



**Brig. Gen. Robin Olds**  
 American Legion Thailand Post TH01  
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Jeff Ludwig, Adjutant      Larry Edmonds, Commander

Post meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May. 19	Mother's Day	
May 14	Post Meeting, Elections	10:00a.m.
May 19	Armed Forces Day	
May 28	Memorial Day	



**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

From the  
 Commander;



Comrades,

This month we celebrate Memorial Day. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer. Officially it is one of the most solemn holidays in the United States. Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Each year on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time

**Least we forget those who paid the  
 Ultimate sacrifice for our Home and  
 Country**

**Service Officers Corner**

By Maurice "Rocky" Hatzke Post Service Officer

If you are receiving service connected disability benefits, you should be registered with Foreign Medical Program (FMP). FMP will pay medical care, meds, and hospitalization for your service connected disabilities. You just need to fill out the form shown below.

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**Department of Veterans Affairs Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Registration Form**

Veterans can use this form to register in the VA Foreign Medical Program. The information provided on this form will be used by VA to determine your eligibility for reimbursement for medical services outside the United States. Please complete and submit to the FMP office at the address listed below or FAX to 1-303-331-7803. All items must be completed if not applicable, please write or type None or N/A.

Foreign Medical Program  
 PO Box 469061, Denver, CO 80246-0061 USA  
 Telephone number: 1-303-331-7590 | Fax number: 1-303-331-7803 | Email: hac\_fmp@va.gov  
 Website: <http://www.va.gov/purchasemedicalprograms/veterans/fmp/>

Veteran Information - Please Print		
Veteran Last Name	Veteran First Name	MI
Social Security Number	VA Claim File Number	Date of Birth
Physical Address (Residence)		Mailing Address
Country	Country	
Telephone Number	Email Address	

Federal law provides criminal penalties, including a fine and/or imprisonment, for any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation (See 18 U.S.C. 267 and 1001).

Veteran Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**If eligible, an FMP Benefits Authorization Letter will be issued to you at your above mailing address.**

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**Adjutant's Post** (Jeff Ludwig)

The annual elections are over and here are your new Post Officers for the 2018/2019 year. Congratulations to all.



**Finance Officer** (Jeff Ludwig)

I wish to congratulate all our new and reelected officers. Next month will be the first meeting for our new Executive Committee. Now is a good time to start planning for the Post events, activities, ceremonies, and associated expenses for the coming year. Some of the planned activities will require the Post to raise funds. That is



why it is

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

essential for us to create a list of possible activities and events for the coming year. We can then formulate the Post budget for the year. I would like to see us develop a suggested list of activities at the Post meeting in June.



## Featured Legion Member

On January 10, 2018, American Legion member William Medley of Brig Gen Robin Olds American Legion Thailand Post TH01 along with his friends, Sam and Suzy Samsen, made a joint donation of 6,000 baht



(\$200) to the teachers at Muang Kai School located in Nikham Kham Soi in Mukdahan Province. They also

donated ice cream to the students.

Bill and Friends also donated 1,000 baht to each of the 41 nurses at Nikham Kham Soi Hospital.

This was a total of 41,000 baht. (\$1,300). Bill, Suzy and Sam made this donation in the name of American Legion Post TH01.

Again, on May 7 and 16, 2018, Bill and Mr. and Mrs. Samsen returned to the school and gave school uniforms, shoes and socks to the students. Over 100 packages were distributed. Bill is doing this in memory his late wife Kumpan. She supported the school and Bill wishes continues her legacy. The Post wishes to thank Bill, Suzy and husband Sam for their generous



donations and time to their community. We also wish to thank them for keeping the American Legion principals and values alive.



## Chaplain's Message

A memorial day prayer from **D. A. Graham** while stationed on Okinawa, Japan (1999-2002)

*"Most eternal God, as Americans, We want to thank you for this great country. We are not proud, but humbled, that in your divine sovereignty we were born or naturalized in such a nation as this.*

*Thank you for those serving and who have served in the military that protect this country of ours. Thank you for those men and women in our military services who were willing to give their lives and who gave their lives to fight to keep this country free ... "*

TAPS: None this month

## May Birthdays



- Wayne Wright
- Sunny Wilson
- Dale Ridgeway

A very happy birthday to all!

**Coming in June - Flag Day**  
June's Post meeting will be a good time to practice the proper folding and display of the flag.

