

BIRMA Bulletin

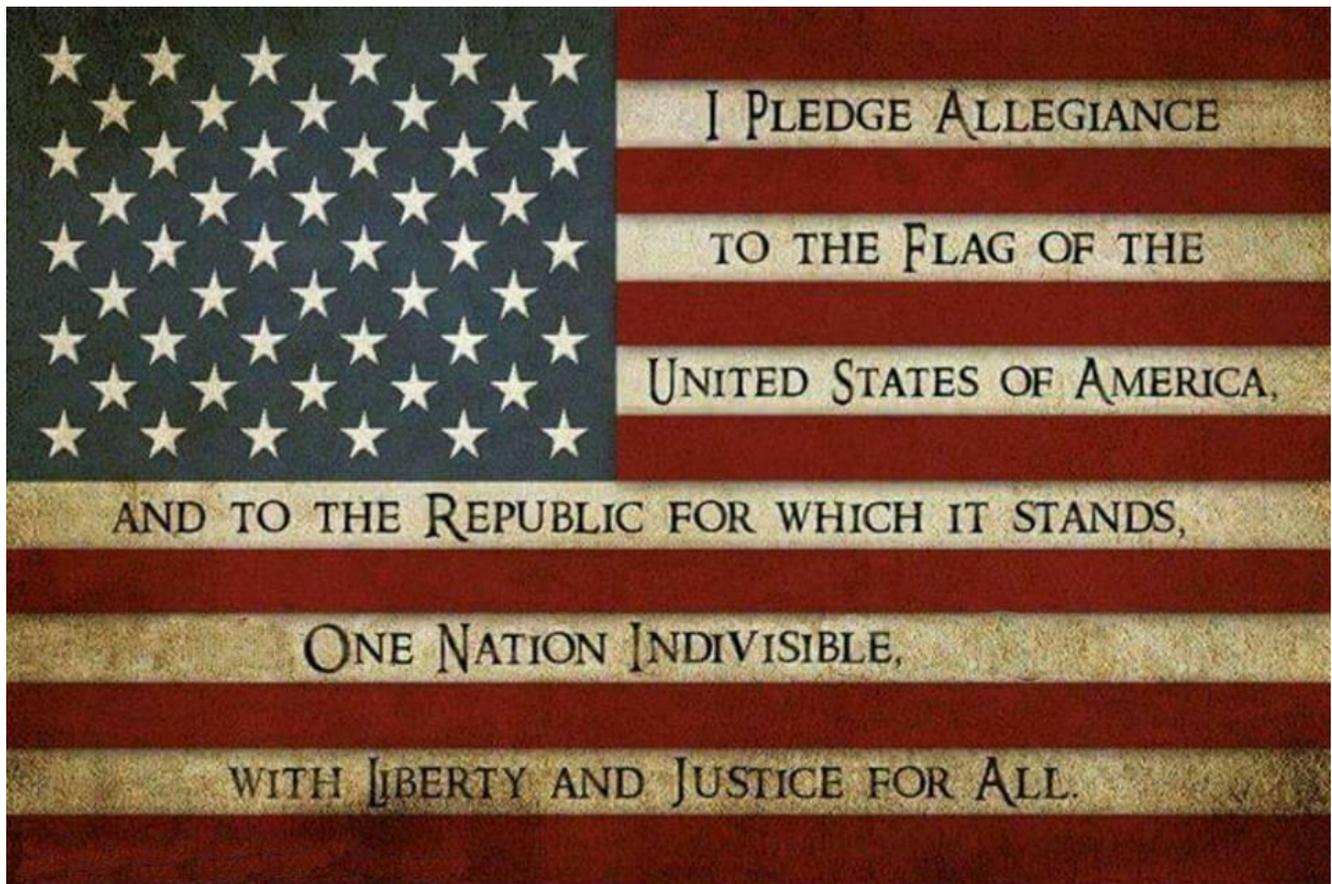
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October 22nd Meeting at Traxler's – see below



IMPOSSIBLE! What happened, it's October and I have no idea where the first nine months of this year went, we should all know that we are a few short weeks from a new election and a new President. It's any body's guess who will be our new leader. Let us hope that those who vote will make the right choice in the end?!

I sincerely hope that if you watched the two conventions and the first debate and that you didn't get sick. I did, won't share the reasons why, at least not here.

It is NOT ONLY your 'right' to vote – IT IS YOUR DUTY!

Info of Interest to all Members

CHRISTMAS:

The **Christmas party** will be on Saturday, December 10 at the Kilauea Military Camp (KMC). Details will be in the December bulletin.

DUES:

Your **Annual** membership dues for July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017 are now being collected.

Dues are \$20.00 for a couple or single; \$12.00 for those 71 years or older. You can pay at any meeting or mail dues to BIRMA, c/o 224 Paukaa Dr, Hilo HI 96720.

Call **Neal Herbert** at 935-1946 with any questions.



BIRMA MINUTES
Dave and Sophie Moore's Home
Ninole, HI
August 27, 2016

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order by President, Al Lamke at 10:55 AM.

Board attendees: Joe Meszaros, Harriet Owens, Neal Herbert, Nestorio Domingo, Frank Dickinson, Al Lamke, Bill and Kathy Tilton and Jim Traxler.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a bank balance of \$3,967.41 as of 08/27/2016.

Welfare: Skip reported that Wendy is still in the Boston area dealing with her mother's estate and is doing well with her allergies.

Scholarship: The scholarship award was covered by articles in both the East and West Hawaii papers. Information is ready for the 2017 scholarship with a deadline of March 31, 2017. We will follow up to insure the schools have the necessary information in a couple of months.

Membership: Bill Tilton will propose some changes to the By-Laws and bring the draft for consideration by the membership. Total membership is 116. Some members have not paid their dues for FY2017.

Publicity: The importance of announcing BIRMA meetings in the local newspapers was discussed. Jackie Lamke will take care of the West side and Neal Herbert will take care of the East side.

Legislative: No report.

Faded Glory: Flags are still being collected in preparation for our future retirement ceremony. Date to be determined.

Programs: Jim and Carol Traxler will host the next meeting at their home in Kona on October 22nd. The Annual Christmas Party will be on the Hilo side with location TBD.

Discussion Items: Jim announced preparations will begin for 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Viet Nam War in November 2017 on the Hilo side. More information we be provided at the October meeting. There was discussion encouraging use of the advertising section of the Bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

General Membership Meeting/Luncheon

Al opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1210 and lunch was provided by David and Sophie.

After lunch, Frank provided pictures and his account of his trip to Russia with Martha. Jim Traxler won the 50/50 and donated it to BIRMA.

Next meeting at the home of the Traxler's

Traxler's Home is at 73-1291 Kaiminani Drive, Kailua-Kona.

If you come in on Mamalahoa Hwy drive down Kaiminani Drive (near milepost 33.5) for 1 mile and the house will be on your right (North side).

If you come in on Highway 19 turn up Kaiminani Drive (near the airport) and go 2.5 miles and the house will be on your left (North side). There will be a couple colorful flags at the driveway.

Park considerately of others please. Parking available **Kaiminani both sides of driveway. Yes, you will have to walk up or down...**

MENU

Moussaka a' la Greece

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Vegetables

Garlic Bread

Triple Chocolate Cake

\$10.00 per person

***Please conform your attendance by calling me @
443-7400 or eMail – franksnmail@aol.com***

Contribution to Editors Corner:

It IS an election year! We all know that living in Hawaii our vote really doesn't count when electing a President but Voting is a means to express your feelings – don't ignore the chance! Aloha



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