



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

## DISTRICT V ~ THAILAND/CAMBODIA/AUSTRALIA

Louis Holub Commander

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Date: 16 January 2021

Location: Post 12146 Post Home/"ZOOM VDO"  
Ban Chang, Thailand

VDO Host: District 5, SVC S. Sartain

1. Call to order: Commander Louis Holub opened the quarterly meeting of VFW Department of Pacific Area, District-V, Thailand-Cambodia-Australia in IAW the rituals and by laws of the VFW at 0915 hours on 16 January 2021.
2. Following the VFW opening ceremony and invocation by the D-V Chaplain, a roll call of officers and Post Cmdrs. was conducted.

<i>Officers</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>vdo</i>	<i>Post(s)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>vdo</i>
<b>Commander</b> L. Holub	x			<b>9876</b> – M. Guarnuccio			x
<b>Sr. Vice</b> S. Sartain			x	<b>9951</b> – R. Riggs			x
<b>Jr. Vice</b> S. Curtis			x	<b>10217</b> – W. Chapman			x
<b>Quartermaster</b> M. Guarnuccio			x	<b>10249</b> – M. Floit		x	
<b>Chief of Staff</b> – J. Farrall			x	<b>11575</b> – J. Farrell			x
<b>Chaplain</b> W. Chapman			x	<b>12074</b> – C. Manchester			x
<b>Judge Advocate</b> D. Marohl			x	<b>12146</b> – M. Cooperman			x
<b>Surgeon</b> G. Steuer			x	<b>12163</b> – C. McNamara			x
<b>Trustee 1 Yr.</b> D. Borchers			x				
<b>Trustee 2 Yr.</b> D. Morgan	x						
<b>Trustee 3 Yr.</b> D. Delomba		x					
<b>D5 SO</b> L. Williams		x					
<b>Adjutant</b> T. Friend			x				

3. **Introduction of Distinguished Guest:**  
Current DPA Commander & PDC, Ken Stein  
PDC, Delbert Marohl



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PDC, Randy Riggs  
JPDC, "Jack" Farrell  
ADSO Al Fitchett  
MOC SS Bobby Rositer

4. All present recited the Corporate Charter, 24 in attendance.
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Adjutant, T. Friend moved to make a motion to waive the reading of the minutes as the minutes are posted on the website. Seconded by Trustee 1 Yr. Borchers – No discussion, motion carried
6. **Quartermaster's Report:**  
QM M. Guarnuccio presented the QM and Trustees Audit Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 and made a motion to accept the report. The motion to accept the report was seconded by CMDR Farrell. There were no further discussions. Motion carried.

Previous Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
\$18,991.04	\$1.84	\$500.00	\$18,492.88

7. **Communication to be read or for reference**
  - a. Nat HQ Bulletins for Nova/Dec 2020
  - b. DPA Adj. DPA Mid-Year COFA Minutes, 17 Dec 20
  - c. DPA Adj. VFW Website, OMS & Store issue & correction, 28 Dec 20
  - d. DPA Adj./QM Qtr. Audit ending 31 Dec 20
  - e. The Pacific Times, VFW Jan-Feb 21
  - f. DPA Commander COVID guidance
  - g. DPA SVC Chat Membership & MEMSTATS, AS-AA Programs
  - h. DPA Adj. update Dist and Post Bylaws status
  - i. DPA Adj. requesting WWII Vets willing to be interviewed re "Holocaust"
8. **Post Commander's Activity Reports:**

9876, Pattaya – M. Guarnuccio

9951, Bangkok – R. Riggs



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10217, Korat – W. Chapman

10249, Udon – D. Marohl for Floit

11575, Phnom Phen – J. Farrell

12074, Chaing Mai – C. Manchester

12146, Ban Chang – M. Cooperman

12163, Australia – C. MacNamara

#### 9. Committee Reports:

**Service Officer:** Presented by ADSO Al Fitchett

**Safety-Surgeon:** Do not use “Q-tips” to clean your Ears, take cool showers

**Training Officer:** Training session conducted by JA Marohl ref: Convention Delegates and Credentials

**Buddy Poppy:** The requirement to purchase BP’s is a requirement for National. All American (AA) program, the requirement is waived as was stated by CMDR Holub and confirmed by DPA CDR Stein. BP purchase is required to compete for DPA All State (AS) program. Post Commanders should take note.

**Webmaster / Historian:** New dedicated position E-mail addresses were sent out in November 2020 to all D5 Officers for their optional use; Annual Website Fee of \$360.00 is due 09 April 2021. CDR Holub stated that the Website fee is in the approved balanced budget. QM Guarnuccio confirmed, bill will be paid when presented. History comments for the current Term 2020-2021, being worked on by Webmaster. CDR Holub will coordinate, provide input/review.

