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Post 11447 History

Paul M. Busek Post 11447



"Post 11447 History"

Chartered: September 13 1992

Original Location: Subic Bay, Philippines

New Location:

Commander-in-Chief: George R. Cramer

POST COMMANDERS

YEAR	COMMANDER	YEAR	COMMANDER
1992-93	Jerry Bristol	2002 -03	Gene Gann
1993-94	Jerry Bristol (AA)	2003-04	Jim Billman
1994-95	Rich Goscost (AA)	2004-05	Jim Billman

1995-96	Rich Goscost	2005-06	James Correll
1996-97	Bob Evans	2006-07	James Correll
1997-98	Harland Sanders		
1998-99	Harland Sanders		
1999-00	Melvin O'Briant		
2000-01	Ted Phillips		
2001-02	Gene Gann		

AA = All American AS = All State

History behind the Post Name

Paul P. Busek Post 11447 (Subic Bay, Philippines; chartered 9/13/92)

VFW Post 11447 in Barrio Barretto, Olongapo, District VII, is named after Paul P. Busek -- (1905-90), a U.S Navy veteran who served his country honorably from 1922 to 1936 and again from 1939 to 1946. Busek was a merchant seaman between his Navy tours, and again after he retired in 1946. He tried to join the Navy again when the Korean War broke out in 1950 but was rejected for being "too old."

Busek was born in Austria on November 11, 1905, the youngest of three sons. His parents immigrated to the U.S. when Busek was just two years old, settling in Everett, Washington. Everett today is one of the U.S. Navy's newest and most modern port facilities, homeport to many ships of the Northwest fleet. But when Busek's family arrived there in 1907 it was a small fishing village.

Busek joined the U.S. Navy in 1922, at the age of 17. He served as a cook aboard several ships in the Pacific, along the way making his first port visit to the Philippines in 1923. Busek said later he never forgot the strong impression of that initial visit, and always felt it was love at first sight. He could not have known a fate was being shaped for him that included close ties to the Philippines that would last throughout his life, and beyond.

Busek left the Navy in 1936, after 14 years of service. He then worked mostly as a merchant seaman for the next three years. But when clouds of war with Japan began darkening, he rejoined the Navy in 1939. During the Second World War he spent most of his time in the South Pacific, finally retiring in 1946 as a Chief Commissaryman, with 21 years of honorable service.

Busek was married three times; he had a son and daughter by his first two wives. His longest marriage was his second, to a Filipina named Catherine. It lasted from 1951 until Catherine died in the early 1980s. Busek lived in the U.S. during those years, returning to the Philippines after his wife died. In December 1987, at the age of 82, he married a third and last time, to Elsa Escarsa. Elsa survived her husband, and to this day is still warmly embraced by the American community in the Olongapo area.

Until his late 70s, Busek remained busy with his hobbies and in community activities. Besides being an avid reader, he was a skilled amateur geologist, often seen roaming the hills around Subic Bay, searching for and finding jade, quartz, and other stones. He also became a talented lapidary, carving and finishing stones into delicate works of art he gave to friends. Although just a hobby, his lapidary creations were not baubles: they were art objects still treasured for their beauty.

Busek was a legendary figure among the Navy people who visited Subic: Americans and Filipinos alike greatly respected him for his involvement in community activities. There were no VFW Posts while he lived in the area but he was a member of the CPO Association, American Legion, and Fleet Reserve Association; he was also founder and first president of the Olongapo City Chapter of the Retired Uniform Military Personnel Association (RUMPA). In 1985, Busek was bestowed with honorary Filipino citizenship for his social contributions and his love for the Philippines.

Busek died on October 20, 1990, at the VA Hospital in Manila, just one month short of his 85th birthday. He is interred at Clark Cemetery in Angeles City. A good man who served his country and the Filipino community well, Paul P. Busek lives on in spirit in the name of VFW Post 11447, Subic Bay, Philippines.

Compiled by Tom Elliott

Yokohama Post 9467

September 1992

8 - The initial Post meeting was held at Blue Jeans Bar in Barrio Barretto. This was the culmination of many preliminary hours of hard work and determination mainly by Rich Goscost and Jerry Bristle. Presiding over the first meeting and the election of officers were Clifford Wilsey and Joseph Carsley of Angeles City VFW Post 2485. The first order of business was the election of officers.

13 - Installation of officers was held, also at Blue Jeans.

Commander Jerry Bristle

Senior Vice Commander Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Junior Vice Commander Chester Gross

Quartermaster Joseph "Frenchy" LeBlanc
Advocate Heinrich "Hank" Smith
Chaplain Carl Brown
Surgeon Anthony "Tony" Clarkston
One Year Trustee Marshal Barton
Two Year Trustee Michael "Rooster" Wetzel
Three Year Trustee Jimmy "JB" Bryson
Adjutant Richard Groscost
Service Officer Heinrich "Hank" Smith
Three Yr. P.H. Committee Jack Lott
Two Yr. P.H. Committee Charles Anderson
One Yr. P.H. Committee Harland "Sandy" Saunders

October, 1992

Establishment of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11447, Barrio Barretto, Philippines/st1:country-region> reported in October issue of VFW magazine.

14 - Paul P. Busek was selected as the namesake of the Post. He was a friend and inspiration to many of our members during his life in the Navy and here in the Philippines/st1:place>. His biography is provided elsewhere in this history.

November 1992

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485.POW/MIA observation services were held in conjunction with the Veterans Day services.

January 1993

10 - Dave Dunn donated a United States Flag and a U.S. Navy Flag to the Post. The special "ceremonial" U.S. Flag had been flown over the United States Capital building.

May 1993

31 - Several members went to Clark Air Base to participate in Memorial Day services. Tradition of a graveside memorial service at Paul P. Busek's grave was inaugurated. This moving tribute also included a 2-Bell ceremony, which was conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367.

June 1993

9 - Philippine National Flag, staffs, and stands donated by FRA Branch 367 to the Post.

Post Year Observation

This first year was a very productive year for ideas that surfaced at meetings and were to become traditions and objectives that helped establish the character of our Post. Among them were:

50/50 draw with proceeds going to Post Relief Fund.

Joint efforts with FRA Branch 367.

Barrio Beach Bash on the 4th of July (which became an annual event)

Search for a Post Home

1993-94 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Jerry Bristle

Senior Vice Commander Frank Plumlee

Junior Vice Commander Anthony "Tony" Clarkston

Quartermaster Joseph "Frenchy" LeBlanc
Advocate Thomas Anderson
Chaplain David Dunn
Surgeon Carl Brown
Three Year Trustee Jimmy "JB" Bryson
Two Year Trustee Marshal Barton
One Year Trustee Michael "Rooster" Wetzel
Adjutant Richard Groscost
Service Officer Heinrich "Hank" Smith
Three Yr. P.H. Committee Harland "Sandy" Saunders
July 1993

3/4 - Inaugural of 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash". The beginning of a very popular VFW and community tradition. A weekend of games and events in a carnival atmosphere providing entertainment for many while becoming the major fundraiser for our Post projects. A residual benefit of the Beach Bash was the magnetic affect it had on the members as they pulled together to assure its success. Rich Groscost was the first BBB Committee Chairman.

August 1993

11 - A building at #14 Del Pilar St., Bo. Barretto was selected to become our Post Home. Many hours of hard work and transformation ensued to make it a suitable meeting place and canteen. Booster organization formed. This was done to recognize the contributions of those in our community who are unqualified for membership, and to focus their efforts with some guidance from a VFW member advisor.

November 1993

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also attended Post 2485's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

12 - Although meetings had been held there since September, this was the "Official" opening of our Post Home. It was a memorable day with fun and ceremony in abundance. The transformation was amazing yet the remaining possibilities became objectives to sustain an attitude of determination and enthusiasm that was to become a dynamic characteristic of our supporting membership. The results indeed were something to be proud of and paved the way for our home to become the focal point for the American presence in the area.

February 1994

9 - Formation of a Pup Tent of the "Military Order of the Cootie - the Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S." was approved by the membership.

March 1994

9 - Fifty Dollar Service Officer's administrative fund established. Post sponsored and provided management of a youth basketball team in the local summer league.

April 1994

2 - Held first annual Easter Egg Hunt for dependents of Post 11447 members and boosters. All eggs were donated by comrade John T, Brady.

12 - Wall of Fame in the back patio area instituted to recognize our current officers and past Post Commanders. An area was also set up in a "billboard" style to recognize many of our local commercial supporters. The "Wall" has become a unique showpiece distinguishing our Post Home from all others.

19 - A Patriot Day Horseshoe tournament was held in the back patio area.

23 - Several members participated in District Meeting in Angeles City. Post members elected or appointed to District Offices:

Jerry Bristle Dist. Commander

Dave Dunn Dist. Chaplain

Hank Smith Dist. Service Off.

Hank Smith Dist. Surgeon

Tony Clarkston Dist. 1 Year Trustee

Sandy Saunders Dist. OOD

Rooster Wetzel Dist. Sgt. at Arms

Dale Perce Dist. Adjutant

May 1994

30 – Several members attended Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. A memorial service followed at our Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post #123's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

June 1994

8 - Comrade Frenchy LeBlanc presented with "Top 20" National Membership Award.

11 – Several members attended 29th Department Convention in Angeles City. Pup Tent 11, Kuripots, charter members and officers installed.

#1 Keith Walter #10 William Knox

#2 Dale Perce #11 Michael Wetzel

#3 David Dunn #12 Harland Saunders

#4 Joseph LeBlanc #13 Richard Groscost

#5 Jerry Bristle #14 Thomas Heron

#6 Larry Clapp #15 Michael Desare

#7 Ralph Milward #16 Alan Whittington

#8 Melvin O'Briant #17 Hank Golightly

#9 John Brady #18 John Ford

Seam Squirrel Keith Walter

Blanket Bum Dale Perce

Hide Gimlet Dave Dunn

CCDB Joseph Leblanc

Shyster Jerry Bristle

Sky Pilot John T. Brady

KLR William Knox

Pill Pusher Ralph Milward

Tightwad 3 Yr. Alan Whittington

Tightwad 2 Yr. Michael Desare

Tightwad 1 Yr. Tom Herron

Post Year Observation

This second year was a very productive year as many ideas came to fruition and new goals were established. The 4th of July Barrio Beach Bash was a great success, our Post Home is a source of pride for everyone concerned, and Pup Tent 11 is ready to support the Post with great works.

1994-95 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Richard Groscost

Senior Vice Commander Harland "Sandy" Saunders

Junior Vice Commander Robert Evans

Quartermaster William "Fluff" Knox

Advocate Larry Clapp

Chaplain John T. Brady

Surgeon Dale Perce

Three Year Trustee Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Two Year Trustee Jimmy "JB" Bryson

One Year Trustee Marshal Barton

Adjutant David Dunn

Three Year P.H. Committee Ron James

Two Year P.H. Committee Jimmy "JB" Bryson

One Yr. P. H. Committee Heinrich "Hank" Smith

Service Officer Heinrich "Hank" Smith

S.O. later replaced by Dale Perce

July 1994

3/4 - Second annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash". The second year was even more successful than the first. Rich Groscoast was the BBB Committee Chairman.

13 - Rich Groscoast presented Department Outstanding Adjutant Award.

