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Sgt Thomas Oliver Ahlberg



From the Commander



Happy New Year to all of you. There is no doubt that 2020 was an unusual year for all of us. I am sure that many of you are just as eager to close out 2020 and put the challenges of the year behind us. With that being said as we reflect on the past year, I have to say overall the year was a great success for TH02. Despite the hardships we were able to establish a new post here in Thailand. We participated in several different events to honor our Veteran community and Honored our departed Veterans as they moved on to the Post Everlasting. I am truly thankful to all of you for making this happen. As we look forward to 2021, as a post we will continue to grow. There is no greater privilege to me than to be able to lead what is a truly the best of the best. Our members continue to impress with their dedication to service.

As we prepare for 2021 we will be soliciting input from our membership on the direction our post will be taking. Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown restrictions here in Pattaya our general membership meeting is in limbo for an in-person meeting. We will be making a decision as soon as practical on how the meeting will take place. As you're aware the situation changes rapidly. We encourage you to take all necessary precautions to protect yourselves and your families.

William Martin Ahlberg
Commander, TH02

From the First Vice Commander



I also want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our members and their families. 2020 will be remembered by all of us in many different ways. As we get nearer to putting the pandemic behind us, we must continue to follow established safeguards for our own protection. When the COVID-19 pandemic first spread around the world those of us in Thailand endured the initial

lockdown as the Government worked to contain and stop the spread. We were the beneficiaries of what was considered a very successful strategy in the control of the spread of the pandemic. We were able to slowly get back to life as close to normal as possible. Unfortunately, as we are seeing a new spread of the virus we are reminded just how fast the situation can change. This time the outbreak came a little too close to home. Although this outbreak came upon us quickly, much more is now known on this virus and how to control it. We will eventually be able to put this behind us.

Looking ahead to 2021 as a Post we will start to see the results of our hard work in the formation of TH02. As restrictions start to loosen, I look forward to seeing us participate in additional Post activities.

Thank you,
Joe Thomas



From the Second Vice Commander



Comrades,

Welcome to 2021. I hope everyone had the very best for the holiday season. I know we are all looking forward to what 2021 has in store for us. At this time last year there is no way any of us could have foresaw the challenges that laid ahead for 2020. Just as we cannot see what 2021 has for us. One thing I am sure is that whatever is ahead of us, TH02 will meet the challenge. We were very successful in establishing our Post and participating in numerous activities. For a brand new Post our membership numbers were quite good. I anticipate we will continue to grow with many success stories yet to be told. I do want to remind our members to be extra careful during this current surge in the COVID-19 spread.

As a Post we have had to learn to operate in a new environment with a new way of conducting business. Like it or not we have had to re-invent the way we do things as a Post. A lot of our business had to turn to the use of technology. For some of our members not their strongest suit. There is a lot of truth that it is difficult to teach an old dog (Veterans) new tricks. So I ask all of our membership to assist each other in getting the information to all. One of the most difficult tasks is evaluating how successful we have been in reaching our members. I will also be seeking input on how better to communicate with our Veterans. A lot of our interaction came from our face-to-face meetings but for the foreseeable future this may be taken away from us.

So moving forward stay safe and continue to monitor the news from all your sources for the latest updates on our current situation.

Shane Curtis

VETERANS ARE OUR BUSINESS

From the Adjutant/Finance Officer



Happy New Year to all of you. 2021 has finally arrived and none to soon. As we usher 2020 out and welcome the New Year we all will look at the events of 2020 and we will move on. Despite the difficulties there were still many positives that occurred. For some, our children attended school for the first time. They graduated from schools, colleges and universities. Others started new jobs, received promotions, or retired. We welcomed new babies, celebrated engagements and marriages. Overall it wasn't all bad. Too often we focus on the negative and overlook the positives.

As we transition to the new year a new set of challenges await. There is no one I would rather face these challenges with than all of you. We will have to make some difficult decisions soon as it pertains to our Post and our operations. These decisions will not be made any easier with current the limitations of our day to day activities. We can look forward to getting our Permanent Charter soon. The Post will continue to establish itself by adding new members. The Post will participate in a variety of Veteran events and we will say goodbye to fallen Comrades. All of this in the upcoming year. However; to do all of this we must concentrate on strengthening our overall finances. The budget for the new year will be based on the best data available. A decision will have to be made very soon on the Post home. The lease will be up for renewal in March of this year. This does not leave much time to raise to necessary funds to keep the facility open. The making of these decisions will unfortunately be hampered as it appears we will not be able to meet in person. I urge you to stay informed and help us moving forward.

From the Adjutant/Finance Officer
Michael J Chitwood



From the Service Officer:

Happy New Year to all of our members and their families. 2020 will soon become a distant memory. As 2021 takes hold it seems another round of restrictions are being placed upon us. This will once again isolate us from others. Let us not forget to take the time to continue with our buddy checks. If anyone is aware of any member having a particularly hard time, please let it be known. It is during these trying times that we as Veterans shine.

Although the New Year is just getting started we are already having to say goodbye to a long time Pattaya Veteran. The work we do as a Post continues every day. Member or non-member we will assist all of our Veterans and their families in any capacity we can. Stay safe and stay informed and 2021 will also become a memorable year for all of us.

Shane Curtis

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