



Department of Hawaii General Orders # 001

Series 2024-2025

June 22, 2024

1. Commander's Moment Vision for this year:

Reflecting on my journey through the ranks with profound humility, I have had the honor of serving as your Department of Hawaii Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander. With the grace of God and your steadfast support, I humbly offer to continue this journey as the Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Aloha State of Hawaii.

As we embark on this new chapter, let us remain committed to the solemn oath we've sworn: to uphold the cherished values of the VFW and honor the valorous men and women who have served our nation with unwavering courage and distinction. Together, we will be steadfast advocates for the rights and well-being of all veterans and their families, ensuring they receive the care, support, and recognition they rightfully deserve.

To achieve our shared mission, we must strengthen our ranks and unite as a cohesive "Band of Brothers and Sisters," speaking with one resounding voice to advocate, promote, and defend the rights and recognition of our esteemed veterans who have defended our nation's fundamental freedoms.

The road ahead will undoubtedly be filled with challenges and chaos. Yet, in the face of unprecedented obstacles, we must adapt, overcome, and improvise to realize our objectives. I am confident that with the grace of God, fortified by unwavering convictions and indomitable character, we will emerge as a formidable force, ready to champion the cause of veterans wherever it is most needed.

Fa'afetai ma Faamanuia le Atua i lo'u aiga ma uo (Thank You and God Bless my family and friends), my esteemed comrades, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Aloha State of Hawaii, and the United States of America. Together, let us forge ahead with courage, unity, and unwavering resolve.

Benedict Lui Lea'ana Fuata
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Hawaii Commander

Polynesian Pride
"Where Veterans Matter Most!"



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2. The following officers were elected for the Department of Hawaii in accordance with Section 520 of the National By-Laws.

Commander	Ben Fuata	Post 3830
Senior Vice Commander	Jason Seal	Post 110
Junior Vice Commander	Lynn Mariano	Post 8616
Judge Advocate	Patsy Takemura	Post 10276
Surgeon	Lynn Gernert	Post 2875
Quartermaster	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Chaplain	Stanley Fernandez	Post 10276

3. The National Councilmember for the Department of Hawaii was chosen following Section 623 of the National By-Laws. The term expires in July 2028.

National Council-Member	Ronald Schaedel	Post 10276
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4. All earlier appointments having expired and are declared invalid.

5. The following National Committee appointments are hereby made:

National Programs	Randy Grant	Post 3292
National Veteran Service Committee	Maria B.I. Togia	Post 3391
National Legislative	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
National Veterans and Military Service	Rodney Boucher	Post 12138

6. The following one-year administrative position appointment is hereby made:

Service Office Manager/Claims Consultant G Richard Barlett

7. The following appointments are hereby made:

Adjutant	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
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Assistant Adjutant	Joshua (JT) Taueu	Post 12138
Assistant Adjutant	Chelsea Mack	Post 3830
Technical Assistance and Tracking	Jesse Worthen	Post 2875
Chief of Staff	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Hospital	Stanley Fernandez	Post 10276
Hospital	Ernest Vesnefski	Post 2875
Assistant Quartermaster	George Barlett	Post 10154
Department Inspector	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
Assistant Inspector	Faamanu Teofilo	Post 3830
Assistant Inspector	George Barlett	Post 10154
Assistant Inspector	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Assistant Inspector	Norbert K. Enos	Post 2875
Department Service Officer	Jason Seal	Post 110
Assistant Service Officer	Ernest Vesnefski	Post 2875
Assistant Service Officer	Ben Fuata	Post 3830
Assistant Service Officer	Raymond Loo	Post 10276
Assistant Service Officer	Maria B.I. Togia	Post 3391
Outreach	Paul Maple	Post 10276
Service Office Oversight	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
S.O. Oversight Member	Ron Schaedel	Post 10276
S.O. Oversight member	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Audit Chairman	Tim Wong	Post 2875
Audit Member	Ray Loo	Post 10276
Audit Member	Ernest Vesnefski	Post 2875
Officer of the Day	Fa'amanu Teofilo	Post 3830
Sergeant of Arms	Heinrich Steven Moses	Post 849



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Sergeant of Arms	Rodney Boucher	Post 12138
State Legislative	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
Public Relations	Chelsea Mack	Post3830
Assistant Public Relations	Jame' Schaedel	Post 10276
Website/Social Media Chair	George Barlett	Post 10154
Website/Social Media	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Website/Social Media	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Website/Social Media	Chelsea Mack	Post3830
Website/Social Media	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
Website/Social Media	Joshua (JT) Taueu	Post 12138
Digital Media Assistant	Ben Gilbert	Post 1572
Community Activities	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
Loyalty Day	George Barlett	Post 10154
Student Veterans	Ben Gilbert	Post 1572
Student Veterans Assistant	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
Safety	Joshua (JT) Taueu	Post 12138
Citizenship Education	Sherman Willis	Post 1540
Employment	Sherman Willis	Post 1540
Buddy Poppy	Lynn Mariano	Post 8616
Homeless Veteran	Rodney Boucher	Post 12138
National Home	Jason Seal	Post 110
Membership	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Assistant Membership	Sherman Willis	Post 1540
Assistant Membership	Heinrich Steven Moses	Post 849
Life Membership	Lynn Mariano	Post 8616
Legacy Life	Lynn Mariano	Post 8616



