



Welcome to the
American Legion
Post TH-02
Monthly Meeting

Veterans are our Business

BE THE ONE



★★★★★ 5 Minute Alert ★★★★★

Announcements – Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available from Sai & Saji
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator
- c) Please silence your phones.
- d) Food today * Memorial Day Lunch * Paid for by the Post.

Open Today's Meeting

25 May 2024 12:00

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.

Announce Attention

Place the flags and open the bible.

Step back and announce

Attention-Hand Salute and Two.

US citizens – Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Country's flag. Hand salute Two.

Chaplin Jim Davidson Please give us an opening prayer.

Chaplin----- Please remove your hats or Cover Prayer

Note: Memorial Day is May 27th

Please be seated.

The POW / MIA table is sacred to our veterans. It is set in their memory. A moment of silence please as we set the table.

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 local veterans.

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

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| 1. Finance Officer & Adjutant | Mike Chitwood |
| 2. Pattaya Community Service Liaison | Mike Brewer |
| 3. 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator | Claude Storno |
| 4. 2nd Vice Commander & Service Office | Gary Mellor |
| 5. Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison | Guy Herron |

Adjutant - Mike Chitwood **Roll call** & minutes please

All present or accounted for:

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

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Position
William	Martin	Ahlberg	Commander
Michael	Joseph	Chitwood	Finance Officer/Adjutant
Richard	Marvel	Garcia	Sergeant at Arms
Frank	P	Giusto	IT
Roger	Alan	Knorr	Executive Committee
Gary		Mellor	2nd Vice/Service Officer
Claude	Alfred	Storno	1st Vice Commander
Joseph	Michael	Blasetti	
Michael	D	Brewer	
Jeffry	L	Dana	
James		Davidson	
Wayne	C	Drowns	
Delbert	N	Marohl	
Timothy	R	Mclean	
Donald	L	Meurett	
Steve		Miller	
Michael	Dale	Paulsen	
William	Joseph	Schmitt Jr.	
Alvin	Edward	Shawver	
Robert		Uhrich	
L David		Walker	
Dustin		Williams	

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

A. TH-01 American Legion

B. From the US Embassy Citizen Liaison Volunteer Bobby Brooks

C. Visitors at today's meeting

Don Bauza US Marines

Shawn Reynolds US Army

D. Friends of the American Legion

E. Our Thai Visitors today

1. Miss Kodchakon Teparuk TH-02 Roving photographer
2. Miss Thitaporn Wongthumma Sai
3. Mrs Ketmanee Walker
4. Mrs Manee Meurett
5. Mrs Somjit Knorr
6. Ms Duan Wongduan Sriya
7. Dararat (Noi) Mellor
8. Cookie Patthararn

1) **Passings**

Bill

- a. Chuck Huggins 78 US Army Vietnam era Veteran
- b. Sam Burris 80 US Army Vietnam era Veteran

1. **Honor Guard**

Steve

- c. Chuck Huggins Banchang / Phala Beach
- d. Ceremonial Bugle Returned-Bad Address
- e. Flag folding practice

6. **Distress** and **Health** Veterans or family members
- a. Mrs. Manee Meurett Fall at home
 - b. Lee Schading Chemotherapy
 - c. Gwen Berry Chemotherapy

Are there any other veterans, members, or family members in distress?

Jay Steele BPH-Broken Knee

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

The post Chaplin is available for spiritual counseling and support.

Contact **Jim** or any officer

7. TH-02 Spotlight
- a. **Don Meurett** Good neighbor extraordinaire follow through

8. **Reports** ***** Keeping you informed

a. **Adjutant** - **Mike Chitwood** Membership 114 Members

b. New Members 1

1. Michael Warner (VFW - 9876) US Army

c. Transfers

1. _____

Please step forward **Skip** Pin, Flag, Present post chip, and sticker

Information from the Officers

d. Adjutant/Finance Office **Mike Chitwood**

1. Navy Federal \$998.31 \$-25 Dues
2. Bangkok Bank ฿ 203,281 ฿-20,000 Shirts
3. Donations to the Post _____
4. 2 June-Commander and Adjutant meeting-DOF
5. 13 June- 4th DEC
6. 14 June-DOF Convention
7. 15 June-1st DEC

