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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

September 10	Post Meeting 10:00a.m.
September 10	POW/MIA Remembrance Day Luncheon 12:00P.M



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Larry Edmonds



Comrades,

End of the fiscal year is rapidly approaching. October will be a slow month. November and December are going to be busy months for the Brig. Gen. Robin Olds American Legion Post TH01.

On November 11 at 11:00 am, we will have our Veteran's Day wreath laying with the local Ubon Government, British, Australian Expats, and the local Thai military and their Veterans groups at the Thong Si Muang Park Memorial. On Veteran's Day we participate in the remembrance of our Veterans that have served and protected our great country throughout history.

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 is 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.

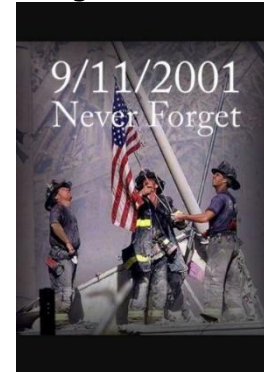
On that day, all Americans experienced firsthand the horrors of a war of terrorism. That day we realized that we are not insulated from the horrors of Terrorisms and fanatical regimes. We came to a stark understanding that we are engaged in a different kind of war. We are engaged in a war that preys 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:

- VA burial and memorial benefits
- Burial in a VA national cemetery
- Headstones and markers
- Burial flags, burial and plot-interment allowance

- 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 your 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.



Chaplain's message.

POW Prayer

Please hear me, Lord....
It's the dead of night....

It is dark and cold,
the night surrounds me Like a
blanket of hope.
As long as it is night, they will stay
in their corner.

I lie here wondering ~
how long is it again?
I cling to the dream of my family ~
I see them in my mind.

It is another Independence Day at
home.

When will my independence come?
I will NOT believe that they have
forgotten me!!

I look in the hole I have dug here,
for the things that I hide from
them.

A little smile across my lips~
in all this time they have never
found my little stash!

I pull out a little scrap of shredded
red and white.

For me, it waves in the breeze of
home!

It is my salvation ~
it tells me there is hope.

There is a tiny piece of cloth,
a remnant of the uniform worn
with the pride
only a soldier knows.

Ah, here is that little corner of the
photo I once had!

They think they destroyed it ~
It is my private joke on them.

For I can still see the face of my
little boy. But ~~~

he must be almost a man by now...

I am not sure?

How long has it been again?
They could not have forgotten me,

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!



Wishing you a happy birthday, from Gravity!!!
Have a nice time~



Post Officers and Executive Committee

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:	
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Members At Large	Salvatore (Sal) Salzarulo
Members At Large	William (Bill) Medley