



Welcome to the American Legion Post TH-02 Monthly Meeting

Veterans are our business

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LEGION

**** ** 5 Minute alert ** ****

1. Announcements - Before we get started

- a) 50/50 tickets are available**
- b) Beverages are available in the refrigerator**
- c) Please silence your phones.**
- d) Food today ** Paid for by the Post.**

Open Today's Meeting

22 June 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 Please prepare the room. Ed Shaver

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 – Please give us an opening prayer.

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

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.**

**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
veteran Lee Schading.**

*******At the front table*******

- 1. Finance Officer & Adjutant** **Mike Chitwood**

- 2. Pattaya Community Service Liaison** **Mike Brewer**
Pattaya Police and US Embassy Citizen Services volunteer

- 3. 1st Vice Commander & Events coordinator** **Claude Storno**

- 4. 2nd Vice Commander & Service Officer** **Gary Mellor**

- 5. Historian & Korea Community Service Liaison** **Guy Herron**
On-Line

Adjutant - Roll call & minutes please

Mike

All present or accounted for:

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

- 1 William Ahlberg
- 2 Claude Storno
- 3 Gary Mellor
- 4 Michael Chitwood
- 5 Frank Giusto
- 6 Roger Knorr
- 7 Joseph Blasetti
- 8 Robert Brooks
- 9 Sid Cameron
- 10 Gary Coon
- 11 Jeffry Dana
- 12 James Davidson
- 13 Joseph Doskus
- 14 Adolphus Grisby
- 15 George Knickerbocker
- 16 Donald Meurett
- 17 Tomio Nashimura
- 18 Michael Paulsen
- 19 Shawn Reynolds
- 20 Bill Schlocker
- 21 Alvin Shawver
- 22 Gregory Treadway

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

- A. From the US Embassy Citizen Liaison Volunteer Bobby Brooks
- B. Visitors at today's meeting
1. Alan Mansako
 2. Marcus Cole
 3. SK Simon
 4. Patrick McCracken
 5. Bill Schlocker
- C. Our Thai Visitors
1. Miss Kodchakon Teparuk
 2. Mrs Manee Merrett
 3. Mrs Somjit Knorr
 4. Mrs Lilida Knickerbocker
 5. Ms Duan Wongduan Sriya
 6. Mrs. Dararat Mellor

6. Passings
 - a) Lee Schading

7. Honor Guard
 - a) Ceremonial Bugel received
 - b) Burial at Sea, North Pattaya, Internment Ft Snelling

8. Distress and Health Veterans or family members
 - 1) Gwen Berry

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

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

The post Chaplin is available for spiritual counseling and support.

Contact Jim or any officer

9. TH-02 Spotlight
 - a. Michael Chitwood

10. Reports ***** Keeping you informed.
 - a. Membership
 - i. 113
 - b. New Members
 - i. Shawn Reynolds USA
 - ii. James Rusciano USAF
 - iii. Greg Treadway USAf
 - c. Transfer
 - i. Marcus Earp
 - ii. Neil Tufford
 - iii. Dave Bell

11. Information from the officers

a. Adjutant / Finance officer

1) Navy Federal account balance	\$ 2098.32	+ \$1,100
2) Bangkok Bank balance	฿ 177,349	฿-25,932
3) Donations to the Post	฿ 1815	\$100

b. Service Officer

i. Assisted Post Members

1. David Walker

ii. Assisted Widows of Veterans

1. Continuing to monitor dependent social security and will resubmit Survivor Pension claim once final social security deposit has cleared.

2. Pranee Griffin: Chet Drowns and Mike Brewer did a health and comfort visit and will provide an update.

iii. Assisted Other Veterans

1. Buddy checks via phone call:

Contacted: Gary Steuer, Steve Bell, Ron Howard, Carl Perrino, Tim McClean, Mike Yoakum, Angelo Trifiro and ... Bill Schlocker who will be 90 in September. No answer: Brian Howe, Arrington Wilson, Shane Curtis (USA), Brian Luffman, Don Smith, Howard Gundy (USA) and Warren Weld (Wrong Phone Number).

iv. Birthdays June 2024:

Dave Spurling (79), Brice McCreary (82), Howard Gundy (69), Delbert Marohl (73), Warren Weld (59), Jim Davidson (67), Sid Cameron (73), Mike Brewer (58), Joe Doskus (75), Chet Drowns (46),
Jeff Stringfield (72).

v. Miscellaneous ... Types of disability claims:

** Original claim—file your first claim for disability compensation

** Increased claim—file a claim for more compensation for a disability that we've already determined to be service connected and that's gotten worse

** New claim—file a claim for added benefits or other benefit requests related to an existing service-connected disability

** Secondary service-connected claim—file a claim for a new disability that's linked to a service-connected disability you already have

** Special claim—file a claim for special needs linked to your service-connected disability

** Supplemental Claim—provide new evidence to support a disability claim that was denied

Eligibility for Veterans Pension

The Veterans Pension program provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits.

Example:

If a veteran was married and living on a \$1500 a month social security check with no other income assets at all it looks like this program would put another \$306 a month in his pocket ... MAPR amount of \$21,674 - SS amount of \$18,000 = \$ 3,674 ... or \$306 a month.

c. Community Affairs-Pattaya

d. Veterans Affairs Liaison-Bangkok

Lee Shading

e. Historian/Community Affairs Liaison-Korea

f. 2nd Vice Commander

i. Representative Payee for your social security benefits in case of incapacitation:

Log into your SSA account to nominate up to three people to be your representative payee.

“A representative payee is a person or an organization. We appoint a payee to receive the Social Security or SSI benefits for anyone who can’t manage or direct the management of his or her benefits. A payee’s main duties are to use the benefits to pay for the current and future needs of the beneficiary, and properly save any benefits not needed to meet current needs. A payee must also keep records of expenses. When we request a report, a payee must provide an accounting to us of how he or she used or saved the benefits.”

g. 1st Vice Commander

h. Commander

ii. Post Home

1. We believe the majority of the membership is favorable toward renewing the lease of the present location
2. Improve the lighting
3. Plan to raise the big screen tv
4. Ships tours

USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS-10)

iii. Committees

1. House committee / Lease

Business Session

Adjutant -

Do we have a quorum present to transact business. Yes

13. Old Business Chair None

A. _____

1) Entertain a motion to _____

2) Second by _____

3) Discussion _____

4) Any opposed Yes ___ No ___

5) Motion Passes Yes ___ No ___

14. New Business Chair None

A. x

1) Motion by _____

2) Second by _____

3) Discussion _____

4) Any opposed Yes ___ No ___

5) Motion Passes Yes ___ No ___

Any other new business

15. Before we close

A. Next Meeting is July 27th Same time ** Same place

B. 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

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.

