



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

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Comrades,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and spirits, I know we have few Comrades "in distress" in hospital but I am assured they are all recovering soundly, please keep them in our prayers. I am disappointed I was unable to attend our very successful Post 4th of July celebrations-fund raiser held at Nina's Kitchen Banchang but want to thank the organizing Committee Chairman, Officers, Members and Friends of the Post who supported the event. A special thank you to Post SVC Mike "Coop" Cooperman who represented our Post in my absence. **To all a belated Happy 4th!**

It has been a busy time with the planning and execution of the Independence Day Celebration, preparation for the coming VFW year 2019-2020. Want to thank our newly elected Post Officers and Chairman for joining me a week early in order to review our basic administrative tools, introductions to MOP, By Laws, reporting, GO#1, review of draft Post Membership Program, annual Plan of Actions and Milestone.

Before I get to far along **Congratulations** is due for Past Post Commander John "Jack" Farrell and team for once again achieving VFW National Standing as **All State and All American Post**, we have a tough act to follow as the 2018-2019 team simply "Got it Done, in 2019-2020 we will carry on the mission because "It's the Right Thing to Do"! We have a National Recruiter Award Recipient in Comrade Don Muerrett and the Post has been awarded National Community Service Award (Pacific areas) for the project completed at Special Needs Children School 12, Job well done to all!

You will note missing from the 2019 calendar the Post annual (July) charity golf tournament but don't be alarmed the Chairman is looking for another date/location early 2020. The Post Monthly member meeting scheduled Sat. 13 July 13:00 Post Home, District 5 meeting 19 & 20 July PHNOM PEHN. Post has new VOD/PP (Teachers) Chairman, stand by for further information "get our American Children involved in earning the scholarship monies". Clothing drive donation to sustainability Charity "Hand to Hand" was completed past week. Thank you for your donations!

VFW August traditionally slow, Officer meeting on the 3rd, Members on 10th. Looking at possibility of Phalla/Payoon beach, BC comradery poker run 3rd weekend, date /details to follow. Don't forget your CS activities report to JVC John Kelsch. Need Chairman / volunteers for September, October, November events so check the calendars posted on our new Website/ FB page, **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR POST!**



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As with most posts, we strive to keep our membership informed and involved but, your individual support and contributions are vital to our continued growth and success. If you are interested in a position within the Post, please let me know. This year as previous year **membership remains important to the life of the organization** both at Local and National level, **every member is a “Recruiter”**, lets strive to recruit new members!

As Post Commander, I want to Thank You for the trust you have placed in me to lead our organization, Target & Objectives for upcoming year include, not limited to the following:

- 1 Continue to foster Comradeship among our members, and develop activities which will promote increased member participation.
- 2 Mentor Junior Member leaders in VFW ritual, processes/ procedures that will enable the Post to place knowledgeable members into Post, District, Department positions.
- 3 Ensure Post Service Officer position is filled by capable persons and that member issues & responses are handled in an expeditious manner.
- 4 Finalize the Purchase of the new Post home ensuring Post business stability, long term investment continuity and organizational self-dependence.
- 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.
- 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.
- 7 Fundraising includes identifying opportunities that will assist in contributions to Post funds. At a minimum 1 golf tournament and 2 raffles per year.
- 8 The Post shall formally observe and celebrate Military / Veteran related Remembrances to include, but not limited to Memorial Day, Independence day, and Veterans Day. Continue to honor and participate in remembrances that honor our Comrades from other countries such as ANZAC Day, and Thai Veterans Day.

Rest assured as a Founding and Charter Gold Legacy Life Member I am 100% dedicated to this our Post 12146 and will continue to build on the successful foundation that has been laid by my predecessors.

I thank all of you for your service and sacrifices that you have made.
Yours in Comradeship

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