



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

September 2019

Comrades,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and spirits enjoying Labor Day weekend, life and helping / assisting Veterans, Widows and Orphans in our community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Comrades in Texas & Florida dealing with manmade and natural tragedy and disasters. Thankfully I have had no new reports of Comrades or Families of Comrades in distress, prayers continue for our Post members who are stable / recovering at local hospitals and assisted living facilities. The Larger VFW Family lost 2015-2016 PCIC "Big John" Biedrzycki, may he RIP.

September not only officially ends the summer months, kids back to school but also delivers 9/11 Patriot's Day and POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Post 9/11 "Moment of Silence" details are being worked out to be published on the Post FB page soon. On the 20<sup>th</sup> Members will travel to Bangkok US Embassy to participate in POW/MIA Service.

Membership Program is rolling, expecting Nationally updated Post MEMSTATS this month, as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 MAP program the Post will offer qualified Active Duty members \$100 stipends towards Life membership, the stipends are being matched by private donor or \$200 per recruit. Get your name listed as a recruiter and dropped in the "Bucket of Cheers" drawing, a chance to win a prize later in the year, bottom line, in order to win you must recruit!

The post continues to strive for "AA" 2019-2020 "It is the Right Thing to Do", VOD/PP/Teacher Chairman Comrade Mike B. 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.

Continue documenting your CS activities, Post members spend time assisting Veterans and our local community, let's get credit for it.

The Post Monthly member meeting scheduled Sat. 14 September 13:00 Post Home. At conclusion of the meeting Post home move will commence, The AF Red Horse unit is finalizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wall improvements, the AC units scheduled to move on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Exterior Painting to follow with Post asset move scheduled for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>. As we move forward with the asset move 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.

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. [1<sup>st</sup> Camaraderie outing was huge success! Due to Post home project work we made venue changes but fun was had by all who participated travelling as far away as Hua Hin. Lucky/Happy 50/50 winner! Looking forward to next event, stand by for details!](#)
- 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. [Position is Filled, looking forward to setting up office in the new Post Home building!](#)
- 4 Finalize the Purchase of the new Post home ensuring Post business stability, long term investment continuity and organizational self-dependence. [Thank you to all who donated, our home now a monument to your generosity towards Veterans! Move in scheduled for 21 September 2019. 1st meeting date 12 October 2019 13:30.](#)
- 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. [02 September 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> MAP & Recruitment day, hosting USAF Red Horse Unit Burger Burn/BBQ! Actively seeking out "Adopt a Unit", 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!](#)
- 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 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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