



Welcome to American Legion Post TH-02

BE THE ONE

***** 10 Minute Alert *****

Announcements - Before we get started

50/50 tickets are available from: _____

Beverages are available outside in the refrigerator for donations

Please silence your phones.

Food today ** Provided by the post, post members, family and friends

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

Open Today's Meeting
26 July @ 12:00

Commander:

Welcome: My name is Bill Ahlberg

Commander of the American Legion Post TH-02

Today's meeting is dedicated to The United States Coast Guard and all Purple Heart Recipients.

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 Two

Chaplin: Opening prayer please Uncover Cover

Draping of our post charter is an act of tribute and respect to all Deceased Veterans.
Sergeant at Arms, please drape the post charter in remembrance of the veterans from all branches of the service. And Charter post member Frank Guisto.

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

***** TH-02 Officers at the Front *****

Finance Officer & Adjutant	Mike Chitwood
1st Vice Commander	Gary Mellor
2nd Vice Commander	Richard Garcia
Pattaya Community Service Liaison officer and US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer	Mike Brewer and JJ Smith

Adjutant - Roll call & minutes please

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

Adjutant, Please identify our online members and guests today
American Legion Post TH-02 members

***** Guests Today *****

If you're a guest, Please stand

Our Thai Visitors today are in the TH-02 lounge

Miss Kodchakon Teparuk TH-02 Roving photographer

Recent Member Passings: Francis Paul Giusto US Air Force

Local veterans:

Acting Honor Guard Captain: Skip Storno

Honor Guard Activity:
Morning of August 2 for Francis Paul Giusto @ Wat Boon Samphan

Veterans Distress and Health: Members, Family

- **Friend of the Post** • Rolf Berg Hanson- Surgery in Norway

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

Artie Nye

Jerry Bowman

Donald Bauza

TH-02 Spotlight For all your diligence and dedication to the American Legion post TH-02

- Skip Storno
- Mike Brewer Above and beyond in responding to Franks passing

Membership Report

Membership: 145 on Roster 2 Not Renewing

Members Renewed: 73

Members to be renewed: 74 2 Not Renewing

New Members or transfers: Please come forward

Name	From	Service
Robert Sanchez	Moved from Florida Now in Jomtien	USA/USAF
John Kelsch	Local Fixture	USMC

Transfers:

James Proctor	Post 10 PI	USA
Terry Stanfill	IL0199	USAF

Information from the Officers

Mike Chitwood Adjutant / Finance Officer

NFCU	\$3,961	\$ 1,428	Burial and Dues
Bangkok Bank	฿312,049	฿86,965	Dues and Donation
Donations to the Post	฿_____	\$_____	

Membership drive ongoing

Mike Brewer Community Affairs-Pattaya US Embassy

Richard Garcia 2nd Vice Commander

New Chairs

Birthdays August 2025

William Martin Ahlberg 76	Donald E Smith 67	David Costa 73
James Hendrick 45	Jeffery Satterfield 67	Scott M McFadden 55
Matt Mayclin 46	Edward J Madeiros 67	Ronald A Dykes 94
Steve Gray 79	Stephen D Pullman 59	Steve Miller 68
Joseph Bozsoki 58	Daryl Smith 67	Donald Bauza 69
Joseph D Fernandez 71	Andrew D McDowell 69	Kevin Simon 63
	Ronald Howard 71	
	Sam Porterfield 67	

Buddy Checks ... All is good
Danny Berry

Future Events

American Legion TH02 23 August
VFW 9876 12 August VFW 12146 9 August
August 10 US Department of Defense Birthday
Aug 12 Queen Mothers Birthday
November 11 Veterans Day
November 11 VJ Day in Kanchanaburi
August Anti Terrorism Awareness Month
Aug 3 American Family Day
November 28- and 29 Pattaya International Fireworks Festival
Aug 7 Purple Heart Day
Aug 29 Marine Corp Reserve Birthday
Aug 17 National Senior Citizen Day
Aug 7 Coast Guard Birthday

Gary Mellor First Vice Commander and Post Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

Assisted Widows of Veterans:
No new cases to report

Assisted Veterans:

Jerry Caporelli, USMC, VA claim inquiry.
Craig Gardina, USMC, VA claim inquiry.

Information:

Over the next 18 months DOD will be replacing the DS log in system with My Auth.
The deadline to apply for the VA annual clothing allowance is August 1st.
TH02 will coordinate a group Thanksgiving dinner at Tigglebitties for 20-25. See me ASAP if you would like to attend.
VA Form 21P-534 will become obsolete effective 31 July 2025 thus eliminating the confusion over using this form or the VA Form 21P-534EZ.
Currently there are 21 countries on the "DO NOT TRAVEL" advisory issued by the Department of State.
Reminder for our retired military members 31 December 2025 to update to the new Next Generation USID card.

Commander:

Appointees -Challenge every appointee to pick an alternate

Repeat

Department of France VRS Department of the Philippines

European Union Privacy of Information act

Thailand is in conflict with compliance

Possible change to the Department of the Philippines

Thailand / Cambodia conflict-Reminder This might be a delicate subject and one to avoid. I don't know if it falls into the same category as political discussions or not. 3 person law

US Social security Day at the US Embassy 2 days ago was a success for most of the people. Including 3 widows assisted by our post adjutant. Future events are unknown

Nathan Kent Foundation Through the Nathan Kent Foundation the American Legion Post TH-02 will do everything we can to keep a veteran from entering a Paupers grave. But we need your help.

Be Prepared

Instructions Review and update

Next of Kin Inform them of your desires

Insurance policies Tell the beneficiary

Access to your home

Access to important information

Nathan Kent Foundation service cost about B-30,000. This is a bare bones service without any frills. Often accompanied by a 1-man Honor Guard and a final salute for your service.

Nathan Kent Foundation also assists family and friends with advice and guidance about the process for Americans passing in Thailand.

Assisting **Frank Guisto Family**

Service on Aug 1st at Wat Boon Samphan

Remembrance of life and cremation on Aug 2nd at Wat Boon Samphan

Open Forum

TH-02 Chaplin hosted Pastors Day on Tuesdays in the month of July. Future by appointment
TH-02 hosts friendly card games here at the post every Wednesday
S.O.S. Veterans Club. Meets at on Friday's. Usually in Jomtien

Business Session

Adjutant, Do we have a quorum? • Yes

Old Business Chair has none

Adjutant, is there any old business? _____

From the floor, any old business? _____

Second By _____

Discussion

Any Opposed

Motion Passes - Fails

New Business Chair has none

Adjutant, any new business?

Topic: Transfer to the Department of Philippines if in the best interest of the Post and its members. Coordinated with TH-01.

Entertain a motion to allow the post officers to pursue actions with post TH01 and the Department of France to change departments

Motion: Michael J Chitwood

Second By: Claude (Skip) Storno

Discussion

More in Common with the other Posts in Asia

More Participation at the Department level

Any Opposed

Motion **Passes**

Any other new business?

New Chairs

Motion: Michael J Chitwood

Second By Mike Brewer

Discussion; Purchase 20 Chairs

Any Opposed

Motion **Passes**

Before we close

Next Meeting is the 4th Saturday of the month or August 23, 2025 here at 12:00

Closing Ceremony Please stand if you are able

Sergeant at Arms

Please Remove the charter drape.

Chaplain: _____

Closing Prayer Uncover 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

50/50 Drawing will be in about 10 minutes after the meeting.

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