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Jeff Ludwig, Adjutant Larry Edmonds, Commander
 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

Jun 11	Post Meeting	10:00a.m.
Jun 13	Flag Day	
Jun 18	Visit Korat VFW Post	



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

**From the
 Commander;**



Flag Day: If you've attended a funeral honoring a veteran who served our country, perhaps you witnessed the folding of the



flag that once covered the casket of a loved one. Each of the 13 folds of the flag holds great significance.

At the ceremony of retreat, a daily observance at bases during which all personnel pay respect to the flag, "the flag is lowered, folded



in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning, it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body."



1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other

countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.

9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

12. The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, “In God We Trust.”

In you tube Ann M. Wolf narrates a moving videos that explains the meaning of each fold. The video is dedicated to Honor Guards & our Fallen from across America, as well as to all patriots who keep our Veterans, 1st-Responders (& families) in their hearts. [Click here to view.](#)

Service Officers Corner

By Rocky Hatzke

This month’s advice VA Form 21-0966 Intent to File a Claim for Compensation

If you are thinking about filing a claim, then please see me, your Service Officer and file an Intent to File a Claim for Compensation. This will give you up to one year to get your claim together and submitted. Most importantly, it sets your pay date if and when your claim is approved. What I am saying can this can lead to a lot of back pay. See me or another Service Officer if you have questions.

You say that old shoulder injury that you were treated for while on active duty is now giving you a lot of discomfort or pain and your range of movement is less than it was and your doctor tells you that the shoulder has developed arthritis, well there is hope. Let your doctor know about your previous injury and ask if she thinks the arthritis might have been because of your previous injury. If you filed a claim previously and were awarded compensation, you can apply for a reevaluation because your condition has gotten worse or now the arthritis is secondary to the original injury. If you were not awarded compensation on the original claim and now things are worse and your doctor says that it’s as likely as not that your present condition was attributed to the initial injury, and you want to be reevaluated, file your intent to file and protect your benefits.

You can also obtain the same form that is used for the Compensation & Pension Exam and give it to your doctor and ask him to complete it, you can submit this with your claim when you are ready.

Adjutant's Post (Jeff Ludwig)

The new membership year is fast approaching. July 1st marks the beginning of the 2019 membership renewal drive. All members are encouraged to renew their dues as quickly as possible. There are various ways to pay your dues. The first and most preferred method is to renew online with a credit card. It's fast and simple and works with both domestic and foreign credit cards. The second most preferred method is electronic transfer to our bank account with Bank of America. The third method and probably the easiest is to simply give cash, check, or money order to me as the Adjutant/Finance Officer and I will renew your dues online through myLegion.org. As a reminder, we can accept checks issued from American banks. Sorry we cannot take Thai checks. Also, please do not send cash through the mail.



Flag Day Pledge of Allegiance



In 1892 writer-poet Francis Bellamy composed The Pledge of Allegiance to The United States of America, which was formally accepted by Congress in 1942. In 1954 the powerful words “*under God*” were added.

***I pledge allegiance to the flag of
the United States of America.***

***And To the Republic, for which it
stands,***

***One Nation, Under God,
Indivisible,***

With Liberty and Justice,

For All.

Your Post Officers:

Commander	Larry Edmonds
1st Vice Commander	Bruce Templeman
2nd Vice Commander	Wayne Wright
Adjutant	Jeff Ludwig
Finance Officer	Jeff Ludwig,
Service Officer	Maurice(Rocky) Hatzke
Sergeant at Arms	Neil Tufford
Historian	Theodore (Ted) Potyrala
Judge Advocate	Charles (Rusty) Wilson
Chaplain	Hugh(Charlie) Mason
Publicity Officer	Joe Reedy
Executive Committee:	
Members At Large	Anthony Francois
Members At Large	Salvatore (Sal) Salzarulo
Members At Large	William (Bill) Medley

Chaplain's message.

Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14 in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775. (Resource: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia) Suggested prayers for Flag Day: Gracious Lord, we thank you for our nation and for the men and women who had the courage to form this nation. We thank you for the flag which flies over our nation and which gives to us hope. We ask your blessing on our nation and its leaders.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the men and women who serve our nation and ask your blessing upon them. Be with them in times of strife. Grant to them your wisdom for the benefit of our nation.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We lift up to you the leaders of our nation and ask that you guide them in their decisions. We ask Lord for your wisdom in their leadership. We pray for peace among all nations.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We lift up to you our men and women in the military and ask that you watch over them and protect them from the evils of this world.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

As many nations have become global, help us to learn from one another. Teach us tolerance.