Jerry Bristle received All-State Hat for outstanding growth in membership.

August 1994

10 - Jerry Bristle honored as an All-American Commander.

September 1994

14 - Pup Tent 11 held a Chili Cook-off as a fundraiser.

October 1994

12 - Post took on sponsorship of an Amerasian child through the Pearl S. Buck Foundation. Post sponsored and provided management of a youth basketball team in the local Fiesta League.

November 1994

4 - Nineteen members made a trip to Angeles City to provide a clean-up crew to assist Post 2485 in cleaning up Clark Air Base Cemetery.

11 - Members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also attended Post 2485's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

December 1994

10 - Post hosted Council of Administration (CofA) at the Marmont Hotel and Post Home.

14 - Post received a \$25 award from Department for completion of all programs.

Post received a \$100 award from Department for highest (123%) new/continuous/reinstated membership growth.

Received a Life Membership from Department.

22 - Held a Christmas party for children of members, boosters and guests at the Post Home. Santa Clause was in attendance.

January 1995

11 - Post selected a light blue barong with medium blue filigree down the right breast and the Cross of Malta on the left breast pocket as the official formal and semiformal uniform for VFW and VFW attended functions.

March 1995

15 - Post sponsored and provided management for a youth basketball team in the local summer league.

April 1995

12 - First major addition to the Post Home approved. A roof is to be constructed over part of the patio area.

16 - Held second annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Post Home for dependents of 11447 members and boosters.

29 - Several members participated in District Convention La Union.

Post member Robert Evans elected as District Junior Vice Commander.

May 1995

10 - Membership notified All-American Post status had been achieved for membership growth.

30 - Several members attended Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. Our traditional memorial service followed at our Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post 123's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

June 1995

17/23 - Several members attended 29th Department Convention in Angeles City. Past Post Commander Jerry Bristle was elected Department Chaplain.

1995-96 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Richard Groscost

Senior Vice Commander David Dunn

Junior Vice Commander John. T. Brady

Quartermaster William "Fluff" Knox

Advocate Larry Clapp

Chaplain Dan Burns

Surgeon Melvin "OB" O'Briant

Three Year Trustee James Carlson

Two Year Trustee Dennis "Ski" Drazkowski

One Year Trustee Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Adjutant Harland "Sandy" Saunders

Three Yr. P.H. Committee Ron James

Service Officer Dale Perce

19 - Post hosted the "Circle" for Subic Bay Hash House 100th run

July 1995

1/4 - Third annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash". The Beach Bash is embraced as a community tradition.

12 - Commander Richard Groscost named an All-American Post Commander. Past District VII Commander, Jerry Bristle named All-American District Commander.

August 1995

Past Post and District VII Commander, Jerry Bristle attended the National V.F.W. Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

October 1995

1 - Post sponsored and provided management of a youth basketball team in the local youth Fiesta League.

13 - Navy birthday party held on patio of the Post.

November 1995

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also attended Post 2485's BBQ in the afternoon.

December 1995

9 - Post hosted Council of Administration (CofA) at the Bye-the-Sea Resort Hotel and Post Home. In attendance was VFW National Commander-in-Chief Paul Spera.

13 - Comrade Jim Carlson received Commanders Outstanding Member Award.

19 - Held a Christmas party for children of members, boosters and guests at the Post Home. Santa Clause presented gifts to all the children.

January 1996

10 - Post received donation of \$300 from Pup Tent 11 for purchase of a TV for Patio Bar.

February 1996

19 - Members attended Presidents Day wreath laying ceremony at Clark Cemetery. In attendance was United States Ambassador to the Philippines, John Negroponte.

March 1996

13 - Dave Dunn presented Commanders Award for outstanding service and a National Commanders Life Membership pin for recruiting ten new life members.

Refurbished Angel Lite School in Subic City

Provided uniforms and management for a youth basketball team in the Bo. Barretto summer league.

April 1996

7 - Held third annual Easter Egg Hunt at Post Home for dependents of Post 11447 members and boosters.

27 - Several members participated in District Convention La Union. Post members elected to District Offices:

Robert Evans Dist. Sr. Vice Cdr.

John T. Brady Dist. Chaplain

Bill Holocher Dist. Judge Advocate

Melvin O'Briant Dist. Service Off.

May 1996

1 - Members participated in a Loyalty Day Horseshoe Tournament at the Post Home sponsored by the Cootie Pup Tent 11.

30 - Several members attended Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. Our traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post 123's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

June 1996

12 - Comrade Burl Boggs presented his WWII POW Medal for his time spent in a German prison camp to the Post.

18/24 - Several members attended 30th Department Convention in Angeles City. Comrade Larry Clapp selected MOC Grand of Pacific "Cootie of the Year". Comrade Dale Perce was selected to be Department Deputy Chief of Staff for District VII.

1996-97 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Robert Evans

Senior Vice Commander John T. Brady

Junior Vice Commander Michael "Rooster" Wetzel

Quartermaster William "Fluff" Knox

Advocate Jerry Bristle

Chaplain Dan Burns

Surgeon Phillip Eisman

Three Year Trustee Keith Walter

Two Year Trustee James Carlson

One Year Trustee Dennis "Ski" Drazkowski

Adjutant William Devers

Service Officer Dale Perce

(Replaced By) Melvin "OB" O'Briant

July 1996

4/6 - Fourth annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash". A welcome banquet and Fil-Am Day parade were added to the festivities. Each year seems to be better than the previous one. Over \$2000 was earned to support our Post projects. "Ski" Drazkowski was BBB Committee Chairman and Jerry Rowe was Parade Coordinator.

7 - In cooperation with local Barangay officials, the Post provided funding to enable seventy indigent children to attend school.

August 1996

5 - Post rallied to assist victims of a neighborhood fire that included eleven families with 29 children. Contributions included food, clothing, bedding, cook stoves, cooking and eating utensils, schoolbook bags and materials.

14 - Post cosponsored with FRA Branch 367 painting of crosswalks in San Antonio, Zambales.

21 - Post held an "Oldies But Goodies" dinner/dance on the back patio.

September 1996

11 - Post voted to provide accident insurance for Barangay Tanud for on-the-job injuries.

20 - Post held a POW/MIA Day ceremony on the back patio. Participants included representatives from FRA Branch 367, American Legion Post 10, and the Australian Returned & Services League (RSL).

October 1996

16 - Post held another "Oldies but Goodies" dinner/dance on the back patio.

November 1996

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also

attended Post 2485's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

19 - Post participated in local Fiesta Parade, organized by comrade Jerry Rowe in cooperation with barangay officials.

December 1996

14 - Post hosted Council of Administration (CofA) at the Marmont Hotel and Post Home. In attendance was Past VFW National Commander-in-Chief Jack Carney.

23 - Held a Christmas party for children of members, boosters and guests. Comrade Dale Perce was Santa Clause.

March 1997

30 - Held fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt for dependents of 11447 members and boosters.

April 1997

26 - Several members attended District Convention in La Union, participated in Loyalty Day observation, and joined in ANZAC memorial ceremony. Post member Robert Evans elected as District Commander.

May 1997

30 - Members attended Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. A memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post 123's annual BBQ in the afternoon

June 1997

16/20 - Several members attended 31st Department Convention in Angeles City. Past Post Commander Jerry Bristle elected Department Surgeon.

1997-98 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Harland "Sandy" Saunders

Senior Vice Commander John T. Brady

Replaced By Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Junior Vice Commander Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Replaced By Melvin "OB" O'Briant

Quartermaster Dewey "Lee" Hodge

Advocate Lloyd Weathersby

Chaplain Don West

Surgeon Melvin "OB" O'Briant

Replaced By Wilson Massey

Three Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

Two Year Trustee Robert Wright

One Year Trustee Gary Hudson

Adjutant Frank Redmond

July 1997

4/6 - Fifth annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash" and Fil-Am Day Parade. Over \$1500 was earned to support our Post projects. Jimmy Bryson was BBB Committed Chairman.

August 1997

9 - Hosted District VII Convention quarterly meeting.

September 1997

13 - Held a membership appreciation day at the Post to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Post Charter.

19 - Post held service in observation of POW/MIA Day on the patio. Invited to participate in the solemn occasion were American Legion Post 4, FRA Branch 367, and the Australian Returned & Services League (RSL).

October 1997

18 - Post entered a team in the 6th Annual Chili Cook-off in La Union sponsored by Post 9892

24 - Post held a Flea Market on the Patio open to the general public.

November 1997

6 - Notified Pup Tent 11's Charter was in suspension due to non-reception of Original Installation Warrant by Grand of Pacific Adjutant.

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also attended Post 2485's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

December 1997

10 - Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 3 made a presentation to Comrade Melvin "OB" O'Briant. A talk was also given on various DAV programs.

13 - Post hosted Council of Administration (CofA) at the Marmont Hotel and Post Home.

15 - Post members constructed and delivered room dividers to the Columban College, School for the Hearing-Impaired in Olongapo City.

22 - Held a Christmas party for children of members, boosters and guests. Comrade Charley Brown was Santa Clause.

23 - Held a Christmas party for employees and Canteen staff.

January 1998

2 - Pup Tent 11 received authorization from MOC Grand of Pacific Commander to resume normal Cootie functions.

14 - The Post donated \$100 to VFW Post 1509 on Guam, to assist in restoration of their Post Home after sustaining substantial damage from Typhoon Paka.

February 1998

11 - Post joined the Paddy Daddies, a Department of Pacific Areas National Home Special Projects Program. Numerous individual members also became Paddy Daddies.

Post became "Plank Owners" in the Grave Diggers Program sponsored by VFW Post 2485, a special fund for the maintenance of Clark Cemetery. Post elected to institute a "VFW Scholarship Kids" Program which would be independently sponsored by our Post. Objective is to provide comprehensive coverage of tuition and materials for an indigent child to function in the Philippine public school system. Program is to be for qualifying indigent children, with a goal of at least 50% of the scholarships going to Amerasians. Twenty-three children comprised the initial "Scholarship Kids".

Post sponsors and provides coaches for a youth basketball team in the local summer league.

"Roof Raisers" fund established to provide major repairs to our Post Home roof.

14 - Post held a Valentines Day dinner/dance for patrons and their sweethearts.

31 - Post donated awards and members participated in FRA 367 annual FRALICS.

April 1998

12 - Held annual Easter Egg Hunt for dependents of 11447 members and boosters.

23 - Several members attended District Convention in La Union, participated in Loyalty Day observation, and joined in ANZAC memorial ceremony.

