

VFW Post 12146 Commanders Newsletter

Comrades,

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I wish each of you a very Happy New Year with the hope for you and your families a year that it is filled with good health and happiness.

As we begin this year. We have accomplished many significant milestones as a Post. Achieving Early Bird Status, and being well on our way in becoming All American, and All State for the 4th year in a row. We presently lead both the Department and the District, and hold top spot at the division level for membership. This is a true testament to our membership committee led by SVC Mike Cooperman. However, we still have 6 months to go for a strong finish. Remember, our strength as an organization comes from our membership. Keep up the good work in identifying potential members.

We are presently in the process of working out the details for our 4th Anniversary party and look forward to seeing each of you there. Hold the Date! 16 February. Thanks to Larry Williams and Dan Morgan for stepping up and chairing this event. Additional details will be provided as they develop.

Our services to veterans continues to be unmatched. Due to the hard work of our Service Officer/ADSO Larry Williams, and other SO's in the District. The District leads in the awards granted to our veterans and spouses in need. I need each of you to remember. That you have earned these benefits based on your individual sacrifices made in support of our great republic. Do not hesitate to seek out the assistance needed to get what you have sorely earned.

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During the upcoming months, you will be updated on several events that we as a post are planning. These events will include 'get togethers' in both the Pattaya and Banchang areas. The purpose will be to provide an opportunity for our members, some who are unable to travel to Banchang. To share in the Camaraderie of our post. If you have a recommendation, please let yourself be heard.

Our Children's Christmas parties that were held at Wat Somnat Krathon, and Finnegan's were a huge success. Well done to Committee Chair Don Meurett, Post Members, and Friends of the Post for making these events memorable for the children that were supported. Of special note are the charitable donations, and contributions to the events that were made by Crane Worldwide Logistics, Finnegan's Irish Pub & Restaurant, and Dragon Car Sales. Without their support, the events would not have been possible.

In December, several of our members travelled to Bangkok to attend Bangkok Posts Annual Christmas party. As part of the Party, Dr. Nick Walters was presented an engraved Crystal award by Department JVC Ken Stein in recognition of his contributions to veterans in our region. Additionally, his wife was presented a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support. As we all know, Dr. Nick's unwavering support of our veterans in need of VA assistance has been nothing short of exemplary.

As we enter the New Year, our JVC Lou Holub, will be working with some of our local organizations to identify potential opportunities for community support. We will provide you the details as they develop and look forward to your involvement.

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Upcoming events for January:

District V Meeting in Udon Thani. 18, 19 January.

Post Membership Meeting 1300, 12 January.

Once again I wish each of you a Happy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship

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