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C of A Meeting June 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1303 Commander Mariano: Opened the meeting in form.

Adjutant announced National Councilmember Bobby Lovergne as a guest.

Commander Mariano appointed Comrade George Barlett as State Adjutant.

Adjutant conducted the Roll Call.

MEMBER POSITION	MEMBER NAMES	VOTING STATUS	PRESENT	NOTES
Commander	Lynn Mariano	OK	Present	-
Senior Vice Commander	Rodney Boucher	OK	Present	
Junior Vice Commander	Sherman Willis	OK	Present	
Quartermaster	Randy Grant	OK	Present	
Adjutant	George Barlett	OK	Present	
Judge Advocate	Patsy Takemura	OK	Present	
Surgeon	Lynn Gernert	OK	Present	
Chaplain	Robert "Lopaka" Correa	OK	Present	
Chief of Staff	Joshua Tauau	OK	Present	-
Inspector	Norbert Enos	OK	Present	-
Immediate Past Department CMDR	Jason Seal	OK	Present	
Past Department Commander 1	Fuata	OK	Present	
Past Department Commander 2	Schaedel	OK	Present	
Past Department Commander 3	Martin	OK	Present	
Post 94 Commander	Leslie Gloston	OK	Present	
General Frederick Fundson Post	Michael Grimes			
	David Sheldon			
Post 110 Commander	Adriel Lam	OK	Present	
Military Intelligence Service	Jason C. Seal			
Veterans of Hawaii Post	Jake Kiyohiro			
Post 352 Commander	Jason Jones	OK	Present	
Mililani Post	Deana Garay			
	Aaron Trowbridge			

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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	Admnadth Hamilton			
	Calvin Yonamine			
Post 1540 Commander	Arron X. Pulliam	OK	Present	
Honolulu (Kaimuki) Post	John Ichikawa			
	Patrick Suenaga			
Post 1572 Commander	Marcial Tumacder	OK	Present	
1st Filipino Infantry Regt Post	Christopher Canales			
	David Vaughn			
Post 2875 Commander	Shon Anttolin	OK		
Pfc Herbert K Pillaau/Sgt Leroy A.	Lynn Gernert		Present	
Mendonca (Pearl Harbor)	Todd Okuma			
Post 3292 Commander	Harl Marzan		Excused	
Francis Wai (Aiea) Post	Jason Nguyen			
	Ralph Sakai			
Post 3391 Commander	Christabel Joyner	OK	Present	
American Samoa Post	Faamasino Galoia			
	Faitoaga Olo			
Post 3830 Commander	Vince Pelanca	OK	Excused	
Lance Corporal Hayward Kimo Hamili	Richard Franks			
Peleiholani (Pahoa) Post	Marcia Williams			
Post 3850 Commander	Raul Paiz	OK	Excused	
Wilbert Wah Hu Tom (Maui) Post	Michael Molina			
	Sandra Barnes-Steen			
Post 3855 Commander	Kimberly J. Blaum	OK	Excused	
Cordoza-De Fries Kauai Post	Janet Downey			
	Lee Contrades			
Post 3870 Commander	Tiana Levi	OK	Excused	
Kenneth A. Misaki (Molokai) Post	Jeffery Nartatez			
	Samuel Hulu			
Post 3875 Commander	Rankin Gossert	OK		
Orr/Onizuka Post	Debra Lewis		Present	
	Donna Shimuzu			
Post 8616 Commander	Joseph Hayslett	OK	Present	
Diamond Head (Waikiki) Post	Gilbert Mestler			

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	John H. Chilcott			
Post 10154 Commander	Alfredo Garcia	OK	Excused	
Windward Post	Michael Steinhilber			
	Susan Lim			
Post 10276 Commander	Wilfrid Chapdelaine	OK	Present	
Fort Shafter Post	Harold Kwon			
	Larry Simon			
Post 12122 Commander	Gerard Kalani	OK	Excused	
Lance Corporal Christopher Camera	Robert Keogh			
(Kailua Kona) Post	Christopher W. Cusick			
Post 12138 Commander	Gregory S. Agonoy	OK	Present	
Ewa Beach Post	David Morris			
	Lee Collins			
Quorum Totals	No member may vote twice	34		
	Members Holding 2 positions	2		
	Positions Vacated	0		
	Posts in Arrears	0		
	Total	32		
	Quorum/ two thirds	17 22		
Missing Items that will cause a Post to be Not in Good Standing				
Missing Election Report, Officers Not bonded, Missing Trustee Reports				

Adjutant announced: "We have a quorum."

