain-battlefield-updates/>
- NAS Barbers Point P3 Monument (1942 to 1999): Project Manager, Commander Carl Vincenti, Post 3, cvincenti@808usa50.org
- Warriors to Wireless Program, Novation Enterprises: Veterans Outreach and Training for broadband, wireless, and infrastructure technician training courses to provide veterans with online courses, in-person certifications, and testing. Veteran students participating in the program will be then submitted to Warriors4Wireless and their hiring partners for job and apprenticeship opportunities. POC: Commander Lazarus at donovan@amvets-hawaii.org.
- AMVETS Hawaii Career Center - MOU with Commander Sophia Marinakes, Post 5, sophia@amvets-hawaii.org.
- Purple Heart Homes Foundation - email applications for veterans homes renovations packet to our Public Relations Officer (PAO) Aurelie Mulcare at aurelie@amvets-hawaii.org. Event for approved candidates during the Hawaii Credit Union League Annual Meeting May 2-4 at the Hilton complex
- Veterans Beekeeping Program POC: Dept. CDR Lazarus, donovan@amvets-hawaii.org.
- Scuba Diving Program POC: USS Arizona Post, Commander Juan Sponberg, divinghunger01@yahoo.com
- Veterans Service Officer & USS Arizona Volunteer Coordinator: William Rodriguez, william@amvets-hawaii.org.
- Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) POC: Dept. 1VC Ron Lam, ron@amvets-hawaii.org.



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OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Constitution & Bylaws approved by all - signed by Commander Lazarus and JA Luis Linares.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- AMVETS Annual 2019 Update
- ROTC/JROTC Program
- Department uniform: Polo Shirts and Department Hat
- 31 JAN 2019 at 0900 Meeting with Jennifer Gutowski, Director, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System
- 14 FEB 2019 (1000 -1300) visit with our hospitalized veterans at the VA Community Living Center, 459 Patterson Rd, Bldg 110, Tripler AMC

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commander Lazarus sworn in all the Department Officers and Executive Board Members.
- Commander Lazarus discussed previous AMVETS Posts activities as he recalled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Service Officer, William Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn; seconded by 3rd Vice Commander, Julian Crawford and; carried out.

BENEDICTION:

- Chaplain Not Available; Prayer given by AMVETS Hawaii Ladies Auxiliary President, Latisha Robinson.

NEXT DEPARTMENT MEETING:

- Saturday, 9 February 2019, 1230 hours at AMVETS Hawaii.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Department meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours, January 12, 2019.

//Original Signed//
AURELIE MULCARE
Public Relations Officer
AMVETS Department of Hawaii


DONOVAN A. LAZARUS
Commander
AMVETS Department of Hawaii