



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 always assisting Veterans, Widows and Orphans, the less fortunate in our local community, it's the right thing to do! I have had no new reports of Comrades or Families of Comrades in distress, our thoughts and prayers go out to our Post members who are stable / recovering at assisted living facilities. Very happy to report Comrade Don T. is heading home another recovery success as Don and his wife were assisted each step of the way by Comrades Dave S. and Larry H. a big Bravo Zulu Comrades!
I cannot stress strongly enough 2 things: each Comrade needs to **"MAKE A WILL"**, ensure you have **MEDICAL INSURANCE**. We can help at the Post!

The Post 9/11 Patriot's Day noon ceremony was well attended included prayer, Comrade's memories of the horrible day followed by 3 bell moment of silence. Several Post members attended the USE POW/MIA Recognition Day, superb service and setting of the POW/MIA table. SVC Cooperman held session at his place in Pattaya Beach understand the Buddy Poppy / Relief fund donations broke records!

Membership Program is rolling, our first National stats. Indicated you have done it again, achieving early bird status #2 in DPA, #1 in District 5, and #3 in Division 5 with a 102%-member retention / increase Congratulations! It appears are offer to qualified AD \$200 stipends towards Life Membership has netted at least 3 members. Get your name listed as a recruiter and dropped in the "Bucket of Cheers" drawing!

VOD/PP/Teacher Chairman Comrade Mike B. accepting ESSAY entries from all American Citizen Children in our area, we have at least 2 Students and 2 Teachers being nominated, Post/District judging will take place in October.

Continue documenting your CS activities, JVC John K. taking the program reporting to new level. We know Post members spend time assisting Veterans and our local community, let's get credit for it.

Post home move update: it was bitter sweet to have conducted our last meeting at Sinthavee/ "Finnegan's" but the "AF Red Horse unit" finalized 2nd floor wall improvements, AC units moved on the 16th, Exterior Painting completed on 19th and assets moved on Saturday 21st. I want to thank the Officers, Member, Spouses and FOP who took time out and stepped up to the task! I am happy to report the local community is as excited we have "moved in", the Monk Blessing ceremony is scheduled for Thursday 10 Oct 10:00, please do join. First Post meeting in our new Building –Post Home 12 October 13:00

The Post always need Chairman / Volunteers for upcoming 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 success!](#)
[Looking at 2nd outing Oct. focusing on Phalla Beach possible Cajun Cowboy theme.](#)
- 2 Mentor Junior Member leaders in VFW ritual, processes/ procedures that will enable the Post to place knowledgeable members into Post, District, Department positions. [District 5 meeting in Pattaya 18/19 October members encouraged to participate.](#) [DPA Midyear in Phom Pehn 06 to 08 Dec. members encouraged to participate](#)
- 3 Ensure Post Service Officer position is filled by capable persons and that member issues & responses are handled in an expeditious manner. [SO office in the new Post Home building! Office hours to be posted, currently 2 hr. before Post meeting.](#)
- 4 Finalize the Purchase of the new Post home ensuring Post business stability, long term investment continuity and organizational self-dependence. [Completed as scheduled, 1st Member meeting date 12 October 2019 13:00.](#)
- 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. [After Post move, Schedule CS project planning meeting 2019-2020](#)
- 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. [1st MAP & Recruitment day completed USAF Red Horse. Seeking "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. [Next up: Thanks Giving Day raffle, IPAD or Cash. Ticket sales start October](#)
- 8 The Post shall formally observe and celebrate Military / Veteran related Remembrances to include, but not limited to [Memorial, Independence, 9/11, POW/MIA](#) and [Next Up Veterans Day](#). Continue to honor and participate in activities that honor our Comrades from other countries such as Remembrance, ANZAC Day, and Thai Veterans Day. [Buddy Poppies when appropriate](#)

Yours in Comradeship

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