Grant to us strength when fighting the evils of this world. Help us Lord to be greater than our individual parts.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

TAPS: None this month

Finance Officer (Jeff Ludwig)

The 2019 membership drive starts in July. I would like to remind everyone that our annual dues are \$40.00 if paid in American currency and 1,500 baht if paid in Thai currency.

Last month I talked about creating a list of activities for the 2018/2019 year so we could formulate a budget. We will try to finalize the list at the July meeting. We welcome all suggestions and opinions. Just contact the Activities committee Chairman Bruce Templeman or any of the committee members. You can also bring your ideas to the meeting.

Jun 14, 2018	Flag Day
Jun 17, 2018	Father's Day
Jul 4, 2018	Independence Day July
Aug 2018	Hospital visit
Sep 11, 2018	POW/MIA Day Sep 11
Sep 21, 2018	Gold Star Mother's
Sep 23, 2018	Family Day
Oct 8, 2018	Columbus Day
Nov 11, 2018	Veterans Day
Nov 22, 2018	Thanksgiving
Dec 7, 2018	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 25, 2018	Christmas
Jan 15 2019	Martin Luther King Jr.
Feb 2019	Presidents Day
Mar 15, 2019	American Legion
	Vietnam Veterans day
Apr 2019	
May 2019	Armed Forces Day
	Memorial Day
	Mother's Day
	National Day of Prayer
Suggested other	Provide Lunch at the
Activities:	Provide Lunch at the
	Visit Orphanage
	Visit Veterans in
	Visit small Poor village
	Donate coats to
	Donate winter clothing

Field Trip:

By Adjutant Ludwig

As you know from last month's meeting, Commander Phil Jones and Vice Commander Fred Berg of the VFW Korat Post 10217 invited our officers and members to visit



their post. The purpose is to discuss the benefits of forming a partnership with our sister organization

where we can help each other and more importantly help the veterans in Thailand. Commander Edmonds and I traveled there this past Monday and met with their officers and some of their members.



The Korat VFW post, officially named the *Karl W. Richter Memorial Post 10217* was chartered in January 1971. They are very mature post with seasoned officers and members.

We soon discovered that we have more similarities than differences. Like us, they are committed to helping the veterans in Thailand. They also seem to have a post culture similar to our Post. Like us, they work closely with the Thai military and even have a Retired Thai officer as a liaison. Like us, the wives and



significant others have a good time getting together while the spouses are in the meeting. We did notice that they place much more emphasis on community services which included, everything from participating in local events to driving elderly neighbors to the doctor. They also log all their volunteer work.

We discussed the importance of membership especially new members. Both the American Legion and VFW place a lot of emphasis on membership. Both organizations believe in "Strength

in Numbers" and know that a post must always have an inflow of new members

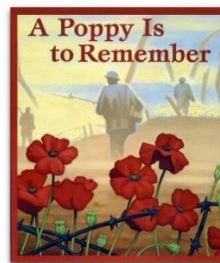


if they want to maintain and grow. That is why many of the Department and National awards are centered on recruiting new members. While meeting with the officers of the Korat post, we shared ideas on how we can help each other in growing membership.

We also acknowledged that there are a number of veterans in Thailand that want to belong to an American organization but don't qualify for the VFW. We strongly encouraged our VFW brothers to steer those individuals our way.

Both Commander Edmonds and I were left with confidence that our Post and our programs are moving in the right direction. Before we left, we invited the members of their Post to come visit us. While we are different organizations, we are both committed to the same core values.

We both are committed to serving God, Country and our fellow veterans. We both are committed to upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States and to preserving and defending the United States from all enemies. We both are committed to remembering and honoring our fallen comrades and POW/MIAs.



June Birthdays



- Darwin Dennis
- Jim Gilmore
- Carl Manchester
- Peter Ritzel
- Ken Sebring

A very happy birthday to all!

Coming in July – 4th of July

Independence Day. Come join us after the July meeting to help us celebrate our country's Independence Day. We will be



holding a Potluck picnic right after the meeting to celebrate this special day. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill as well as potato salad and chips. We also have some barbeque duck and maybe chicken. Bring the family, invite your friends, all are welcome, just please bring a side dish or desserts.

Especially reach out to any fellow Americans you



know and encourage them to join us in the festivities. Also, let us know how many you plan to bring so we can make sure we have enough food. As with the Christmas party and Thanksgiving, beverages will be available for purchase at the Driving Range. We cannot bring our own drinks. The driving Range personnel have made allowances for wine.