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Department Commander

Commanders Corner:

Fellow Legionnaires:

Here we are just six weeks away from our Annual Convention. At the end of April we were sitting at the number 5 position in the overall standings for membership at National moving up from 14. Thanks to a last minute push, by all Legionnaires and in particular Mr. Arial Mercado Commander of the Sal and Ms. Elzen Auxiliary member of Unit 123, we were able to reactivate Manila Post 1 with 15 brand new members and move into the number 2 spot in the National Standings. I congratulate all members of the American Legion Department of the Philippines for making this another “BANNER YEAR”. You have once again showed our National Headquarters that although we are far away and in a distant land we are nonetheless a force to be reckoned with. We continue to lead the Western Division where only one other Department made 100%. You are an awesome lot indeed.

Talking about the Convention you know this is the only fund raiser we have, we need each Post to not only take an ad in our yearbook, but to sell a few also. The deadline for this is May
15th, we stopped selling raffle tickets because people are tired of them and they have produced very little results, with the reinstatement of advertisements in our book the donations have increased significantly, but still not enough to cover expenses. Please help.

Don’t forget to mark June 20, 21, and 22 on your calendar for a trip to wonderful downtown Angeles City to attend the Convention always a momentous occasion. We will have an outreach, Sal and Auxiliary activities. All paid up Legionnaire family members, are welcome to attend either as a guest or for the Legionnaires themselves they may be delegates.

We remind you to not forget sending write ups for Awards for Commander of the year, Vice Commanders of the Year, Adjutant, chaplain and any other officers you have, who you feel should be recognized by Department or higher. Remember the people who work with you deserve to know that you appreciate them, even if they don’t win the Department Award they know that you as Commander submitted them and appreciate the work they do. Send your recommendations to the Department Awards Committee c/o Department Adjutant, 370 Batangas Street, Balibago, Angeles City 2009. Or you may send via Email with attachment letter. Entries must be received by 30 May in order to have the Awards made in time for presentation. Thank you all for everything you have done throughout this past year. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Activities this past month included attending VFW Ceremony at Capas Tarlac honoring those Servicemen Pilipino and American that participated in the Bataan Death March. Our Service Officer also assisted many Veterans and their families regarding their VA Benefits. The SAL continues to move forward and look forward to another record year.

Once again, I solicit All Posts to share what they are doing, by using this Department News Letter. Submit your articles to Mr. Mac McGee at the following email address: macmcgee3790@yahoo.com, and let the Department know of all your activities and upcoming events. “We Dare to Care” now let us “Share”

I cannot Thank You enough for all you do for and with our Veterans, your communities, your Posts, this Department and the National Organization. May God bless you all, your families, and friends, Posts, the Philippines and the United States of America.

Yours in Service

Joseph Carsley

Department Commander
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Department NECman’s Comments

Comrades,

Minutes of FODPAL meeting held on 17 Oct 2012 at The American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 0730hrs by President Robert Fuelling with salute to the colors.

Prayer was given by Department of France Commander Ron Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance, and the Preamble by President Robert Fuelling.

Reading of Minutes from the Spring 2012 meeting. A motion was made by Doug Haggan and seconded by Jimmie Foster to accept the minutes with corrections. Motion Carried

Past National Commander Clarence Bacon introduced all guests.

Regular business was suspended so the Jeff Stoffer and his staff could present the new FODPAL Web Site to the body. The Members of FODPAL want the thank Jeff Stoffer and his staff for their outstanding work on developing the Website.

Past National Commander Clarence Bacon introduced National Commander Wong who gave us a great report on membership telling us that 3 FODPAL Departments are in the top three positions in membership. He also said he is looking for someone to step up and start a Legion Post in Seoul South Korea.

Past National Commander Clarence Bacon gave a report on Jake Comers wife and asked that we keep her and Jake in our prayers.

Treasures Report. PNC Jimmie Foster gave the Finance Report, he asked that if you haven’t paid your dues yet to please do so. A motion was made by Jimmie Foster and seconded by Doug Haggan to accept the Finance Report subject to audit. MOTION CARRIED. Finance Report attached to Minutes.

FODPAL Breakfast 2012. 2012 National Convention Breakfast in Indianapolis IN was an overwhelming success; a profit of $240.66 was made.
Unfinished Business.

Mailing privileges at US Embassy Resolution has been passed by National Convention and is on its way to Capitol Hill. OPEN

Earle Cocke Jr. Award rules for selection were presented to the body. A motion was made by Jim Pisa and seconded by John Miller to accept the rules for selection. MOTION CARRIED and SUBJECT IS CLOSED.

New Business.

FODPAL Debit Card: PNC/PFP Jimmie Foster made a motion and was seconded by PFP William Shetz to apply for a FODPAL Debit MOTION CARRIED

Establishing a new Post in South Korea was tabled for further study.