Post members elected to District Offices:**Melvin O'Briant Dist. Jr. Vice Cdr.****Ralph "RC" Cox Dist. Quartermaster****May 1998****5 - Post bought two large cabana type tents for use in outdoor ceremonies and the Barrio Beach Bash.****12 - Post held First annual Membership Appreciation Day and Family Picnic held at San Nichols Resort****30 - Several members attended Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. A memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post 123's annual BBQ in the afternoon.****June 1998****12 - Commander Sandy Saunders, Comrades Jerry Rowe and Mike Trimble rode in the Philippine Centennial Parade in Olongapo City.****June 16-20, 1998****16/20 - Several members attended Department Convention in Angeles City.
Past Post Commander Jerry Bristle elected Department Surgeon.****1998-99 TERM OFFICERS****Commander Harland "Sandy" Saunders****Senior Vice Commander Melvin "OB" O'Briant****Junior Vice Commander Don West****Quartermaster Dewey "Lee" Hodge****Advocate Jerry Bristle****Chaplain Jerry Rowe****Surgeon Jose Alvarez****Three Year Trustee Dan Burns****Two Year Trustee Jerry Trimm****One Year Trustee Bob Wright****Post Home Committee 3 Yr. Marshal Barton****Post Home Committee 2 Yr. Robert Long****Post Home Committee 1 Yr. Larry Musick**

Guard Robert Smith

Adjutant Tom Windsor

Service Officer Melvin "OB" O'Briant

July 1998

3/5 - Sixth annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash" and Fil-Am Day Parade. Over \$1900 was earned to support our Post projects. Ralph Cox was BBB Committee Chairman and Jerry Rowe was Parade Coordinator.

August 1998

8 - Hosted District VII quarterly meeting.

12 - With the cooperation of a local dentist, Dr. Banao, free dental care has been added to the VFW Scholarship Kids program.

15 - Post hosted a "Flea Market" open to the general public as a fund raiser on the patio of the Post Home. Compiling of a formal Post History started by Historian Jerry Rowe.

September 1998

8 - Post donated \$100 to the Korean Relief Fund to assist the Korean VFW Posts that were devastated by flooding.

18 - Post held service in observation of POW/MIA Day on the patio. Invited to participate in the solemn occasion were American Legion Post 4, FRA Branch 367, and the Australian Returned & Services League (RSL).

October 1998

10 - Several members attended District VII meeting in Angeles City.

11 - Several members attended Veterans Day Memorial Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by VFW Post 2485. A traditional memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members also attended Post 2485's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

17 - Meeting postponed one week allowing members to attend Veterans Day observance in Angeles. Post entered a team in the 7th Annual Chili Cook-off in La Union sponsored by Post 9892, however were unable to attend due to a local typhoon.

Comrade Dave Dunn contributed P745 to our Post Relief Fund from profits of his Christmas Card sales.

Guest speaker Tom Lutz from Vision Health Care gave a briefing on TB testing for CHAMPUS qualified members.

November 1998

26 - Members, guests, and their families enjoyed a memorable (. . . and delicious) Thanksgiving Day meal together at the Post Canteen.

December 1998

9 - Comrade Dave Dunn contributed an additional P555 to our Post Relief Fund from profits of his Christmas Card sales.

11/13 - Post hosted Council of Administration (CofA) at the Marmont Hotel and Post Home. Comrade Ralph Cox was CofA Committee Chairman. In attendance were VFW National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Smart and National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Gwizdak.

22 - Held a Christmas party for children of members, boosters and guests. Friend of the Post Joe Lappin was Santa Clause.

23 - Held a Christmas party for employees and Canteen staff.

January 1999

13 - Comrade Rowe received a certificate of appreciation from the Barangay for his community involvement. Motion passed to restrict sale of "Life Member" ball caps to Life Members only.

February 1999

5 - Post hosted a "Garage Sale" open to the general public as a fund raiser on the patio of the Post Home.

14 - Post held a Valentines Day dinner/dance for patrons and their sweethearts.

25 - Several members attended District VII meeting in Baguio.

March 1999

29/31 - Post donated awards and members participated in FRA Branch 367 annual FRALICS.

April 1999

4 - Held annual Easter Egg Hunt for dependents of 11447 members and boosters.

24 - Several members attended District Convention in La Union, participated in Loyalty Day observation, and joined in ANZAC memorial ceremony.

Post members elected to District Offices:

Melvin O'Briant Dist. Sr. Vice Cdr.

Ralph "RC" Cox Dist. Quartermaster

Jerry Rowe Dist. Chaplain

May 1999

5 - After the meeting, installation of officers was held with a reception following. Installing officer was Emory Russell, Department Sr. Vice Commander. Other distinguished guests were B. K. Hubbard, Dist. Jr. Vice Commander (elect); Jerry Bristle, Past District Commander; and Ken Shaffer, Past District Commander. Post made a grant of \$200 from the Post Relief Fund to hospital bound Al Whittington, M.O.C., to help defer some of his hospital expenses.

24 - Post held second annual Membership Appreciation Day and Family Picnic held at Apo Resort, in Sto. Tomas.

30 - Several members **attended** Memorial Day Services at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, hosted by American Legion Post 123. A memorial service followed at Paul P. Busek's gravesite. This included a 2-Bell ceremony conducted by Fleet Reserve Association Branch 367. Members' also attended American Legion Post 123's annual BBQ in the afternoon.

June 1999

9 - Membership for 1998/99 announced at 107.3%.

14/18 - Several members **attended** Department Convention and Grand of Pacific Grand Scratch in Angeles City.

1999-2000 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Melvin "OB" O'Briant

Senior Vice Commander Ted "Shorty" Phillips

Junior Vice Commander Ralph "RC" Cox

Quartermaster Mike Pickens

Advocate Harland "Sandy" Saunders

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Jose Alvarez

Three Year Trustee Larry Musick

Two Year Trustee Dan Burns

One Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

Adjutant Jerry Rowe

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Guard Terry Gerken

Post Home Committee 3 Yr. Bob Wright

Post Home Committee 2 Yr. Marshall Barton

Post Home Committee 1 Yr. Robert Young

July 1999

2 - Hosted District VII Convention quarterly meeting.

2/4 - Seventh annual 4th of July "Barrio Beach Bash" and Fil-Am Day Parade. Over \$2000 was earned to support our Post projects. Ted Philips was BBB Committee Chairman and Jerry Rowe was the Parade Coordinator.

14 - Held monthly meeting, 21 members attended.

August 1999

8 - Membership Lottery inaugurated. Members may buy a daily chance for P5 with a member's name drawn daily. Winner takes the pot less 5%, which goes to the Life Membership Fund.

11 - Held monthly meeting, 23 members attended.

22 - Comrades Don West and Jim Tyler complete work on refurbishing sign in front of Roosevelt National Forrest.

September 1999

8 - Held monthly meeting, 28 members attended.

13 - 7th Anniversary of Post Home

17 - Post held service in observation of POW/MIA Day on the patio. Invited to participate in the solemn occasion were American Legion Post #4, FRA Branch #367, and the Australian Returned & Services League (RSL).

October 1999

5 - Post held its 4th periodic "Garage Sale" on the Post Home patio.

13 - Held monthly meeting, 30 members attended.

16 - Post and Pup Tent #11 entered a joint team in the 8th Annual Chili Cook-off in La Union sponsored by Post #9892

November 1999

17 - Held monthly meeting, 20 members attended.

26 - Had Thanksgiving Dinner at Post Home

December 1999

4 - Held Garage Sale at Post Home

6/9 - Hosted the Department Council of Administration meeting

8 - Held monthly meeting, 23 members attended.

22 - Hosted Children's Christmas Party at Post Home

24 - Held Employees' Christmas Party

January 2000

12 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members attended. Membership motion was carried to change the location of the Post officially from Barrio Barretto to Subic Bay.

February 2000

9 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members attended.

March 2000

8 - DPA Commander Emory Russell attended monthly membership meeting.

April 2000

12 - Held monthly meeting, 28 members attended. Held election of Post Officers for Year 2000-2001 Term.

May 2000

10 - Held monthly meeting, 33 members attended. Installed new elected officers for the 2000-2001 Term

23 - Membership Appreciation/Family Day Picnic held at APO Resort

27 - Installed AFN TV satellite system in the Post Home

30 - Observed Memorial Day Service at Clark Cemetery, Angeles City, 16 members attended

June 2000

14 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members attended. Enrolled 30 students in the Amerasian Scholarship Program for the current school year

2000-2001 TERM OFFICERS

CommanderTed "Shorty" Phillips

Senior Vice CommanderGene Gann

Junior Vice CommanderJim Billman

QuartermasterLee Hodge

AdvocateHarland "Sandy" Saunders

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Jose Alvarez

Three Year Trustee Larry Musick

Two Year Trustee Dan Burns

One Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

Adjutant "JB" Bryson

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Guard Terry Gerken

Post Home Committee 3 Yr. Bob Wright

Post Home Committee 2 Yr. Marshall Barton

Post Home Committee 1 Yr. Robert Young

July 2000

4 - Celebrated 4th of July with special dinner and raffle draw.

12 - Held monthly meeting, 22 members attended. Comrade Mike Gallant was appointed as the new Canteen Manager replacing Comrade Gene Gann.

August 2000

9 - Held monthly meeting, 26 members attended. Membership made recommendation to change Beach Bash dates to Feb to avoid the rainouts in July.

September 2000

13 - Held monthly meeting, 28 members. Collected 1,300 pesos for donation to the family of departed Comrade Bertrand, and two members contributed an additional 1,000 pesos each.

8th Anniversary of the Post Home.

15 - Held memorial service for departed Comrade Shelton "Bert" Bertrand.

20 - Comrade "Frenchy" Levesque donated and installed new insulation for the back patio overhead.

October 2000

11 - Held monthly meeting, 25 members attended.

November 2000

8 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members. Distinguished guest: Comrade Jerry Prinz, Deputy Department Inspector and Commander, Post 2485. Membership approved the purchase of new tables for the Post Home.

11 - 15 members attended the Veteran's Day services at Clark Cemetery.

23 - Post Home hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for members, families and the public.

December 2000

7/10 - Hosted the Department Council of Administration meeting.

13 - Held monthly meeting, 20 members attended. Presented 4 Certificates of Appreciation for service to the VFW to Comrades Levesque, Walter, Sams and to Health Visions Corporation.

15 - Held Burial Service at Clark Cemetery for departed Comrade, 13 members attended.

22 - Held Christmas Party for Canteen employees and for children of VFW members.

January 2001

10 - Held monthly meeting, 27 Members attended.

February 2001

14 - Held monthly meeting, 26 members. Distinguished Guest: Comrade Melvin O'Briant, District VII Commander. Membership approved the revised Post By-laws.

16-19 - Hosted the Annual Beach Bash. Net Profit was 42,160 pesos.

March 2001

14 - Held monthly meeting, 33 members. Held nominations for Post Officers for the 2001-2002 Term. Donated 1,000 pesos to Barretto Elementary School for renovation project. Approved purchase of new TV for Post Home.

25 - Canteen sponsored "Family Day", 25% discount on food items.

April 2001

11 - Held monthly meeting, 29 members. Attained 100.6% membership. Held election of Post Officers for 2001-2001 Term.

May 2001

9 - Held monthly meeting, 31 members. Distinguished Guests: Department of Pacific Areas Commander Paul Gasperson, Past DPA Commander Emory Russell, District VII Commander Melvin O'Briant, DPA Adjutant/QM Tom Elliott, Post 2485 Commander Jerry Prinz. Installed Post Officers for 2001-2002 Term.

15 - Held "Annual VFW Family Day Picnic" at APO Resort.

30 - 18 members attended the Memorial Day services at Clark Cemetery.

June 2001

13 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members attended.

17 - Canteen held "Special BBQ" dinner in honor of Father's Day.

