



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DISTRICT V ~ THAILAND/CAMBODIA/AUSTRALIA

Randy Riggs Commander

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Date: 20 July 2019

Location: Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh

Host: Post 11575

1. **Call to order:** CDR. Riggs called the meeting at designated time. 26 present
2. **Visitors of note:**
 - Current DPA SVC, PDC & COS Ken Stein
 - DPA Asst QM Lou Holub (newly elected CDR for BCU)
 - MOC SS Phil Jones (sitting in Blanket Bum Bobby Rositer)
 - Active Duty Guests – None

3. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:**

<i>Officers</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Post(s)</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Commander R. Riggs	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	9876 – M.Guarnuccio	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Sr. Vice Vacant	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	9951 – R. Riggs	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Jr. Vice CDR P. Jones	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	10217 – P. Jones	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Quartermaster CDR.L. Holub	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	10249 – M. Floit	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Chaplain G. Steuer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	11575 – J. Muller	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Judge Advocate A. Kershaw	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	12074 – C. Manchester	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Surgeon J. Farrell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	12146 – L. Holub	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Trustee 1 Yr. T. Friend	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	12163 – C. MacNamara	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Trustee 2 Yr. R. Rositer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			
Trustee 3 Yr. D. Morgan	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
S. O. J. Blasetti (Temp)	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>			
Adjutant R.Rositer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

4. **Minutes of our last meeting:** Adjutant moves to waive the reading of the minutes of our last meeting as minutes are posted on the website, seconded by Comrade Miles Floit having no discussion for corrections the motion carried.
5. **Credential Committee Report:** Comrade Holub – for voting purposes
6. **Quartermaster Report of receipts and disbursements:** QM Holub read the report of receipts, disbursements and balances, motion to accept the QM report as presented by: Comrade Lou Holub, seconded by Comrade Tom Friend having no discussion, motion carried.

Previous Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
\$14,483.00	\$3,155	\$ 218	\$ 17,288



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7. Any Communication to be Read:

- Comrade Larry Williams has resigned his position within the District (SVC) and Service Officer (personal reasons).
- Nominations accepted during phase of the business session and voted under New business. Open position is Senior Vice, if others positions become available then we will proceed accordingly. Also, the appointment of Service Officer and Adjutant will made here to prepare of additional required duties.
- I would like to Appoint Robert Rosier as the D5 Adjutant at this time and he has accepted the position.
- 2019-20 VFW National Membership Program has changed slightly
 - Post Requirement Top 25 of Division
 - District Requirement Top 10 of Division
- New VOD & PP Themes – will be briefed in Committee Reports
- MAP Grant Requests & Reports (COS Ken Stein) – No Report
- I would like to Thank Korat and Comrade Joel Pierson for completing his donations. If you need the link – let me know. The CDRs were sent the info via DPA Adj and its available on the District 5 website.

8. Reading of Post Commanders Activity Reports: (On file)

- **9876 Pattaya**, Commander Manny Guarnuccio
- **9951 Bangkok**: Sr Vice Commander Camie London
- **10217 Korat**: Commander Phil Jones (Not Present)
- **10249 Udon Thani**: Commander Miles Floit
- **11575 Phnom Penh**: Commander John Mullar (Given by Comrade Jack Farrell)
- **12074 Chiang Mai**: Commander Carl Manchester
- **12146 Ban Chang**: Comrade Lou Holub
- **12163 MT Hawthorn** Commander Cherish MacNamara (Not Present via VTC)

9. Officer of the day temporally retired colors: 15-minute comfort break

10. Recall to order by District CDR.

11. Report of Committees: (On file)

- **Service Officer Report**: Given by Commander Riggs. Comrade Chris Bischoff was nominated as D-5 Service Officer (SO), he accepted duties
- **Community Services**: Given by Commander Riggs as the Junior Vice was absent.
- **Buddy Poppy**: Please don't forget to purchase your Buddy Poppies from Dept. prior to December. Send your requirement to DPA QM Pete Callahan



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- **Membership** – Commander Riggs briefed -- District 5 has completed its requirement for members relatively early each year. As every Post CDR and membership committee understands; membership is only one of the requirements for All-State / All-American. So, we need to make sure that everyone is reviewing their membership numbers regularly and completed the required programs. I would like to encourage every annual member to re-visit their ability to pay their annual dues with a one-time Life Member's payment or look into the installment plan. The post will receive credit for your Life membership and additional money for plus 5 LMs converted or signed up. Please look at your current numbers to help determine your starting point. I hope to see as many posts as possible in the early bird category come this December.
- **Surgeon** -- Comrade Farrell briefed on Dengue Fever: Symptoms, Causes, and Treatments. (The dengue virus causes this mosquito-borne tropical disease. Symptoms typically begin three to fourteen days after infection. This may include a high fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash.).
- **VOD/PP/TA** Comrade Holub briefed Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs: "What Makes America Great".
- **POW/MIA:** Commander Riggs briefed statistics from the POW/MIA website.
- **Bylaws Committee Report** Comrade Kershaw reported no current submissions or changes.
- **M.O.C Cooties Scratch, Pup Tent 6: (Blanket Bum)** R. Rositer – Briefed that we did not have Quorum, minimum number of members that must be present to make meeting valid. Moved next Scratch to District V meeting at Pattaya Post 9876 on 18th Oct 2019.

12. Comrade or the family of a Comrade in Distress:

- William Bragg 10217
- Jack Angel 9951
- George Quinton 9951

13. Reading of Bills: No Bills presented

14. Unfinished Business

- Nominations of the vacant officer position for the 2019-2020 District Five VFW Term were completed

Sr. Vice Commander: Jack Farrell Post 11575 Accepted
Surgeon: Camie London Post 9951 Accepted



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- Mid Term C of A will be held in Phnom Penh from 6 -8 Dec (Hotel Cambodiana) – -- Adding the C of A under the Reports section for Next Mtg
- 2020 Convention will be scheduled in Bangkok from 13 -18 June (Winsor Suites) – Adding the 2020 Convention under the Reports section for next several mtgs.

15. New Business:

CSR information update – don't forget the April and May periods for reporting

- New District V website is officially open (calendars are connected to Post sites – so members should be able to see what is happening)
- At the next meeting, I will be adding C of A and Convention Updates to the Committee reports
- Congratulations to Past Commander Comrade James Maughmer (Australia) on his recruiting award for membership -- BZ
- All-State Recognition: Awards and pictures
- Legacy Life drawing conducted and \$400.00 USD awarded to Chiang Mai Post 12074, Commander Carl Manchester
- Appointment of District Adjutant and Service Officer was completed
- Nominations, election, and installation of officers and appointees by Commander Randy Riggs of vacant positions for 2019-2020 term was completed

16. Good of the Order:

- Thailand and Tricare Overseas Program (with regard to Visa) – is being reviewed
- A request for adjustment to the District Meeting schedule is in work. Commander Riggs will adjust the future District 5 Meetings to follow the sequence of Post numbers. No changes to the next meeting.
- Don't forget to discuss the Inspection Dates with Senior Vice – like to complete before Dec.
- Post 50/50 raffle won by Post 11575

17. Closing Ceremony:

The meeting was closed by CDR Riggs IAW VFW ritual.

The next meeting of District 5; Pattaya Beach, Post 9876 hosting, scheduled 18-19 Oct 2019

For the Commander:

--Signed:--

R. Rositer
Adjutant, District V



Randy Riggs
District V, CDR