



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from **Dararat Mellor/Duan Storno**

- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator for a small donation
- c) Food today ** Courtesy of the Pizza Factory, and the Roger Knorr family. • _____ Please support our post with your donations
- d) **Reminders;**

Please silence your phone

Attendance today constituents' compliance with the US and Thailand freedom of information act and consent to publicize photos taken during and in this meeting area

Open Today's Meeting

24 Jan 26 @ 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:

Adolphus Grisby

Please prepare the room.

Move the American flag to the front of the room 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

Please be seated

The **POW / MIA** table is sacred to our veterans. Our post namesake was once listed as MIA. It represents our government's commitment to ensure that every serviceman or women return home. A moment of silence please as we remember them.

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 veterans **Craig Urbin, Brian Nadroski, and Jorge Miranda**

It with deep sympathy that we remember the passing of **Danny Berry's** wife **Gwen**

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

- Finance Officer & Adjutant
- 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator
- 2nd Vice Commander

Mike Chitwood
Gary Mellor
Richard Garcia

♦ **Seated in the audience**

- Service Officer
- Pattaya Community Service Liaison and US Embassy volunteer
- **On line**
- Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison
- Bangkok Community Liaison services officer

Claude (Skip) Storno
Mike Brewer

Guy Herron
Chet Drowns

Adjutant - Roll call & minutes please

Mike

- 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 Please stand and prepare to introduce yourself
 - ❖ Our sponsor from Ban Chang Pizza Factory
- **David Walton-USMC** • US Marine Corps • Wisconsin

Please welcome our Thai TH-02 Roving photographer • Miss Kodchakon Teparuk

Our other Thai Visitors today are gathered in the lounge

Member Passings: None

Local veterans:

- George Eugene Rothweiler US Army (Canadian)

Honor Guard: Seaside Service last Tuesday Jan 20, for

- Craig Urban • Brian Nadrowski • Jorge Marinda

Distress and Health:

- Danny Berry • Getting better, presently up country returning a family member
- John March • Age 86 Jomtein hospital
- Herb Schweiterman • Age 86 Jomtein hospital
- _____ • Age 86 Homerly care facility

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

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TH-02 Spotlight

- Seth Buzzell

Assembly and officers - Please stand to be recognized

Photographer to the front of the room please

Assist other next to you as needed

Purple Heart Recipients

Raise your hand

Please be seated

WW-2 veterans

Raise your hand

Please be seated

Korean war veterans

Raise your hand

Please be seated

Vietnam war veterans

Raise your hand

Please be seated

Gulf war veterans

Raise your hand

Please be seated

Officers-Please stand

Thank you for your service

Hand Salute

Please be seated

Reports

Mike Chitwood

Membership: 160 on Roster

New Members

Timothy R Hardison	US Army
Harry Michael Stultz	US Navy
Vernon C Brooks	US Navy

Transfers: • _____

Nathan Kent Foundation

May 25th Remembrance Day (Memorial Day) with

American flags at Wat Djittabhahan College in North Pattaya. American Legion at the national level will pay for flags and flowers on a day of our choosing

Information from Officers

Many actions reflect a strong team effort

Adjutant/Finance Officer

Mike Chitwood

NFCU	\$14,514
Bangkok Bank	฿286,926

Service Officer

Skip Storno

Sergeant at Arms--- Please escort Miss Suriphorn Yutitham to the room

Assisted Post Members:

- Attended Services for Gwen Berry, Wife of Danny Berry
- Letter of Appreciation for Miss Suriphorn Yutitham who helped a Veteran in distress

Buddy Checks

- ★ Danny Berry – positive check, met in person on 20 & 21 Jan
- ★ Howard Gundy – positive check, said he would try to make the meeting
- ★ Lionel Seeram – positive check, said he would try to make the meeting
- ★ Bobby Brooks – positive check, he is very busy
- ★ Dave Kuri, Non-Member (vet in distress) - Spoke with Don Kundiger about Dave and attempting to make an appointment with him on Monday , 26 January

