

# American Legion<br/> Monthly Meeting

Veterans are our business

Welcome to the

American Legion TH-02

Thomas Oliver Ahlberg Memorial Post

Pattaya Thailand

# Before we start

- 1. Please silence your phones.
- 2. 50/50 tickets are available.
- 3. Beverages are available in the cooler

# Open Today's Meeting 27 Jan @ 12:00

#### Commander:

The POW / MIA table for this meeting is set for one.

A moment of silence for remembrance please

Optional Ceremony: 5 minutes

Commander's pick: Rolf Burg-Hansen

Announcer: William Ahlberg

Handler:

Placer:

Please join me at the podium as we set the table.

# Commander:

Please stand

# 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

Chaplin: Opening prayer please

# **Guests and Visitors**

#### A. Veterans:

1. Wayne Chet Drowns (DPAA) USA/USAF

#### B. Others:

1. Miss Kodchakon Teparuk TH-02 Roving Photographer

2. Miss Thitaporn Wongthumma (Sai) Thai Community Liaison

3. Mrs L. David Walker

4. Miss Duan Storno

5. Mrs. George Knickerbocker

6. Mrs. Don Meurett

7. Mrs. Gary Mellor

# Reports

# C. Adjutant

#### a. Roll call and minutes

William	Martin	Ahlberg	Commander	Χ
Michael	Joseph	Chitwood	Finance Officer/Adjutant X	
Richard	Marvel	Garcia	Sergeant at Arms X	
Frank	Р	Giusto	IT X	
Gary		Mellor	2nd Vice/Service Officer	Х
Claude	Alfred	Storno	1st Vice Commander X	
Michael	D	Brewer	Executive Committee	Χ
Sid	W	Cameron		Х
David		Costa		Х
Jeffry	L	Dana		Х
James		Davidson		Х
Wayne	С	Drowns		Х
Adolphus	Leon	Grisby		Х
John	J	Ketchledge		Х
George	Burdette	Knickerbocker		X
Donald	L	Meurett		X
Michael	Dale	Paulsen		Х
Alvin	Edward	Shawver		Х
Mark	Anthony	Trudel	On-Line	Х
Robert		Uhrich		Х
L David		Walker		Х
Dustin		Williams		Х

# D. Veterans or Family members with health issues

- a. Gwen Berry
- b. Lee Schading
- c. Stephan Pullman
- d. Mrs. Roger Knorr

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

The post Chaplin is available for spiritual counseling.

Contact Jim or any office

#### E. Membership

- a) Current 108 Members
- b) New Members

a. Wayne (Chet) Drownsb. David SewellUSAF

c) Transfers

#### F. Honor Guard

a) Nothing to report

#### G. Finance Officer

a) NFCU Balance	\$890.16	\$678.12
b) Bangkok Bank	<b>\$192,593</b>	<b>\$410,102</b>
c) Donations	<b>\$1,718</b>	

## H. Service Officer

a) Assisted Post Members

a. Lee Shading TriCare

b) Assisted Others

a. Michael Jackson TriCare

b. Pranee Griffin SBP-Checks have startedc. Samantha Kull Re-Establish Social Security

#### I. Community Affairs

a) Pattaya City Hotline 1337

J. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander a) Care for Kids Summary
K. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander a) Tricare b) ID Cards
L. Commander a) Member Spotlight
a b) Member Awards a
<ul> <li>c) Nathan Kent Foundation</li> <li>a. Bring your recyclable items to the post meetings. Cans &amp; Plastic</li> <li>d) Post Home Committee</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>a. Lease         <ol> <li>i. Signed a one year lease on 29 Dec 2023</li> <li>e) Membership Questions</li> <li>a. Marketing versus recruitment</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>i. Recruiting your asking the veteran to join</li> <li>ii. Marketing the veteran wants to join</li> <li>iii. Joint awareness with the other veteran organizations</li> <li>1. VFW</li> </ul>
<ul><li>2. RBL</li><li>3. French Veterans</li><li>4. How do we do it? Benefits Downfalls</li></ul>
f) Core events remaining for TH-02  a. October 26th Ceremony at Hell Fire Pass Interest  b. November 11th Veterans Day Khanchanaburi Interest  c. Dec 7th Pearl Harbor Day Nov 25 post meeting  d. TBD Family Day Committee Chairman
g) Future Events a. January 29 Martin Luther King Day b. February -8 <sup>th to</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Burapha Bike Week

c. February -10<sup>th</sup> 2024 Lunar New year

d. February -17<sup>th</sup> 2024 Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas, Nevada

e. June 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 D-day in Normandy event with the French

# **Open Forum**

#### M. Open Forum (No Motions)

- A. Post Home Information
  - 1) New location rent has many possibilities for us
  - 2) Some of the items we still need;
    - a) Tables and chairs
    - b) Refrigerator or cooler
    - c) freezer
    - d) Toaster
    - e) Additional kitchen stuff

# **Business**

#### N. Old Business

A. Post Shirts have arrived

B. Post hats have arrived

1,000 Baht donation 500 Baht donation

#### O. New Business

- A. Entertain a motion from the floor to approve the finance officers budget
  - 1) Entertain a motion as presented

a. Motion by: Michael Chitwood

b. Second by: Jim Davidson

c. Discussion

d. Any opposed No e. Motion Passes Yes

# Before we close

Please Stand for the closing ceremony
Chaplin Closing prayer please. Uncover Cover

Sergeant at arms Please retire the colors

Richard Room Attention Hand Salute

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

Commander
This meeting is adjourned.

On the 27<sup>TH</sup> of January 2024 the Commander of the American Legion Post TH-02 opened the monthly general membership meeting at the new Post home. The new Post home features a carport, and 4 detached facilities. There is a large western style kitchen, a meeting room and 2 detached bungalows. A patio area with a small yard.







Our inaugural meeting was well attended with 21 members present. In addition to the spouses/significant others and guests.







The Commander opened the meeting. As in our tradition the Commander introduced a new member, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice presented Wayne with a Post Chip and US Flag pin.







Following the meeting members and guest were able to take advantage of our new home with another of our traditions. Food and beverages were provided to be enjoyed by all.

























