Welcome to the American Legion TH-02

AMERICAN LEGION

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****** 15 Minute Alert ******

Announcements - Before we get started

a) Disclaimers for all activities at TH-02. Security cameras are active 24 hours a day. Our meetings are live streamed and recorded. Your presence constitutes approval to use and post of any photos taken.

b) 50/50 tickets are available from Noi Mellor/Duan Storno

c) Beverages are available in the refrigerator Beverages-20 Beer is B-50

d) Food today ** Generously provided by Trattoria Toscana, the Knorr, Storno, and Mellor families.

e) There are 2 bathrooms and 1 urinal readily available outside the room if needed.

f) Just a few rules for today's meeting ** Your neighbor may want to hear what's being said, Be courteous. If you have something to say please raise your hand and wait to be called on.

g) Please silence your phone. The meeting will begin soon.

Open Today's Meeting

27 Dec @ 12:00

Commander:

Welcome ** My name is Bill Ahlberg
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.
Step back and announce Hand Salute and Two.

Commander:

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

Chaplain: Opening prayer please Reading today by **Ron Walton**

Please be seated

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

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 TH-02 members and fellow US Army veteran **Jorge Miranda**

******At the Front Table******

- Finance Officer & Adjutant Online **Mike Chitwood**
- 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator **Gary Mellor**
- 2nd Vice Commander **Richard Garcia**

******Also Please Recognize*****

- Pattaya Community Service Liaison **Mike Brewer**
  - US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer
- Service Officer **Claude (Skip) Storno**
- Acting Chaplain **Ron Walton**
- Sergeant at Arms **Adolphus Grisby**
- Honor Guard Captain **Steve Kasuel**
- Online
- Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison **Guy Herron**
- Nathan Kent Foundation **Rolf-Berg-Hanson**

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

- Our Thai Visitors today are gathered in the lounge where they can enjoy local Thai camaraderie.

- **New members at today's meeting** **Please stand and introduce yourself**
  Timothy Hardison
  Scott King
  Howard Parker
  Martin Johnson

- **Visitors at today's meeting** **Please stand and introduce yourself**
  Joseph McNeal
  Harry Stultz

Adjutant,

Do we have a quorum to transact business? Yes

Roll Call and Minutes of Last Meeting

All present or accounted for.

Minutes have been approved by the officers and poated

Approved by the Officers and posted on our website

Nathan Kent Foundation **Rolf Berg Hanson**

- **Nathan Kent Foundation:** Was formed to help ensure no American Veteran is entombed into a pauper's grave and assist families and friends with the procedures in Thailand for final rights. The foundation has also gotten remains back to the families in the US and in some cases final entombment into a national cemetery. 8 to date
  Currently the foundation is working for **US Army Veteran Jorge Maranda.** His cremation is complete, and a seaside service is expected early January

Honor Guard: An early January seaside service for 4 veterans including **US Army Veteran Jorge Maranda**

- If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please contact any officer.

Member Passings: None this month

Distress and Health:

When we know about people with these issues, we might be able to assist but of course we need to know.

- John Kelsch- Back issues from a fall. Out of the hospital
- Mr. Jones. American tourist injured in Pattaya 2nd road
  Veteran status unknown---- More under Mike Brewer

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

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TH-02 Spotlight

Sergeant at arms:

Please ask Mrs. Knorr, Mrs. Mellor, Mrs. Garcia, and Mrs. Storno to come in. These ladies provide so many services for you every month. They are the ones who prepare the post for a good meeting. Last week they decorated the post for the Christmas theme. Yesterday they prepared it for today. Please join me in a big round of applause.

This is the time where you can see what your post officers Have been doing

Reports and Information from the Officers:

Membership Chairman Mike Chitwood

Minutes of last month's meeting

Membership: 159 on Roster

New Members:	John Kasuba	USMC	
	John Scott King	USA	
	Aubrey M Norris	USAF	
	Walter R Waraksa	USAF	
	Howard R Parker	USAF	
Transfers:	Daphne Dove	USN	CA0311
	Todd Wilkinson	USN	OH0083
	David E Toborowsky	USA	AZ0058

Adjutant/Finance Officer Mike Chitwood

NFCU	$14,441.65	Increase
Bangkok Bank	฿264,911	Decrease

Service Officer Skip Storno

1. Assisted an 80-yr old veteran Mark Morgan on a tourist visa who had been in the hospital for 3 weeks with a severe infection who was discovered by
    a. Arranged transportation from hospital to his hotel
    b. Contacted his son & daughter
    c. They donated his walker to the post & he promised he would join TH02
2. Visited Pattaya Nursing home with the Dept. Of France Commander, along with Roger Knorr.
3. Made a 2nd visit to Pattaya Nursing Home with members Roger Knorr & Richard Garcia.
4. Attended the "Take Care of Kids" Christmas Party/Dinner along with Gary Mellor, Richard Garcia & Roger Knorr. Great time had by all.

