



From the Commander

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Greetings Comrades,

CDR's Comments: The first thing I would like to say is Congratulations to Korat for being the first to achieve over 100% and Ban Chang with their 100% as well. As most of the posts know; the members numbers have been updated. Within District 5 we have about 81 annual members. Let's get out there and bring these annuals into the fold of Life Membership. Last year the Dept's program to help those annuals to become Life Members was gracious boost to the Dept. That program along with the incentives from National allowed the posts to lower those annuals significantly. I hope the posts will continue to help those new members with the assistance of \$100 stipends. Let's get out there and recruit members, even through the issues of the pandemic.

Post Obligations: Every quarter; each post is required to submit their Quarterly Trustee's Report, minimum of three (3) CSR entries, and Post Reports to the District Adj (at least one week prior to the meeting). It seems that we, as a district, fell behind with the first Quarterly Trustee's Report submission. Please ensure we follow the outline dates published by DPA QM Shawn Watson on DPA Facebook. Reminder of those dates; Jul – Sep Audit is due before 30 Nov, Oct – Dec Audit is due before 28 Feb, and Jan – Mar Audit is due before 31 May. These obligation requirements of the post administrative issues fall onto the Commander of each Post to complete. I would like to remind each Commander that the format for the CDR's Reports needs to be used to allow for committee chairmen's the opportunity to present the status of their programs. Please submit your three (3) reports in a timely manner.

The All-American Dashboard has been updated to show their current status of all housekeeping requirements. The Dashboard also includes some new requirements from National; Social Media, Partnership, and Action Corp. As posts complete your obligations of these programs; the Post Adjutant is required to submit an Entry into the Dashboard to reflect the status. Please ensure your Post Adjutant understands the duties of reporting. To help with the process; please email the District Adj (adjd5vfwpcific@gmail.com) once you have submitted your entries. The District Adj will review and submit to the Dept. All of the requirements are being tracked based on your emails and entries. We don't want any post left behind.

The National requirement for VOD/PP/TA submissions ends 31 Oct for the Post. Please submit any entries or pay the required donations for the programs and please don't forget the Children's Home as a donation, too.

CDR's Future Business: I would like to discuss the upcoming events within the next quarter. We are hoping to have an in-person meeting to be held in Pattaya Beach @ the Post Home for Post 9876. There will be a Cootie Scratch and Social event on Friday, with our meeting on Saturday. I would like to thank the Pattaya Post for the willingness to hold the district meeting. Additional information to come as plans are firmed up and restrictions are lifted.

I would like to inform everyone that the District Five Inspector is CDR William "Chappie" Chapman from Korat. As the Dept Inspector recently conducted a training session on Zoom regarding the inspection process; CDR Chapman will be developing specific procedures for the Online Virtual Inspections. I would like the hosting post to ensure they have the proper documentation digit format for sharing on the Zoom platform. The use of Zoom sharing or access to the Cloud may be used to view the required documents. Items of specific importance from the DPA Inspector are the following; certificate, proof of eligibility of Post Officers, recent Post Audit, Quartermaster Bond; along with any other documents that may be required for the review of the inspector. The individual inspectors should request the needed digitized documents at least one week prior to the virtual inspection.



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The inspector will be using the Post Inspection Form to review the documentation, along with attending the Post Meeting. If you are having an in-person inspection, the same requirements apply. If your Post minutes are posted to your website; please be prepared to show the links. The Inspector will pick a month or several months to review. Reminder; these pages can be shared on the Zoom platform.

Community Service Reports: Our CSR entries have changed slightly based on requirements set forth by the Dept, through JVC Fores. Please remember to complete your CSR reporting in the system for updating. The District JVC will be monitoring the entries to ensure the post complete their requirements, to include watching the increase of 10%. Don't forget you are allowed to back fill your data to cover those lost periods of time. However, I would recommend keeping your entries updated monthly.

Yours in Comradeship and Service
Randy Riggs
Commander