



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**DISTRICT V ~ THAILAND/CAMBODIA/AUSTRALIA**

Randy Riggs Commander



Date: 18 January 2020

Location: JUSMAG Thai VFW Post 9951 (Bangkok)

Host: Post 9951

1. **Call to order:** CDR. Riggs called the meeting at designated time.
2. **Visitors of note:**
  - Current DPA CDR Ricky Farris
  - PDC and Past SS Fred Berg
  - MOC SS Bobby Rositer
  - Guests – Welcome
3. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:**

<i>Officers</i>	Yes	No	<i>Post(s)</i>	Yes	No
<b>Commander R. Riggs</b>	X		<b>9876 – M.Guarnuccio</b>	X	
<b>Sr. Vice CDR J. Farrell</b>	X		<b>9951 – R. Riggs</b>	X	
<b>Jr. Vice CDR C. Manchester</b>	X		<b>10217 – E. Sostack</b>	X	
<b>Quartermaster CDR.L. Holub</b>	X		<b>10249 – W. Weld (ALT)</b>	X	
<b>Chief of Staff – CDR K. Stein</b>		X	<b>11575 – J. Farrell</b>	X	
<b>Chaplain G. Steuer</b>		X	<b>12074 – C. Manchester</b>	X	
<b>Judge Advocate A. Kershaw</b>		X	<b>12146 – L. Holub</b>	X	
<b>Surgeon C. London</b>	X		<b>12163 – C. MacNamara</b>		X
<b>Trustee 1 Yr. T. Friend</b>		X	<b>A.D. S.O. C. Bischoff</b>		X
<b>Trustee 2 Yr. R. Rositer</b>	X		<b>Adjutant R. Rositer</b>	X	
<b>Trustee 3 Yr. D. Morgan</b>	X				

4. **Minutes of our last meeting:** Adjutant moved to waive the reading of the minutes of our last meeting as minutes are posted on the website, seconded by Comrade Fred Berg having no discussion regarding any corrections --- the motion carried.
5. **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 Dobbs, seconded by Comrade Jack Farrell having no discussion, motion carried.

<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>\$16,592</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 16,474</b>



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**6. Any Communication to be Read:**

- An Article was sent to the VFW Magazine and VFW Annual Publication Contest regarding the CofA in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. (a copy is available to read)
- Delegate letters were sent out. PLEASE UPDATE and FORWARD as soon as your Post votes on delegates.
  - Delegate letters are not required until Post Vote generally in March or April and can be hand carried to Convention delivered prior to meeting.
- Reminder for Post reports – Please allow the District Service Officer and JVC report status of those programs. Limit your reports to important issues of the post and significant community events as prescribed in the reports template.

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

- **9876 Pattaya**, Commander Manny Guarnuccio
- **9951 Bangkok**: Sr Vice Commander Camie London
- **10217 Korat**: Sr Vice Commander Fred Berg
- **10249 Udon Thani**: Comrade Weld
- **11575 Phnom Penh**: Commander Jack Farrell
- **12074 Chiang Mai**: Commander Carl Manchester
- **12146 Ban Chang**: Commander Lou Holub
- **12163 MT Hawthorn** Commander Cherish MacNamara – no report

**Report of Committees: (On file)**

- **Service Officer Report**: Along with the report – the VA has changed a lot of the forms that get submitted. Service Officers review the forms to ensure there are no delays. A.D.O C. Bischoff working with VA to get correct form issue solved.
- **Community Services**: Continues within the Posts.
- **Buddy Poppy**: Our Buddy Poppy programs has an all met status now. Reminding CDRs and QMs purchasing of next term BP is not being track via the dashboard until the year starts. If you need poppies for the next term lets wait until it's closer to June.



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- **Membership:** Commander Farrell briefed
- **Surgeon:** SVC Camie London briefed on Diabetes and If left uncontrolled, **diabetes** results in consistently high blood sugar levels (hyperglycemia), which can lead to serious complications such as cardiovascular disease, vision loss, kidney failure, nerve damage, and amputation
- **District Inspector:** Comrade Commander Jack Farrell brief on status and that all inspections were completed by December 2019.
- **VOD/PP/TA:** Comrade Commander Holub briefed Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs is: "**What Makes America Great**". *Congratulations to Sienna submitted by Post 12146 as the winner of the Voice of Democracy.*
- **POW/MIA:** No report and recovery actions on-going.
- **Bylaws Committee Report:**
  - Any proposed changes to BY-LAWS have to be delivered to Post for review and comments at least 30 days prior to District Convention.
- **Credential Committee Report:** CDR Holub confirms, there are no credentials to be reported, on or about 01 April QMOMS membership count will be reviewed in order to establish delegate strength and Post district dues, D5 QM will email each Post Commander/QM.
- **CofA Committee Report:** Comrade Commander Holub gave a well deserved congratulations to District 5 and Phnom Penh Commander and Post comrades for an Outstanding CofA in December 2019.
- **DPA Convention Report:** D5 CDR briefs – the hotel is current going thru renovations but will have new look by April. The details for the Convention will be 2 lunches and 2 dinners. Hospitality on the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor– except for Auction night (Soi Cowboy). Room rates are about 3k (all rooms are considered Suites). Trying to work a package deal all events; price reduction. 2020 Convention is scheduled in Bangkok from 13-17 June (Winsor Suites) – If there any questions or concerns regarding the Convention contact D5 Commander Riggs. Convention Ad are being accepted. In addition we are requesting any assistance with the book.