Birthday: (January 2026)

Brian J Luffman 64	David S Sewell 63	Gary A Mellor 64
Gary Steuer 82	Kim W Ducheneaux 63	Michael Mayclin 35
Ryan S Martin 38	Todd Anthony Harrell 49	Tom Friend 77

Community Affairs-Pattaya **Mike Brewer**

US Embassy

- Social Security Form 7162 (I am not dead form)- Suspended
- Buddy checks: Holiday season for single folks can be a lonely time

Pattaya Police

- Suicide of local American man
- American homeless woman in jail
- Mr. Jones. American tourist injured in Pattaya 2nd road- Possible Veteran

2nd Vice Commander **Richard Garcia**

Calendar:

01 Jan- New Years Day
02 Jan- New Year Special Holiday Thailand National Holiday
10 Jan- National Children Day Thailand Holiday
10 Jan- VFW 12146 Monthly Meeting
13 Jan- VFW 9876 Monthly Meeting
19 Jan- Martin Luther King Jr Day
24 Jan- TH02 Monthly Meeting

1st Vice Commander: **Gary Mellor**

Future Events

- TBD but nothing scheduled so far for January, February and March.
- Armed Forces Day on May 16
- Memorial Day on May 25
- Independence Day on July 4th
- VJ Day In Kanchanaburi on August 15th
- POW/MIA Day on September 18th
- Marine Corps Birthday on November 10th
- Veteran's Day on November 11th (Kanchanaburi)
- Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th
- Christmas/New Year's activity

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Pui Cooper ... SS
- Pim Mayo ... VA
- Karnchana Robarge ... SS
- Nittaya Podolan ... VA
- Duang McCoy ... VA
- Ausaporn Williams ... SS
- Ju Thayer ... FERS/SS
- Chuen Bowman … SBP/Schwab

Assisted Veterans:

* Frank Grame ... VA
* Byron Spence ... VA
* Gregory Bortles ... FMP
* Sanders Cupac ... VA
* Tommie Lowery ... VA
* Derek Edwards ... VA

Note: Regarding VA claims submissions our VSO with the Department of France is off until 05 January 2026.

Buddy Checks:

- Howard Gundy ... Need updated phone number Bill- Howard is fine
- Steve Grey ... All good.
- Tom Bacon ... No answer Bill saw him at Tigglebitties-Doing well
- Mike Taylor ... No answer
- Arrington Wilson ... No answer
- Delbert Marohl ... Bum leg but all good
- Warren Weld ... No answer
- Al Fitchett ... No answer
- Bobby Brooks ... All good
- Tom Friend ... All good.
- Angelo Trifiro ... No answer
- Donald Smith ... All good
- Scott South ... No answer Bill saw Tom in Ban Chang Marine toys for Tots
- Lionel Seeram ... All good
- Frank Eastwood ... No answer
- Lloyd Tuchman ... All good
- Andy McDowell ... No answer
- Ron Howard ... All good
- Jerry Caporelli ... All good
- Jeff Dana ... Health issues but all good

Commander:

- Hope you all had a good holiday and connected with friends and family
- This post's motto is "Veterans Helping Veterans" I think we do that every day. Please remember, this is your post, not mine, nor any of the officers. The post is yours. If you see something that needs improvementnt, or have an idea to better the post, please bring it to the attention of any post officer
- I had the pleasure of meeting some of the Legion members and friends in Ban Chang on Christmas eve and representing the post at the 1st area Marine Toys for Tots at Anns orphanage in Ban Chang
- With the New Year comes new challenges for our post
- The issue of changing departments will be rediscussed in a future meeting
- New budget for Calander year 2026
- Lease of the current property or a new location
- Awareness of veteran's groups in the Pattaya area
- Raising funds to promote the post and our activities
- The Department of France Commander's visit to our post
- Commander Owens assisted the officers with suggestions for improvement
- He suggested we take a look at restructuring our by-laws
- He was truly impressed by the actions of the officers
- He met with several members after the meeting for one-on–one discussions
- He managed to meet in Ubon Ratachani with TH-01 executive committe

Open Forum

- **Holiday Season**
- **Any additional open Forum**

  Smokie Mountain foods 5% Discount to TH-02 Members
  Lt Col (Ret) Timothy Hardison- Spoke on:
  Veterans Future Wellness Center

Business Session

We at TH-02 don't do a lot in this area because a lot of the post business is covered in the annual budget and at officers' meetings.

Old Business Chair has none

The chair would entertain old business at this time
Adjutant:
Is there any old business from the post: None
Is there any old business from the floor: None
Entertain a motion:
Second By:
Discussion:
Any Opposed
Motion Passes

New Business Chair has none

In January we plan to address the new budget for year 2026

The chair would entertain new business at this time
Adjutant:
Is there any new business from the Post: None
Is there any new business from the floor: Donation to the Take Care Kids Foundation
Entertain a motion: Roger Knorr
Second By: Claude (Skip) Storno
Discussion: Donation of ฿10,000
Any Opposed
Motion Passed

Before we close

Next Meeting is January 24 Same time ** 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

Chaplain
Uncover
Closing Prayer
Cover

Sergeant at Arms
Please Remove the charter drape.

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.

Children from the orphanage are outside waiting for you to greet them

Join us for lunch and be careful on the way home.

This meeting is adjourned.