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Teacher's Award	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Auxiliary Liaison	George Barlett	Post 10154
Youth Activities	George Barlett	Post 10154
Scouting	George Barlett	Post 10154
Scouting	Lynn Gernert	Post 2875
JROTC	Chelsea Mack	Post3830
ROTC	George Barlett	Post 10154
Voice of Democracy	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
Patriot's Pen	Randy Grant	Post 3292
By-laws and Resolutions Chair	Randy Grant	Post 3292
By-laws and Resolutions	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
By-laws and Resolutions	George Barlett	Post 10154
By-laws and Resolutions	Patsy Takemura	Post 10276
By-laws and Resolutions	Winston Ling	Post 10276
By-laws and Resolutions	Ben Fuata	Post 3830
Oahu Veterans Council	Stanley Fernandez	Post 10276
Investment	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Investment	George Barlett	Post 10154
Investment	Tim Wong	Post 2875
Budget	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Budget Member	Tim Wong	Post 2875
Budget Member	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
Budget Member	Jason Seal	Post 110
National Convention	George Barlett	Post 10154
National Convention Member	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
National Convention Member	Randy Grant	Post 3292



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National Convention Member	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
National Convention Member	Raymond Loo	Post 10276
State Convention/Time and Place	Chelsea Mack	Post3830
State Convention Member	Norbert Enos	Post 2875
State Convention Member	Ron Lockwood	Post 8616
State Convention Member	Ben Fuata	Post 3830
Western Conference	George Barlett	Post 10154
Western Conference	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Ways and Means/Fundraising	George Barlett	Post 10154
POW/MIA	Paul Maple	Post 10276
Special Events/Parade	George Barlett	Post 10154
Parliamentarian	Randy Grant	Post 3292
Strategic Planning/Building Chair	Ronald Schaedel	Post 10276
Strategic Planning	All Post Commanders	

8. Removal and Appointment of Salaried Officers will be done following National and Departmental By-Laws.

9. National by-laws stipulate that elected and appointed state officers shall not assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been given and reviewed. Failure or refusal to send the same within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant. Proof of eligibility will be submitted to the office of State Adjutant.

10. 4th of July Parade: Meet at 0730 at Kailua Intermediate School parking lot. There will be shuttles taking people to their staging area. Everyone attending must be at the staging area by 0900. Only preapproved pickup trucks or other preapproved vehicles are allowed in the parade. Send the Department with the number of Post members attending. Lunch will be provided after the parade. **Contact the Department Adjutant for further information.**

11. All members of the Department requiring reimbursements for expenses are reminded to **submit all claims before the end of June for the 2023-2024 VFW year ending June 30 2024.**



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- 12. National Convention:** This year's National Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from July 26, 2024 to August 1, 2024. Anyone attending the convention should contact the Department Adjutant for further information and to be included on our Convention Distribution list..
- 13. Commanders Membership incentive:** The membership incentive for September 2024. The Post will receive \$5.00 for each new or reinstated annual member and \$10.00 for each new life member signed up in September. The Department's Membership Plan is being updated to better align with the National Commander's in Chiefs All-American Plan.
- 14. This year's COAs are currently** scheduled for September 21, 2024, December 21, 2024 and February 8, 2025 and June 14, 2025. The June 14, 2025, COA is dependent on the dates of the next Department Convention.
- 15. Post Commanders are reminded that any Post in arrears** to Department or National for fees, other financial obligations or administrative requirements including Election and Trustee Audit Reports will be deprived of representation at the Department or National Conventions and Council of Administration. These include up to date trustee reports, current election reports, proper bonding of officers, payment of delegate fees for both the Department and National Conventions and filing of 990's and current DCCA registration.
- 16. Any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing** by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year.
- 17. Posted office hours for the Department of Hawaii, Headquarters office** are 11:00 to 15:00 Monday through Friday. Contact information (808)-946-7250. E-mail vfwhawaii@yahoo.com.
- 18. Posted office hours, for the Department of Hawaii, Service Office,** are 09:00 to 13:00 Monday through Friday. The Department Service Office is found at TAMC, E-wing Room 1C104, 459 Patterson Road, Honolulu Hawaii 96819. Email- vfw.vbahon@va.gov. Office phone (808)-433-0494/0495. **DO NOT LEAVE any personally identifiable information such as social security numbers as part of any message you leave.**
- 19. Each Officer accountable for funds or property** pursuant to any provision of the National By-laws shall be bonded in amount and surety, shall be approved by their respective units. Bonding period runs from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. This includes everyone that is a signatory on the banking/investment accounts.

- 20. Post Commanders shall submit Trustee Reports of Audit** to the Department Quartermaster for 4th quarter ending June 30, 2024, 1st quarter ending September 30, 2024, 2nd quarter ending December 31, 2024 and 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2025. The deadline for the last Trustee Report will be April 30, 2025. A copy of the bank statements or other supporting documentation must accompany the Trustee Report.
- 21. Community Service Reporting: Post Adjutants** are required to submit Community Service Reports on the All-American Dashboard at least monthly. Total money expended, Volunteer Hours, Total Volunteers, Mileage, and Event Explanation is required for each volunteering opportunity. Reports sent into Department will be entered into the Dashboard for the Post. Community Service Chairman Ronald Lockwood. Phone number (808)227-3773 or email to lockwood0849@gmail.com.
- 22. The State Commander, Quartermaster, and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.**
- 23. The State Commander, National Councilmember, State Adjutant and Chief of Staff will be cc'd on all reports sent to National or sent for further distribution.**

By Direction of:

Ben Fuata.
State Commander

OFFICIAL:



Ronald Lockwood
State Adjutant