



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



Comrades,

November/December 2020

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and good spirits, I ask each of you to be cautious as there is a new outbreak of the COVID-19 in Samut Sakohn, Chun Buri and Rayong provinces, please remember to mask up, wash hands and social distance when needed. I hope everyone had a happy and filling Thanksgiving Day with all the turkey, ham and mashed potatoes you could stuff in before going into a food coma. I extend a heart thank you and job well done to those on the Thanksgiving committee (JVC Holzworth, QM Morgan, Adjutant Curtis and as always Byen Mersi to the Cajun Connection for a fantastic job on the deep-fried turkeys, and lastly but not least to Dave Spurling and his wife for the smoked hams and sweets). 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 the last 2 months, you the members of the VFW Post 12146 have supported 66 projects with over 544 volunteer hours donated worth a value of \$35,004.76, this truly is mind blowing the amount of Community Service and help to our Veterans you the members of Post 12146 put forth.

During the month of November, the Post held a well-attended Veteran's Day event, and afterwards showed our appreciation to our many sponsors by visiting them and thanking them. December was busy holding a Pearl Harbor Day event at the Post Home, taking a moment to remember those who gave all on that dreadful day, Post 12146 was well represented at the main event at Pearl Harbor with Charter Members, Comrade Chief and Comrade Marty in attendance. The Post continued with Christmas for the children at both Wat Somnak Kraton and Ann's School, my personal thanks to those who volunteered and to our many sponsors who donated food, funds, gifts and even Christmas treats from Marine friends in Okinawa. As most are aware, the planned Children's Christmas parties were changed at last minute due to not only COVID-19 but also chicken pox at one of the sites, thank you again to those who coordinated the last-minute changes, it put smiles on many children's faces.

We still have Members that are recovering from various medical situations, our prayers and thoughts go out to Chuck Cooksley and Pete Kobe. It is with great sorrow to announce we lost Comrades since my last Commander's Letter, may we never forget Comrades Vic Cross, Fredrick Wasson and Willie Hannah. A very hearty thank you and salute to our Post Honor Guard on their continued service on short notice funeral services and assisting American Legion TH02, Pattaya Thailand. I ask all the Post Officers to continue with your Buddy Check's.

Our Membership continues to grow as we have now passed 238 members and currently stand at 104.38%, this great work by each of you has won the Post for the 5th year in a row the Early Bird Special for recruiting, that is every year the Post has been eligible, what a feat.

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!**



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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.

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.**

Finally, please remember to mask up, clean your hands and be cautious in crowds, the Corona Virus is back and worse than it was before. We will hold our meetings online using Zoom until we can gather and travel again.

Yours in Comradeship
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