



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



***** 5 Minute Alert *****

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from Noi Mellor or Duan Storno.
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator.
- c) Coffee kettle is available self-serve to make your own coffee.
- d) Please silence your phones.
- e) Food today provided by Som and Roger Knorr and supplemented by donations from Skip Storno and Gary Mellor.

Open Today's Meeting

23 May 2026 @ 12:00

Commander:

- The meeting is about to open. The Officers will take their stations.
- Welcome! My name is Gary Mellor and I'm the Commander of the American Legion Post TH-02.
- Please stand if you are able.

Sergeant at Arms:

Please prepare the room.

- Place the flags and open the bible.

Commander:

US citizens - Please join me in the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.
Hand salute

Chaplain: The chaplain will offer prayer. Everyone remain standing with your cap removed and placed over your heart.

Please be seated.

The POW / MIA table is sacred to our veterans. It represents our government's commitment to ensure that every serviceman or women return home. A moment of silence please.

Draping of our post charter is an act of tribute and respect to all deceased veterans.

Sergeant at Arms: Please drape the post charter while we remember the passing of members

*****Officer Roll Call*****

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| • Finance Officer & Adjutant | Mike Chitwood On Line |
| • Pattaya Community Service Liaison | JJ Smith |
| ○ US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer | |
| • 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator | Claude “Skip” Storno |
| • 2nd Vice Commander & Service Officer | Richard Garcia |
| • Service Officer | Bill Schmitt Excused |
| • Executive Committee Member | Roger Knorr |
| • Executive Committee Member | Ed Shawver |
| • Executive Committee Member | Jon Johnson |
| • Executive Committee Member | Mike Brewer |
| • Bangkok Community Liaison Service Officer | Chet Drowns |
| • Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison | Guy Herron |

***** Guests & Visitors *****

- Visitors at today’s meeting in attendance:
- Ron Cooper
- James Stuart

Member Passings: None

Local veterans:

- Herb Schwieterman, USN, Member VFW Post 9876
- James Williams-94- US Army, Member VFW Post in Korat-Korea and Vietnam

Honor Guard:

Distress and Health:

- Aubrey “Bill” Norris.
- Glenn Theriot, Captain, USN (ret)

Does anyone know of any local veterans or family members in distress

- AD has information on 2 members of the motorcycle club

TH-02 Spotlight

- Joe Doskus US Navy

Information from Officers:

Adjutant

- All Officers are present or accounted for.
- Minutes of the last meeting have been approved by the officers and posted on our website.
- Membership: 177 on Roster
- New Members
- On Hold:

John March	USA
William Hartwell Meader	USN
Theodore Dale Chase	USN
Everett Allen Storie	USA
Mark Steven Mosley	USA

Finance Officer

NFCU	\$17,316.23
Bangkok Bank	฿441,108.50
Donations to the Post	฿10,000 Warren Weld

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

- Brice McCreary ... VA claim Awarded 10% for tinnitus.
- Artie Nye ... VA claim 80% to 90%
- Jerry Caporelli ... VA claim
- Steve Shattuck ... VA claim
- Joshua Cyr ... VA claim

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Pui Cooper ... SS on own record in work.
- Duang McCoy ... Submitted VA claim 27 October 2025.
- Ausaporn Williams ... Child SS in work.
- Ju Thayer ... FERS (Awarded SS based on own record).
- Chuen Bowman ... Awarded SBP by DFAS. Assisting with Schwab.
- Buaban Mitchell ... Submitted VA Claim 12 February 2026.
- Malaiporn McKnight ... Submitted VA supplemental 15 March 2026. (VFW)
- Tippawan Delomba ... VA/SS in work.
- Lawan Storer ... VA/SS in work.
- Napapha Hull ... VA and FMP claim reimbursement (New case)
- Jittraporn Taylor ... VA/OPM (New case)

Assisted Spouse of Veteran:

- Punyarach Campos ... Spouse and child abandonment case. Located and contacted veteran husband who retired from USAF in September 2025.

