



Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from Noi Mellor/Duan Storno
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator Beverages-25 Beer is B-50
- c) Food today ** Generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Knorr-
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mellor- Mr. and Mrs. Skip Storno.
- d) There are 2 bathrooms and 1 urinal readily available outside the
meeting room if needed. Just get up and go outside.
- d) Disclaimers for all activities at TH-02. Security cameras are active 24
hours a day. Our meetings are live-streamed and recorded. Your
presence constitutes approval to use and post any photos taken.

During today's meeting we don't ask much of you. Just a few rules for
today's meeting ** Your neighbor may want to hear what's being said,
Be courteous. If you have something to say please raise your hand and
wait to be called on.

- d) Please silence your phone. The meeting will begin soon.

Open Today's Meeting

22 Nov @ 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.
Hand salute Two

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 American serviceman or women returns home. A moment of silence please as we remember them.

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 TH-02 members and fellow veterans

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

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

Mike Chitwood
Gary Mellor
Richard Garcia

*****Also Please Recognize*****

- Pattaya Community Service Liaison
 - US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer
- Service Officer
- Acting Chaplin
- Sergeant at arms
- Honor Guard Captain

Mike Brewer
Claude (Skip) Storno
Ron Walton
Adolphus Grisby
Steve Kausal

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

- **From the American Legion** Department of France Commander **Dennis Owens**
- **From Janjeera US Tax and services** **Janjeera Escalante**
- **Something a little different today-** Please stand and introduce yourself by name, service, and state of origin. In the back—Ed please start
- Our Thai Visitors today are gathered in the lounge where they can enjoy local Thai camaraderie..
 - New members at today's meeting **Please stand and introduce yourself**

Adjutant,

Roll Call and Minutes of Last Meeting

Executive Committee Members-10

Members-15

Do we have a quorum to transact business? Yes

Honor Guard: No Honor Guard this month

Member Passings: None this month

Local veterans: None this month

Distress and Health:

- John Kelsch- Back issues

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

TH-02 Member Spotlight

- Claude (Skip) Storno

Reports and Information from the Officers

Minutes of last month's meeting Mike Chitwood

Membership: 143 on Roster

New Members: Fridolin C Bickum USMC

David Fernando Galvan USAF

Brian W Lind USAF

Bill Lee Harper USA

Gregory L Charley USN

Transfers: John J Kiefel USA TFR from OR0158

Adjutant/Finance Officer Mike Chitwood

NFCU \$13,524.76 Increase

Bangkok Bank \$348,781 Rent

Donations to the Post \$ _____

Rent was paid

Service Officer Skip Storno

Birthdays:

Shane Bentley 52

Danny Berry 61

Robert K Brooks 68

Frank Eastwood 58

Timothy L McLean 77

John J Ketchledge 66

Michael C Siegel 68

Nicholas L Chitwood 66

Jeffery Drake 56

Buddy Checks

- Sid Cameron

Community Affairs-Pattaya

US Embassy

- Travel Alert-Cambodian Border
- Border visa runs

Mike Brewer**Nathan Kent Foundation****Rolf Berg Hanson**

- **Nathan Kent Foundation** Was formed to help ensure no American Veteran is entombed into a pauper's grave and to assist families and friends with the procedures in Thailand for final rights. The foundation has also gotten remains back to the families in the US and in some cases final entombment into a national cemetery
- If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please contact any officer

2nd Vice Commander**Richard Garcia**

Calendar:

- Pattaya Fireworks Festival 28-29 Nov
- Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary Birthday) 1 Dec
- King Bhumibol's Birthday 5 Dec
(Rama 9) Father's Day. National Thai Holiday
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. 7 Dec
- VFW 9876 General membership meeting. 9 Dec
- Constitution Day. National Thai Holiday 10 Dec
- U S National Guard Birthday. 13 Dec
- VFW 12146 general membership meeting. 13 Dec
- End of the Iraqi War. 15 Dec
- National Wreaths Across America Day. 18 Dec
Laying of Wreaths on veterans' graves in honor of their sacrifice.
Over 4900 locations participate
- Space Force Birthday. 20 Dec.
- Christmas Eve/Day. 24-25 Dec.
- TH-02 monthly membership meeting 27 Dec
- New Years Eve. 31 Dec. New Year's Day. 1 Jan

1st Vice Commander:**Gary Mellor****Future Events**

- Chaplain Ron Walton Christmas event for the children
- Skip Storno Take Care Kids Orphanage update
- We're all set for Thanksgiving Dinner on 27 November
at Tiggiebitties at 1500.