2001-2002 TERM OFFICERS

CommanderGene Gann

Senior Vice CommanderJim Billman

Junior Vice CommanderRobert Smith

QuartermasterLee Hodge

AdvocateShorty Phillips

ChaplainHarry Hommel

SurgeonBob Koeppen

Three Year TrusteeDan Burns

Two Year TrusteeJerry Trimm

One Year TrusteeLarry Musick

AdjutantLynn Miller

Service OfficerJose Alvarez

Guard Jim Tyler

Post Home Committee 3 Yr.Marshall Barton

Post Home Committee 2 Yr.Bob Wright

Post Home Committee 1 Yr.Larry Musick

July 2001

3 - Hosted District VII Meeting.

11 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members. Established a building fund for the purchase of land and new building for the Post Home in 7 years after the lease expires on current location, Comrade Saunders is the Interim Chairman. Membership approved the purchase of the Dream TV satellite system for the Post Home.

August 2001

8 - Held monthly meeting, 29 members. Membership approved the purchase of a second gas grill for the Canteen.

September 2001

1 - First issue of Post's Quarterly newsletter is published.

12 - Held Monthly meeting, 28 members attended.

13 - Canteen held a Cookout to commemorate Post's Birthday.

20 - AFN Satellite TV dish replaced by Comrade Tom Windsor.

30- Sponsored a Medical/Dental Outreach Program for the indigent families of Barangay Del Pilar, Castillejos, Zambales. 272 local residents were given check-ups and/or medications. 70 residents had tooth extractions. 18 residents received physical therapy.

October 2001

10 - Held monthly meeting, 19 members. SBMA Freeport held a Memorial Service to commemorate those that lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedies, 20 Post members attended. Post member donated over 100 hardbound books to the TLC Hospital and an entire hardbound Encyclopedia Britannica and over 20 years worth of National Geographic Magazines to the local high school.

November 2001

10 - Donated 13 pairs of eyeglasses to the Foundation for the Visually Impaired, Baguio City.

11 - 17 members attended the Veteran's Day ceremonies at Clark Cemetery.

14 - Held monthly meeting, 31 members. Distinguished Guest: Comrade Jerry Prinz, District VII JVC and Commander Post 2485. Annual inspection of the Post was held by the Department Inspector and received a passing grade. Members approved the purchase of a microwave oven and freezer for the Canteen. Post donated 2,500 pesos towards the renovation of the Filipino Veterans Foundation of the Philippines, Subic Post 2 home.

24 - Post team participated in the Annual Chili Cook-Off at Post 9892, La Union, 12 members attended.

December 2001

7/10 - Hosted the Department Council of Administration meeting.

12 - Held monthly meeting, 29 members. Distinguished Guest: Comrade Larry Lyons, Commander Post 11016 Korea. Membership approved the purchase of an additional 12X16 tent for the Beach Bash.

15 - Hosted the Annual Christmas Party for the 30 Youth Scholarship students. Each child received a gift from a member sponsor.

18 - Funeral service for departed Comrade John Walworth at Clark Cemetery, 12 members attended.

22 - Hosted the Annual Members' Children's' Christmas Party with Santa Claus giving gifts to all the children in attendance.

24 - Hosted the Employees' Annual Christmas Party, post donated 1,500 pesos.

January 2002

9 - Held monthly meeting, 26 members. Membership approved donation of 2,000 pesos for sponsoring a golf tee-box during the District VII meeting in Baguio City, 6 Feb. Comrade John Moore was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Post Commander for his contributions to the Department C of A Convention.

20 - Hosted Medical/Dental Outreach Program for the indigent residents of Barrio LaPaz, San Narcisso, Zambales. Post donated \$100.00. Local doctors and nurses volunteered their services and treated 699 patients ranging in age from 4 months to 87 years old. 10 Post members assisted.

February 2002

13 - Held monthly meeting, 30 members. Distinguished Guest: Commander Flores, Filipino Veterans Foundation of the Philippines, Subic Post 2, Zambales District. Commander Flores presented the Post Commander with a Certificate of Appreciation for our Post's donation to the repairs of their Post home. Membership at 101.5%, surpassed the goal for the year.

14/17 - Hosted Annual Beach Bash festivities.

March 2002

13 - Held monthly meeting, 28 members attended. Distinguished Guests: District VII Commander B.K. "Hub" Hubbard, District VII Adjutant Comrade Ken Schaeffer, and Comrade Bob Webster, who is also President of American Legion Post 123, Angeles City. Received approval from National Headquarters for the change in location from Barrio Barretto to Subic Bay. Post received a USS Denver (LPD-9) ship's plaque from their Commanding Officer.

April 2002

10 - Held monthly meeting, 24 members attended. Held nominations for Post Officers for the Year 2002-2003 Term. Membership approved an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to reimburse the Post Commander for travel and lodging expenses in conjunction with the Department Convention in Thailand in June. Comrade Sullivan requested that retired Colonel Estanislao Alfonso, Armed Forces of the Philippines Air Force be presented with a Letter of Appreciation for his donation of historical pictures of LT Hiroo Onada's surrender in 1974 as the last Japanese soldier from WWII. Post Commander approved.

May 2002

8 - Held monthly meeting, 25 members attended. Surgeon reported that 20 pairs of eyeglasses were donated to the Visually Impaired School in Baguio City. Held installation of Post Officers for the Year 2002-2003 Term, Past Post Commander Comrade "Sandy" Saunders was the installing officer. Membership approved the purchase of a read/write CD-ROM unit for the office to facilitate the storage of Post/Canteen files. Post received a Certificate of Appreciation from FRA Branch 367, San Antonio for our support of their Annual "FRALICS" held last month.

14 - Sponsored the Annual "Members' Family Day Picnic" at APO Resort, Subic.

30 - 22 members attended the Memorial Day services at Clark Cemetery.

June 2002

12 - Held monthly meeting, 29 members attended. Membership approved the Post annual budget for 2002-2003 Term. Membership approved the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Canteen. Announcement was made that the Post Quarterly Newsletter will be discontinued due to the high cost of printing and mailing.

2002-2003 TERM OFFICERS

Commander Gene Gann

Senior Vice Commander Jim Billman

Junior Vice Commander Jose Alvarez

Quartermaster Lee Hodge

Advocate Shorty Phillips

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Bob Koeppen

Three Year Trustee Larry Musick

Two Year Trustee Dan Burns

One Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

Adjutant Scott Hill

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Guard Frank Redmond

Post Home Committee 3 Yr. Bob Wright

Post Home Committee 2 Yr. Ken Mills

Post Home Committee 1 Yr. "Frenchy" Levesque

July 2002

10 – Held monthly meeting, 22 members attended. Surgeon reported that 17 pairs of eyeglasses were donated to the Visually Impaired School, Baguio City. Scholarship Program has 31 students this school year. Commander received a letter from the relatives of our deceased namesake, Paul Busek giving additional background and a family update. Commander read the following awards for the Post received at the Department Convention:

National Recognition Award for Outstanding Post Community Service Program Activities

National Recognition Award for Outstanding Post Safety Programs Activities

National Recognition Award for Outstanding Post Youth Activities Program Activities

Department of Pacific Areas Certificate of Appreciation for 100% Membership

Voice of Democracy Participation Award

Youth Essay Award Participation Award

Received Certificates of Appreciation from American Legion Post 123, Angeles City for our valuable contributions to the Memorial Day Weekend Celebration.

August 2002

14 – Held monthly meeting, 23 members attended. Membership approved the purchase of a new CD/Cassette player with microphone for official Post/Cootie functions.

September 2002

11 – Held Monthly meeting, 27 members attended.

13 – Celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Post Home with a special BBQ meal and live band.

29 - Sponsored a Medical/Dental Outreach Program for the indigent families of Barrio Barretto, Olongapo City. Local doctors/nurses volunteered their services. 244 patients were given check-ups/treated. Post donated \$100 and 5 Post members assisted.

October 2002

9 – Held monthly meeting, 22 members attended. Distinguished Guest: District VII Senior Vice Commander, Commander Post 2485 and Department Inspector, Comrade Jerry Prinz. Post Commander presented Comrade Mike Trimble with a Certificate of Appreciation for his untiring efforts in raising over 79,000 pesos for the medical and burial expenses of a departed veteran.

November 2002

7 – Post and canteen inspected by DPA, overall grade of Excellent.

10 – Hosted District VII meeting at the Post Home.

11 - 17 members attended the Veteran's Day ceremonies at Clark Cemetery.

13 – Held monthly meeting, 27 members attended. Amerasian Scholarship chairman announced that the annual Christmas Party for the 34 students would be held at Post Home, 1400, 14 Dec. Solicited sponsors for each child to donate a gift of approx 200 pesos in value.

28 – Canteen held traditional Thanksgiving Day celebration and sold 207 turkey/ham meals.

29/30 – 11 members attended VFW Post 9892, La Union Annual Chili Cook-Off. Our Post Pup Tent 11 was awarded 1st Place among all the Pup Tents participating. Post Surgeon arranged for the donation of 23 full/partial pairs of eyeglasses for the Visually Impaired School, Baguio City.

December 2002

6/8 - Hosted the Department Council of Administration meeting. Post attained 100% in membership for the year.

11 – Held monthly membership meeting, 25 members attended. Beach Bash Chairman asked for more volunteers to assist in setting up and running the event.

14 – Held Annual Christmas party for 33 Amerasian scholarship students. A member sponsored each student and provided gifts.

21 – Held Annual Christmas party for VFW families. Santa Claus presented gifts to all the children.

23 - Canteen hosted the Annual Christmas party for the VFW employees.

January 2003

8 – Held monthly membership meeting, 25 members attended.

QM reported Post total assets as \$12,440.74.

Membership is at 348, 6 over the year's goal of 342 or 101.7%, congrats to all for another successful year of recruiting and retaining members.

Comrade Alvarez reported that the Guardians of Brotherhood was a valid organization whose mission was to provide training and protection in the area somewhat similar to the Guardian Angels. Membership approved donation of 1,500 pesos to assist their program.

Comrade Burns presented Phil Trask of ASIAN REEF HOTEL with a certificate of Appreciation from VFW Post 11447 and MOC Pup Tent 11 for their efforts in hosting the social for the C of A.

Canteen Manager reported that December was the best month so far for canteen operations profit.

February 2003

5/6– District VII meeting was held at Post 128, Baguio City, 3 Post members attended.

12 – Held monthly membership meeting, 2 members attended.

QM reported Post total assets as \$12,365.08

Post Home Committee approved a 2,000 peso limit for the Canteen Manager to use for immediate needs to purchase items or for repairs of things needed for daily operations.

Membership Committee, Sr.Vice Commander Billman stated we are at 349 of 342 being current, at 102.04%.

Youth Activities/Community Relations Chairman, Comrade Hendricks reported the scholarship children would be marching in the BEACH BASH Parade and participating in the Talent Contests.

Canteen Manager, Comrade Gallant proposed the Post provide funds up to 20,000 pesos after March 1, 2003, to enclose the doorways and windows. This would insulate the building for the generous donation of Health Visions Corporation who will provide air conditioning units and insulation. Membership approved.

Post 11447 won the raffle at the District Meeting of 1 Life Membership to be awarded later.

Nominations for Officers would be accepted at the next Post Meeting on 12 March 2003.

14 – Post hosted Valentine Day's Dinner.

