



V F W Department of Pacific Areas
District V Thailand, Cambodia & Australia
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Minutes of District V Regular Meeting

Date: 17 February 2018

Location: Hogs Breath Saloon, Pattaya Beach Thailand

Host: Fred Estes Memorial VFW Post 9876

1. **Call to order:** The VFW DPA District V quarterly meeting was called to order by District Cmdr. Kenneth Stein at 09:30. Distinguished Guests or Visitors present.
 - a. PD5 CDR Fred Berg
2. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:** All District Officers were present.
Post Commanders: All Post Commanders were present, Post 12163 MT Hawthorn Australia James Maughmer attended by way of VDO link.
There were 31 VFW members in attendance at meeting venue, 1 Comrade present by way of VDO link from Mt Hawthorn Australia, Total 32 members.
3. **Minutes of our last meeting:** Adjutant Holub requested to waive the reading of the minutes of our last meeting as minutes are posted on the website, no feedback for correction, he motioned to accept the Minutes as published, seconded by Comrade Berg, no further discussion, motion carried.
4. **Quartermaster Report of receipts and disbursements:** QM Marohl read the report of receipts, disbursements and balance see attached report for details, motion to accept the QM report as presented by: Comrade Chapman, seconded by Comrade Cilley, no further discussion, motion carried. Comrade Larsen asked about the Individual Post 1,000USD grants from National i.e. status, CDR Stein updated transfers had been received and disbursed by individual post QM's, 3,000USD has been spent on the existing VDO system and the additional 1,000USD was reserved for upgrades to system in Cambodia and / or Australia. These grants would not be reflected in the Dist. 5 Ledger of accounts but the QM had been provided all serial numbers etc. and the equipment is registered as Dist. property. A travel carrying case etc. will be purchased.
5. **Any Communication to be Read:** Communications included Chief of Staff VIEW POINT #3 2017--2018, Specific issues: Convention Book Ad: Your Post, Business full /1/2 page, Name Card & Boosters, On behalf of VFW Commander-in-Chief Keith E. Harman, Dist. 5 BCU Post 12146 congratulated on earning the 2017-2018 Early Bird Legislative Conference Award for membership
6. **Reading of Post Commanders Activity Reports: See attached reports for details:**
 - **9876 Pattaya,** Commander Eric Larsen reported
 - **9951 Bangkok:** Commander Ricky Reece reported
 - **10217 Korat:** Commander William Chapman reported
 - **10249 Udon Thani:** Commander Delbert Marohl reported
 - **11575 Phnom Penh:** Commander Roy Day reported
 - **12074 Chiang Mai:** Commander Chaz Kampitak reported
 - **12146 Ban Chang:** Comrade Post SVC Jack Farrell reported for Commander Stein
 - **12163 MT Hawthorn** Commander James Maughmer reported



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7. **Report of Committees:**

- a. **Service Officer Report:** T. Friend reported
- b. **Community Services** JVC Williams, See attached report for Projects, volunteers, man-hours, mileage and funds.
- c. **Membership** SVC Farrell reported, See attached MEMSTATS for details
- d. **Safety** Comrade Mayeaux, Slowing the Progression of COPD & avoiding dentist increase risk of Pneumonia
- e. **Credential Committee Report** Comrade Holub discussed upcoming election nominations credentials score card, providing timely Election Reports and delegate letters signed by the Post Commander to ensure no Post in arrears for membership fees, supplies, or other financial obligations. All Post Quartermaster hold a bond and have submitted quarterly Trustee Reports of Audit. Post Commanders were reminded to deliver the Dist. Adjutant GO#1 before the May District convention. National Delegate fees are not due until June prior to National Convention but for convenience many post pay in April when sending in the election reports.
- f. **Buddy Poppy** Comrade Marohl See attached report
- g. **VOD/PP/TA** Comrade Holub updated VOD/ PP the Dist. 5 essay submission via Post 12146 won the DPA VOD judged and announced in December 2017 DPA midyear CofA, the PP candidate runner up. Congratulation girls.
- h. **POW/MIA** Comrade Reece reported see attached report for details
- i. **Budget / Bylaws Committee Report** Comrade Morohl discuss the Bylaws updates / edits from DPA / Nat. and will vote on final draft at May 2018 meeting.
- j. **Historian** Commander Stein noted the District V history has been updated and posted on the D5 Website.
- k. **Inspectors Report:** SVC Farrell reported all Post inspection completed by the end of December.
- l. **Cooties** PD5 CDR & SS F. Berg reported a good scratch / Friday evening social huge success. 5 new members installed.

