



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



Comrades,

July 2020

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and good spirits as we continue social distancing and using hand sanitizer, some of you need it anyways. As we start the new VFW era of 2020-2021, and I assume the position of Post Commander, I would like to thank Past Post Commander Holub for his leadership and guidance. Commander Holub has done what our previous Post Commanders Farrell, Stein and Cilley have done by leading the Post into new grounds each year and challenging each of us to not just go with status quo, but to grow the Post, not only in Members but in name within the VFW and our Community. I hope as the New Year begins I am able to follow the example set by my predecessors

Our Post Members and friends of the VFW, Dist. 5 and Pacific Areas have been and continue to provide assistance to fellow Veterans, widows, orphans and the less fortunate in our local community, this is one of the very reasons I joined such a great organization as ours. The members of Post 12146, their families and friends not only help Veterans in need, we reach out to those in our community in times like these. In this next year my wish is to not only to help our Post Veterans, but find the ones within our daily outings that don't even know we exist in Thailand. I ask each member to participate in meetings, volunteer for events, and bring your ideas to the Officers. All ideas are worth at minimum a looking into (within reason).

We have a busy schedule ahead as we have just completed two short notice funeral services, one in the Pattaya area with only 24-hour notification. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Post Life Member Joe Del Moral and USAF retired Veteran Steve "Biff" Jones, you will be missed by all. A hearty thank you to the Post Honor Guard Unit led by Comrade Kausul and his team for always being on the ready. We still are providing help to Ann's School, Hand to Hand and food giveaways to those without income due to business closures from COVID-19. On the immediate calendar is the Post July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day BBQ and the District meeting July 17-18 in Pattaya. I would like to ask for volunteers for our fund raising events such as the raffles, Annual Golf Tournament and other ideas that we can brain storm, our assistance to our Veterans, their widows and families, Post Home and community service requires a constant income.

Time for some warm fuzzies. Congratulations to Charter Member Commander Stein as he takes over as the new DPA Commander and Commander Holub as he takes over his new posting of District 5 Commander, (as you squids say) Bravo Zulu to you both. For those that did not attend the DPA Convention, Congratulations to DPA Outstanding Post Commander winner Lou Holub and to our very own Post and all its members for winning Outstanding Post in Division 3, keep up all the great work.

We continue to be blessed that none of our members or their families have been lost to the Corona Virus, and the big man willing will to continue on this path. I liked to send out a "speedy recovery" to both Past Commander Cilley and Life Member Dupre as they are at home recovering from accidents, hope to see you back at the Post soon. If anyone knows of any other members or their families that need our prayers and help, please bring it to our attention. **"WILL or POA identified an Executor & maintain MEDICAL INSURANCE.** We can assist with draft templates! ENOUGH SAID.



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Membership Program success continues, as of today we have 228 total members, up from 203 last year, 218 of which are Life members with our Post standing at 112.31%, #18 in National Division 5 (top 25 for "AA"), #3 in the DPA and #1 in D5. Continue to recruit, place your name in the "Bucket of Cheers"! I challenge each of you to find at least 1 new member between this July and June of 2021.

Continue documenting and reporting your CS activities to JVC Holzworth, 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!**

**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

**JULY 2020**

July 4 1100 hours Officer Meeting at the Post Home  
July 4 1500 hours Post Independence Day BBQ  
July 11 1300 hours Monthly General Membership Meeting (GMM)  
July 17-18 District 5 Quarterly meeting in Pattaya (subject to change)  
July 27 Signing of Korean Armistice in 1953 (Post Home, time TBD)

**AUGUST**

Aug. 1 1300 Officers Meeting  
Aug. 8 1300 GMM  
Aug. 31 End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010 (Post Home, TBD)

**SEPTEMBER**

Sep. 2 VJ Day, Japan surrendered 1945 end of fighting for WW II (combine with Officer's meeting Sep.5)  
Sep. 5 1300 Officers Meeting  
Sep. 11 Patriots Day (combine with GMM meeting on Sep. 12)  
Sep. 12 1300 GMM  
Sep. 18 POW/MIA Day (Post Home, TBD)

Yours in Comradeship  
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