21-23 - Held Annual Barrio Barretto Beach Bash. Rousing success, good times had by all. Congratulations to Beach Bash Chairman Jim Correll and his committee and the many other volunteers and most importantly sponsors, who made it so successful.

March 2003

12 – Held monthly membership meeting, 29 members attended.

QM reported Post total assets as \$13,920.29.

Post Home Committee reported that new barstools had been donated and the air conditioning installation was in progress and would be ready soon.

Comrade Correll reported 91,745 pesos had been raised by the Barrio Beach Bash. He thanked all those who had helped.

Opened Nominations for Officers for 2003 – 2004:

Post Commander Jim Billman

Sr. Vice Commander Earl "Sully" Sullivan

Jr. Vice Commander Jim Correll

Quartermaster Dewey Hodge(not accepted)

Rich Truax

Advocate Gene Gann

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Bob Koeppen

Trustee Jerry Trimm

Post Home Committee 1 year Lynn Miller

Post Home Committee 2 year Scott Hill

Post Home Committee 3 year Tom Stone

Nominations will remain open until next meeting.

Commander Gann read a letter from Post 2485 on the Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Bataan Ceremonies at Capas, asking for the support of all on April 9.

Commander Gann read a letter of complaint about the Post and Canteen and his response to National on what appears to be a fraudulent claim and an unknown writer.

Commander Gann reported that the District VII meeting and Swarm would be here on 11 and 12 July instead of July 4.

13 – Air conditioning project completed in the canteen. Much more comfortable and has received very positive comments from members and the general public.

April 2003

5/6 – Annual Fleet Reserve Assn "FRALICS" was held at the branch home in San Antonio. Many VFW members attended and participated in the many activities to have a good time and to show support and promote camaraderie among the community.

9 – Annual Bataan Death March Memorial service was held at Capas, Tarlac. Attended by 2 members.

10 – Held monthly membership meeting, 31 members attended

QM reported Post's total assets as \$14,220.29.

Held election of officers. 2003-2004:

Comrade Gallant made note of his new Assistant Canteen Manager, Weng Alphonso.

Commander Gann read a Letter of Congratulations from Commander in Chief Sisk to Comrade Gallant for his recruitment efforts. Comrade Gallant received recruitment Pin.

24 – Held District VII meeting at Post 9892, La Union. Held District VII election of officers. 3 Post members attended.

May 2003

14 – Held monthly membership meeting, 31 members attended.

Distinguished guests: Comrade Jerry Prinz, District VII Commander Elect; Comrade Tom Elliot, Department QM; Comrade Cliff Wilsey, Department Life membership Chairman.

QM reported Post total assets as \$14,368.76

Membership Chairman, Sr Vice Commander Billman stated we are at 361 of 342 being current, at 106%.

Seam Squirrel reported that the Pup Tent had grown and successfully reached its Grand Goal of 29 members.

Commander Gann read a Letter of Congratulations from Commander in Chief Sisk to Comrade Alvarez for his recruitment efforts. Comrade Alvarez received recruitment Pin.

Department Inspector and Department Commander Elect Jerry Prinz performed the installation and swearing in of new Officers for VFW Post 11447. Installation was held in accordance with the VFW By-Laws and Rituals.

20 – Held Annual Post “Family Day Picnic” at Apo Resort. 73 members and approximately 150 children attended the fun day at the pool with great food provided by the Post.

30 – Held Memorial Day services at Clark National Military Cemetery. 11 Post members attended.

June 2003

11 – Held monthly membership meeting, 23 members attended.

QM reported Post total assets as \$14,383.52.

Membership Chairman Senior Vice Commander Billman stated for the year we are at 361 of 342 current, and have surpassed the goal for the year, we stand at 105.55%. This is the final membership figure for the year and a great tribute to all the members for making it happen. It will be a challenge to duplicate and surpass next year.

Seam Squirrel reported that the Pup Tent had a very successful year. He also reported the Pup Tent had reached 208.4% for Hospital visits and wished to thank everyone for logging their visits.

Commander elect Jim Billman was designated as Post 11447 Delegate for the Department convention.

Commander Gann read the All-State Award for Quartermaster Dewey Hodge. Commander Gann thanked everyone in the Post for all the help and support for the last 2 years.

16-20 – Department Convention held in Pattaya Beach, Thailand. 5 Post members attended. The Post received a number of Department and National awards.

The Department was also awarded the Department Council of Administration meeting in December to Post 11447.

Commander Gann also stated the Department would be honoring all the Korean War veterans within the Department with some special memorabilia.

2003-2004 TERM OFFICERS

Post Commander Jim Billman

Senior Vice Commander Earl “Sully” Sullivan

Junior Vice Commander Jim Correll

Quartermaster Rich Truax

Advocate Gene Gann

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Bob Koeppen

3 Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

2Year Trustee Larry Musick

3 Year Trustee Dan Burns

Adjutant Scott Hill

Service Officer Jerry Martin

Post Home Committee

1 year Lynn Miller

2 year Charlie Brown

3 year Tom Stone

July 2003

4 - Held 3rd Annual BBQ at Post home. Well attended and plenty of good food.

9 – Held monthly membership meeting, 24 members attended.

QM reported Post assets total of \$14,652.33.

Membership Committee: Commander Billman stated we completed the previous year's goals as previously stated.

The new membership drive has begun, at present we have an Early Bird Program for reduction in new membership and renewals at \$20.00 until September 30, 2003, after they will be \$25.00. Also for Life membership, the first 10 memberships will be \$50.00 off and the following ones will be \$25.00 until September 30, 2003.

Seam Squirrel reported on the numerous awards from the Grand Scratch, including the Supreme Booster Plaque and the Hospital Visits Plaque.

Commander Billman read a letter from Robert L. Busek, grandson of Paul P Busek, our namesake.

Commander Billman read Awards to the VFW Post 114477 Presented at the Department Meeting:

National Recognition Award for Outstanding Post Safety Programs Activities

National Recognition Award for Outstanding Post Youth Activities Program Activities

Department Of Pacific Areas Streamer for 100% Membership

Voice Of Democracy participation Award

Pup Tent 11 donated a new Refrigerator to the Canteen.

Senior Vice Commander Sullivan thanked everyone for their support of the July 4th festivities at the Post home.

August 2003

13 – Held monthly membership meeting, 22 members attended.

QM reported Post assets total of \$14,103.91.

VFW Service Officer, Comrade Jerry Martin, will now be available at the RAO every Tues and Wed morning.

The Surgeon will be sending 31 pairs of glasses to the Visually Impaired School in Baguio City.

Surgeon announced that the Post will be sponsoring a free Medical & Dental Outreach Clinic for the indigent residents of Barangay Balabay, Castillejos on Sunday, 28 Sept, 0900-1200, and encouraged all Post members to attend.

Commander Billman stated that he has approved a new/renewal membership "Early Bird" Special. For Continuous Members, a \$5 discount off the normal annual fee of \$25 until 1 October. For new Life Members a \$50 discount on memberships for the first 10 and then \$25 each additional new member up to 1 Oct.

Commander stated that the Post will be sponsoring a team for the Annual Chili Cook-Off sponsored by VFW Post 9892 La Union on 29 November.

Comrade Jim Correll is the C of A chairman and stated enrollment/information packages will be out by 21 Aug for the 7 December meeting to be hosted by the Post, site to be determined.

September 2003

10 – Held monthly membership meeting, 22 members attended.

Commander VFW District VII Jerry Prinz was in attendance.

QM report Post assets total of \$12,268.12.

PHC recommended that Lee Andersen be hired as the new Canteen Manager, approved by the membership. He will be on a 6 month contract to expire 31 Mar 2004. Post membership for the new year is at 81%.
Scholarship Committee reported that due to having 45 students already enrolled, there will be no new enrollments next year.
Service Officer reported he assisted 7 widows and 22 retirees with various problems.

28 - Post and Olongapo Lions Club co-sponsored a Medical/Dental Outreach at the Balaybay Resettlement Area, Castillejos. Post Commander and 7 other members were present. Also one member of VFW Post 2485 attended. 3 doctors, 1 dentist, 15 nurses, 1 physical therapist and 4 local barangay volunteers performed 227 medical services and 35 tooth extractions for the local residents. Special thanks to Comrade O'Briant for soliciting Health Visions Corp to donate most of the medicines and supplies.

October 2003

8 – Held monthly membership meeting, 18 members attended.

Post QM reported total assets are \$14,281.51.

Post membership at 85%.

Surgeon has 31 pairs of eyeglasses that will be donated to the Baguio Visually Impaired Foundation during the Annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by VFW Post 9892 in La Union later next month.

Members approved 10,000 pesos for the installation of a donated AC unit for the canteen.

Members approved the allocation of \$100.00 for the purchase of 3 fans.

Members approved 5,000 pesos be used for installation of the donated exhaust fan for the Kitchen.

Members approved \$100.00 be donated to the USO Tour immediately, upon their request, with the condition that a jar for individual donations be placed at the bar.

13 – Navy Day Celebration. Everyone invited to Post for Dinner.

18-28 – Subic Bay Reunion was held. Returning WWII and other veterans and civilians who worked and lived in the Subic Bay area in the past, pre-Pinatubo days. Tour was set up by the Philippines Secretary of Tourism, Richard Gordon, and sponsored by the U.S. Military Historical Society of Alexandria VA, President Dan McKinnon, RADM, USN(Ret), former CO, NSD Subic Bay. Website www.subic-history.org Olongapo City held a parade in their honor and hosted them throughout the week with activities and tours. Congressman James Gordon and Mayor Kate Gordon hosted them with a cultural show and history of Olongapo in recent times at the City Convention Center. 9 Post members spent time with the group and attended some of the functions with them. This will be an on-going venture.

November 2003

8 – AA members celebrated 2 years of the Post hosting their meetings.

11 – Veteran's Day Memorial services were held at Clark AB Cemetery. 14 Post members observed the ceremonies. 3 Post members attended the District VII meeting held at Post 2485.

12 – Held monthly membership meeting, 23 members in attendance.

QM gave report; General Fund \$2,519.71, Building Fund \$6,982.04, total assets are \$15,850.40.

Post membership at 95%.

Members approved that Elsa Busek, widow of Paul Busek, be treated to Flowers and Dinner on her Birthday each year (April 25, 2004), and amended the motion to have the item included in the Future Budget considerations.

Members approved that we allocate up to \$150.00 for the purchase of new Ceremonial Flags.

Chairman of the Scholarship Program, Carmen Hendricks, requested members to sponsor a child for the upcoming Christmas party.

Sign up sheet is posted in the post home.

29 - 6 Post members attended Post 9892's Annual Chili Cook-Off in La Union.

December 2003

5/7 – Hosted the Annual Department Council of Administration. Very successful again, making approx \$600 for the Post, and continues to be our honor to host.

10 - Held monthly membership meeting, 21 members in attendance.

QM gave report; General Fund \$1789.44, Building Fund \$7580.65, total assets are \$16,633.40.

Post membership is at 101.12%. All members are to be congratulated for achieving this significant milestone prior to the C of A.

Members approved 2,500 pesos be allocated to Post 124 to sponsor a hole during the golf tournament in February for the Fun Day festivities prior to District VII meeting in Baguio.

Members approved 2,500 pesos be distributed to the FRA Branch 367, San Antonio Ladies Auxiliary for their night of Ballroom Dancing and Christmas Festivities to assist their fundraising efforts.

