



November 3, 2007

Subject: Meeting Minutes for Proposed VFW Post (Chiang Mai, Thailand) October 20

“Comrades” in Distress.

Comrade William August Arnold Jr. passed away October 19 at 6:50 AM. A service will be conducted on Tuesday October 23 at 1:00 PM, at the Wat Located in Hang Dong.

No further information regarding Comrades in Distress.

Identifying Post Leadership:

Nominations and voting for Post Positions resulted in the following:

Michael Holmes	Post Commander
Leonard Cozzo	Senior Vice (elect)
“J” Sapp	Quarter Master
Ronald Torrence	Trustee 1
Al Evans	Trustee 2 (elect)
Martin Ballard	Trustee 3

There are several Post positions that have not been filled. We will continue to fill these positions as we move forward.

Charter Information:

The Post Charter will be submitted along with the application for a Post Number. Once the Post is confirmed by VFW US, the Charter will remain open for 90 days to allow anyone who Transfers in or New members to be recognized by having their names on the Charter.

Veterans Day activities:

It was discussed and agreed that we would recognize Veterans Day by attending the ceremonies at the Cemetary in Chiang Mai that contains a Memorial to US aviators from WWII. Open to all to attend.

The British and Thai ceremonies start at 11:00 AM. We intend to not interfere with British and Thai by conducting a short service after the British and Thai are completed.

Post Installation:

This item is what has held up the completion of the October minutes.

Because we did not have the required number of Members on October 20 and no idea when we would get the additional three people, I requested that the Nov 18 date be moved. The VFW Regional folks have come back with a December 15 th date and I have requested that we move the installation date to January.

The reason for my request is due to the fact that the Post Installation package was sent to the Regional VFW for approval on November 2. The Region has to approve and forward to VFW National.

My logic is /was: If there was a problem of any kind in the approval process we would be delayed and no time to “fix” a problem.

As of today there has been no confirmation as to the specific date.

We will conduct our next meeting on November 17 as planned and I will provide an update at that time.

We do have a reserved Post Number which is 12074. It has been almost a year and a lot of work by the Membership --- We will soon not be “wannabies”.

Status of Membership:

As of October 20 we are still short 3 Members.

Note: As of the writing of these minutes we have 100% of the minimum required Membership to apply for a Post.

We can and should continue to build the Post:

Send your referrals to Mike Holmes

Mike’s contact information: Mobile: 0818419342.

Email – coketaka@hotmail.com

Address: 83/29 Country Parkville

Chiang Mai – Samoeng Road

Hang Dong 50230

For New Members all I need is a completed application and a copy of your DD214 that shows a ribbon or medal from a conflict.

For Transferees all I need is the two transfer requests completed plus a copy of your DD214.

I can email the applications and transfer forms at your request.

Note: Korean service over 30 continuous days or 60 days non-continuous anytime since 1949 to Date will qualify a person.

Good of the Order:

During the November meeting I would like to discuss having a Christmas get together.

Comments:

The RAO in the Phillipines url is: http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html Cut and paste to your browser and prepare to be informed ! You can also subscribe for updates from Jim.

In the event that I have made an error in recording the minutes, please let me know and I will make the necessary change,

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY- November 17, 2007 11:30 HRS.

For the group:

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Commander Chiang Mai VFW
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