Welcome to the

American Legion TH-02

****** 15 Minute Alert ******

Announcements - Before we get started

1. We appreciate you sharing your valuable time with us here today
2. 50/50 tickets are available from the ladies in the Nathan Kent Vests. Half of the donation goes to support the post, and the lucky ticket holder gets the other half.
3. Beverages are available in the refrigerator for a small donation
4. Please silence your phones
5. Food today ** Intended to generate funds for the post.
6. The post has 3 toilets, a urinal and a lounge for the Thai visitors

Open Today's Meeting

Feb 28 @ 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:
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 every serviceman or women return home. A moment of silence please as we remember them. Remains recoveries are ongoing in many places of the world. Some of our members are active in the recovery in Cambodia, Sattahip and Lampong Thailand.
The table will be set today in memory of Thomas Oliver Ahlberg and all other American veterans. Jap Van Merlin please come forward

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 the Four Chaplain's fellow veterans and our posts namesake:

SGT Thomas Oliver Ahlberg

Age –19

Birth

3 Feb 1951

Delta, Colorado, USA

Death

4 May 1970

10th anniversary of the Kent State Massacre

Huế, Thành phố Huế, Thừa Thiên-Huế, Vietnam

Burial

Grand View Cemetery

Montrose, Colorado, USA

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

- Finance Officer & Adjutant — Mike Chitwood
- 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator — Gary Mellor
- 2nd Vice Commander & Service Officer — Richard Garcia

******Seated ******

- Service Officer — Claude (Skip) Storno
- Pattaya Community Service Liaison — Mike Brewer
    - US Embassy Citizen Liaison volunteer
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    - US Embassy Citizen Liaison volunteer

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Adjutant - Roll call & minutes please

- *All present or accounted for:* 30 in attendance
- *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
- Jap Van Mullin- Norwegian Navy

Our Thai Visitors today are enjoying time together in the Post Lounge

Local Passings:

- William Stinehoph – Uncle Bill - Ban Chang resident –Culinary legend - from Montana

Member Passings: None

Local veterans:

- Eric Knudstrup-Rayong
- James Carroll Fitzgerald Friend- Steven from Indonesia

Honor Guard: Steve Kausal

- James Carroll Fitzgerald Cremation and burial at sea

Distress and Health:

- Seth Buzzell Out of the hospital and is recuperating at home
- Arthur Nye Out of the hospital and is recuperating at home
- Friend of the post Rolf is in Norway where it's very cold. Many health issues

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

TH-02 Spotlight is intended to recognize an outstanding post member

- Richard Garcia
- John Wilson

Reports

Membership: 164 Active members on Roster

New Members

- Darrel Brown USN
- Kenneth Tucker USAF
- Steven Shattuck USA

Transfers:

- Jon Johnson USMC
- Patrick McCoy USN

Information from Officers

Adjutant/Finance Officer Mike Chitwood

NFCU	$18,849
Bangkok Bank	฿294,896

Nathan Kent Foundation Rolf Berg Hanson Having medical issues in Norway

- James Carrol Fitzgarold
- 80 year old
- Steven Eyskens is his friend
- Eric Knudstrup – Coast Guard reserve-Ranong- referred by the US Embassy to TH-01

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

- Assisted 1 member this month with DFAS password recovery
- Assisted 1 member with ID. Me account recovery

Visit to Pattaya Nursing Home:

- Daniel, Sally, Joe Helme @ Pattaya Nursing Home
- Earl Burks @ Homerly
- Hospital Visit to Thomas Patrick Farrell @ Pattaya International

FMP goes online:

Buddy Checks

- 27 checks on the Line app

Community Affairs-Pattaya

Anyone encountering beggars or vagrants is encouraged to report them immediately via the following hotlines (available 24/7): FYI-- Source-Pattaya Mail

– 1337 (general emergency reporting)
– 1300 (MSDHS hotline, toll-free)
– Pattaya City Police Station (direct contact, 24 hours)

US Embassy

- Veterans Roundtable – Both American Legion posts + 3 VFW posts

2nd Vice Commander

Richard Garcia

Birthdays:

John Patrick Clark	3 Mar	Richard Garcia	16 Mar		
Michael Paulsen	7 Mar	David Bell	17 Mar	Michael Connolly	28 Mar
Ronald Tull	14 Mar	Stanley Shoemaker	17 Mar	Steven Kausal	29 Mar

Calendar:

3 Mar-Makha Bucha. (Alcohol Free Day)
3 Mar-Navy Reserve Birthday
15 Mar-American Legion Birthday
17 Mar-St Patrick Day
29 Mar-National Vietnam War Veterans Day
29 Mar-Palm Sunday (Christian)
10 Mar-VFW 9876
14 Mar-VFW 12146
28 Mar-TH02
May 8–10 2026 Bun Bang Fai Rocket Festival in Yasothon Thailand
Pattaya Music Festival
6-7 Mar-Pattaya Beach