20 - Post hosted the annual Christmas party for the members' children and for the Scholarship Program children. More than 80 children attended.

January 2004

14 – Held monthly membership meeting, 21 members in attendance.

QM gave report; General Fund \$2,870.75, Building Fund \$8094.44, total assets are \$15,432.00.

Members approved motion that the “Building Fund Donation Raffle” be changed to 2/3 for the winner, 1/3 for the Building fund upon the completion of each current draw.

Post membership is at 102.55%.

15 – Ground Breaking Ceremony was held by The Subic Bay Historical Center in coordination with the Hell Ships Memorial Project in front of the SBMA Administration Bldg. This memorial will commemorate the sinking of the “Oryoku Maru” on 14-15 December 1944 that was enroute to Japan with 1,619 American and British POW's. She was bombed by U.S. Navy planes, not knowing what was on the ship, and sank in Subic Bay and nearly 300 POW's went down with it. Post Commander Jim Billman, Sr. Vice Earl Sullivan and 3 other Post members attended the ceremony.

February 2004

5 – District VII meeting was held at Post 124 in Baguio and 2 Post members attended.

11 pairs of eyeglasses were donated to the Baguio School for the Visually Impaired.

10 – Held monthly membership meeting, 22 members in attendance.

QM gave report; General Fund \$2,328.17, Building Fund \$8,783.79, total assets are \$15,705.65.

Service Officer advised members to be aware of potential problems of using VA fixers to assist with VA packages.

Post membership is at 103%.

Comrade Hendricks reported the scholarship children would be marching in the Beach Bash Parade and thanked all the members for the various support provided.

Members approved to reimburse Comrade Bronson, 15,000 pesos he donated during an emergency to purchase a new stand-up Freezer and thanked him very much for his generosity.

Members approved motion that 1,000 pesos be donated towards sponsorship of a hole during the upcoming FRALICS Golf Tournament.

Comrade “Bear” Blanchette thanked everyone from himself and his family, in the Post and Community for all their support during their bereavement on the recent passing of his wife Sunny.

Comrade Miller reported on his selection as the new Philippines Representative on the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council.

Commander Billman presented Carmen Hendricks a letter of Appreciation for all her valuable efforts in the running of the Amerasian Scholarship program.

Commander Billman presented Comrade Rich Truax a Letter of Appreciation for all his assistance to the Post Home Canteen while a manager was not available.

Commander Billman read a letter of Thanks from Jim Mueller, and Chief of Staff Frank Burchill for all the hospitality and help they received during their visit here.

12-15 – Hosted the Annual Barrio Beach Bash. Parades, activities, contests and just great fun and food for all. The Post's Assistant Canteen Manager, Weng, was voted “Miss Beach Bash”.

March 2004

10 – Held monthly membership meeting, 27 members in attendance. QM gave report; General Fund \$2,987.41, Building Fund \$9,098.34, total assets are \$15,817.65. Membership is at 368 of 361 or 102%. Beach Bash Chairman JVC Jim Correll reported that the Beach Bash raised 113,000 pesos for the Post. Nominations were opened for Officers for Term 2004-2005.

11 – Four members attended the Subic Bay Marine Barracks Reunion at the International Hotel, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority. This was a group of 25 former Marines from the U.S. who had served at one time at the Subic Bay Naval Base. They accepted an invitation to visit the Post Home for a luncheon in their honor the following Sunday.

13 – Amerasian Scholarship children took their first field trip ever sponsored by the Post. 45 children and 7 adults went on an all-day trip to Manila to visit the many interesting sights.

14 – 8 members attended a VFW memorial service at the home of recently deceased LM Willard “Jack” Walters.

April 2004

5/9 – Comrade Lynn Miller attended the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council meeting in Washington DC as the Philippines Representative.

8 – Bataan Death March Memorial Service attended by 2 members.

14 – Held monthly membership meeting, 33 members in attendance. QM gave report; General Fund \$1,914.65, Building Fund \$9,958.70, total assets are \$15,726.38. Membership is at 103%, 368 of 361. Commander Billman presented JVC Jim Correll with a Letter of Appreciation from the Post for all his efforts during the Beach Bash. Commander Billman read a thank you letter from the Subic Bay Marine Reunion folks. Commander Billman Presented Lee Andersen with an Honorary Membership Card and a Letter of Appreciation for his work as Canteen Manager. Commander Billman presented The Squirrel of the Year Plaque to Seam Squirrel Dan Burns. Post held election of officers for term 2004-2005:

Commander Jim Billman

Senior Vice Commander Jim Correll

Junior Vice Commander Seth Hendricks

Quartermaster Jim “JB” Bryson

Surgeon Dave Dow

Chaplain Robert Smith

3 Year Trustee Dan Burns

3 Year Post Home Com. Jay Hammond

Advocate Harland Sanders

25 – District VII meeting at Post 9892 La Union and ANZAC Celebration Day attended by 3 members. Comrade Gene Gann elected as District Commander. Comrade Jim Correll elected as District Surgeon for term 2004-2005.

25 – Post hosted our namesake Paul Busek’s widow Elsa for dinner on her birthday, presented her with flowers also. 12 members attended.

29 – 22 members attended graveside funeral service for LM Jerry Tanguayat Clark Cemetery, Angeles City.

May 2004

12 – Held monthly membership meeting, 28 members in attendance. QM gave report; General Fund \$1,251.01, Building Fund \$10,494.15, total assets are \$15,610.89. Surgeon stated that eyeglass donations to Baguio School for the Visually Impaired is being discontinued but donations are still accepted for other charitable causes. Comrade Hendricks stated that the new school year starts next month with 47 students and they have a \$600 budget. Schools participating are: Barrio Barretto I and II, Kalaklan, Sto. Tomas, Matain, San Isidro elementary schools, Barrio Barretto, Subic Bay and Olongapo City High Schools. Commander Billman passed out copies of the Post By-Laws for review, will be voted on next meeting. District Commander Jerry Prinz installed the Post Officers for Term 2004-2005.

18 – Annual Family Day Picnic held at Apo Resort for VFW members and families, over 100 attended.

22 – Four members attended Post 2485, Angeles City installation of officers.

30 – 22 members attended Memorial Day services at Clark Cemetery, Angeles City.

June 2004

1 – Post hosted Fleet Reserve Association Pacific North West Regional President Ramona Greman who was conducting a visit to FRA branches in the Pacific. She gave a presentation on FRA status and initiatives and conducted a Q&A session, 25 members attended the meeting.

9 – Held monthly membership meeting, 27 members in attendance. QM gave report; General Fund \$1,251.00, Building Fund \$10,563.20 total assets are \$14,550.66. Annual inventory of post property was held on 8 June, some items were not found or properly documented, and inventory should be completed in one week.

Sale of the Dream TV system was voted down.

Comrade Hendricks reported that books and equipment has been distributed to the students at a cost of P13,503.00.

Comrade Bronson donated the money to purchase flags for graves at Clark Cemetery.

Comrade Billman, Post Commander, presented to Comrade O'Briant a Certificate of Appreciation for his services to the post.

12 – Pup Tent 11 celebrated their 10th anniversary.

13 – Post hosted the first meeting of the Barrio Barretto Professional Women's Organization. A gathering of local professional women and members' spouses.

2004-2005 TERM OFFICERS

Post Commander Jim Billman

Senior Vice Commander Jim Correll

Junior Vice Commander Seth Hendricks

Quartermaster Jim "JB" Bryson

Advocate Harland Saunders

Chaplain Robert Smith

Surgeon Dave Dow

3 Year Trustee Larry Musick

2 Year Trustee Dan Burns

3 Year Trustee Jerry Trimm

Adjutant Tom Burnett

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Post Home Committee

1 year Tom Stone

2 year Buzz Bronson

3 year Jay Hammond

July 2004

9 – Post hosted District VII Cootie Swarm, 18 members attended.

10 – Post hosted District VII regular quarterly meeting, 8 members attended.

14 – Held monthly membership meeting, 26 members in attendance.

QM gave report; General Fund \$114.42, Building Fund \$10,563.24, total assets are \$13,849.97.

A non-member veteran's family has requested the Post conduct a graveside service for their family member because they were impressed by the service conducted for another friend of the family. Of course would be honored to.

Post Home Committee stated the post home has only four more years on the lease. Recommended a committee be formed to look into extending the present lease or look for a new home site. There is a need for a chairman to head this committee, if anyone is interested please contact the Commander or any member of the post home committee.

Membership approved to reimburse Commander for trip to Saipan to attend Department Convention for \$404.80, and P5680 in pesos for airport fees etc.

Commander reported the John Randall Scholarship fund is still alive. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Chester Gross.

Post was given \$1,177.50 by the Department for the Post General Fund, for booster ad rebates for the Department

Convention book.

SVC Correll was roundly applauded for his direct involvement in procuring the booster ads.

August 2004

11 – Held monthly membership meeting, 27 members in attendance.

QM report; Total assets are \$14,393.30. SVC Jim Correll and Comrade Phillips are looking around for a new site/building.

Adjutant told the members that a flyer is available for the Council of Administration Convention to be held in Pattaya, Thailand 30 Nov – 7 Dec 2004.

Adjutant read a letter addressed to Comrade Jose Alvarez (Service Officer) from Dr. Reyes of Dinalupihan, Philippines thanking him and members of the Post for performing the burial ceremony for the late DKC Leopoldo A. Reyes, USN, Ret on 13 July 2004. Second paragraph said, “We want to thank each and every one of you who participated. You had to brave the sweltering heat, the dust, and the crowd. You heartily live up to your motto: ‘Serving those who served’.” Commander Billman presented to Comrade Rich Truax a letter of Congratulations from Commander-in-Chief Edward Banas for his efforts in recruiting new and reinstated members during the “COURAGE AND CONVICTION” program year.

Commander Billman also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Assistant Canteen Manager Weng Alfonso. Citation read “It gives me great pleasure in recognizing you for your continued commitment to the VFW. Your generous donation to the VFW building fund exemplifies your commitment to the efforts of our community, and is hereby applauded by all. Thank you from all the members of VFW Post 11447 for being the special person you are.”

September 2004

8 – Held monthly membership meeting, 25 members in attendance.

Distinguished guest Department Inspector Jerry Prinz.

QM report. Balance last report \$14,458.44, Receipts \$1,112.77, Disbursements \$252.05. Building fund \$11,330.86. Cash balance \$15,319.16.

PHC committee reviewed the Canteen By-Laws and made changes. The by-laws will be voted on by members at October post meeting.

As the canteen is a private club, there is now a log at the podium for guests to be signed in.

Membership status is 84.85%, with 17 members pending. Senior Vice Commander Correll said that if the post could reach 102% they could get two free life memberships.

Amerasian/Scholarship Committee reported there are currently 54 students enrolled with no increase/or change to the cost.

Commander Billman presented and read to the members three Department Certificates of Appreciation and one Department Recognition Award which were presented to VFW 11447 for the following:

for hosting the Council of Administration meeting in Dec 2003;

Accomplishing and reporting Americanism Activities;

for achieving 100% membership 2003-4; and Outstanding Post Community Service Programs.

