

# MINUTES SUMMARY

## Council of Administration



**December 9, 2023**

**Commander Schaedel opened meeting in form 0918.**

**Roll Call of officers:**

Commander Ronald Schaedel:	Present
Senior Vice Commander Ben Fuata:	Present
Junior Vice Commander Jason Seal:	Present
Quartermaster Norbert Enos:	Present
Adjutant George Barlett:	Present
Judge Advocate Randy Grant:	Excused
Surgeon Robert Bretschieder:	Excused
Chaplain Stanley Fernandez:	Present
Chief of Staff Ron Lockwood;	Present
Inspector Ron Lockwood: Also COS	Present
Immediate Past Commander J "Frank Bragg":	Excused
Past Commander: F. Chang	Present
Past Commander:	Excused
Past Commander:	Excused
Post 94:	Excused
Post 110: Commander Present (State JVC)	Present
Post 352:	Excused
Post 849:	Excused
Post 970:	Excused
Post 1540:	Present
Post 1572:	Present
Post 2875	Present
Post 3292:	Excused
Post 3391:	Present
Post 3830:	Present
Post 3850:	Present
Post 3855:	Excused
Post 3870:	Excused
Post 3875:	Present
Post 8616:	Present

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Post 10154:	Excused
Post 10276:	Present
Post 12122:	Excused
Post 12138:	Present

**We have a quorum.**

Guests in attendance: National Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento, National Chief of Staff Carey Prichard, Stan Martinez from Utah

**Adjutant Report:** Minutes for August 12, 2023 meeting have been distributed and are on the website. Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections or additions was approved. Report of Balloting since last COA: None

### **Quartermaster (QM) Report:**

QM Enos as of November 30, 2023. Motion to approve the report was made seconded and approved.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Comrade/Family of a Comrade in Distress:**

Past Department Commander Nick Young Passed away  
VFW member Ed Combs passed away

**Service Officer Report:** Total new awardee about 50 with about \$102,000 awarded. Outreach to Maui reached about 80 veterans. BDD office on JBPHH MOU is at National for review and signatures. Other Outreach at U.S. Vets and Bristol Hospice.

### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

Commander Schaedel: Recapped the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief and thanked everyone at the Maui Post and Department that aided in the distribution of funds and goods to the veterans involved.

Sr. Vice Commander Fuata

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Buddy Poppy-Get out and distribute Buddy Poppies, send orders to State Quartermaster. Discussed tin type poppies and legacy poppies.

Legacy Life- Encourage your members to become Legacy Life members.

Junior Vice Commander Seal:

National Home- We are 5k in arrears. Ensure your donation is earmarked for the Hawaii House.

We need all Posts to contribute to help our Hawaii House. Please send donations to the State Quartermaster or be sure that all donations made directly are earmarked for the Hawaii House or they will go in to the General Fund.

Quartermaster Enos: Membership, Recruiting and Life Membership reports circulated. Membership is our voice. Look at the National and All-State membership programs. We are currently at 92. %. Convention/Time and Place: State Convention will take place June at the Airport Hotel. More information will be available soon as we finish more details for the Convention. 3 Posts are over 102% Posts 110, 849, and 3850. Listen to the Membership Monday webcasts, remember that are recorded and can be viewed anytime.

Chaplain Fernandez: Any wishing Ritual Team Guidance please contact the Chaplain. OVC is having a social celebrating veterans.

Chief of Staff Lockwood: VFEW National id pushing for everyone to do a Day of Service event in May 2024

Community Service- Submit your reports. Post Adjutants must entry this data on the Programs dashboard.

Student Veteran- UH SVA Meeting again. Post 8616

12138 West Oahu

Inspector: Our support of the Maui Wildfire Disaster has delayed Post Inspections. The goal is to inspect all Posts.

Commander's Homecoming February 9, 2024 Natsunoya Teahouse. Cost \$45.00

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State Adjutant Barlett

Youth Activities (Includes VOD, Scouting). Post Adjutants are responsible to make entries in the Programs dashboard.

Legislative: March Conference is on for early March and Priorities Goals for 2023 are out.

Department of Hawaii is hosting the 2024 Western Conference.

Tauau: Safety Push Safety programs, including child and bicycle. Also, a reminder for Posts to submit Firefighter, Police, EMT and Lifeguard of the entries to Department.

J. Schaedel: State Legislature: A "Claim Shark" Bill will be introduced to State Legislature on January 17, 2024. We are also working on proposals for Disable Vet Plates and parking.

Gernet: Scouting: Scouts were available for the "Massing of the Colors."

JROTC: The Department is looking for a JROTC Cadet of the Year. Due March 1 to National.

Chelsea Mack:

Public Relations- Looking to start a department newsletter and looking for inputs want calendars and stories from Posts. Please send her stories or events you want publicized.

Homeless Veterans: J. Seal and R. Schaedel are on the Mayor's Homeless Committee.

R. Boucher: Please use the dashboard. Adopt-a-Unit and Disaster Prep information was presented.

S. Willis: Employment Discussed government job websites and is wants to help the Department do a Job Fair.

National Home Prayer/Short Version

**Unfinished Business:**

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1. Western Conference will be in Hawaii October 31- November 3, 2024. About 45 % of the available rooms have been reserved. Please reserve your room. We are looking for sponsors for the Western Conference and the State Convention. Please refer any leads to the Department office.

#### New Business:

1. Department Fundraiser. We are currently stuffing envelopes at the Headquarters if you want to assist, please call the office.
2. A motion was made by N. Enos: To approve a \$1,000 increase to the budget for an additional DSO position.” Motion was seconded and passed.
3. VFW National Convention will be held at Louisville Kentucky from July 26- August 2, 2024.
  - a. Inform the Department Adjutant if you are planning to attend the Convention. Be sure to include; names of attendees (include family members attending), contact information to include phone number, email, days attending, and the hotel you are staying at.
4. Fundraising Requests from Posts.
  - a. Post 8616 Post Coin fundraiser.
  - b. No Post fundraisers will be permitted at the Western Conference in November.

Department Commander approved all requests.

#### Good of the Order: Announcements:

Sr Vice Fuata reported on the “Wall that Heals” going to the Big Island in January and Maui in February 2024. Discussed the” In memory Program.”

Post 3850’s Commander Alton Sanders thanked everyone for their support for veterans and other community members that have lost so much in the Wildfire disaster.

CIC Sarmiento reminded everyone about the membership goal of 102 percent. Also, how he was touched by the overwhelming support the VFW has given and promises that even if the disaster is out of the news cycle go back and find out what else can done to provide more assistance. The briefing he had with FEMA and other agencies supporting the relief was very informative to provide aid.

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Meeting was closed in form at 1052. The next Council of Administration meeting will be conducted on 0900 February 10, 2024 at the OVC. VOD/PP Award Luncheon hosted by Post 10154 to follow until 13:00

Immediately following the COA today

1. Suicide Community Awareness Training present by the VA.
2. Quilt of Valor presentation for Ben Fuata.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Barlett", is positioned below the "Submitted:" text.

Department Adjutant  
George Barlett

Approval Date: February 10, 2024  
State Adjutant Initials: GFB