



Department of Hawaii

C of A Meeting Minutes June 14, 2025

Commander Seal opened the meeting in form at 1430.

Adjutant Barlett Introduced the following guest: National Chief of Staff Jeff Carroll. NVS Todd Gurchalla and recognized all Past Department Commanders, Present CM, Past Councilmembers and National Officers.

Adjutant Barlett will all Past Department Commanders please stand and be recognized?

Will all Past and Present National CM, and Past National officers please stand and be recognized?

Commander Seal appointed Comrade George Barlett as State Adjutant, who accepted the appointment.

Adjutant took a Roll of Officers.

MEMBER POSITION	MEMBER NAMES	VOTING STATUS	PRESENT	NOTES
Commander	Jason Seal	OK	Present	
Senior Vice Commander	Lynn Mariano	OK	Present	
Junior Vice Commander	Rodney Boucher	OK	Present	
Quartermaster	Norbert K Enos	OK	Present	
Adjutant	George Barlett	OK	Present	
Judge Advocate	Patsy Takemura	OK	Present	
Surgeon	Lynn Gernert	OK	Present	
Chaplain	Stanley Y Fernandez	OK	Present	
Chief of Staff	Randy Grant	OK	Present	
Inspector	Randy Grant	OK	Present	Also COS
Immediate Past Department CMDR	Ben Fuata	OK	Present	
Past Department Commander 1	Schadel,Bragg.			
	Lewis,Ho'omanawanui	Chang	Present	
Past Department Commander 2	Martin, Grant, Chang			
	Fernandez,Antonio,Barlett, Arakaki			
Past Department Commander 3	Chapman,Haake, Enos			
Post 94 Commander	Leslie Gloston			
General Frederick Fundson Post	Vincent Hall			
	Richard Marsh			
Post 110 Commander	Adriel Lam	OK	Present	
Military Intelligence Service	Jason C. Seal			
Veterans of Hawaii Post	Jake Kiyohiro			
Post 352 Commander	Deana Garay	OK	Present	

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Mililani Post	Jason Jones			
	Wendall Hall			
Post 849 Commander	Heinrich (Steve)Moses	OK	Present	
Leeward (Waianae) Post	Liam Fowler			
	Gregorio Guerrero			
Post 970 Commander	Phil A. Branch	OK	Present	
Col. Horace Hickam Post	Calvin Yonamine			
	Admnadth Hamilton			
Post 1540 Commander	Sherman Willis	OK	Present	
Honolulu (Kaimuki) Post	Arron X. Pulliam			
	John Ichikawa			
Post 1572 Commander	Benjamin R. Gilbert	OK	Present	
1st Filipino Infantry Regt Post	Marcial Tumacder			
	John Kahaloa			
Post 2875 Commander	Shon Anttolin	OK		
Pfc Herbert K Pillaau/Sgt Leroy A.	Lynn Gernert		Present	Also Surgeon
Mendonca (Pearl Harbor)	Robert Correa			
Post 3292 Commander	Charles Tibbetts			
Francis Wai (Aiea) Post	Jason Nguyen			
	Pahlo Easley-Correa			Also COS
Post 3391 Commander	Malologa Lagai	OK		
American Samoa Post	Faamasino Galoia			
	Christabel Joyner			
Post 3830 Commander	Alan Hiraoka	OK		
Lance Corporal Hayward Kimo Hamili	Chelsea Mack		Present	
Peleiholani (Pahoa) Post	Lance Dolera			
Post 3850 Commander	Raul Paiz	OK	Present	
Wilbert Wah Hu Tom (Maui) Post	Michael Molina			
	Sandra Barnes-Steen			
Post 3855 Commander	Kimberly J. Blaum	OK		
Cordoza-De Fries Kauai Post	Janet Downey			
	Lee Contrades			
Post 3870 Commander	Tiana Levi	OK		
Kenneth A. Misaki (Molokai) Post	Henry Luuloa			
	Lonnie Kaai			
Post 3875 Commander	Rankin Gossert	OK		
Orr/Onizuka Post	Debra Lewis		Present	
	Donna Shimuzu			



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Post 8616 Commander	Lynn B. Mariano	OK	Present	Also Sr. Vice
Diamond Head (Waikiki) Post	John Camuso			
	John H. Chilcott			
Post 10154 Commander	Alfredo Garcia	OK		
Windward Post	Michael Steinhilber			
	Susan Lim			
Post 10276 Commander	Peter Mottas	OK	Present	
Fort Shafter Post	Kerry Yen			
	Oliver Mainland			
Post 12122 Commander	Gerard Kalani	OK	Present	
Lance Corporal Christopher Camera	Lawerence Kniffin			
(Kailua Kona) Post	Christopher W. Cusick			
Post 12138 Commander	Gregory S. Agonoy	OK	Present	
Ewa Beach Post	David Morris			
	Lee Collins			

Adjutant Barlett announced "We have a quorum."

The reading of the minutes for the Council of Administration (COA) held on February 8, 2025 was deferred to the September COA.

