



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
Department of Pacific Areas
District V
Banchang Utapao Thailand Post 12146

Comrades,

June 2020

I hope this monthly message finds each of you and your families in good health & good spirits as we begin our slow but steady phase 3 transition back to some sense of normal life coexistence following the dreaded COVID 19 pandemic. Continue to use common sense while in public socially distance, sanitize and mask. Our Post Members & Friends continued Community Service Activities in support of the less fortunate during the pandemic period, we visited/assisted our shut in Vets, continued used clothing drive, supported foodbanks and meal delivery to orphans & needy unemployed service industry workers, diapers for the bed ridden. Your generosity has ever meant more and as my last month as Post 12146 Commander I have never been more proud and may God continue to bless us all!

Post home improvements are all but completed on schedule within budget a big BZ to our Post Home Committee Chairman and team! Continue the “clean the closet campaign” through June 15th then make donation to Hand in Hand. D5 Officer nominations & electronic election continue a long story but marvelous job by current D5 CDR, Past Post CDR Jack F. & committee. Our May 30th Memorial day observance and Vietnam Vets day recognition, the burger/hotdog burn at Finnegan’s Banchang was splendid, it was good to see over 40 in attendance throughout the afternoon. Planning for the 4th topic for next Officer meeting, new term Officer installations. Good luck to incoming CDR Coop!

We are blessed with no local reports of Comrades or families of comrades infected with COVID, our thoughts and prayers go out to our Post members & families who are stable / recovering in local assisted living facility, Comrade Doug C. Travis D. and Joseph M. recovering in local hospitals but close to discharge dates. Ensure you have a **“WILL or POA identified an Executor & maintain MEDICAL INSURANCE**. We can assist with draft templates!

Membership Program success continues as reported last month with 225 members, 215 life members with our Post standing 110.8%, #18 in Nat. Div. 5 (top 25 for “AA”), #2 in the DPA & #1 in D5. **Continue to recruit**, place your name in the “Bucket of Cheers” recruiter drawing!

Continue documenting /reporting your CS activities to JVC John K., let’s get credit for all we do! The Post always need Chairman / Volunteers for upcoming events so check the calendars posted on our Website/ FB page, **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR POST!**



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June Planning meeting 6th, GMM on the 13th Post home 13:00

Annual Target & Objectives updates: **ACHIEVED less "AA"!**

- 1 Continue to foster Comradeship among our members, and develop activities which will promote increased member participation. **1st Camaraderie outing success! 2nd outing on the street, Wednesday lunch meeting at Post Home (continuing)!**
- 2 Mentor Junior Member leaders in VFW ritual, processes/ procedures that will enable the Post to place knowledgeable members into Post, Dist., Dept., positions. **D5 Qtr./DPA meeting training. Attend D5/DPA meetings and activities i.e. Midyear COFA Phnom Penh 06-08 Dec. Appointed new Surgeon/Safety Chairman.**
- 3 Ensure Post Service Officer position is filled by capable persons and that member issues & responses are handled in an expeditious manner. **SO office is open, office hours /appointments currently 2 hr. before Post meeting.**
- 4 Finalize the Purchase of the new Post home ensuring Post business stability, long term investment continuity and organizational self-dependence. **Completed, Phase 2 upgrades completed in June.**
- 5 Continue targeted Community Support involvement. Working with Charitable organizations, community leaders, local businesses in order to implement and follow up programs for veterans, widows, orphans and the local community. **See CS activity reporting, efforts double during Pandemic period.**
- 6 Support and provide assistance to any / all Active Duty who may pass through our area, support when possible our Brethren of the Thai Military Veterans Association. **1st & 2nd MAP/Recruitment day completed USAF Red Horse, completed HSC85 "Adopt a Unit" activity Utapao, attended USAD Slow Pitch softball tourney Nov. information/recruitment table, engaged with USN MCB 5 divers COBRA Gold**
- 7 Fundraising includes identifying opportunities that will assist in contributions to Post funds. At a minimum maintain Post Store, 1 golf tournament and 2 raffles per year. **Semi. Golf tourney success focused around Post 5th year Anniversary celebrations included I Watch raffle! Motor bike and store suspended do to pandemic.**
- 8 The Post shall formally observe and celebrate Military / Veteran related remembrances to include, but not limited to **Independence, 9/11, POW/MIA, Veterans Day. Vietnam Veterans Day and Memorial day.** Continue to honor and participate in activities that honor our Comrades from other countries such as **Trafalgar, Remembrance, Thai Veterans Day and ANZAC day. Buddy Poppies when appropriate**

Yours in Comradeship

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