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Larry Edmonds, Commander        Jeff Ludwig, Adjutant
Post meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month at the
Wing 21 Ubon Royal Thai AB
Driving Range Club house at 10:00 a.m.
All members are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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In addition, we will also have our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Both activities require the participation of all local post members. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for the harvest of the preceding year. The post will have a Thanksgiving Luncheon at our meeting on the 8th of November. Much preparation and time will be requested of many to help with the preparation of food and setting up the facilities.

In December, our post will be celebrating Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and Christmas. I am sure there will be festivities at the December Post meeting to recognize these two days.

I hope to see all that can assist the Post in commemorating the activities mention above. Our post is only as good as the membership wants to make it.

Don’t Forget to Renew Your Membership.
Events: by Jeff Ludwig

POW/MIA Luncheon with the Post providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, The Luncheon was held at the Ubon Ratchathani RTAF Wing 21 driving range complex. The post invited all Americans, Expats, and Thais to come help us honor those solders still missing in action and still prisoners of war. A good time was had by all.

Membership: by Jeff Ludwig

Thanks to your efforts, our 2019 membership drive and members renewal is moving along well ahead of the National target goals. In fact, we are only 8 members shy of meeting our 2019 goal and attaining membership in Departments 100% club. I know we can achieve this goal by the end of the month if we just make the effort. If you haven’t renewed your dues for 2019, we strongly encourage you to do it now. For those who have already renewed their 2019 dues, give your friends a call and give them a gentle nudge. I will be standing by to renew any members for 2019.

In addition, National is offering the new National Commander Brett P. Reistad 2019 Membership Incentive Pin to all qualifying members.

To qualify you Just need to recruit (3) new members into the American Legion. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2019 membership year who was not a member of the American Legion during the 2018 membership year. Just see Adjutant Ludwig who will complete the forms and send it to Department. Be the first in the post to receive your Pin.

Please note: each new member listed must be eligible for membership in the American Legion.
Post Adjutant’s Corner
by Jeff Ludwig

9/11 Lest We Forget
We sadly remember that horrible event.

This month marks the 17th anniversary of this tragic event. We remember the many people who died and those who were heroes. On that day, all Americans experienced firsthand the horrors of a war of terrorism. That day we realized that we are not insulated from the horrors of Terrorsim and fanatical regimes. We came to a stark understanding that we are engaged in a different kind of war. We are engaged in a war that preys on the innocents and shows no mercy in achievement of its agendas. A war where the enemy can pop up when least expected and just as quickly sink back into oblivion to prey another time on other victims. Not just on our soil but anywhere in the world.

The U.S. Congress passed legislation that names Sept. 11 as “Patriot Day” (Public Law 107-89). The American Legion works with community leaders across the nation to conduct memorial services on Sept. 11 to remember those who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The Legion also wants to remember those men and women in uniform killed in the ongoing war against terrorism.

We as loyal American Legion members must take steps to ensure our nation and the world does not forget the tragedy of 9/11. The American Legion reminds us to take the following actions:

- We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed forces who go in harm’s way on our behalf.
- We must thank God they serve America with honor, courage and commitment.
- We must recognize the men and women serving in the U.S. military today in the war against terrorism as our nation’s newest veterans.
- We must understand and accept that the banner under which all of America’s military forces have fought and died has no protection from those who would desecrate it.
- We must push Congress to restore legal protection for the flag as a symbol of our compassion for those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks,
- And we must send a statement of our resolve to show no mercy to those who hate us and would act to destroy our freedom.
Service Officers
Corner
By Rocky Hatzke

Is your Family prepared if something should happen to you? Do they know what to do before you as a veteran dies? The American Legion here to help you with a pamphlet titled “WHAT TO DO BEFORE A VETERAN DIES”, A guide to pre-planning.

The first step is to make certain the family has easy access to important documents such as:

- DD Form 214
- VA Documents , if any. Indicating a VA Claim number.
- A copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees.
- Insurance policies, including beneficiary designations.
- A copy of the family will.
- Location of a safety deposit boxes.
- Business Address, email address, office and
- Cell phone numbers for local American Legion service officer

Some of the other topics covered in the pamphlet include:

- How much does the VA pay?
- Time requirements for filing a claim & How to apply
- Payment for transporting veteran remains to a VA national cemetery
- Presidential Memorial Certificates
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Military funeral honors

So where can you find this pamphlet? Just click on this link https://www.legion.org/publications/226617/what-do-veteran-dies or copy and paste it into you browser. As Commander Edmonds is fond of saying, “If you don’t do it for your spouse; do it for your Service Officer.” The simple steps listed in this pamphlet will ease the burden on your loved ones and your service officer and help ensure your family receives all the benefits they are entitled.
Featured Member:

On 21 September 2nd Vice Commander Wayne Wright and his wife Sathit met with the local Staff and Teachers at Bat Met Elementary School in Tambol Ban Lao, Amphur Khamchai, Mukdahan Province in Thailand to donate school uniforms to the poor students. The staff and teachers selected those children who were in need and whose families could not afford new uniforms.

Also in attendance that day were Provincial Education administrators. They were at the school for administrative meetings and were thrilled to join in presenting the new uniforms to the children.

The Staff brought the children into the classroom where Wayne and Sathit with the help of the school dignitaries presented the children with the uniforms. The children were thrilled to receive new uniforms.

Wayne and Sathit found it a very rewarding experience. Wayne’s giving attitude exemplifies who we are as American Legion Post TH01.
As they go from one day to the next without me.
I will not believe that!
If they have, I shall surely be swallowed
up in the mists of this hell!
How long has it been again?
No~
they have not forgotten~
how could they have?
Have they?
My God?
Have they?

By Joanna Mckenzie Henshaw

TAPS:

None this month

September Birthdays

Fred Berg
Bill (Chappie) Chapman
Robert Engborg
Ted Potyrala
Rusty Wilson

A very happy birthday to all!
**Post Officers and Executive Committee**

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