Community Affairs-Pattaya

Mike Brewer

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US Embassy

- Meeting with the US Ambassador on Feb 6th in Bangkok
- Does anybody have an item they want presented to the Ambassador

2nd Vice Commander

Richard Garcia

Birthdays:

Johnathon Metellus	02 Feb	Zachary C Abbott	02 Feb	Michael Yoakum	02 Feb
Johnathon J Smith	04 Feb	Joseph Thomas	05 Feb	Vernon C Brooks	05 Feb
Gerald F Caporelli	06 Feb	Artie Nye	06 Feb	Thomas Hughes	13 Feb
Michael Lee Otey	14 Feb	Al Fitchett	15 Feb	Gary Umphress	17 Feb
Joe Bert Merrifield	18 Feb	Darius Khosrovschahi	20 Feb	Guy Herron	25 Feb
Ralph D Wessells	25 Feb	Robert J Graham	26 Feb	Daphne Dove	27 Feb

- Black History Month
- National Freedom Day 1 Feb
- VFW 9876 Monthly membership meeting 10 Feb
- Ground Hog Day 2 Feb
- USO Birthday 3 Feb
- Four Chaplains Day 3 Feb
- Super Bowl 8 Feb
- Valentines Day 14 Feb
- VFW 12146 Monthly membership meeting 14 Feb
- President Day 16 Feb
- Chinese New Year's 17-19 Feb
- Coast Guard Reserves Birthday 19 Feb
- TH02 Monthly membership meeting 28 Feb
- Founders Day

1st Vice Commander:

Gary Mellor

Membership: Recruit ... Recruit ... Recruit!

2026 DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS 18-Jan-26		2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	% of	Next Cutoff Date	Plus	Members Needed
		New	PUFL	Renewals	HQ	Actual	Post	2026	06-02-26	or	To Reach
		Members			Transfer	Mbsp.	Goal	Goal	Needed To Meet	Minus	2026 Goal
									85%	to Cutoff	AHEAD/BEHIND
1	China CP01	33	346	537	3	919	1062	86,53%	903	-16	-143
2	Paris FR01	3	95	95	2	195	200	97,50%	170	-25	-5
3	Margraten NL01	36	30	106	1	173	225	76,89%	191	18	-52
4	Stuttgart GR06	1	119	48	0	168	235	71,49%	200	32	-67
5	Sgt Thomas Oliver Ahlberg	19	11	131	0	161	140	115,00%	119	-42	21
6	David Chavez GR1982	15	40	56	2	113	160	70,63%	136	23	-47
7	Kaiserslautern GR01	5	54	53	0	112	145	77,24%	123	11	-33
8	Brig Gen. Robin Olds TH01	6	15	59	0	80	80	100,00%	68	-12	0
9	Flanders Field BE02	9	17	51	0	77	90	85,56%	77	0	-13
10	Wiesbaden GR07	2	31	40	0	73	90	81,11%	77	4	-17

- Since TH02 was chartered with our initial 43 members we have grown to over 160. That has us at # 5 of 29 posts in the Department of France. To continue moving up the chart WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please ... if we all recruit just one member each we can easily move up the ranks and hit # 1. (I'm excluding China CPO1 which is a post in exile.)
- Let's set a 3 year goal to get to ... 200!

Local News

Billy Peavler: Anybody who frequents Tigglebitties is possibly familiar with Billy. He is the son of the owners and was in charge of the recently ceased online ordering and food delivery service. This past week, 19-23 January, he was in Yokosuka, Japan for the ASVAB, a physical and a urinalysis to process into the US Navy. He qualified for advanced electronics and will become either an Electronics Technician (ET) or Fire Controlman (FC). His departure to attend boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois could be anywhere between 3 weeks and 3 months depending on his "A" school schedule. We are anticipating coordinating an enlistment ceremony for him at Tigglebitties or another location of his choosing. Billy will be the first person to join the US Navy from Thailand using the CFAY Yokosuka Navy Recruiter.