Quartermaster Enos detailed the financial status of the Department and moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

There was no correspondence.

Comrade/Family member of a Comrade in Distress. Past Commander Lewis that Miriam Fernandez was undergoing medical testing.

DSO R. Loo informed that the Service Offices needs to fill 2 vacant Assistant Service Officer positions.

Officers & Committee Reports:

Commander Seal made the following appointments and informed the chairs to find additional members to fill out the committee and each main chairperson will coordinate with the Sub-Committees Chairs and is responsible for the report any presented at the COA.

Finance (Sub-Committees: Audit, Budget, Investment, Ways and Means)
Lynn Mariano Post 8616

Bylaw and Resolutions
Randy Grant Post 3292

Community Activities (Sub-Committees: Community Service, Citizenship Education, Loyalty Day, Student Veterans,



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POW/MIA, Buddy Poppy, Safety)
George Barlett Post 10154

Conventions (Sub-Committees: Time and Place, National, Department)
Jame Schaedel Post 12138

State Legislative Jame Schaedel Post 12138

Membership (Sub-Committees: Life, Legacy)
Norbert Enos Post 2875

National Programs (Sub-Committees: Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Scouting, Student Military Programs, JROTC, ROTC, CAP, Veterans and Military Support)
Randy Grant Post 3292

Social Media (Sub-Committees: Website/Social Media, Public Relations, Newsletter)
Joshua Tauau Post 12138

Department Veterans Service Advisory
Jason Seal Post 110

National Home
Junior Vice Commander Rodney Boucher Post 12138

Strategic Planning
Randy Grant Post 3292

Chaplain Correa: Offered the Prayer for the National Home.

There was no Unfinished Business:

New Business.

QM Norbert Enos State moved to "Approve the 2025-2026 Department of Hawaii annual budget as distributed."
The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjutant George Barlett State moved to: "Pay the following positions a salary not to exceed the amount approved in the 2025-2026 Approved budget: State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, State Service Officer, and up to three State Assistant Service Officer."

The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjutant Barlett Post Commanders were reminded that Post officer bonds and Canteen Bonds are due to the Department by August 31, 2025. Any Post Officer responsible for funds need to be bonded. If you are a signatory on the account you need to be bonded.

Commander Seal announced the All-State program for 2025-2026 will be available on the website and was distributed.



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Department Inspector Randy Grant announced that; the goal of the Inspection team is to conduct initial Post Inspections for all Posts by December 31, 2025. Post inspections take place just before or after the Post meeting and include attendance at the meeting. Post inspections are mandated by the National Bylaws and are on-site interviews where the Inspection team member reviews Post operations to ensure the Post is operating pursuant to the provisions of the VFW Bylaws and the Post is operating for the purposes defined in our congressional charter. Posts should be ready for an inspection at all time. The inspection will cover the last 12 months of operation. Before the inspection, the Inspector will review documents including the Post Trustee Quarterly Audits, bank statements, tax records, and election reports. During the inspection, the inspector collects data, assesses operations, and offers best practices. After the inspection, the findings and recommendations are sent to the Post and Department leadership in order to create a standard for the Post and ensure a strong foundation for the future. The Inspection schedule was distributed.

Adjutant George Barlett moved to: Approve the Department Fundraiser for 2025-2026.
The motion was seconded and passed.

Commander Seal approved the following Post fundraising requests:

Post 849: Smoked meat sale in August and luau in the fall.

Post 10276: Zippy's Fundraiser in July/August.

Post 8616: Golf Tournament

Post 12138: Bowling Tournament Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, Golf Tournament (with Post 849)

Post 2875: Zippy's Fundraiser in Fall 2025.

Adjutant announced next training will be held on July 12:00 at 0900. Topics will include Programs dashboard, and VOD/PP App.

National Chief of Staff Carroll installed Post Officers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Adjutant announced the following:

4th of July Parade meets at 0800 at Kailua Intermediate School More information will be following. Please inform the Adjutant the number of people and vehicles (Pick up trucks only) attending the parade. Lunch will be provided.

Aloha Banquet tonight in Ohia Room, Social Hour 17:00 with the Banquet and Award Ceremony to run from 18:00 to 21:00

The Department is looking to form a Ritual/Honors team to assist Post with performing VFW funeral ceremonies. Any person interested please contact the Chaplain.

Comrade J. Schaedel encouraged everyone to sign up for Action Corps.

Comrade Mariano mentioned the Lifetime National Park Pass that is available to veterans for free.

Post 849 is holding a BBQ and flag retirement on July 4, 2025 at Pokai Bay,

Comrade Tauau wished all Fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Comrade Gernert made us aware that June 27th was PTSD Awareness Day. You are not Alone.

Comrade Baptista wants be to participate in the "Sheepdog" Get off the Couch Program.



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Comrade Fuata offered thanks to the people that helped make the convention a success.

Commander Seal closed the meeting in form.

Our next COA will be September 13, 2025 0900 at the Oahu Veterans Center.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Barlett", is written over a horizontal line.

George Barlett