

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Post 12074, Chiang Mai**

Date: 06 February, 2010
Location: Post 12074, Chiang Mai

1. **Call to Order:** The Monthly Meeting of Post 12074 was called to order by Commander Holmes at 1105 hours this date.

2. **Roll call of Officers:** All officers were present with the exception of Comrades Sapp, Welch, France, and Hatton.

A total of **0** guests and **17** members were present.

3. Roll call of Officers:

1. Commander Michael Holmes	Present
2. Senior Vice Michael Glatz	Present
3. Junior Vice John Cosentino	Present
4. Quartermaster J Sapp	Absent
5. Judge Advocate Al Evans	Present
6. Chaplain James Welch	Absent
7. Surgeon David France	Absent
8. Trustee 1 Year Ron Torrence	Present
9. Trustee 2 Year Pat Webb	Present
10. Trustee 3 Year Ace Hatton	Absent
11. Adjutant Mike See	Present

The Post welcomed new applicant Joe Nelms. After an introduction, a motion to admit Joe as a Post member was made by Comrade See and seconded by Comrade Cosentino. Motion carried.

4. **Reading of Minutes:** The Minutes of the January meeting were read by the Post Adjutant. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Comrade Torrence and seconded by Comrade Cosentino. Motion carried.

5. **Quartermaster Report:** No Quartermaster report given this meeting.

6. **Reading of Bills:** No bills noted this meeting.

7. **Surgeon's Report:** No Post Surgeon's report this meeting.

8. **Service Officer Report:** The Service Officer provided information on pending bill HR 4193. The Service Officer informed us about a VA Compensation & Pensions Service database that lists Vietnam naval operations to provide regional officers with information to assist with the development of disability claims for veterans who served in inland waterways and similar assignments that the veteran's official orders may not reflect.

9. **Communications:**

1. None

10. **Old Business:**

1. None.

11. **New Business:**

1. Comrade Webb proposed the Post donate \$25 to Taiwan Schools. Motion to donate \$25 in lieu of participating in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy made by Comrade See and seconded by Comrade Torrence. Motion carried.
2. Comrade Webb proposed to move the exchange rate from 35 baht to 33 baht per US dollar. Tabled until the Quartermaster can provide input.
3. Comrade Webb opened discussion on fund distributions to the Relief Fund and General Fund. Tabled until the Quartermaster was present.
4. Commander Holmes opened discussion on how we might disperse two free life memberships awarded the Post. Comrade Webb motioned that the selection process will consist of two lifetime membership drawings -- one random drawing from **all** continuous annual Post members in good standing and one random drawing from a pool of **nominated** annual members in good standing. Motion seconded by Comrade See. Motion carried.
5. The Post selected Comrade Sapp and Comrade Webb as the Post's primary and alternate delegates respectively for the District meeting in Phnom Penh.
6. Commander Holmes stated that \$130 was due for the Post's website hosting for the two-year plan. Comrade See motioned to have Commander Holmes pay the bill and have the Post reimburse him upon submission of a valid receipt. Motion seconded by Comrade Cosentino. Motion carried.

12. **Committee Reports:**

1. Comrade Francis, Team Leader for the July 4th event, provided meeting highlights on entertainment, security, and budget and solicited Post members to volunteer for the two logistics positions.

13. **Good of the Order:**

1. Comrade Cosentino reported the Post had recorded 90 volunteer days, 467 hours, 2,335 miles, and the equivalent of \$1,069 in donations for the month of January. Comrade Cosentino reminded all members to provide him with their monthly Community Service Reports before the 10th of each month.
2. Commander Holmes spoke about improving processes at the US Consulate.
3. Comrade See asked for objections from members to having a Post Facebook page. Discussion ensued with no objections noted.
4. Commander Holmes notified members that he will be moving to the US at an undetermined date but not before June of this year. He reminded Post members to consider their nominations for Post officers in the upcoming Post elections.
5. Commander Holmes displayed a plaque presented to the Post at the recent Thai Veteran's Day event by the commander of Army Region 33 in appreciation of the Post's support of Thai veterans.
6. Commander Holmes was the winner of the Lucy Draw. He donated the prize of 2,300 baht back to the Post.

14. Closing Ceremonies: Closing Ceremonies were held in accordance with the MANUAL OF PROCEDURE at 1235 hours.

The next meeting will be held at 1030 on 6 March 2010 at Dukes' Restaurant at the Night Bazaar in Chiang Mai.

Michael A. See
Adjutant

Michael Holmes
Commander