Future Events

- TBD but nothing scheduled so far in January, February and March.
Anzac Day event at Hellfire Pass in Kanchanaburi hosted by Australia and New Zealand at Hellfire Pass. Registration is required. (Hand out)

- Possible enlistment ceremony in Feb/Mar/Apr for Billy Peavler in the US Navy. He completed processing in Yokosuka, Japan 19-23 January. An Officer from DPAA at the US Embassy Bangkok will administer the oath of enlistment

Assisted Veterans:

- * Don Lahti ... Mike assisted with setting up VA direct deposit to his Thai bank account.

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
 - Vasana Vajo ... Veteran DD-214
 - Buaban Mitchell ... VAt
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- Armed Forces Day May 16
 - Memorial Day May 25 at Wat Djittabhahan College in North Pattaya Bill's Note
 - Independence Day July 4th
 - VJ Day In Kanchanaburi on August 15th
 - POW/MIA Day on September 18th ... this will be at the US Embassy in Bangkok and we will coordinate transportation if needed. Note: If they do it and if we're invited.
 - Marine Corps Birthday November 10th
 - Veteran's Day November 11th (Kanchanaburi)
 - Pearl Harbor Day December 7th
 - Christmas/New Year's activity
 - Marine Corps "Toys for Tots / Children's Day Note from Bill
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 - Lamduan Eggleston ... VA

Commander:

- During the business session of the last 2 monthly membership meetings, I inadvertently allowed a procedural error. The motions to spend post funds did not follow our By-laws. This error surfaced during our monthly officers' meeting. Though the procedural error occurred, as a post we honored the motion but will endeavor to follow our by-laws closer in the future. All motions must follow our protocols and by-laws.
- Please remember, if you reference post TH-02 on any social media, you must first contact the post Adjutant for approval.
- All public media postings must be cleared through the post Adjutant **Mike Chitwood** or First Vice **Gary Mellor**. This is done as a filter to separate facts from opinions and to follow some legal complications both in Thailand and the USA. We will not knowingly divulge any of your private information or send you any request for your personal information.
- Unlike other veterans' groups, we at TH-02 do not require a visitor to be a member. We welcome all veterans, spouses, and friends to our meetings. We do this in hopes that correct information will be disseminated within the community. We offer beverages for a small donation and food after the meeting asking that you remember: -NOTHING IS FREE- Any donations help the post cover our expenses and set up events.
- When we applied to the Mother American Legion for the post charter, the rules allowed us to set up our own by-laws. So, we established them in a way that lets the officers run the post in an efficient way without tying their hands. The officers review our by-laws periodically and suggest changes that continue this pragmatic philosophy
- Change of command ceremony will be held next month at the February meeting. If anyone on my appointed positions list wants to vacate, this is a good time to make your request known. In addition- If anyone wants to assist the post, please contact Gary Mellor. You get from the post what you give. Positions along with corresponding names must be reported to our department channels.

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Open Forum

This is the time for you to bring up most any topic or idea or just ask a question. Our adjutant makes notes and if the answer isn't immediately available, we will research it and report back

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Business Session

Adjutant, do we have a quorum to officially conduct this business session? **Commander- Yes we do**

Old Business

Chair has none.

Adjutant, is there any old business from the post? **No**

Is there any old business from the floor? **No**

Entertain a motion

Second By

Discussion

Any Opposed

Motion Passes

New Business

Chair has none.

Adjutant, is there any old business from the post? **No**

Is there any old business from the floor? **No**

Space

Entertain a motion

Second By

Discussion

Any Opposed

Motion Passes

Before we close

Next Meeting is February 28 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

Sergeant at Arms

Adolphus Grisby

Please Remove the charter drape.

Chaplain

Ron Walton

Closing Prayer please

Uncover

Cover

Sergeant at Arms

Adolphus Grisby

Please prepare the room

Room Attention

Move the American flag back to the original location

Hand Salute

step back and close the bible

Step back salute and announce

Order Arms

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

This meeting is adjourned.