



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from Noi Mellor and/or Duan Storno.
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator.
- c) Please silence your phones.
- d) Food and drinks today is provided by Som Knorr, Noi Mellor, Duan Storno and Nang Garcia. Donations in support of your post are highly appreciated

Open Today's Meeting

25 April @ 12:00

Commander:

The meeting is about to open. The Officers will take their stations.
1 rap of gavel.

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.

Step back and announce Hand Salute and Two.

Commander:

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

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 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.

Adjutant - Minutes please

Mike Chitwood

- All present or accounted for:
- Minutes of the last meeting have been approved by the Officers and posted on our website.

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

- American Legion
 - Visitors at today's meeting
- Titrel Kelly

Member Passings: None

Local veterans:

- David Lee Fuller-USAF

Honor Guard:

- David Lee Fuller: He was a USAF Veteran who served from 1976-1986.

Distress and Health:

- _____

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

- _____

TH-02 Spotlight

- Ed Shawver

Reports from Officers

Adjutant/Finance Officer

NFCU \$ 17,503.60

Bangkok Bank ฿ 457,721

Donations to the Post:

Neil Tufford ฿ 10,000

Warren Weld ฿ 160,000

Donald Joseph Weld served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, including tours in Thailand at Takhli RTAFB (1967–1968) and Korat RTAFB (1973–1975). During the Vietnam conflict, he operated the rescue winch on HC-130 and HH-53 aircraft to extract downed pilots from hostile territory under heavy fire. His service concluded with his retirement in 1976.

Membership: 175 on Roster

New Members

Jesse Dean Yeatts	US Army
Joshua Clifford Cyr	US Air Force
Lacarr Hills	US Army
Murgesh John Loynes	US Army
Steven Randall White	US Army

Transfers: None

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

- Brice McCreary ... VA claim. Awarded 10% for tinnitus.
- Artie Nye ... VA claim
- 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.

Assisted Veterans:

-

Buddy Checks were completed

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy

- Stay vigilant due to the unrest around the world

Bangkok Community Liaison Services Officer

2nd Vice Commander

Birthdays

Dennis Z Ward	1 May	Roger Knorr	9 May	Mark Trudel.	26 May
Keo Noochan	3 May	Todd Wilkinson	16 May	Darby Glen Mullis	28 May
Gary Coon	5 May	Michael Warner.	19 May	David Galvin	30 May
Brandon Moore	6 May	David Toborowsky	16 May	Joseph Blasett	31 May
David D Yeatts	2 May	Steven J Shattuck	31 May	Darrel P Brown	28 May

Calendar

- 1 May Thailand Labor Day National Holiday
- 4 May Coronation Day Rama X National Holiday
- 11 May TH02 Monthly Executive Committee Meeting at 1100
- 31 May Visakha Bucha Buddha Birthday National Holiday
- 5 May Cinco de May
- 8 May VE Day Victory of Europe
- 8 May Military Spouses Appreciation Day
- 10 May Mothers Day
- 16 May Armed Forces Day
- 25 May Memorial Day
- 1 May First Day of Military Appreciation Month 1-31 May
- 9 May VFW 12146 Meeting
- 11 May VFW 9876 Meeting
- 23 May TH02 Meeting

1st Vice Commander:

Future Events:

- May 16 Armed Forces Day
- May 25 Memorial Day at Wat Djittabhahan College in North Pattaya
- 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 Thanksgiving Dinner at Tigglebitties
- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Day (?)
- Christmas/New Year's activity
- Marine Corps "Toys for Tots / Children's Day"
- Give a few words concerning the wives/girlfriends a big thks for all they do

Nathan Kent Foundation Director:

- Past Post CDR Bill Ahlberg is attending the ANZAC Day event in Kanchanaburi.
- Still looking for help with the 25 May 2026 Memorial Day event at the Monk College.

