

Welcome to the American Legion TH-02



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

Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available. This funds our free lunch today
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator
- c) Please silence your phones
- d) Food today ** Paid for by the Post from the 50 / 50 drawing

Open Today's Meeting 22 Feb @ 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: Richard Garcia

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

Chaplin: Opening prayer please

Please be seated

The POW / MIA table is sacred to our veterans. It is set in front of you and represents our government's commitment to ensure that every serviceman or women returns home. A moment of silence please.

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 our community veterans and other veterans in our heart and minds

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

Finance Officer & Adjutant
 Pattaya Community Service Liaison
 Mike Chitwood
 Mike Brewer

US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer

• 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator Claude Storno Excused

• 2nd Vice Commander Gary Mellor

Online

Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison
 Guy Herron
 Excused

• Department of France Vice commander Jim Brotherton

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Adjutant - Roll call & minutes please

Mike Chitwood

- All present or accounted for: 20 Members in attendance
- Minutes of the last meeting have been approved by the officers and posted on our website.

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

- Visitors at today's meeting
 - Kevin Hart <u>USMC</u>

Our Visitors today

Miss Kodchakon Teparuk
 TH-02 Roving photographer

- Mrs. Lilida Knickerbocker
- Mrs. Noi Mellor
- Mrs. Doug White

TH-02 Honor Guard:

Member Passings:

• No Members to Report

Local veterans:

- Harley Terrell Jones, US Army, motorcycle accident. VFW
- TH-02 has earned the reputation as the premier veteran's organization that lives the motto "Veterans Taking Care of Veterans". Especially when it comes to veterans passing in the Pattaya area. I recently came under attack on social media for posting some of the cremation photos. The posting of these photos will continue as this is sometimes the only closure

available to family and friends. Last month TH-02's Nathan Kent Foundation exhumed the body of a veteran that was mistakenly sent to a pauper's grave. The widow has expressed the family's sincere gratitude in closure of their family member. TH-02 First Vice is as I speak officiating an Honor Guard ceremony for one of our forgotten veterans.

Distress and Health:

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

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TH-02 Member Spotlight

Charter Member and Pioneer Award winner Don Delomba

Reports

Membership Chairman

Mike Chitwood

Membership: 134 Active on Roster

02 Deceased 09 Expired

- New Members Doug White-US Navy
 - Thomas DeShazor-US Navy

Information from Officers

Adjutant/Finance Officer

NFCU \$4065.34 Bangkok Bank **\$170,354.12**

Donations to the Post

Service Officer

Assisted Post Members:

- Doug White, VA claim.
- Angelo Trifiro, VA claim preparation.

Assisted Widows/Dependents of Veterans:

- Dithawat Williams, dependent VA claim and social security.
- Wilawan Kajadpan, widow VA claim.
- Karnchana Robarge, widow VA claim and dependent social security.
- Ketmanee Walker, widow claim and VA insurance claim.

- Pui Cooper, VA widow claim.
- Pim Mayo, VA widow supplemental claim submitted via VFW rep Joe Blasetti.
- Raemchan Rusciano, SBP, VA DIC and Social Security claims.
- Chaypthip Campbell, reinstate TRICARE authorization via monthly credit card payment.
- Tutka Kull, VA claim finalized, and monthly payments being received. Closed.

Assisted Veterans:

• David Scogin, USMC, VA claim preparation.

Buddy Checks

- Matt Mayclin
 Howard Holdsworth
 Tom Friend
 Mark Trudell
 Birthdays:
 - Gary Umphress (54)
 - Joseph Thomas (35)
 - Robert Graham (69)
 - Guy Herron (60)
 - Al Fitchett (72)
 - Michael Yoakum (72)
 - Artie Nye (71)
 - Jonathan Metellus (61)
 - Dariush Khosrovschahi (79)
 - Thomas Hughes (70)

Community Affairs-Pattaya and US Embassy American Citizens Liaison Volunteer

Scams

2nd Vice Commander

Calendar:

- March 08: VFW Post 9951 Monthly Meeting @ 0930
- March 09: Shift to Daylight Savings Time in USA
- March 11: VFW Post 9876 Monthly Meeting @ 1300
- March 15: VFW Post 12146 Monthly Meeting @ 1300
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 22: AL Post TH02 Monthly Meeting @ 1200
- March 29: National Vietnam War Veteran's Day

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1st Vice Commander:

Excused to attend the service for US Army Veteran Harley Jones Married to Duan on Valentines Day

Commander:

- Officers Meeting was held Feb 11th
 discussion included the upcoming election, post home and upcoming
 events
- Lease extension Expires June 15th
- 50/50 drawing, donations, and membership are our revenue sources
- Nathan Kent Foundation money is included in the finance officers report
 - o 2 sets of cremated remains sent to family members in the US last week
- Emergency Information placards are available in the stand at the door
- Future Events
 - April-Songkran

Open	Forum
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Business Session

Post Election

- Adjutant, Please remind us of the election procedure for the 4 officer positions
- Acceptance of the nomination
 - ★ Election of new officers at the next regular monthly meeting
 - ★ Voting by members present or online
 - ★ Election by affirmation if only single candidates are nominated
- Nominations

Old Rusiness Chair has none

- Commander
- First Vice Commander
- Second Vice Commander
- Finance Officer

Nominations will remain open until the election next month

Old Business Chair has none		
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Entertain a motion	•	
Second By	•	
Discussion:		
Any Opposed	•	
Adjutant	•	

New Business Chair has 1 item
Entertain a motion Continue to lease space for a post home pending available of funding By Second By • Second By
Discussion:
Are there any Opposed •
Adjutant, please record the Motion Passes *********************************
Closing Ceremony
Before we close
Next Meeting is March 22 Same time ** Same place 50/50 tickets are still available. Drawing will be in about 10 minutes after the meeting.
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.