



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

Comrades,

September/October 2020

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and good spirits as we continue the restrictions caused by the Corona Virus pandemic. We have concluded our first quarter of the VFW year with great success. Our Members have been busy with our continued support of our Veterans, families, and local community. During this quarter, you the members of the VFW Post 12146 have supported 111 projects with over 525 volunteer hours donated worth a value of \$41,687.77, I cannot stress enough how phenomenal this is, I truly believe if we aren't leading the District and DPA, then we are right on top. My hat is off to each and every one of you that continue to serve even after hanging up the uniform.

During the month of September, we were busy with special days for America. On September 11, the Post held a Patriot's Day ceremony with 15 members and friends in attendance, after prayers and a couple short speeches we moved on to a Camaraderie walk to local establishments. I would like to thank JVC Holzworth for his hard work as both the chairman of this event and organizing the after events. One week later on September 18, a ceremony was again held at the Post for POW/MIA Recognition Day, with the table set and prayers given, glasses were raised to those we've lost, thank you to JVC Howard, D5 Commander Lou and FOP Ien for a special day.

We still have Members that are recovering from various medical situations, our prayers and thoughts go out to Chuck Cooksley and Willie Hannah. It is great to hear that previous members that were in recovery are mostly healed and back on their feet, Doug Cilley, Travis Dupre, Jimmy Spears, and Don Delomba. If you can, please stop by and visit or call them. A reminder to all of you on TRICARE, please go to the TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) online and find out how you need to register and start paying for the service, don't be left in the cold, you must be enrolled by the end of January 2021 so you don't lose your TRICARE benefits.

Our Membership continues to grow as we have now passed 232 members and we have just passed 100% in the first quarter. This accomplishment is not easy and shows how much you are looking for Veterans.

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!**

THE MORE YOU KNOW:

As this was briefed at previous meetings, for those who carry retiree ID cards and are TRICARE eligible, remember to call and get enrolled with the TRICARE Overseas office, there is information online at their website, the Facebook Page "Tricare Overseas Program (TOP)" and in the Post minutes on the VFW 12146 website.



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Last but most assuredly, please watch out for your Comrades and if something is wrong, tell us. It is hard for us to help if we don't know there is a problem. **WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT ONE OF THE OFFICERS, I can be reached at 086-0716109**

UPCOMING CALENDAR

October:

- Oct. 3 - 1300 Officer Meeting
- Oct. 9 – Start Operation Enduring Freedom
- Oct. 10 1300 GMM Meeting
- Oct. 16/17 D5 Meeting/ Cootie Scratch and D5 Social in Bangkok
- Oct. 18 Women in the Military Recognition Day

November:

- Nov. 7 – Post Officers Meeting 1300 Hrs.
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day- Need a Chairman
- Nov. 14 – GMM 1300 Hrs.
- No. 26 – Thanksgiving

December:

- Dec. 5 – Post Officer's Meeting 1300 hrs
- Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 12 – GMM 1300 Hrs
- Dec. 13 – National Guard Birthday
- Dec. 25 – Christmas

January:

- Jan. 2 – Post Officer's meeting 1300 hrs.
- Jan. 9 – GMM 1300 hrs
- Jan. 27 – Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973

Yours in Comradeship
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