Commander:

- Congrats to David Dunn on his engagement.
- Congrats to Herb Cabling on the birth of his daughter.
- Post lease will be extended 1 year at 20,000 baht per month.
- VFW D5 meeting will be at the Korat Hotel in Korat 15-16 May.
- VFW DPA annual convention will be 17-21 June at the Bayview Hotel in Pattaya.
- Had a Thai spouse come see me looking for her husband named Wayne F. Murray. Jr. Disappeared about 7 years ago and he may be in Cambodia.
 - Foreign Medical Program (FMP) letters are now available on your VA profile.
 - FBU Manila will be in Pattaya at the Amani Hotel on May 11 for a social security outreach. More info to come.
 - Membership is currently 175 and our goal is to get to 200.
- Reminder: Our post is manned by volunteers during the week on M-F from 11:00 until 14:00 for members and guest visitation or other activities. Volunteers sometimes have other personal business so occasionally the post may be closed on those days.

Open Forum

Old Business: Chair has none

New Business: Chair has none

Before we close:

- Next Meeting is on May 23, 2025 ... Same time ** Same place
- 50/50 tickets are still available and drawing will be 10 minutes after the meeting concludes.
- Post store: Shirts, hats, pins, post coins, hat protecters are available for purchase after the meeting. Please see Mrs Storno or Mrs Mellor 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

- TH-02 takes pride in Veterans taking care of Veterans. Your officers work hard every day putting in many hours in support of our veterans. The other officers and I appreciate that you are taking the time to join us in the fellowship of this monthly meeting today.
- Thank you all for coming. Join us for lunch and be careful on the way home. This meeting is adjourned.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Post TH-02 was called to order by **Commander Gary Mellor** at 12:00 PM on April 25, 2026.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- **Preparation:** The Sergeant-at-Arms prepared the meeting room, placed the colors, and opened the Bible.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Commander led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Opening Prayer:** The Chaplain offered the opening prayer.
- **POW/MIA Remembrance:** A moment of silence was observed for POW/MIA service members.
- **Draping of the Charter:** The Sergeant-at-Arms draped the Post Charter in tribute to deceased veterans.

III. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Attendance:** All officers were present or accounted for.
- **Minutes:** Adjutant Mike Chitwood reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the officers and posted on the website.

IV. REPORTS

A. Finance Report The Finance Officer reported the following balances:

- **NFCU:** \$17,503.60
- **Bangkok Bank:** ฿457,721
- **Donations Received:** ฿10,000 from Neil Tufford and ฿160,000 from Warren Weld.

B. Membership Report

- The current roster stands at 175 members, with a goal of reaching 200.
- **New Members:** The following individuals were welcomed: Jesse Dean Yeatts (USA), Joshua Clifford Cyr (USAF), Lacarr Hills (USA), Murgesh John Loynes (USA), and Steven Randall White (USA).

C. Service Officer Report

- **Claims Assistance:** Provided assistance with VA claims for five post members and two veterans.
- **Survivor Assistance:** Assisted 11 widows of veterans with Social Security, VA claims, and SBP/FERS benefits.
- **Buddy Checks:** Successfully completed.

D. Officers' Reports

- **2nd Vice Commander:** Announced upcoming birthdays for May and reviewed the local holiday and meeting calendar.
- **1st Vice Commander:** Outlined future events for 2026, including Memorial Day at Wat Djittabhahan College and Independence Day activities.
- **Nathan Kent Foundation:** Reported on ANZAC Day attendance and requested volunteers for the May 25th Memorial Day event.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None recorded.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Post Lease:** The Commander announced the post lease will be extended for one year at a rate of ฿20,000 per month.

- **FBU Manila Outreach:** A Social Security outreach event is scheduled for May 11 at the Amani Hotel, Pattaya.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **VFW Meetings:** District 5 meeting in Korat (May 15-16) and DPA Annual Convention in Pattaya (June 17-21).
- **Volunteer Recognition:** The Commander expressed gratitude to the volunteers and spouses who provided food and supported post operations.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Following the closing prayer and the retirement of the colors, Commander Gary Mellor adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2026.

Submitted by:

Mike Chitwood, Adjutant