



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available
- 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 Mano's as well as Som and Roger Knorr.

Open Today's Meeting

25 July 2026 @ 12:00

Commander:

- Welcome
- Welcome! My name is Bill Ahlberg. Commander Gary Mellor asked me to conduct today's meeting
- Please stand if you are able.

Sergeant at Arms:

Please prepare the room:

Commander:

"Please join me in 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 empty and placed at all official meetings. It 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”

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

Commander: Please be seated.

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 |
| • Pattaya Community Service Liaison | |
| ○ US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer | Mike Brewer and JJ Smith |
| • 2nd Vice Commander | Richard Garcia |
| • Service Officer | Bill Schmitt |
| • Executive Committee Member | Roger Knorr |
| • Executive Committee Member | Ed Shawver |
| • Executive Committee Member | Jon Johnson |
| • Bangkok Community Liaison Service Officer | Chet Drowns |
| • Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison | Guy Herron |

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

- Visitors at today's meeting in attendance: Please stand

Member Passings:

- None

Honor Guard:

- We were unable to provide an Honor Guard for Robert Sween, CW4 (retired) but able to get a flag to his family in time for his service

Distress and Health: Ed Shaver

- Did a hospital visit & drop off Member Daphne & friend Poope who will go into surgery sometime the week of 23 July for a shattered heel..... * UPDATE, She has since fallen again in the shower and has injured the other foot. She is asking for a visit while she is housebound after the operation

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

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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?

- Jon Johnson 35 Year Legionnaire
Special Shout out to Jeff Dana and Marcus Earp

Reports from Officers:

Adjutant

- Minutes of the last meeting have been approved by the officers and posted on our website.

Membership Report

194 On Roster 2-Not renewing 91-To renew

John March	USA	Mark Steven Mosley	USA
Ronald W Cooper	USAF	Don Rocco Lahti	USN
William H Meader	USN	Glenn Theriot	USN
Paul A. McDermott	USN	Ronald Dittmer	USMC
Theodore Dale Chase	USN	Gregory D Bortles	USAF
Randall Lewis Beck	USA	Kevin E Hart	USMC
Everett Allen Storie	USA	Christopher S Keathley	USN
John D LaRocque	USN		

- New Members: Pin and initiate new members. Are there any new members present

Finance Officer

NFCU	Checking \$2,300.87	Savings \$15,108.90
Bangkok Bank	฿281,027.71	
Donations to the Post	฿5,000 Warren Weld	

Finances

YTD	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue
Total	฿698,139.54	฿605,047.68	฿93,121.09
Post TH02	฿470,455.86	฿493,071.48	-฿22,615.62
Foundation	฿223,183.68	฿108,200.00	฿114,963.88

June	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue
Total	฿125,883.64	฿18,273.14	฿107,610.50
Post TH02	฿75,991.42	฿15,273.14	฿60,718.28
Foundation	฿49,892.22	฿3,000.00	฿46,892.22

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

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

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Duang McCoy ... VA claim pending decision.
- Ju Thayer ... FERS (Awarded SS based on own record).
- Buaban Mitchell ... DIC denied. Survivor Pension decision pending.
- Malaiporn McKnight ... Supplemental for DIC pending.
- Tippawan Delomba ... VA claim in work.
- Napapha Hull ... Assisting with FMP checks re-issue..
- Jittraporn Taylor ... VA/OPM
- Rasikha Cherry ... SBP and VA claim decision pending.
- Pen Schwieterman ... VA claim decision pending.
- Srisomporn Sween ... New claim for SBP and VS submitted.

Assisted Spouse of Veteran:

- Sara Williams SS identity theft issue has been resolved and she will receive backpay

Assisted Veterans:

- Donald Vana ... VA add dependents claim

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy-CLV

JJ Smith

Bangkok Community Liaison Services Officer

Chet Drowns

Nathan Kent Foundation

Past Commander Bill

- Harold Donald Longway-Ban Chang Diagnosed with brain cancer and is near to passing away.

2nd Vice Commander

Birthdays:

Toby De Marigny 4 Aug	Andrew D McDowell 5 Aug	Scott M McFadden 6 Aug
Jeffery Sutterfield 9 Aug	Joseph Bozsoki 13 Aug	Richard Michael Lee 15 Aug
Ronald Howard 15 Aug	David Costa 16 Aug	Steve Gray 19 Aug
Matt Maydin 20 Aug	Walter R Waraksa 23 Aug	Donald E Smith 23 Aug
William M Ahlberg 25 Aug	Steve Miller 26 Aug	Joseph D Fernandez 27 Aug
Trevor C Olson 28 Aug	Edward J Madeira's 28 Aug	Stephen D Pullman 28 Aug
Donald Banza 28 Aug	Daryl Smith 30 Aug	James Headrick 31 Aug

Celebrations:

- 27 July National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 28 July King Vajiralongkorns Birthday National Holiday
- 29 Jul Asalha Bucha Buddhist Holiday
- 4 Aug Coast Guard Birthday
- 7 Aug Purple Heart Day
- 29 Aug Marine Forces Reserve Birthday
- 10 Aug US Department of Defense Birthday
- 10 Aug Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 16 Aug National Airborne Day
- 24-29 Aug Veterans Golden Age Games
- Aug Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 12 Aug Queen Mother SiriKit Birthday National Holiday
- 8 Aug VFW 12146 Meeting
- 11 Aug VFW 9876 Meeting
- 22 Aug TH02 Meeting

1st Vice Commander:

- 15 Aug VJ Day In Kanchanaburi
- 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
- 26 Nov Thanksgiving Dinner at Tigglebitties
- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Day (?)
- Christmas/New Year's activity
- Marine Corps "Toys for Tots / Children's Day"

Buddy Checks

- Larry Williams ... Doing OK.
- Gary Steuer is back in the states doing ok.
- Gary Coon is doing OK.
- Chuck Rinesmith just returned to Surat Thani and doing great,

Commander

- So far Bill Ahlberg, Skip Storno, Zach Abbott and Bill Schmitt have met the challenge for a free Thanksgiving Dinner at my expense.
- Show of hands for how many members are interested in a post steak night?
- **Robert Sanchez** will be taking over for Bill Ahlberg manning the post on Mondays.
- Looking for a volunteer to coordinate a Children's Day event in January.

Old Business Chair has none

New Business Chair has none

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 22 Augn2026 at the same time and in the same place.
- 50/50 tickets are still available.
- Drawing will be about 10 minutes after the meeting.

Closing Ceremony Please stand if you are able

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”. Please remove the charter drape.

Chaplain: Please offer the closing prayer ... Uncover ... Closing Prayer ... Cover.

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.