e. Service Officer **Gerry Mellor**

1. Assisted Post Members
 2. Assisted Widows of Veterans
 1. Tutka Kull ... VA claim denied due to social security income of dependent daughter Samanthe Tull. Will assist with re-filling after SS ends in June.
 2. Pranee Griffin ... We are passing this case to our post member Chet Drowns for further investigation and assistance.
 3. Wirunnapat Henderson... Survivors Pension or D.I.C. Also assisting in TriCare
 4. Ranee Anderson...Mothers Social Security
 3. Assisted Other Veterans
 1. Don Bauza ... veteran still deciding if he is going to submit for any increase or possible secondary claims.
 2. Don Lahti ... All forms submitted to VA and veteran is waiting for email contact to schedule any C & P exams.
 3. Geoffrey Noel ... In work. Veteran provided initial forms for VA claim.
 4. Chuck Huggins ... assisted with process to stop social security a continue for his dependent child.
 5. Brice McCreary ... has decided not to pursue.
 4. Birthdays May
 1. Birthdays ... Roger Knorr, Lou Holub, Keo Noochan, Mark Trudel, Gary Coon, Joe Blasetti and Dennis Ward
 5. Miscellaneous ... for anybody interested in filing a new VA claim:

There are 3 aspects to a good claim ... An in service event documented in your active duty medical record; a current diagnosis and a nexus linking new medical evidence to your military service.
- vi) Join the US Navy ... It's possible to coordinate enlistment from Thailand with recruiter in Yokosuka, Japan.

f. Community Affairs-Pattaya

Mike Brewer

1. US Embassy
 1. Absentee voting
 2. US Embassy outreach here at the post. Date to be determined.
2. Assistance call from Soi 9 Pattaya Police

g. Veterans Affairs Liaison-Bangkok

Chet Drowns

1. I am pleased to announce to all of you my most recent appointment
2. Chet Drowns- Chet please say "Hello"
3. Chet is a member of the DPAA which works out of the US Embassy
4. Welcome aboard Chet

h. Historian/Community Affairs Liaison-Korea

Guy Herron

1. Post Coin

i. 2nd Vice Commander

Gary Mellor

1. Beginning 2026 the blue retired military ID will no longer be accepted
2. TRICARE has lowered the age for colon screenings to 45
3. American Legion sponsored Online Suicide Prevention training is available May 30th
4. The VA has expanded benefits to those with OTH discharges.
5. Next VFW Post 9876 meeting is June 11 at 1300

j. 1st Vice Commander

Claude (Skip) Stoma

1. Looking forward- upcoming events
2. May 30 2024 Memorial Day combined with today's lunch
3. June 6 D-Day 80th Anniversary tickets available for the after meal at B-350. Includes the meal and 2 beverages
4. July 4th Independence Day depending on today's success

k. Commander

Bill

1. Post Home

1. TH-02 is now open several days a week to service our members, visitors and guests. The manning duties are minimal, so please see any officer.
2. In order to keep the post clean we will be spending a small amount from the 50 /50 ticket sales on a cleaning person.

2. Committees

1. No active committees
3. Nathan Kent Foundation Nothing to Report

Business Section

Adjutant-Do we have a quorum to transact business? Yes___ No___

10. **Old Business** Adjutant ** Is there any old business to cover? Yes___ No___

a. _____

1. Entertain a Motion _____

2. Seconded by _____

3. Discussion

4. Any Opposed Yes___ No___

5. Motion Passes Yes___ No___

11. **New Business**

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3. Discussion

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5. Motion Passes Yes___ No___

Before we close

Next Meeting is June 22nd

Same time ** Same place

50/50 tickets are still available. Drawing will be in about 10 minutes after the meeting.

If you are able, Please Stand for the closing ceremony.

Sergeant at arms: Please Remove the charter drape.

Chaplin: Closing prayer please. **Uncover** **Prayer Jim** **Cover**

Sergeant at Arms: Please prepare the room **Richard**

Room Attention Hand Salute **Richard**

Remove the flags and close the bible. Step back salute and announce

Order Arms **Richard**

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

