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MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: AMVETS Department of Hawaii

DATE: February 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

- Chaplain Not Available; Prayer was given by Archaeologist Patricia Taylor. 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander (Donovan A. Lazarus	X	1 st Vice CDR Ronald "Ron" Lam		2 nd Vice CDR. Jose Cardenas	
3 rd Vice CDR Julian Crawford	X	Archaeologist Patricia Taylor	X	Adjutant Uyen "Annie" Tran	
Service Officer William Rodriquez	X	Judge Advocate Luis A. Linares	X	Finance Officer Clifford Chun	X
Public Relations Officer Aurelie Mulcare	X	Provost Marshall Carmelo Diaz-Rotger	X	Military Advisor SGM Stanley L. Hall	
Women Veterans' Representative Savanya Z. Hall		Director, Wounded Warrior Prog. Thomas "Tom" Lee Jr.		Legislative Director Shaun Garcia	



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ABSENT:

- Officers not present were due to occupational responsibilities.

OFFICIAL VISITORS/GUESTS:

- Introduction of Guests: Mr. Terrance Rose, Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- Warren Brandt, Tom Schmidt, Penny Kalua, and Louis Quinone

MINUTES:

- Minutes from 12 January 2019 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:

- Motion by Veterans Service Officer William Rodriguez 2nd by 3rd Vice CDR Julian Crawford
The motion passed by CDR Lazarus

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- \$3,000 allocated as of date for the Ewa Battlefield Preservation Project (NPS Grant).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- National Executive Committee (NEC) Report completed and submitted to District VI and National Headquarters.
- Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018 (H.R. 299); Form 21-0966 (Intent to File)
- Tally Man Bill
- Ewa Battlefield Preservation Project (NPS Grant) – in the development phase with Subconsultant, Louis Berger - Agreement - posted on the website: https://amvets-hawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/1278_001.pdf POC: Archaeologist, Patricia Taylor - Monthly Newsletters posted on the 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
- Purple Heart Homes Foundation – Home Renovations: We received the completed application for a candidate on the Big Island. POC: Public Relations Officer (PAO) Aurelie Mulcare at aurelie@amvets-hawaii.org. Event for approved candidates will be held during the Hawaii Credit Union League Annual Meeting from 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.



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- Veterans Service Officer & USS Arizona Volunteer Coordinator: William Rodriguez, william@amvets-hawaii.org.
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- AMVETS Hawaii Career Center - MOU with Commander Sophia Marinakes, Post 5, sophia@amvets-hawaii.org

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Commander Lazarus provided an update on AMVETS Hawaii - West Oahu Veterans Center
- Legislation required for VA claims by Veterans exposed to radiation during cleanup on Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Island, 1977-1980). POC: Judge Advocate Luis Linares

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14 Feb 2019 (1000-1300): National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans – visit hospitalized Veterans at the VA Center for the Aged, 459 Patterson Rd. Bldg 110, Tripler AMC
- 19 Feb 2019 (0900), meeting with Mr. Sergio Chao, Acting Director, VBA Pacific Islands Health
- 19 Feb 2019 at 1700 Department of Veterans Affairs Town Hall Meeting at 2685 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu
- ROTC/JROTC (Feb-May 2019): Hawaii ROTC/JROTC program consists of 2 ROTC units (Army and Air Force) at the University of Hawaii and 26-High School JRTOC units. Preparation for presentation and ceremonies.
- Order nameplate...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 presented Executive Board Member Certificates to members in attendance.
- Commander Lazarus discussed AMVETS Department of Hawaii Facebook page
- Commander Lazarus discussed AMVETS lapel pins will be available in March
- 30 Mar 2019 (0900-1400): LZ-19 “China Beach, Republic of Vietnam Veterans Picnic, White Plains Beach, Barbers Point. POC: Rolly Alvarado.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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



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NEXT DEPARTMENT MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

- Department meeting was adjourned at 1445 hours, 9 February 2019.

AURELIE MULCARE
Public Relations Officer
AMVETS Department of Hawaii

DONOVAN A. LAZARUS
Commander
AMVETS Department of Hawaii