8. **10:30 Officer of the day temporally retired colors:** 15-minute comfort break

9. **10:50 Recall to order by District Cmdr.**

10. **Comrade or the family of a Comrade in Distress:** Post 12074 reported about a Navy Vet. William Janice passed away may the Comrade RIP, Post 11575 Buried Air Force Vet. Jimmy Sullivan may the Comrade RIP, Post 9951 Jesse Williams Passed away may the comrade RIP, Post 10249 Ron Sal Passed away may the comrade RIP, Post 9876 Wayne Demoss is in a Wheelchair may the Comrade get well Soon. DPA District V and Post 9951 presented Wreaths, attended funeral services of Thai Col. Chaicharn "Chip" Hanavee a Thai Army special forces officer who died at the age of 87. Col Chaicharn had been held captive in the Hanoi Hoa Lo prison "the Hanoi Hilton" for nearly 10 years, sir do RIP.



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11. **Reading of Bills:** No Bills presented
12. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Banchang Post 12146 Convention Committee Chairmen Holub provided update on planning for the June 2018 DPA Convention to be held in Banchang, emphasis on Convention books ads, followed by Q&A.
13. **New Business:**
 - a. Nominations of District V officers:
 - i. District Commander: Comrade Holub nominated Comrade Delbert Marohl 10249 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - ii. Senior Vice Commander: Comrade Holub nominated Comrade Randy Riggs 9951 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - iii. Junior Vice Commander: Comrade Chapman nominated Comrade Fred Berg 10217 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - iv. Quartermaster: Comrade Marhol nominated Comrade Lou Holub 12146 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - v. Judge Advocate: Comrade Cooperman nominated Comrade Doug Cilley 12146 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - vi. Chaplain: Comrade Chapman nominated Comrade Ed Sostack 10217 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - vii. Surgeon: Comrade: Comrade Holub nominated Comrade Jack Farrell 12146 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - viii. Trustee 3 year: Comrade Chapman nominated Comrade Robert Rositer 9951 he accepted, No other Nominations
 - b. Comrade Randy Riggs presented power point on the upcoming ANZAC Day events for 25 April. Please contact Comrade Riggs for details presentation attached,
 - c. Comrade Morahl made motion to adjust District V THB /USD Exchange rate (FX) from current 35 to 32 THB. The motion was seconded by Comrade Farrell small discussion was 32 THB to conservative, all opinions heard, Vote by show of hands Motion Carried. 32 THB effective immediately all Dist. 5 post are encouraged to inform membership and match.
 - d. It was discussed the NTE \$50 end of tour gift for CDR Gilbert, Comrade QM informed the gift is budgeted no need for vote.
 - e. Vote on by laws revision and revision to national by laws discussed will vote at the May meeting.
 - f. Post Commanders are encouraged to submit OUTSTANDING CDR, QM, MEMBERSHIP, POST, etc. 15 March 2018
 - g. Other



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14. Good of the Order:

- a. PD5 CDR BERG: discussed the National Home for Children “Life Membership Applications” and District overall statistics by post and the lack thereof, all Post, Officers and members are encouraged to “GO LIFE” NHC!
- b. CDR provided updates on Targets objectives, MEMSTATS, All State /American requirements and importance of the CSR
- c. Comrade Cooperman informed he had 2018 VFW wall Calendars for distribution.
- d. Several FMP issues discussed most importantly inability for direct deposit to member accounts, meeting is scheduled in Washing next month DPA CDR and NVSC. Comrade Holub informed of his “good experience” with FMP / TRICARE at Pattaya Hospital Bangkok. More information to be provided hopefully no more excuses / time lag on payments.
- e. Closing Comments by D5 CDR Stein, noted Nat SVC BJ Lawrence visit /luncheon to Thailand /BKK on 17 March 2018, Comrades interested in attending should contact your Post Commander the Post Commanders follow with CDR Stein. Limited seating available, questions for Q&A session should be presented in advance. Closing Comments by D5 CDR Stein, thanked the Pattaya Beach Post 9876 for hosting the quarterly meeting at the Hogs Breath Saloon (HBS) the Last district meeting in this venue. District has been informed by Post Commander Larsen post 9876 is looking for new Post home as the HBS / building has been sold. Many outstanding and lasting VFW memories will remain within the walls and halls of the HBS, Job well done this weekend and over the years.
- f. A 50/50 lucky draw was conducted 9,000THB, the lucky winner Post 9876 Commander Larsen donated 4.5KTHB back to the Post.

15. Closing Ceremony:

The meeting was closed by Dist. V CDR Stein IAW VFW ritual at 12:00.

The next meeting of District V will be in Banchang Utapao Post 12146 hosting,
Scheduled: 18-19 May 2018.

For the Commander:

Lou Holub
Adjutant, District V



Kenneth Stein
Commander, District V