

**Department of Hawaii
C of A Meeting 0900
February 14, 2026 Oahu Veterans Center**



MEETING MINUTES

Half and Half: None

Seating from Right to Left facing the audience: Chaplain, Quartermaster, National Representative, Commander, Adjutant, Parliamentarian Podium

0900: Joint Presentation

Adjutant: Call to Order and introduction of Humana Representatives:

Humana Presentation 3-5 minutes

JoAn Hill made a gift presentation to Commander Seal.

0915: Commander Seal Opens meeting in form.

Recognition of guest: National Junior vice Commander in Chief Glenn Umberger, Past Commanders, National Councilmembers, and National Officers.

Roll Call of Officers.

Adjutant: Reports quorum. The following members were not present. Immediate Past Commander Fuata, Post 94, and Post 3855. Past Commanders were represented by Past Commanders Togia and Bragg. The following members were on Zoom: Commander Post 3391, Adj Post 3850, Adj Post 849 and Commander 3870.

The minutes of the Council of Administration (COA) held on December 6, 2025 meeting have been distributed , are on the Department Website and were approved with no corrections.

Quartermaster Enos Presented QM report and motioned to accept the report, motion was seconded and approved. A copy of the report is available at the Headquarters for review.

Correspondence : None

Comrade/Family Member of a Comrade in Distress:

- 1. Post 8616 William "Doc" Brown Long COVID**
- 2. Post 8616 Yvonne Geesey**

0930: Service Officer's Report was given by Commander Seal and BDD Representative Tibbetts.

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Officers & Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Sr Vice Cmdr Lynn Mariano No Report.

Department Inspector, COS Randy Grant Inspection Team Report: We are on track to finish all Posts this year. If your Post has not been completed have all records ready and available for the inspection.

National Programs Committee, COS Randy Grant: VOD/PP Luncheon today, Teacher program is complete and the Dashboard is closed form program entries.

Bylaw and Resolutions Committee, COS Randy Grant: Posts are reminded to submit all Bylaw changes to Department by end of March to allow time for processing.

Strategic Planning COS Randy Grant: No Report.

Community Activities, State, Adjutant George Barlett: Reminded that Programs dashboard updating is an Adjutant function. The Department website is vfwhi.org please update your bookmarks and clear cookies if you are have trouble reaching the website.

Conventions Committee, Comrade Jame' Schaedel: A flyer is on the Department flyer under the Resources Tab. Convention dates Jan 19-21 2026 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Legislative Committee: Comrade Jame' Schaedel: Finalizing the appointments for the upcoming Conference. Members are also remind to get our legislators to move on the Major Richard Starr Act.

Membership Committee, State QM Norbert Enos: Our goal is for each member to recruit one member, everyone knows a veteran that is eligible get them to join. Do Buddy Checks. Every post has unpaid members contact them get them involved. Comrade Tibbets made a call to get out and recruit more Active Duty members and Adopt a unit.

Social Media Committee, Comrade Joshua Tauau: Use the website vfwhi.org . If you get a website attend Dave Strange's training on Tuesdays.

National Home Report Jr Vice Cmdr Rodney Boucher. Rodney will be attending the National Home Zoom later this week and will visit Eaton Rapids in May 2026.

Commander: National Councilmember Report NCM Ron Schaedel highlighted Claim shark legislation in various departments.

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Chaplain offered the Divine Blessing upon our National Home.

Unfinished Business:

Adjutant asked if any Comrades know of companies or that will become Sponsors of Events. Including the State Convention please let the Convention Committee or the Adjutant.

New Business:

QM N. Enos made a motion: "to transfer \$10,000 from Morgan Stanley to Department Checking." Motion was seconded and passed.

Adjutant: National Home Donations: We have signed the contract for the National Home. It is \$8,000 per year. Posts need to make at least a \$200 donation to make All-State.

Post Fundraising Requests:

Post 110: Virtual fundraiser with Panda Express.

Post 352: Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser

Post 849: Golf tournament in Springtime

Post 2875: Golf Tournament in June

Post 3292 Informational event at NEX last Saturday of the month

Post 10276: Cookie sales in May

Post 12128 Spring Bowling tournament Commander's Cup for bowling bring your game on.

Commander Seal approved all fundraising requests.

Good of the Order:

Past Commander Deb Lewis: Reminded everyone is the that she a co-chair of the National Woman's Veterans Memorial Committee. Everyone thank a woman veteran.

Rodney Boucher thanked everyone for their support for the "Wall that Heals"

Sr Vice L. Mariano reminded us about the America 250 events that are planned for Hawaii.

Seam Squirrel Sherman Willis reminded us that the MOC is looking for new members.

State Department Surgeon L. Gernert distributed a Cardio Rehabilitation Flyer and the CPR and AED March 7, 2026.

Post 970 Benefit Officer has a request for a team to do honors on 1000 February 20, 2026 at Kewalo Basin for a scattering of ashes: Please contact him if you can assist.

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Commander's Moment: Keep Recruiting.



National Junior Commander-in-Chief Glenn Umberger "On the behalf of Carol Whitmore and the staff" Push for passage of the Major Richard Starr Act. "Membership Keep it going." to say something

Meeting closed in form at 1042

Our next COA will be June 20, 2026 immediately following the conclusion of the State Convention on June 19- 21 at the Ala Moana hotel.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Barlett", is positioned above the typed name.

George Barlett
State Adjutant
VFW Department of Hawaii