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- **Cooties:** SS R. Rositer: – Briefed that Pup Tent 6 had another Lousy (Outstanding) Scratch. Briefed that Supreme Pup Tent Annual Inspection were completed on 7 December 2019 and January 2020 Rim of Fire was posted on District 5 website. In addition the Pup Tent was still working to move all funds from PenFed account into NavFed account to be in line with District 5 Posts.
8. **Officer of the day temporally retired colors:** 15-minute comfort break (Comrade Joe Blasetti)
  9. **Recall to order by District CDR.** Randy Riggs
  10. **Comrade or the family of a Comrade in Distress:**
  11. **Reading of Bills:** Wreath for departed comrade, William C. Foster, Post 9876 (Pattaya). = 800 Thai Baht
  12. **Unfinished Business**
    - CDR Riggs encouraged all D5 Post to change their financial bank to NAVY FEDERAL – the advantages for money transfer within the District and to the Dept. becomes much easier. The process is relatively simple and takes about 2 business days. Please see me for any additional details. I have forwarded the documentation to all the Post Commanders. Only 3 post remaining. You may think there are issues but I have been working with NAVFED to fix them.
  13. **New Business:**
    - The floor was opened for nominations of District Five Elected officer positions for the VFW Term 2020-2021 – open nomination status:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Will Accept?</i>
	<i>CDR Randy Riggs</i>	<i>9951</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>SVC Jack Farrell</i>	<i>11575</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>JVC Carl Manchester</i>	<i>12074</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>QM Dan Morgan</i>	<i>12146</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>JAG Open</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
	<i>Chaplain Shane Shrader</i>	<i>9876</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Surgeon Camie London</i>	<i>9951</i>	<i>Yes</i>
	<i>Trustee 3</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

*Note: trustee 2 year moves to 1 year, trustee 3 year moves to 2 year*



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- ***Motion to have current officers remain in their respective positions for the next term and this action will carry to Unfinished Business on next D5 meeting in April 2020.***
  - There was an issue with the Members Roster on the D5 website but it has been addressed with the Solutions Group. If you can log on – email the website with your VFW # and you will be inputted.
  - District V website is open (calendars are connected to Post sites – so members should be able to see what is happening). D5 meeting calendar has been updated to reflect Post Order and upcoming events are posted on the Website.
  - Reminder of the Kanchanaburi Ceremony at the Cemetery and on the Bridge of the River Kwai. The date is April 25. If you post wants to lay a wreath, please CDR Riggs know.
  
- 14. **Good of the Order:**
  - April Mtg moved to Kanchanaburi to be in conjunction with the Wreath laying ceremony. This would be a D5 sponsored event vice a post.
    - Point of division – upon approval D5 meetings will move to the right (except for Korat Anniversary).
  - Amendment to the GO1 Host post meeting rotation as follows: The 2020-2021 Post Host ration is established at the Convention.
  - We have some updates for the JAG to review prior to next meeting for voting considerations at the D5 Mtg (Apr) and DPA Conv (Jun).
    - Any all By-Laws changes need to be sent to Post for Review and comments a minimum of 30 days before the Convention?
  - MAP Grant Requests & Reports (New forms and procedures)



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- District CDR Riggs presented an award for the DPA CDR Rick Farris – which is normally give during the CofA . (Catch Up)
- DPA Commander Speech. Given by DPA Commander Rick Farris
- Post 50/50 raffle won by Comrade Warren Weld donated to Bangkok Post.

**15. Closing Ceremony:**

The meeting was closed by CDR Riggs IAW VFW ritual.

The next meeting of District 5; Kanchanaburi, Thailand, scheduled 24-25 Apr 2020

For the Commander:

*-.Signed:-*

R. Rositer  
Adjutant, District V



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