

## The Making of a New VFW Post Banchang Thailand

Recruitment Meeting 22 January 2015,  
Officers & Visit of District V Commander Al & Adjutant Hal  
to the New Post Home, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Camel Pub Banchang



Jan 2015 Comrade Mike K. donated to the Post a Computer, printer and office tools.  
Thank you Mike, Post Commander Doug Cilley with Charter Application ready for  
mailing to National 01 Feb 2015



Closing Ceremonies the Viking Beach Comber Feb 2015, Comrade George K. donated several VFW items to the Banchang Post Home 12146



**Installation Day Banchang VFW Post 12146 V22 Osprey visit Utapao airport**

**19 February 2015**





**Installation Night Banchang VFW Post Home 19 February 2015**

DPA Commander and Officers preparing for the Installation ceremony,

John Gilbert, "Bear" Bill Hudson, Bob Zaher



Homer Kemper DPA SVC

Comrades "Big Jim" & Mr. Erle Pattaya Post reviewing donated items



Muster, Fall in & Hand salute Installation Ceremonies,

Comrade on far right blue shirt, white trousers  
Victor Cross Post 12146 WWII eldest new member



## Post 12146 newly installed Officers & Installation committee

From left to right:

Mike Cooperman (Coop) Trustee 2, Ken Stein SVC, Homer Kemper DPA SVC, Lou Holub QM, Doug Cilley CMDR, Mike Bauman ADJ, Roger Coe, Rick Byrd Trustee 3, Martin Gruber JVC & Allen Augustine ( Augie)



### Post visit:

28 February 2015, Marines from V22 Osprey Squadron participating in “Cobra Gold” visit the Banchang VFW Post Home, the Marines enjoyed a little R&R and learning about the VFW membership opportunities and benefits.

The Visit was organized by JVC Martin G., hosted by Post CMDR Doug C., SVC Ken S. and QM Lou Holub

One young Marine commented: “I may someday forget the Cobra Gold exercise but I will never forget the “V” Post home & Banchang tour”! Yea Buddy!



Wednesday 04 March 2015 Ban Chang Thailand Post 12146 VFW Main entrance at the Camel Pub, enter turn right up the stairs to 2<sup>nd</sup> deck Post Home, while there have a beer and great Food!



17 March 2015, St Patrick's Day Buddy Poppies "event" at the Post Home

The Camel Pub (Mr. Terry & Hubert) & Service staff supported the Poppies event



Donations from Japan Dist. 2 delivered by Banchang Post 12146 for the Father Ray Center for Children with Special Needs



Left to right

Post SVC Ken Stein (red shirt), Trustee Rick Baird (black shirt), SO Joe Sullivan (Sully red shirt), DPA SVC Homer Kemper (light blue shirt), Trustee Mike Cooperman (black shirt) and boys in the back ground unloading the boxes at the Central Purchasing Warehouse.





Banchang Post QM Lou Holub presents new Post member Thomas Dimmick with his Maltese cross.



## In Memoriam Dan Generette



BAN CHANG, THAILAND - Newly opened VFW Post 12146 in Ban Chang, Thailand, mourns the passing of Dan Generate a charter member of Ban Chang VFW Post 12146 Ban Chang, Thailand, who passed away in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 April 2015. He was born in South Carolina 17 June 1953. He was much beloved and respected with many friends in both the Thai and expatriate community. Dan enlisted in USAF 1972, retired as a Master Sergeant in 1996. He owned and operated Delta Golf Global Services an airport support service company operating out of Utapao Thailand. Dan lived with wife and two children in Ban Chang, Rayong, Thailand for the past 18 years. Ban Chang VFW Post 12146 members with Dan's wife and son taken at Wat Ban Chang. May he rest in peace.

May 2015

Post SVC Ken S. swearing in 2 new members Post meeting 14 May 2015,

Comrade Frank N. and Jay D. L.