**Membership:** as posted by National

**POW/MIA:** presented by Post 12146 SVC, DPAA employee H. Halzworth

**Credential Report:** Information covered by JA Marohl in his training session

**MOC – SS:** Rositer briefed that the Scratch was held via VDO

**Bylaws:** No Change to Bylaws

**Community Service:** Numbers provided as of 01 Jan 21 data

**VOD/PP:** CDR Holub congratulated the DPA Winners and good luck at Nat level.

**Thanks D-5 Post** (all DPA Post) who participated in the Essay Contest.

10. A five minute relief break was taken at 1120, colors not retired

11. **Comrades in Distress:** Mrs. Tom Friend, Comrade Author Nye – radiation treatment and other Comrades & family members mentioned in during the Post CDR activity reports, are all in our Prayers!

12. **Bills presented for payment:** There were no bills presented for payment.



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13. **Unfinished Business:** D-5 River Kwai monument repairs completed. Paid by direct donation, no further action required; Kingdom travel/quarantine requirements; Convention Chairman keeping in touch with Bayview Hotel. Possible back-up could be Guam and/ or ZOOM VDO convention. Decision by DPA expected early May 2012; Webmaster D-5 Officer position emails issues completed. See Webmaster/Historian report; JA informed all Post to prepare "local" VDO or electronic conferencing and voting procedures. Issue closed; D-5 2020-2021 Inspections completed; CDR Holub plans to visit each Post (meeting) before term ends – as Pandemic/Quarantine allows.

#### 14. New Business

Nominations of District V Officers for 2021-22

- a. District Commander: Holub/Riggs
- b. Senior Vice Commander: Sartain
- c. Junior Vice Commander: Hart/Halzworth
- d. Quartermaster: Guarnuccio
- e. Chaplain: Chapman
- f. Trustee 3 year: Borchers

Nominations remain open until our District Convention. JA Marohl informed the Posts of required credentials to be submitted to D-5 Adj, NLT Fri 30 Apr 2021. Includes: Election report, Delegate letters (use D-5 template, elect in Apr), QM Bond, Trustees report of audit (Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar);

Question/discussion concerning the proof of BP purchase, although required for DPA AS program, not required for D-5 Convention participation. However, if a Post ordered BP's via DPA QM and did not make payment, the Post would be considered in arrears and Convention participation is forfeited. Question was asked why these convention credentials requirements are listed in the Jan meeting agenda, CDR Holub stated that it has been tradition for the past several years, from time he was D5 Adj/QM and considering questioned presented by Posts prior to the Jan D-5 meeting, CDR Holub thought it prudent not only to inform the Post now before their Apr Delegate elections and arranged the superb presented by JA Marohl prior to start of the meeting; Both CDR and JA stated that if any Posts had questions regarding Credential/BP purchase/AS-AA standing, to contact Credential Committee Chair, ADJ Friend, JA Marohl, SVC Sartain or CDR Holub for further clarification/guidance. Use the D-5, DPA organizational Chain of Command and resources.

Dist QM Guarnuccio to chair a committee to look into control and disbursement of the BK Hubbard funds.



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### 15. Good of the Order:

QM Guarnuccio presented a detailed synopsis of why he encountered discrepancies in his Post audits. Mainly due to the THB conversion rate. No update on 25 Apr 21, ANZAC Day events (go-no go); CDR Riggs briefed on Post 9951 Nat. Grant project of placing benches and historical plates with QR codes at Kanchanaburi cemetery. Project should be close to completion.

DPA Commanders Ken Stein provided a message of Encouragement to all in attendance, he stressed the importance of District Officers (nominee) ability, qualifications, communication skills and reputation within the Dept./Nat which will ensure continuity particularly during this Pandemic/Emergency. He congratulated the current D-5 Leadership for continuing the business of the VFW across two continents and three countries! Remember always that --- **"Veterans Are Our Business"**!

Final Comments by D5 CDR Holub: We are all disheartened by events that prompted our swift and correct decision to conduct our D5 meeting electronically. I want to thank all Officers/ contributors who stepped up and assisted! A special thank-you to Udon Post 10249 for giving up their Convention slot in order that Karl Richter Memorial Post 10217 can celebrate with the District, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Post on 21 January 1971.. They will host an Anniversary Dinner on 30 Apr 2021, at the Korat Hotel. I am hoping for a huge turnout! The D5 Camaraderie is 2<sup>nd</sup> to none!! Hopefully, soon, we will have put the pandemic behind us and continue to focus on Membership, Training and the Convention, because VETERANS ARE OUR BUSINESS!

### 16. Closing Ceremony:

The meeting was closed by CDR Holub, IAW VFW rituals, at 1215hrs, 16 January 2021.

Next scheduled quarterly meeting of DPA, D-V is 30 Apr – 01 May 2021, Post 10217, Korat

For the Commander

T. Friend  
Adjutant, District V



Lou Holub  
District V, CDR