The minutes of the Council of Administration (COA) held on February 14, 2026 and the Special COA held on May 9, 2026 have been distributed and are on the Department Website and were accepted as distributed.

Quartermaster's Report: A complete financial reporting for the VFW Year 2025-2026 was given at the Department Convention and the report was accepted as reported.

There was no correspondence.



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Past Commander Seal Reported that Harvey Martin III was in TAMC room 508 please visit if you can.

Service Officer Report was distributed at the Convention

1445 Commander: Officers & Committee Reports:

Commander: I hereby make the following appointments:

**Finance (Sub-Committees: Audit, Budget, Investment, Ways and Means)
Rodney Boucher Post 12138**

**Bylaw and Resolutions
Patsy Takemura Post 10276 Chair with members: Randy Grant Post 3292 and
George Barlett Post 10154 .**

**Community Activities (Sub-Committees: Community Service, Citizenship
Education, Loyalty Day, Student Veterans, POW/MIA, Buddy Poppy, Safety)
George Barlett Post 10154**

**Conventions (Sub-Committees: Time and Place, Credentials, National, Department)
George Barlett Post 10154 and Randy Grant Co-Chairs**

National/State Legislative Jame Schaedel Post 12138

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

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

**Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teachers Sub Committees: Raynesa Jonas Post
12138**



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

**Department Veterans Service Advisory
Jason Seal Post 110**

**Strategic Planning
Sherman Willis Post 1540**

Commander Mariano requested appointees to find chairs for their Sub-Committees and members of the committee as needed, report their names to me so I can make the official appointments. Each main chairperson will coordinate with the Sub-Committees Chairs and is responsible for the report any presented at the COA.

Chaplain delivered National Home Prayer.

Unfinished Business:

National Councilmember Lovergne installed Post Commanders that were not previously installed.

New Business

**QM Randy Grant moved to approve the 2026-2027 Department Budget as distributed. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion was amended to: Accept the existing budget until the next COA when a modified budget will be presented, the amended motion was seconded, discussed and approved.
The motion was then approved as amended.**

State Adj moved to confirm the following appointed positions:

- a. State Adjutant: George Barlett Post 10154**
- b. State Service Officer: Raymond Loo Post 10276**
- c. State Assistant Service Officers.**
 - i. Rodney Boucher Post 12138**
 - ii. Ernest Vesnefski Post 10276**



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The motion was seconded, discussed and approved.

Adjutant George Barlett moved to: "Pay the following positions a salary not to exceed the amount approved in the 2026-2027 Approved budget: State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, State Service Officer, and up to three State Assistant Service Officers. The motion seconded, discussed and approved.

Randy Grant State Quartermaster I move to: "authorize the modernization and upgrade of Department Information Technology equipment, software, digital storage, and administrative systems to support the operational, financial, recordkeeping, compliance, continuity, and administrative requirements of the Department Quartermaster and Department Adjutant offices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Department of Hawaii at a cost not to exceed \$20,000."

The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

Rodney Bouchert from Post 12138 for the Finance Committee moved to: "Transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the investment account to the Department Checking account."

The motion seconded, discussed and carried.

Post line officers (Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commander) were reminded that as members of the Department COA they are required to submit proof of eligibility to the Department IAW with National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

Post officer bonds and Canteen Bonds are due to the Department by September 1, 2026. Any Post Officer responsible for funds need to be bonded. If you are a signatory on any account you need to be bonded.

Adjutant George Barlett moved to: "Approve the Department Fundraiser for 2026-2027."

The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

Post fundraising requests:

Post 94: Annual Car wash at PenFed Credit Union at 0830 on July 12, 2026.

Post 849/12138: 4th Annual Bowling Tournament

Post 3830: 15th Annual 5K run July 4, 2026 in coordination with the other Posts on the Big Island. Kalua Pig/Smoked meat Fundraiser.



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Post 2875: Huli-Huli Chicken and Zippy's Fundraisers in Fall

1530 Good of the Order: Announcements:

Don Del Monte Post 12138 is participating in the Over the Edge Fundraiser for Hawaii Special Olympics. Please support him.

Jason Seal announced the following Posts satisfied all the requirements for All-American Post: 110, 352, 849, 1540, 1572, 2875, 3292, 3391, 3875, 8616, 10154, 10276, and 12138 The Department of Hawaii has also made All-American.

Commander Mairano closed the meeting in form at 1432..

Our next COA will be September 12, 2026 1000 at the Oahu Veterans Center.

Submitted:

**George Barlett
State Adjutant**