Assisted Veterans:

- Shaun Oliver ... FMP/VA claim.
- Mark Mosley ... VA

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy-CLV

Mike Brewer

Bangkok Community Liaison Services Officer

Chet Drowns

Nathan Kent Foundation

Past Commander Bill

Still working on getting a local deceased veterans remains and personal effects returned to his next of kin

** Computers and cell phones are extremely difficult to send

2nd Vice Commander

Birthdays:

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| • Sid Cameron 3 Jun | Leroy Chitwood 5 Jun | Andrew Makala 6 Jun |
| • John Wilson 6 Jun | Tomio Nishimura 8 Jun | Howard Grundy 9 Jun |
| • Warren Weld 11 Jun | Michael Brewer 11 Jun | Joseph Doskus 13 Jun |
| • Brice McCreary 16 | John Doherty 17 Jun | |
| • Jeff Stringfield 22 Jun | James Davidson 23 Jun | David Spurling 24 Jun |
| • John Kiefel 27 Jun | Wayne Drowns 28 Jun | Delbert Marohl 29 Jun |

Calendar

- Pride Month 1- 30 Jun D Day 6 Jun (Landing of Normandy)
- Flag Day 14 Jun (Adoption of the American flag June 14 1777)
- Army Birthday 14 Jun Fathers Day 21 Jun
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 23 Jun
- Viskha Bucha 1 Jun (Buddhist Holiday National Holiday)
- Queen Suthida's Birthday 3 Jun (National Holiday)
- June Solstice 21 Jun (Longest Day and Shortest Night in Northern Hemisphere)
- VFW 9876 Meeting 9 Jun VFW 12146 Meeting 13 Jun TH02 Meeting 27 Jun

1st Vice Commander:

- May 25 Memorial Day at Wat Djittabhahan College in North Pattaya
- Jun 6 Celebrate America's 250th Independence Day – Embassy Community
- Jul 4 Independence Day (27 jun Meeting Day)
- 15 Aug VJ Day In Kanchanaburi (Looking for anyone wanting to attend)
- 18 Sep POW/MIA Day (possibly same as last years event at the embassy)
- 10 Nov Marine Corps Birthday (Volunteers to take the lead)
- 11 Nov Veteran's Day (Kanchanaburi) (interest to go)?
- 26 Nov hanksgiving Dinner at Tigglebitties
- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Day (?)
- Christmas/New Year's activity
- Marine Corps "Toys for Tots / Children's Day"

Buddy Checks

- Larry Williams ... Doing OK.
- Steve Miller ... Doing OK.
- Stan Shoemaker ... moving from AZ to CA.
- Howard Parker ... Doing OK.
- Earl Kershaw ... 87 and doing well.
- Arington Willson ... Loving life and going fishing.
- Lloyd Tuchman ... Doing well but getting divorced.
- John Ketcledge ... Travelling to US.
- Scott Henderson ... Hua Hin
- Dave Spurling ... Hua Hin.

Commander

- Wills and vehicle insurance
- VFW DPA Convention 17-20 June at Bayview Hotel
- Post member Noah Buckhouse returned to states
- John March successfully obtained notary service to obtain his divorce papers
- So far only Bill Ahlberg and Bill Schmitt have met the challenge for a free Thanksgiving Dinner at my expense.

Open Forum

Old Business Chair has none

New Business Chair has none

Before we close

- Next Meeting is on June 27, 2026 at the same time and in the same place.
- 50/50 tickets are still available.
- Drawing will be in about 10 minutes after the meeting.

Closing Ceremony Please stand if you are able

Sergeant at Arms

Please Remove the charter drape

Chaplain

Uncover

Prayer Closing Prayer

Cover

Sergeant at Arms Please prepare the room

Room Attention

Hand Salute

Remove the flags and close the bible Step back salute and announce

Order Arms

Thank you all for coming Join us for lunch and be careful on the way home. This meeting is adjourned.