Banchang Thailand Post 12146 members arriving at Utapao air Base for “Armed Forces Day Celebrations & Picnic” in support of our Active duty Service men and women supporting the Nepal relief efforts. 8 new VFW members recruited, shirts were sold along with Buddy Poppy campaign.



Membership committee with new members and naval station POC Capt. Narupong



The Chaplain & assistant, The Naval Station POC Capt. Narapong and

General Walters, with VFW members,

Soldiers, Airmen enjoying picnic style lunch followed by refreshments at EOD beach before heading back to the Post Home.



The Active duty Service members departed for Guam via Air force C140 at approximately 16:00 Mission accomplished

## Memorial Day Service & Picnic Utapao air base EOD beach 30 May 2015

Set up 09:11:30, Service and picnic 12:00 to 16:00

Committee Chairman Rick B. & SVC Ken S. hard at work checking the set up



Post QM Lou H. joins Comrade Rick & Ken as supporters gather for the Service



Committee Chairman Rick B. offers opening statements, makes introductions recognizing WWII vet Wendell Newman ("the Chief")

92 years young, the most senior active VFW member in the area



Post members, family, friends & 25 children from the Rayong based Mercy Center orphanage attending the service,

Comrade Rad, Post 9876 with the Young Marines enjoying EOD beach



SVC Ken S. “Guest speaker” provided a most reveling overview of VFW Mission, Post goals, meaning of Memorable Day and the historical significant of Utapao air base /EOD beach, from Vietnam war, the Mayaguez / Kho Tang incident the “last battle of the Vietnam War”, to today’s American Service men supporting Nepal relief efforts.

Job well done Commander!



Post Chaplain Dave L. Leads the group in moment of silence,

A reading from the book of Isiah and Taps.

Amen Chaplain!



Picture with the eldest Comrade & the youngest supporters, "The Chief" loved it!

Old Glory for all the Kids, lunch, ice cream, balloons & swimming came later!



Comrade “Coop, Augie” & the Louisiana Cajun Kitchen Comrades Jim & Travis preparing shrimp & fish Po boys, Gumbo & chili

Nina’s Kitchen provided ribs; sides & EOD beach had Thai favorites

Comrades & families of “Club Nevada” donated 10KTHB to the event, thank u!



Post supporters Jason & the ONE bar group Banchang,

Coop and the “Chic-in-Coop bar comrades enjoying the picnic



Comrades Mike K., Ed P. in the EOD covered pavilion, the raffle allowed the Post to donate 7KTHB to the Mercy Center, wine, spirits & 50/50



Member's, "Friends of the Post" all pitched in for successful day, Comrade Jim S. the 50/50 winner donated back to the Post which made the Mercy Center donation possible to Jim and all "BIG BZ"!



Shirts, POW/MIA & friendship flag patches almost sold out, 2 new members recruited & Buddy Poppies donations from the Chic-n-Coop bar & the day exceeded expectations

Finally the picnic ended 16:00, Utapao Airbase Capt. Narupont, provided SVC Ken S. and his lovely wife Malai a tour of the C130 cockpit "bungalow"

Friend of the Post (FOP) "Brooklyn Johnny" decided he would fly back to Pattaya!



In Memory and AMEN!

### June 2015

06 June 09:00 Post 12146 Members & "Friends of the Post" (FOP) participated in a Community Beach Cleaning activity with local beach front residence, community leaders and local business including a VFW sponsor "the Boardwalk bar and restaurant",

L to R,

FOP Garry, Comrades Lou (QM), Don (Membership), Jason (Kitchen), Ken (CMDR), Marty (JVC), Rick (Trustee), Augie (OOD)



Great day had by all, the beach was cleaned; beer came out noon (ok 11:00)!

Thursday 11 June 2015 18:00 sharp, Officers and Member assembled at the Post home (Camel Pub Banchang) for Post monthly meeting chaired by JVC Martin G, as part of the monthly meeting Comrade John F. was inducted and welcomed into the Post by fellow comrades, Welcome John!