PFP Doug Haggan made a motion and was seconded by PNC/PFP Jimmie Foster to approve the new FODPAL emblem. MOTION CARRIED

Do to time constraints Department Reports were suspended. However the following Departments or Posts were in attendance. Alaska, France, Hawaii, Mexico, Philippines, and China Post #1Department of Puerto Rico was not in attendance.

After a closing prayer and honor to the Colors the meeting closed at 0845hrs

ATTENDEES

Doug Haggan (FR) PPF/FODPAL Secretary
Jim Pisa (AK) NEC/FODPAL 1st Vice President
Robert Fuelling (FR) FODPAL President
Clarence Bacon (MD) PNC/PFF/FODPAL Advisor
Bill Detwiler (LA) PNC/PFP
Jimmie Foster (AK) PNC/PFP/FODPAL Treasure
John Miller (FR) NEC
Mervin Siegeried (HI) ALT NEC
Maxwell Rice (FR) Department Adjutant
Mike Wood (MX) NEC/FODPAL Chaplain
Bill Shetz (TX) Department Adjutant/PFP/FODPAL Asst. Sgt at Arms
Tim Stern (MX) Department Commander
H Ownby (FR) ALT NEC/FODPAL 3rd Vice President

Ron Moore (FR) Department Commander
Herb Sholten (PI) NEC/PFP/FODPAL Asst. JA
Jake Comer (MA) PNC/PFP
Jeff Stoffer
Laura Edwards
Chris Bayliss
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Yours in Service

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

### April 2013

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Transmittal 2013-0009 (2013-02-13)**

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Yours in Service,

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NEWSLETTER

Department Service Officer

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(Mark Attn: DSO)

All VA claims initiated or assisted by The American Legion in the Philippines will be forwarded to the Department Service Officer or an Assistant Department Service Officer for review PRIOR to being submitted to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

This review will ensure that the claims are complete and ready for submission to Veterans Affairs.

What are your responsibilities?

If you receive benefits from the VA:

You are responsible to report the following to the VA:

Your income or the income of your dependents changes (earnings, Social Security Benefits, lottery, and gambling winnings).

Your net worth increases (bank accounts, investments, real estate)

Your continuing medical expenses are reduced

You gain or lose a dependant

Your address or phone number changes.

What YOU can do: If you are not satisfied with the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) decision about your claim, you have a number of options to avail for relief:

Motion for Reconsideration. You may file a “motion” asking the BVA to reconsider its decision by writing a letter to the BVA showing why you believe that the BVA committed an obvious error of fact or law in its decision in your appeal. If the BVA decided more than one issue, be sure to tell us which issues you want reconsidered. Address your letter to: Director, Administrative Service (014), Board of Veterans’ Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. There is no time limit on filing a motion for reconsideration.

Motion to Revise the Board’s Decision based on Clear and Unmistakable Error. You may file a motion asking that the Board revise its final decision if you believe the decision is based on “clear and unmistakable error” (CUE). Care should be used in preparing such a motion because it must meet very specific requirements and the Board will not review a final decision on this basis more than once. The Board encourages you to carefully review its rules on CUE and seek help from a qualified representative before filing such a motion. There is no time limit on filing a CUE review motion.

Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. You have the right to appeal a BVA decision to the United States court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court). A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Court within 120 days from the date of the mailing of the notice of the BVA’s decision. The date of mailing is the date that appears on the face of the BVA decision. The Court’s address: United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004.

Be advised, there is a new government website sponsored by THE NATIONAL PERSONEL RECORDS CENTER where veterans can gain access to their DD-214’s online:

http://vetrecs.archives.gov

Respectfully yours,

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We have included hyperlink(s):

TRICARE: TRICARE Area Office - Pacific, (81)6117-43-2036,

TPAO.CSC@med.navy.mil

The Veterans Affairs:

http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel

RAO Bulletins:

http://sjcvets.zymichost.com/index.html . for PDF Format and/or

http://415vva.homestead.com/Home.html

(Word format)


Veterans Legislation:

http://thomas.loc.gov

USAF Afterburner

http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/

Department Chaplain

Respectfully yours,

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1st Vice Commander

VA Clinic advises no appointments made through the next 90 days, due to administrative issues at the clinic. Only those appointments already scheduled will be allowed.

Myself, Adj-Wade, member Brown and AL Dep’t Cmdr.-Carsley attended the Bataan Death March Memorial, 18 April 13, 10:30 hours, Capas Tarlac, VFW Post 2485.

There are indications that the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), may be falsifying claims submitted by demo-providers, by not using legitimate CPT codes and procedures, but rather catch-all codes that are not on the CMAC and paying billed charges. This results in many cases overpaying providers, means beneficiaries overpaying co-pays/deductibles.

Their latest policy change, done in secret, where beneficiaries receive private emails informing them their continuity of care waivers expires end of March; some have been extended for 90 days. TMA essentially says their policy always was 90 days and therefore there is no need to notify beneficiaries.