Assisted Post Members:

- Artie Nye ... VA
- Ron Walton ... SSA
- Brice McCreary ... VA

Assisted Widows of Veterans:

- Pui Cooper ... FERS
- Karnchana Robarge ... SS
- Nittaya Podolan ... VA
- Duang McCoy ... VA
- Ausaporn Williams ... SS
- Ju Thayer ... FERS/SS
- Chuen Bowman FERS/NFCU/Schwab

Assisted Veterans:

- * Byron Spence ... VA
- * Patrick Maddox ... VA

Note: Regarding VA claims submissions our VSO with the Department of France, Tim Litherland, is taking Thanksgiving week off and then working 01-19 December and will then be off until 05 January 2026.

Introduce our Guest Speaker from Janjeera US Tax and Services ... Janjeera Escalante

Commander:

- From the Pattaya news meeting

Money and Banking

- 50 50 scheme sponsored by the Thai government is commencing well
- Bank account seizures have quieted but B-800,000 deposits are next target
- Registered ownership of your Thai phone is required by the Thai government
- Predictions for the future. No phone number is needed. Only internet
- Prominent foreigner scammed out of B-70,000 on Whats app

Construction in Pattaya

- December and Jan are actually “No Construction Mandates” in Pattaya
- Several public works projects hastened because of the above
- Jomtien beach road to return to 2-way traffic
- Harbor Mall Will close for 3 months for renovation
- Runway Market Ferris Wheel is almost complete
- Runway Market airplane is under renovation as a coffee shop

City sponsored activities

- Fireworks festival Estimated to exceed 8,000 people
 - I represented the Post in Kanchanaburi again this year on Veterans Day by laying a wreath at Kanchanaburi War Graves memorial. Over 800 persons in attendance
 - 50/50 tickets are a major source of your posts funding. Nothing is free! Please use the donation boxes generously
 - New post ballcaps have arrived

Guest Speaker: Commander Dennis Owens

From the American Legion Department of France

Topics of interest:

Be The One

EU GDPR

Transfer Of Post to Department of the Philippines

Open Forum

Awards

- **Presentations to Commander Owens**

Post Honorary member presentation	Gary
Post coin	Skip
Air Force Flag	Skip-Richard
American Flag	AD Grisby-Skip-Bill

- **Commander Owens** presented our members with a certificate recognizing them as Super Stars. Members recognized were:

Richard Garcia	Roger Knorr	Mike Brewer
Bill Alhberg	Claude (Skip) Storno	

Commander Owens also presented Commander Ahlberg with the 2025 Membership ribbon for the post colors for 100% goal being met

- **Any additional open Forum**

- Michael Paulsen

1st Qtr. POW/MIA identifications from the DPAA.mil website.
Based on Hickam Joint Base in Honolulu, Hawaii. 111 (All
Branches) were identified for the 1st Quarter

- Jeff Drake-Veterans Wellness Center Grant

Business Session

Old Business

Chair has none

Adjutant Is there any old business from the post
Is there any old business from the floor

Entertain a motion • _____
Second By • _____

Discussion • _____ • _____

Any Opposed
Motion Passes

New Business

Chair has none

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Is there any old business from the floor

Space • _____

Entertain a motion • _____
Second By • _____

Discussion • _____ • _____

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Before we close

Next Meeting is December 21 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

Please Remove the charter drape.

Chaplain

Uncover
Prayer 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

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