



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

August 2019

Comrades,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and spirits enjoying your life and helping / assisting Veterans in our community. Fortunately, this past month not as many Comrades reported “in distress” or in hospital, pleased but guarded to learn Comrade Don T. seems to have improved and moved to more responsive hospital, please keep him in our prayers.

Post Annual plan is fully initiated; SVC Coop has advanced the Membership Program with at least 4 new life members mustered in since 01 July. In parallel with National and DPA recruiter incentives the Post has initiated a program called “Bucket of Bar Girls” drawing which will give each post recruiter a chance to win a prize (TBD), details to follow. Bottom line, in order to win you must recruit!

Post Adj. Howard H. and family attended the Nat Convention in Orlando, I can now confirm our Post is “All American 2018-2019”, streamer to be posted August meeting, post will continue to strive for “AA” in 2019-2020 because it is “the Right Thing to Do”. The Post also received two National Citations for VOD & PP Student Scholarship programs. Again job well done to all. VOD/PP/Teacher Chairman Comrade Mike B. assures this year’s programs are first out of the gate and accepting ESSAY entries from all American Citizen Children in our area. Post/District judging will take place in October. Let’s get after the scholarship monies.

Post 12146 was well represented at the District 5 qtr. meeting 19-20 July PP Cambodia. 9 post members attended including JVC John K. who is working in Cambodia, upon JVC’s return we will set a Community Service Project planning meeting as well as Post store strategy workshop. Please ensure that you are documenting your CS activities. You spend time assisting Veterans and our local community. Let’s get credit for it.

The Post Monthly member meeting scheduled Sat. 10 August 13:00 Post Home, as announced a member vote of acceptance to move the Post meeting location to our newly purchased Post Home Building. Date of move TBD. As we move forward with the refurbishment of the new Post home building, we will be asking for volunteer’s/member help, if you are interested in donating your time “skill set” various items will need to be accomplished. Comrade Lionel expertly taking the lead donating time and materials.

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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Annual Target & Objectives updates:

- 1 Continue to foster Comradeship among our members, and develop activities which will promote increased member participation. [1st Camaraderie outing plan for 24 August 2019. Visit FOP businesses in Phalla, Payoon & BC. Details to follow](#)
- 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. [Very excited to announce Comrade Charter Member the 1st Post Adj. Mike Bauman has stepped up to Service Officer, Retired Navy Master Chief, and formerly employed by the VA in Wisconsin Mike brings much experience to the SO position. District has also identified new D5-SO, Comrade Chris resides in Chiang Mai, formerly DAV certified SO. Welcome both, the making of a winning team!](#)
- 4 Finalize the Purchase of the new Post home ensuring Post business stability, long term investment continuity and organizational self-dependence. [After 3-year search, extremely successful fund raising drive and following "the Will of the Post membership", the Veterans Organization of Rayong purchased the Soi 25 Building 31 July 2019, BCU VFW Post 12146 has achieved our goals in terms of stability. Thank you to all who donated, our home now a monument to your generosity towards Veterans!](#)
- 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. [Cloths drive donation completed, Schedule CS project planning meeting](#)
- 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. [Looking at possible MAP opportunities for units in country last week "end" of August and follow up Navy Sea Bee Diver "Adopt a unit".](#)
- 7 Fundraising includes identifying opportunities that will assist in contributions to Post funds. At a minimum maintain Post Store, 1 golf tournament and 2 raffles per year. Semi. [Year-end store donation received, 1st raffle completed](#)
- 8 The Post shall formally observe and celebrate Military / Veteran related Remembrances to include, but not limited to [Memorial, Independence](#) 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. Buddy Poppies when appropriate

Yours in Comradeship

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