



BIRMA Bulletin

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June 24th Meeting

10:30 AM BIRMA Board Meeting
11:30 - 1200 AM Members arrive and socialize.
12:00 AM - 1:15 PM Luncheon
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM Program and social time.

Menu Below

Aloha BIRMA members! This month's bulletin will be my last. My wife and I are preparing to move back to the Mainland – location TBD. We will be back East searching during this meeting so will miss it. It's been fun being a part of the BIRMA gatherings, they have been a bright spot in our stay here and they will be one of the few things I will miss in the future.

As a side note, I'm not sure if they have anyone else in mind to do this little gem but if you are interested in taking the helm please let one of the Board members know ASAP! I will provide copies of everything.

Menu for June 24 Buffet

Salad

Beef bulgogi (slices of rib eye marinated with KOREAN flavor)

Chicken breast stir fry

Pork Kalua Cabbage

Steam Rice

Please remember to let us know by June 15th you are going to attend!

June 24th – Jim Traxler

BIRMA MINUTES

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Coquis Diner and Sports Bar

Hilo, HI

April 22, 2017

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order by President, Al Lamke at 10:35 AM. Board attendees: Nestorio Domingo, Frank Dickinson, Al Lamke, Bill and Kathy Tilton, and Jim Traxler.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a bank balance of \$4,485.42 as of 04/22/2017. A check for \$1,000.00 from the Traxlers and \$100.00 from the Lamkes were received for the 2017 Scholarship.

Welfare: It was noted that Wendy and Skip Hickey are still off Island until Wendy's health issues are dealt with. No details are available.

Scholarship: The scholarship submissions are now due on May 31st. A decision will be made with the goal of awarding the Scholarship at the June meeting.

Membership: Kathy Tilton reported that there was no change in membership since the last meeting.

Publicity: There was discussion about getting the trifold flyer about BIRMA finalized and printed. Bill hopes to review the proofs soon so we can proceed.

Legislative: Jim reported that a \$850,000 CIP allotment to support design of the West Hawaii Veteran Center is still alive in the State Legislature.

Faded Glory: Flags are still being collected and should be turned into Bill. In the future, flags collected by BIRMA will be retired by the VFW. BIRMA will conduct a ceremonial flag retirement once a year.

Programs: The June BIRMA meeting and luncheon will be held on the West side and Jim Traxler will arrange the meeting.

Jim announced that another planning meeting for the 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Viet Nam War was held in Hilo. The event will be on November 9, 2017 from 10AM to 1PM at Auntie Sally's Luau House in Hilo. Veterans are encouraged to sign up. Any questions should be directed to Jim Traxler at 557-5833.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

General Membership Meeting/Luncheon

Al opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and guest introductions at 1200. Lunch was provided by Coquis Diner and Sports Bar.

After lunch, Juanette Bayse gave a presentation on how the Carousal of Aloha program works and how volunteers can participate and are vital to the program's success.

Al made some announcements based on the BOD meeting held earlier. Candy was sold to support the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and a total of \$75.00 was raised.

Al Lamke won the 50/50 and donated it to the BIRMA Scholarship. The total collected was \$42.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Remember - Our June meeting will be hosted by the Tilton's

Please RSVP to Jim Traxler - 808-557-5833

Or Email them - traxlerj@yahoo.com

by June 15, 2017

Address of event and directions:

The location is at the Waikaloa Village Golf Course.

This is Ilocos Island Foods.

The cost is \$15 / per person.

We have not confirmed a guest speaker yet and the plan is to present the scholarship at that meeting

The Luncheon on June 24th starts at 12:00.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is in full swing and everyone is busy with yard work and vacations. Jackie and I just got back from our usual spring trip to Montana to see kids and grandchild, got back just in time to attend services at West Hawaii vet cemetery west side. Jim will be there representing the Legion and I will try to represent BIRMA. Neal and Bill will be attend services on the east side. The next meeting will be on the 24th of June. Details to be included in the bulletin. Hope to see everyone there. Please turn in your attendance conformation ASAP!!

NOTICE: Regrettably, long-time BIRMA member **Cheryl King** passed away last December. Condolences may be sent to:

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Our membership list goes to all members, so if you need a copy of our latest membership contact list, write to:

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