



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. Please donate generously.
- 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 Derrick 'DJ' James.

Open Today's Meeting

27 June 2026 @ 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:

"All in attendance will stand and remain uncovered with their cap removed and placed over the heart from the opening prayer, through the POW/MIA ceremony, the Pledge of Allegiance and draping of the post charter."

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

Commander: “A POW/MIA Empty Chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor”

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

“I pledge allegiance, to the Flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” ... Hand salute ...Two.

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

Commander: Please be seated.

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

Commander:

- I now declare SGT Thomas Oliver Ahlberg Memorial Post TH02, Department of France, regularly convened.
- Roll call.

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

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| • Finance Officer & Adjutant | Mike Chitwood On Line |
| • Pattaya Community Service Liaison | Mike Brewer or JJ Smith |
| ○ US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer | |
| • 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator | Claude “Skip” Storno |
| • 2nd Vice Commander | Richard Garcia |
| • Service Officer | Bill Schmitt |
| • 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:
Gary Sullivan
Kevin Hart

Member Passings:

Local veterans:

- James Michael Webb, USA, CW3, Vietnam War Veteran, He reported to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) in late 1989 and continued serving with the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA) until his retirement from the Army around 1995. Following his retirement, he continued his work with the organization as a Civilian Team Leader, leading investigation teams on dozens of Joint Field Activities (JFAs) in Vietnam.

Honor Guard:

Distress and Health:

- Wasyl Szkodzinsky
- Steve Shattuck

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

TH-02 Member Spotlight: Please stand and briefly introduce yourself. Where are you from; What branch did you serve in? And how did you end up in Thailand?

- Ron Walton

Reports from Officers:

Adjutant

- Minutes of the last meeting have been approved by the officers and posted on our website.
- Membership: 177 on Roster
- New Members: Pin and initiate new members.
- On Hold:

John March	USA	Ronald Wade Cooper	USAF
William Hartwell Meader	USN	Paul A. McDermott	USN
Theodore Dale Chase	USN	Randall Lewis Beck	USA
Everett Allen Storie	USA	John D LaRocque	USN
Mark Steven Mosley	USA	Don Rocco Lahti	USN
Glenn Theriot	USN	Ronald Dittmer	USMC

Awards:

- 1st Medium Post Over the Top
- 100 Percent Membership Goal 2025-2026
- Post with most new members
- 2027 Membership Renewal season begins 1 Jul 2026
- Your American Legion membership is tied to the calendar year, running from January 1 to December 31.

- National begins the Renewal Season on July 1st.
- Approval of the transfer of Post to Department of Philippines. More to come.

Finance Officer

NFCU	\$17,309.38
Bangkok Bank	฿223,064.12 Annual Rent Paid
Donations to the Post	฿5,000 Warren Weld

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

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| • Brice McCreary ... VA claim | • Artie Nye ... VA claim |
| • Jerry Caporelli ... VA claim | • Steve Shattuck ... VA claim |
| • Joshua Cyr ... VA claim | • John March ... Divorce decree |
| • Verne Brooks ... VA claim | • Don Meurett ... VA claim |
| • Don Lahti ... VA claim | |

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

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| • Pui Cooper | ... Awarded VA Survivor Pension. |
| • 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 from DFAS. Assisting with Schwab. |
| • Buaban Mitchell | ... Submitted VA Claim 12 February 2026 and still in-work. |
| • Malaiporn McKnight | ... Submitted VA supplemental 15 March 2026. (VFW) |
| • Tippawan Delomba | ... VA/SS in work. |
| • Lawan Storer | ... VA/SS in work. |
| • Napapha Hull | ... Assisting with FMP check reissue.. |
| • Jittraporn Taylor | ... VA/OPM (New case) |
| • Rasikha Cherry | ... SBP application submitted 20 June 2026. (VFW) |
| • Pen Schwieterman | ... VA claim for DIC submitted 13 June 2026. (VFW) |

Assisted Spouse of Veteran:

Assisted Veterans:

- Shaun Oliver ... FMP/VA claim.
- Edwin Delacruz ... VA
- Mark Mosley ... VA
- Marcus Earp ... VA

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy-CLV

Mike Brewer/JJ Smith

Bangkok Community Liaison Services Officer

Chet Drowns

Nathan Kent Foundation

Past Commander Bill

2nd Vice Commander

Birthdays:

Michael Taylor 8 July	Jeffery L Dana 9 July	Gary R Bostic 10 July
David M Anderson 11 July	Jerry (Max) Mankins 13 July	Steven R Bell 14 July
Robert Sanchez 15 July	Rickey G Nelson 16 July	Charles A Rinesmith 20 July
Seth Buzzell 22 July	Bill Lee Harper 25 July	Albert M Bower 27 July
Dustin R Williams 29 July	Brian W Lind 29 July	

Celebrations:

- 4 July Independence Day (250th Birthday of America)
- 26 July Parents Day
- 27 July National Korean War Veteran Armistice Day
- 28 July King Vajiralongkorns Birthday National Holiday
- 29 July Asalha Bucha Day (National Holiday)
- 11 July VFW 12146 Meeting
- 13 July VFW 9876 Meeting
- 25 July TH02 Meeting

1st Vice Commander:

- 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 (Don Bauza)
- 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"

There were 2 Funeral Services this held month:

- A. David Allen Crawford was put to rest at Wat Nong Oo (WAT NONG AHW) on 14 Jun 2026. Veteran Crawford was a VFW 9876 member.
- B. Donald Anthony Delomba, USN was interned at the seaside Wat, Loy Angkharn Chittapawan (LOY ANG-KAN CHIT-TA-PA-WAN) on 21 Jun 2026. Veteran Delomba was a VFW Member 12146 & a American Legion Charter Member of Post TH02

Buddy Checks

- Larry Williams ... Doing OK.
- Jeffery Stringfield – No Answer
- Scott M McFadden – Located in Nakhon, A.O.K.
- Stanley C. Shoemaker – Bad # , Elderly Thai answered, no communication
- Michael E. Greene – Bad #
- John March – A.O.K. , but bedridden, working on his Yearly Visa.
- Johnie Smith – phone not working
- Dennis Z Ward – ringing – no answer
- Dariush Khosrovschahi – no answer
- Johnathan Metellus – No Answer
 - Michael Yoakum – nursing his hip replacement, his wife cracked her hip 2 weeks ago.
 - * He really was glad I called... Made me feel good, like it's all worthwhile.

Commander

- American Legion Department of France convention 18-20 June. John Fleming was elected the new Department Commander.
- VFW DPA Convention 17-20 June at Bayview Hotel. VFW Post 12146 and long time Pattaya expat Lou Holub was elected Junior Vice of the VFW DPA.
- Social Security Representative Payee.
- So far only Bill Ahlberg, Skip Storno and Bill Schmitt have met the challenge for a free Thanksgiving Dinner at my expense.

Old Business Chair has none

Entertain a motion

Second By

Discussion

Any Opposed

Motion Passes

New Business Chair has none

Space

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Open Forum:

- Business for the Good of The American Legion.

(Membership shall be permitted to make any suggestions of any kind, character or description, save of religion or partisan politics). No motions.

Before we close:

- Next Meeting is on July 25, 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: Please offer the closing prayer ... Uncover ... 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".

Commander: "Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy". I now declare SGT Thomas Oliver Ahlberg Memorial Post TH02, Department of France, regularly adjourned. Thank you all for coming.