SVC Correll reminded members that the beach bash is fast approaching, to be held on 17-20 Feb 2005.

Department Inspector Comrade Jerry Prinz said that the post looked good. He gave some pointers for the upcoming post inspection in October, which includes inspection of QM and canteen manager records and post files.

11 – Post observed Patriot’s Day in remembrance of 9/11 with a memorial service at the Post attended by 17 members.

13 – Post celebrated its 12th Anniversary.

17 – Post observed POW/MIA Day with a memorial service attended by 19 members.

26 – Post sponsored the 4th Annual Dr. Ted Oplento Memorial Free Medical and Dental Outreach Project. In association with the Honorable Mayor Wilma Billman (spouse of LM Jim Billman) of Castillejos. Outreach was held in the Castillejos Municipal Building and was staffed by 60 volunteer doctors, dentists and nurses from many local medical clinics and hospitals. Almost 300 indigent patients were medically screened, given care and/or medications that were donated. 100 tooth extractions were performed by the volunteer dentists. 17 Post members and Pup Tent 11 contributed 16,616 pesos of the 17,900 the Post spent to sponsor this Outreach Project. Medical supplies were donated by Health Visions Corp. 7 Post members were present at the Outreach.

29 – VFW’s Birthday.

October 2004

9 – Many of the Post members, too many to count, attended the funeral service for LM Dennis Thieke, known to many as John Jones, who passed away on 30 Sep and was the founder of Health Visions Corp and a very big supporter of the Post and its programs.

13 – Held monthly membership meeting, 25 members in attendance.

Distinguished guests: Department JVC Kenneth W. Schaefer and Department Chaplain/Asst. Adjutant Rhett Webber.

QM report: Balance last report \$16,246.43. General Fund: \$2064.51, Building Fund: \$11,771.31, Relief Fund:\$801.12, Total Assets: \$18129.96.

Membership status is 93.8%, with members pending. If the Post achieves 102% they could get two free life memberships.

The proposed revised Post By-Laws and Canteen By-Laws were discussed. Following discussion a proposal was made by the Commander that the members vote to accept the By-laws as written.

Comrade Saunders made a motion that the By-Laws be accepted and was seconded by SVC Correll. A vote to approve the Post and Canteen By-Laws as written was carried by majority of members present.

Post Home Committee made the motion that the "Mount Suribachi" wood carving be given to the FRA. Comrade Alvarez seconded the motion. A vote was conducted and members voted to give the FRA the statue.

Commander read to the members an E-Mail from Dept Admin Office passing on concerns of VFW National Commander Furgess as was stated in the National HQ's G.O. #1, 2004-2005. Item 12: The official cap of the VFW is the only cap authorized to be worn at VFW meetings. Item 18: This item concerned the drinking of alcoholic beverages during post meetings. It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the VFW to permit alcoholic beverages during Post meetings. The consumption of alcoholic beverages during Post meetings is unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

Commander acknowledged the efforts of Comrade Reid "Buzz" Bronson for procuring the following items for the Post: Two dozen grave marker flags; one air conditioner for the Post admin office; and a hard disk drive for admin computer. The Post appreciates his donations.

Department Chaplain said that there will be an award for any new member (member must have less than two years) for outstanding post/community work. National Headquarters will provide details.

27 – Post held funeral service at the home of LM Roland "Bear" Blanchette, 18 members attended.

November 2004

9 – 25 members attended graveside funeral services at Clark Cemetery for Marion "Jap" Burnett and Jimmy Holt.

10 – 6 members attended District VII meeting at Post 2485, Angeles City. 8 members attended Marine Corps Birthday celebration at FRA Branch 367, San Antonio

11 – 32 members attended Veterans' Day memorial services at Clark Cemetery.

17 – Held monthly membership meeting, 28 members attended.

Distinguished guest National Aide de Camp and Department Inspector Steve Massie.

QM Report.

Balance last report \$18,129.96, balance this period \$18,263.17. Building Fund \$11,780.86, Post General Fund \$1,602.03, Post Relief Fund \$1,230.85.

PHC reviewed the Oct Monthly Canteen Report, profit of P4,581 was made. Additional members to augment the PHC are required.

Membership Committee:

SVC reported 97.3%.

Amerasian Scholarship Committee:

Currently 54 students in the VFW Scholarship Program for SY 2004-5.

Comrade Hendricks resigned as JVC for personal reasons, Comrades Tony Baucom and Bill Landry were nominated to fill the position for the remainder of the term, vote next monthly meeting.

25 – Post served 185 Thanksgiving Day dinners.

27 – 22 members attended Annual Chili Cook-Off at Post 9892, La Union.

30 – 18 members attended graveside funeral service for LM Ken Brenholt at Clark Cemetery.

December 2004

7 – Observed Pearl Harbor Day by hanging a picture and certificates of the USS Maine from WWI which was donated by Life Member Bill Hahn.

8 – Held monthly general membership meeting, 27 attended.

QM Report

balance this period \$17,858.28.

Post established a drop-box for donations for the victims of the Tsunami that recently hit southeast Asia.

12 – 5 post members participated in a Shriners' medical mission for 400 local children.

21 – Held annual Christmas Party for 53 Amerasian Scholarship students at the Post.

24 – Held annual Christmas Party for the Post employees and their families at the Post.

January 2005

12 – Held monthly membership meeting, 29 attended.

QM Report

balance this period \$17,323.37.

Membership was at 104%, 386 members.

Former President of the Philippines Fidel Ramos has donated P34,000 to the Beach Bash.

JVC Tony Baucom was given a thank you for his playing Santa Claus at the VFW children's party and other Christmas party's.

15 – 3 members attended the First Anniversary of the "Hellships Memorial" honoring the dead U.S. and British POW's from WWII who were on the Japanese ship Oryoku Maru when it sank in Subic Bay after being bombed by U.S. planes.

February 2005

2 – Held monthly membership meeting, 29 members attended.

QM Report

balance this period \$16,744.88.

Membership up to 388 for 104.5%.

A drawing was made for two life membership cards for continuous members, winners were Comrades John R. Hughes and Randy J. Richards.

10 – 4 members attended District VII meeting at Post 124.

16/20 – Held Annual VFW sponsored Beach Bash on the beach in Barrio Barretto. Hundreds in attendance and Post netted 212,791 pesos.

March 2005

2 – 22 members attended funeral service for Life Member Art Smith at Clark Cemetery.

9 – Held monthly membership meeting, 30 members attended.

QM Report

balance this period \$18,973.79.

Held nominations for the 2005-2006 term.

Need to find a new web hosting service for the Post webpage.

Commander asked for the resignation of the QM because \$1,500 of Post funds were not accounted for.

13 – 25 members attended funeral service for Life Member Dan Burns at his home and San Antonio cemetery.

April 2005

8 – Anniversary of the Bataan Death March.

13 – Held monthly membership meeting, 35 members attended.
QM report \$18,973.79, balance this period \$19,015.69.
Held elections for the 2005-2006 term.

May 2005

11 – Held monthly membership meeting, 36 members attended.
QM report balance this period \$20,131.64. Adjutant reported that the AFRTS system had been sold for \$800.00.
Next year's Beach Bash will be held 9-12 Feb 06.
Post will receive Americanis Achievement Award.
The following officers/appointees were installed by District VII Commander Gene Gann.

Commander Jim Correll

Senior Vice Commander Earl Sullivan

Junior Vice Commander Tony Baucom

Quartermaster/Adjutant Tom Burnett

Surgeon Fain Boruff

Chaplain Robert Smith

Trustee Bob Koeppen

Trustee Jerry Trim

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Guard Cliff Haviland

OOD Ralph C. Cox

Advocate Ted Phillips

30 – 20 members attended Memorial Day services at Clark Cemetery.

June 2005

8 – Held monthly membership meeting, 25 members attended. QM report balance this period \$20,108.14.
There are now 60 students in the scholarship program.
Post submitted a letter to Department to host the Dec 05 Council of Administration (C of A). Membership approved the 2005-2006 budget.
12/16 - several members attended the Department Annual Convention at Post 2485.

July 2005

13 – Elected officers began the new term.

Celebrated the 4th of July with a special BBQ menu for the members and families and a held a raffle draw.

Post was awarded certificates of achievement for 100% Membership and for Americanism & Citizenship during the Dept Annual Convention in Bangkok, Thailand in June.

19 - Comrade John Frey celebrated his birthday on July 19th with a party at the Post and invited all members.

August 2005

10 – Two Post members attended the District VII meeting. 2006 Beach Bash dates set for 9-12 Feb. Post donated \$100 to Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

September 2005

8 – Post observed its 13th Anniversary.

14 - Post held a memorial Service for POW/MIA Recognition Day following the monthly membership meeting.

25 - Post sponsored a Medical/Dental Outreach program at the Barangay Hall of Barrio Barretto. Doctors and dentists and nurses provided free medical care and medicines to the local residents, 197 medical cases and 67 dental cases. Twelve Post members attended the Outreach.

October 2005

12– Comrade Fain Boruff elected to finish the term of Junior Vice Commander which became vacant when Comrade Robert Smith resigned.

November 2005

11 – 26 Post members attended Veterans Day Services at Clark Cemetery.

December 2005

2/4 – Post hosted a very successful Department of Pacific Areas Council of Administration. Used the facilities of By the Sea Resort and the Post primarily to conduct business.

18 - Post held annual Christmas Parties for member's children, the Amerasian Scholarship children and the Post employees and their families. Members also donated gifts/funds to make sure each of the scholarship children had gift.

January 2006

22 – Post members, including all the officers, attended the dedication ceremony of the Hellship Memorial at the SBMA Freeport Zone on the waterfront. The memorial is only yards from where one of the Hellships, the Oryoku Maru sank in 1944. Guests included survivors of the event and the Bataan Death March as well as local officials and the creators. The Post has been directed by VFW National headquarters to oversee the continued good care of the memorial.

February 2006

2/4 – Post hosted the Annual Barrio Beach Bash along the beach establishments of Mangos and Islanders. It was one of the best to date. There was plenty of entertainment, food and drink. There was also a parade down National Highway with Olongapo Mayor “Bong” Gordon participating. Net Profit P157,655.00 (\$3091.27).

6 - Hired a new Canteen Manager, Sassy Nirza.

9 - One Post Member attended the District VII meeting in Baguio City.

March 2006

1 - The ashes of Comrade Dunn were put to rest at Clark .

8 – Held nominations of Post officers for the 2006-2007 term.

Commander Jim Correll

Senior Vice Commander Sullivan

Fain Boruff

Junior Vice Commander John Corbin

Quartermaster Tom Burnett

Surgeon

Chaplain Jose Alvarez

Trustee Bill Landry

2nd Year PHCRalph Cox

3rd Year PHC

Service Officer Jose Alvarez

Guard Cliff Haviland

OOD Ralph C. Cox

AdvocateShorty Phillips

April 2006

7- Held memorial services at the Post for deceased member Ken Prettyman 12 members attended

12 - Elected Post Officers for the 2006-2007 term.

Commander: James E. Correll

SVC: Fain B. Boruff, Jr.