13-14 Mar-Jomtien Beach
20-21 Mar-Samae Beach on Koh Larn
27-28 Mar-Bodhi Tree Plaza in Naklua

1st Vice Commander: Gary Mellor

Local News

- Billy Peavler: A historic enlistment ceremony was held at American Legion Post TH02 for Billy Peavler on 4 February 2026. He was given the oath of enlistment by Randy Riggs CW02, USN (ret) who is currently the VFW DPA District 5 Commander. In attendance were his family, members of TH02 and friends from the local Pattaya community. Billy will report to NTTC Great Lakes, Illinois on March 3, 2026 for 10 weeks of boot camp. Fair Winds and Following Seas Billy and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Future Events

- **Late February** to early March 2026 Cobra Gold 2026, the 45th iteration of the long-standing Thai-U.S. joint military exercise, is scheduled to run from late February to early March 2026. It will involve more than 8,000 personnel from over 30 nations, including core participants Thailand, the United States, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, and Malaysia.
- Mar 13-U.S. Citizen Town Hall: ...Join the US Embassy Bangkok for an online town hall with Ambassador Sean O'Neill on March 13 at 9:00 AM to learn more about the U.S. Embassy's and Consulate General's priorities in Thailand.
- 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)
- & Dec-Pearl Harbor Day
- Christmas/New Year's activity
- Marine Corps "Toys for Tots / Children's Day

Assisted Veterans:

- Noah Buckhouse ... VA
- Scott Eli ... VA
- John March ... Divorce decree
- Brice McCreary ... address change with VA

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Pui Cooper ... SS
- Pim Mayo ... VA
- Karnchana Robarge ... SS
- Nittaya Podolan ... VA (Pending award receipt March 1st)
- Duang McCoy ... VA
- Ausaporn Williams ... SS
- Ju Thayer ... FERS (Awarded SS based on own record)
- Chuen Bowman … SBP/Schwab
- Buaban Mitchell ... VA
- Malaiporn McKnight ... VA
- Tippawan Delomba ... VA/SS
- Lawan Storer ... VA/SS
- Lamduan Eggleston ... VA (Missing divorce decree)

In Home Visit:

- Visited Fred Mitchell, 85, USAF (ret) at his home on February 11th with post member Joe Fernandez. Fred is recuperating from respiratory problems and recent gall bladder surgery. His son and daughter-in-law are visiting from the states to assist. He has been referred to Dr. Nick to assist with the paperwork for VA Aid and Attendance.
- Visited Steven Gaddis, 72, USN ... he has had various health issues and needed assistance to file for VA Housebound status.

Commander:

- July 4th will be the 250th birthday of the United States of America
- The Vietnam War officially ended on **April 30, 1975**
- Saturday 28th February marks 35 years since the conclusion of the Gulf War in 1991.
- Budget for 2026 is being prepared. Approval allows the officers of the post to do what you elected them to do. Run the post. This post has 4 elected positions- Commander-1st vice commander-2nd vice commander and Finance officer. All other positions are appointed by the commander. The post was formed this way in order to allow the officers to make the prudent decisions as to how the post is run in the most efficient manner possible. The budget is a key factor in how the post is managed.
- Lease will come due in June—This is the largest post expenditure. When the post was formed, the conscience was to have a Permanente home. This has been the continuing desire of the membership. As we grow, we need to keep in mind meeting space and parking.
- Vibrant and healthy post – Not a wealthy post. The financual transactions for this post exceeded over 1 million Baht last year. Your finance officer is an extremely important decision at election time.
- Next month's guest speaker TH-02 member and VFW Post 9951 Commander Tom Friend will speak about his role at JUSMAGTHAI
- Emergency Contact form
- Passport emergency contact page
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- Change of command ceremony today

Open Forum

- Mike Paulsen-2 Qtr. DPAA MIA/POW Report
- Evacuation exercise was held

Business Session

Old Business Chair has none
Adjutant Is there any old business
From the floor Is there any old business

Entertain a motion
Second By
Discussion
Any Opposed
Motion Passes

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Change of Command

Commanders' remarks
Sergeant at Arms retrieves the post flag with both hands
Sergeant at Arms passes the TH-02 flag to the Outgoing Commander
Outgoing Commander passes the TH-02 flag to the Incoming Commander
Incoming Commander passes the TH-02 flag to the Sergeant at Arms
Sergeant at Arms places the flag back in the stand
Outgoing Commander passes the gavel to the incoming Commander
Incoming Commanders' remarks

Before we close

Next Meeting is March 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

Chaplain Closing Prayer Ron Walton
Uncover
Prayer
Cover

Sergeant at Arms Please prepare the room

Remove the flags 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