



# 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 woman 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 **Mike Chitwood**
- 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator **Gary Mellor**
- 2nd Vice Commander **Richard Garcia**

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

- Pattaya Community Service Liaison **Mike Brewer**
  - US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer
- Service Officer **Claude (Skip) Storno**
- Acting Chaplin **Ron Walton**
- Sergeant at arms **Adolphus Grisby**
- Honor Guard Captain **Steve Kausal**

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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

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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

**Mike Brewer**

US Embassy

- Travel Alert-Cambodian Border
- Border visa runs

## 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:

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| • 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 Tigglebitties 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**

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

### **Construction in Pattaya**

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

### **City sponsored activities**

- a. 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

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

Space    • \_\_\_\_\_

Entertain a motion • \_\_\_\_\_  
Second By    • \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion    • \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_

Any Opposed  
Motion Passes

# 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.