



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from Noi Mellor.
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator for a small donation.
- c) Please silence your phones.
- d) Food today is provided by Roger and Som Knorr as well as a 2,000 baht donation from Aubrey "Bill" Norris. Drinks are provided by Richard Garcia.

Open Today's Meeting 28

March @ 12:00

Commander:

- Welcome all to our post. My name is Gary Mellor and I'm the Commander of the American Legion Post TH-02.
- Rap gavel 3 times and ask all to please stand if 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: Opening prayer please.

Please be seated.

The POW / MIA table is sacred to our veterans. It represents our government's commitment to ensure that all who serve our country 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.

*****Roll Call of Officers*****

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| • Finance Officer & Adjutant | Mike Chitwood |
| • Pattaya Community Service Liaison | Mike Brewer/JJ Smith |
| ○ US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer | |
| • 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator | Skip Storno (absent) |
| • 2nd Vice Commander & Service Officer | Richard Garcia |
| • Service Officer | Gary Mellor/Mike Chitwood |
| • Nathan Kent Foundation | Bill Ahlberg (Past Post CD) |
| • On line | |
| • Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison | Guy Herron |

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.

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

- American Legion
- Visitors at today's meeting

Member Passings:

- None to report.

Local veterans:

- None to report.

Honor Guard:

- No ceremonies to report.

Distress and Health:

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

TH-02 Spotlight
Zach Abbott-Miracles of Asia

Information from Officers

Adjutant/Finance Officer

Membership: 170 on Roster

New Members:

Noah Ryan Buckhouse	US Army-GWOT
Paul Edward Doherty	US Coast Guard
Billy Floyd Peavler	US Navy-AD
Mark Stephen Morgan	US Air Force-Vietnam
Gilbert Riland Hall	US Army-Vietnam
Nicholas D. Jones	US Air Force-Gulf War

Call any new members to be pinned to the front of the room.

Transfers:

NFCU	\$18,305
Bangkok Bank	฿300,398
Donations to the Post	฿10,000 Neil Tufford

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

- Brice McCreary ... Pending C & P examination.
- Steve Shattuck ... VA Agent Orange presumptive claim.
- Artie Nye ... VA claim in work.
- Gary Coon ... Will work directly with the VFW ADSO.
- Kenneth Tucker ... VA FMP information.

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Pui Cooper ... SS on own record in work.
- Pim Mayo ... Denied VA benefits. (VFW)
- Karnchana Robarge ... Awarded child SS benefits February 2026.
- Nittaya Podolan ... Awarded VA DIC benefits February 2026.
- 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.
- Lamduan Eggleston ... Submitted VA claim 15 March 2026. (VFW)
- Wethaka Waddle ... Submitted VA claim 18 March 2026. (VFW)
- Carlotta Anglin ... VA supplemental claim in work for DIC.

Assisted Veterans:

- John March ... In work to obtain divorce decree.

Buddy Checks

- Michael Yoakum ... doing OK but pretty much housebound taking care of his spouse.
- Billy Jack Schlocker ... 91 and doing fine.
- Fred Mitchell ... 86 and housebound with various medical issues.
- Thomas DeShazor ... doing well.
- Jerry Caporelli ... dealing with various health issues and attending C & P exams.
- Jeff Dana ... Planning a return to Thailand in May.

Nathan Kent Foundation ... Past Commander Bill Ahlberg – Assisted Family and friends with funeral arraignments.

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy

... CLV and Pattaya Police Volunteer Mike Brewer

2nd Vice Commander

Birthdays

Patrick Spielman	2 Apr	Lionel Seeram	16 Apr	George Knickerbocker	30 Apr
Sheldon McClafin	5 Apr	Gregory Charley	17 Apr		
Angelo Trifiro	7 Apr	Ed Shawver	22 Apr		
William Fedak.	11 Apr	Herb Cabling	22 Apr		
Jame Proctor	14 Apr	Dennis Harlan	22 Apr		
Don Meurett.	15 Apr	Skip Storno	30 Apr		

Calendar

- 06 Apr Chakri Day
- 14 Apr Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 14 Apr Army Reserve Birthday
- 15 Apr Tax
- 15 Apr Gold Star Spouse Day
- 13-15 Apr Songkran may be extended to 19 Ap
- 07 Apr VFW 9876 Moved a week early due to Songkran
- 11 Apr VFW 12146.
- TH02. 25 April

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
- 15 Aug-VJ Day In Kanchanaburi
- 18 Sep-POW/MIA Day
- 10 Nov-Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 Nov-Veteran's Day (Kanchanaburi)
- 07 Dec-Pearl Harbor Day
- Christmas/New Year's activity

- Marine Corps “Toys for Tots / Children's Day

Commander:

- The following appointments have been made in the Post Officer ranks:
 1. Skip Storno appointed as Senior Vice Commander.
 2. Adolphus Grisby will continue as our Sargeant-at-Arms.
 3. Ron Walton has been appointed as the Post Chaplain.
 4. Roger Knorr, Bill Schmitt, Mike Brewer, Jon Johnson and Ed Shawver have been appointed to our Executive Committee.
- For those of you who didn't know our Department Commander, Dennis Owens, was brought up on a couple charges one of which was related to his most recent visit with us here at TH02. The vote was overwhelmingly in his favor and he was found not guilty the DEC on 21 March 2026.
- I attended the 8 hour online Post Service Officer training provided by the Department of France on 20 March 2026. Topics included Code of Ethics for PSOs, PSO duties, various VA forms, Burn Pits, PACT Act presumptive, TDIU, FMP, burial benefits, and Claims Sharks.
- The post will not be manned 13-17 April due to Songkran events.

Open Forum

- Guest speaker: Tom Friend from RAO at JUSMAGTHAI.

Old Business Chair has none

Entertain a motion

Second By

Discussion

Any Opposed
Motion Passes

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Before we close:

- Next Meeting is on April 2025 ... Same time ** Same place
- 50/50 tickets are still available and drawing will be 10 minutes after the meeting concludes.
- 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

- There being no further business, the Chaplain will lead us in a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms: Please prepare the room

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

Thank you all for coming. I now declare this meeting of SGT Thomas Oliver Ahlberg Post TH02, the American Legion, Department of France adjourned.