There’s a new procedure called Continuous Chest Compression CPR. Every three days, more Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest, than the number who died in the 9-11 attacks. You can be view it online at http://ahsc.arizona.edu/node/730. The new procedure uses 100 chest compression per minute and no breaths between compressions. Best effective, with at least two performing the chest compressions. NOTE: It's important to remember that this CPR procedure does not apply to children and drowning victims.

Retiree Survey on TRICARE in the Philippines Results: The survey results were provided to all members of the National Coalition of VSOs, the Senate and House Armed Services staff members and a copy was hand carried and personally given to BG Gamble the Deputy Director of TMA. For those so inclined we recommend sending the results to your Senator or Congressman and ask them to intervene with the TRICARE Management Activity. Or do the same by contacting any VSO you are a member of, asking the same. To help protect privacy we removed any identifying information that some added to their narratives but the actual comment was not touched.

Examples of identifying information included names, phone numbers and email addresses. These were not removed from the copy submitted to the National Coalition, Congress or the Deputy Director of TMA. http://db.tt/JkIDySiY

Yours in Comradeship,

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The American Legion Post 28
Cmdr. Webber stated many other veterans’ widows, spouses were assisted with VA/SSN paperwork, American Services POC’s and burial briefings. Cmdr. Webber assisted veterans and widows, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Donnon, Mrs. Woodson, Mrs. Perkins, Caregiver for Tom Webb Ms. Liberty and other widows. Have 5 U.S. Burial Flags on hand. SO Brown says keep track of illness from retirement to present.

Multiple Post members remain home or bed bound; Ron Woodson, Ron Burrus, Robert Perkins, Arvel Stewart, Herbert Gage, and Tom Webb still very ill at home. Two American’s, veteran John Reavis (Nov 12’) and Daniel Paige (Jun 12’), awaiting burial. Hoping to have Reavis buried, at CVC soon.

AL Post 123 Cmdr Webber has been contacted by U.S. Vet Dave Myrand offering his facility, on Perimeter Rd. as a possible location for our AL Post 123.

Election Committee Chmn Donaldson conducted first nominations 2013-14: Nominees for Cmdr-Rhett Webber and Mike Campbell; 1st Vice Richard Hodges, 2nd Vice Kathleen Gonzales; Finance Officer Lafayette Donaldson; Chaplain Ray Jones; JA Gordon Grubb; and Sgt-at-Arms Edward Nava. Cmdr Webber tabled voting on By-Laws 2013 changes, until further review, whether Preamble needs to be in our By-Laws and changing “Operations Manager to Canteen Manager, or Commander”.

Mrs. Yepez-Museum Director, advises Clark K-9 Cemetery MOA, could be approved by the new CDC President, sometime early 2013.

Our Post members have been busy with community and Post’s projects, donating tens of thousands of Peso’s to veteran’s families, for burial fees, Post Home renovations, food dishes to ALA Unit 123’s Valentine’s Day Ball Room affair.
Our Post recruiting for 2012-13 is going very well, with paid membership at 177, or 115.7%, 28 PUFL’s; 95 renewals; 05 reinstated, 2 transfers and 47 new members (as of 30 Apr 13).

Service Officer Bill Brown attended the AL Nat’l Service Officer course, during February 13’, at Wash, D.C. AL Post 10 Edward Craft also attended. January through middle February, our Post SO and I assisted many veterans, spouses and families. Adjutant Wade and I continue to conduct visits to local area hospitals and for home and bed bound veterans.

Ed Jernigan community activity supporting Little League teams in the Panginsanan Tournament, Philippines. 252 hours, 650 Miles; expended-hotel/food 5K Pesos/new catcher mitt/mask-20K/donated $200 community projects. Ed's Little League team took 2nd place, losing the championship game 3 to 1.

No action yet from the CDC office, at Clark Field, to approve our LOA request, to take over caretaker status of the K-9 Cemetery. We’ve been told the top echelon of CDC will be changing soon and once that happens, our LOA should be approved.

We’ve sent out many letters of invitation for our upcoming 30 May 13 Memorial Day event, at CVC. If your Post hasn’t received our letter contact me and we’ll get you one. We encourage placement of wreaths at the memorial event.

An American Boy Scout wants to clean the Clark K-9 Cemetery, as a project toward achieving Eagle Scout. Will coordinate his request via Ms. Yepez-Clark Museum Dir.

Yours in Service,

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Luna, La Union, meets every 2d Saturday of the month at our American Legion Post Home in Darigayos, Luna, La Union.

Yours in Service,

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Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 21
SAL Elected Officers Philippine Detachment 2012-2013

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Colonel “Ping” Paraan
ALA UNIT 123 member Rosario Webber was able to attend the 71th Annual Bataan Death March Memorial in Capas, Philippines with the Department and Post 123 Legionnaires.

We held our Monthly Membership Meeting last April 20, 2013 in our Post Home Hall.

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Mercedita Trasmil
Unit 125 Secretary

Unit 155

Unit 190

Unit 229

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