JVC: John S. Corbin

QM: Thomas R. Burnett

Advocate: Ted L. Phillips

Surgeon: Thomas G. Stone

Chaplain: Jose A. Alvarez

3rd Year Trustee: William F. Landry

2nd Year PHC: Ralph C. Cox

3rd Year PHC: Benicio B. Dela Vega (absent)

There have been some recent indications that the Post may have a serious financial problem that might necessitate some drastic actions. Post Commander will have a meeting very soon with all concerned to determine the exact extent of the problem and may hold an emergency membership meeting to advise every one of any possible specific actions needed to be taken.

June 2006

8 - Comrade David Gorton was admitted to the hospital. No more information is available is at this time.

10 – 34 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Comrades Billman and White are out of the hospital.
Comrade John T. Brady was elected as the Post Surgeon.
Comrade Ben Dela Vega was elected as the 3rd year PHC.

Both were sworn in by Post Advocate Phillips.

14 - Comrade James P. Reams Passed away. Memorial services will be held in the near future.

.July 2006

10 - Comrade William Rogers (Bill) White Passed Away. Memorial services will be held in the near future.

12 - 22 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

August 2006

9 –26Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Comrade Barton is out of the hospital.
Comrade Loughridge remains in ICU, following his accident.

September 2006

13 - 21 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Service Officer reported that Charlie Loughridge is out of the hospital.
Comrade Gary Blanchfield passed away while on vacation in Malaysia.
Comrade Hales is in the hospital.
Post Commander Correll is out of the hospital and at home resting.

October 2006

11 – 31 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Comrade Bob Stanley has passed away. Memorial services will be held at a date to be announced later.
Comrade Loughridge is still recuperating at home. He has been able to visit the post a couple of times.

November 2006

8 - 18 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Comrade Loughridge is still recuperating at home. He has been able to visit the post a couple of times.
Comrade Bob Wright has been nominated and elected to the post of 3rd. year Trustee. He replaces Comrade Landry, who is moving to Baguio in December.

December 2006

8/10 - Post 11447 hosted the 2006 mid-term Pacific Areas Council of Administration. The Council was held at the By The Sea Resort in Barrio Barretto, Olongapo City. It was attended by approximately 120 comrades.

13 – 27 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Past District Commander Gene Gann and District IV Commander Orville Humfleet were our distinguished guests.
Seam Squirrel Report:
Comrade Phillips said that the scratch and social went well with all members and visitors having a good time.
The CofA Scratch went well.
The Pup Tent has a new member application that will be brought up at new business.

January 2007

9 -Comrade Richard D. McGowan Passed away on 9 Jan. 2007. He was honored to the extent of the post's abilities.

10 – 25 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Life Member Gary P. Borg cremated remains were sent to the Post so that a memorial service could be held for him. Memorial service was conducted by Post Officers and members. Following the service Comrade Borg's ashes were taken aboard a boat by members and guests and scattered over Subic Bay.

February 2007

14 - 25 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
The membership has voted to amend the charter, correcting a misspelling in the name of our namesake, Paul P. Busek.

26 - Comrade Jack W. Petite passed away. He was honored to the extent of the Post's abilities.

March 2007

14 - 25 Members attended the monthly post meeting.
Department Commander Ken Schaefer was introduced, as a distinguished guest.

Beach Bash financial report:

JVC Corbin gave the final financial report for the event. Net profit in dollars was \$2558.56. He thanked everyone who participated in making the event very successful. Money is to be used for our scholarship kids and other post projects.

The membership by a two-thirds majority vote approved the motion made at the last meeting to correct the Post name on our charter. The corrected name will be "Paul P. Busek". The Adjutant will send a letter to Department Commander stating that the membership had approved the name change. Department Commander will send recommendation to National Headquarters.

Nominations for 2007-08 Officers:

The following Comrades were nominated for the positions noted and accepted the nomination:

Commander Gene Gann

Senior Vice Commander Jose Alvarez

Junior Vice Commander Seth Hendricks

Quartermaster Tom Burnett

Advocate Jim Correll

Surgeon No nomination

Chaplain No nomination

Trustee 3rd Year Dan Steakley

Trustee 2nd Year Bob Koeppen

Trustee 1st Year Trustee Bob Wright moves up to Trustee 1st year

Post Home Com. 1st Year R.C. Cox

Post Home Com. 2nd Year Mike Best

Post Home Com. 3rd Year Reid "Buzz" Bronson

Nominations remain open until next meeting. Final nominations and election will be held during the April meeting.

A flag was presented to the membership that was flown over Al Fallujah, Iraq by our MAP unit on 2 Jan 2007; it came with a Certificate of Authenticity. Commander Correll purchased a flag and had it flown over the "Hellship Memorial" on the base and sent it to our MAP unit, the 3rd Recon Battalion currently serving in Iraq until April.

April 2007

11 – 24 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

The Commander reopened nominations for officers:

Comrade Larry Nirza was nominated for Surgeon

Comrade Harry Hommel was nominated for Chaplain.

The annual elections were held and the following are the officers for 2007-08:

Commander Gene Gann

Senior Vice Commander Jose Alvarez

Junior Vice Commander Seth Hendricks

Quartermaster Tom Burnett

Advocate Jim Correll

Surgeon Larry Nirza

Chaplain Harry Hommel

Trustee 3rd Year Dan Steakley

Trustee 2nd Year Bob Koeppen

Trustee 1st Year Bob Wright

Post Home Com. 1st Year R.C. Cox

Post Home Com. 2nd Year Mike Best

Post Home Com. 3rd Year Reid "Buzz" Bronson

The Commander read a resolution to support Clark cemetery at former Clark Air Base in the Philippines (Angeles City). According to National By-Laws a Post cannot solicit funds outside its immediate geographical area. The resolution wants Post 2485 to continue with its endeavors with Clark Cemetery and authorizes solicitation of funds for management and upkeep of the cemetery within the geographical areas of the Department and that a Clark Cemetery Chairman be appointed. As an officer of the Department the chairman shall provide a report to the Department Convention and at other times deemed necessary. Commander made motion for the Post to support the resolution, seconded by JVC Corbin. Carried. Copy of resolution is available in the latest Department of Pacific Areas Typhoon newsletter or at the Post.

May 2007

9 – 21 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

DPA Commander Ken Schaefer conducted the installation of new officers for the 2007-2008 year. The installation will take affect following the Department Convention in June.

Quartermaster reported on donations for the labor dispute. To date \$770 has been donated, this includes \$270 from members in the U.S. Donations are still requested from all members.

The Adjutant reported that the name change of the Post has been approved by National and a new charter will be sent to the Post.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

Clark Memorial Day services will be held on 30 May

June 2007

13 – 19 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

Comrade Melvin “OB” O’Briant was nominated and unanimously elected to fill the vacant 3rd Year PHC member position.

Seam Squirrel Report:

Comrade Phillips not present but Blanket Bum Sullivan made an announcement. The Cooties sponsored a Fourth of July celebration at the post. There were a lechon dinner; foot long hot dogs with chili for and all local beer. There will also be a band. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Post Commander Jim Correll was installed as District VII Commander.

A request was received to donate a portion of the proceeds from our annual raffle tickets sales to The Clark Cemetery Fund. A discussion was held, and the members voted to not share this year due to the current financial situation.

16 - Several members conducted memorial services for Life Member Steve Jurey.

19 - Five Cooties attended the Grand Scratch 19 June and four attended Department of Pacific Convention held in Angeles City.

23 -20 members attended burial services for Life members Steve Jurey and Jack W Petite. Services were also held for a veteran and American Legion member on same day.

July 2007

11 – 20 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

District VII Commander Correll was a distinguished guest.

QM Burnett presented the QM report at the July meeting. He said that the first four former employees in the labor dispute had been paid off, another to receive three more payments and one case pending.

Surgeons Report: The Medical/Dental Outreach will be held on 30 Sep in West Bajac-Bajac, Olongapo City. Need donations from members and clinics.

Post Home Committee: PHC Chairman Cox reported. The 4th of July celebration was a great success, with a profit of \$443.

Building Committee: Comrade Correll said that the owner of the building still has not answered our emails.

CofA: Comrades Correll and Burnett have contacted By-the-Sea Resort concerning reserving rooms and meeting hall for the event. No committee has been appointed yet.

Commander said that he would like to see the hours of the Post Canteen be extended past 1800. Comrade Alvarez made the motion to change the closing time, seconded by Tom Stone. During discussion it was decided that a questionnaire be made available for all customers to decide if the customers/members would approve the change and use the canteen after 1800. QM and PHC Cox will make up the questionnaire and the PHC will bring it up at their next meeting and then present their decision at the next Post meeting.

At the DPA Convention held in Angeles, the Clark Cemetery Chairman said that funds to operate the cemetery were getting low. At the most he could only operate for three years. Comrade Correll said that he is joining the Grave Diggers Association and challenges all members to join the Grave Diggers, one time membership fee is only \$25. Funds paid to the Grave Diggers goes to the operation of the cemetery. Comrade Correll also challenges members to get life membership at the National Home. Life membership costs \$35.

QM Burnett said that Comrade Boruff (past JVC and SVC) left with the QM before he moved to the Bicol region several checks. The first was to buy the watches that were left over after the raffle, the check was in the amount of \$300 (five watches were left over). He also left six checks to be deposited on the 1st of each month between Jul and Dec for \$100 each. Checks go toward payment of labor dispute. QM also said that Comrade Humfleet (Pup Tent 11 Cootie) donated \$1000 to the Building Fund last month.

The Adjutant reported that the 4th of July raffle sale went very well with the Post reaching its goal of \$2000. Total of P91,100 was made and at exchange rate of 45.60 comes to \$1998, Comrade Boruff’s contribution for the watches put us over \$2000.

August 2007

8 – 21 Members attended the monthly post meeting.

Post Home Committee Report:

Post Home Committee: PHC Chairman Cox reported. Highlights of report:

PHC members conducted canteen inventory and count of daily draw chips on 1Jul.Canteen records and funds were audited by Trustees on 6 Aug. PHC reviewed canteen records and found them to be in good order.

As a result of the recent canteen survey, the PHC voted to change the closing time for the bar and kitchen to 7PM effective 1 Sep.

Sales have gone up, but canteen continues to run in the red.

Seam Squirrel Report:

The scratch on 2 Aug while low on attendance was good, as a lot was accomplished as the Hide Gimlet (Junior Vice) vacant position was field by Cootie Stone. The annual budget for the PT was also approved. An application for Comrade Mike Best to become a Cootie has been received by the PT and if approved will be presented to the Post at the next general meeting.

28 – Life member Thomas L. (Andy) Anderson passed away in Angles City. More information next month.

September 2007

7 – 13 members (9 Cooties) attended a graveside service for deceased life member Thomas L. (Andy) Anderson at Clark Cemetery.

12 – The monthly general membership meeting was held. 28 members attended.

DPA Commander Rhett Webber and DPA Deputy Inspector Roger Limle were our distinguished guests.

PHC Report

Canteen manager reported bar sales were down by P15,000 from last month, food sales up by P4,000. Waitress salaries were up by P2000 and cooks by P1000.

Membership Committee:

SVC Alvarez gave the report. Life membership stands at 366, 3 new members, 5 continuous and 1 reinstated.

Seam Squirrel:

The scratch on 6 Sep went well. Comrade Mike Best was voted in for membership in the Pup Tent.

Building Committee:

Adjutant Burnett sent the lease proposal to the brother-in-law of the owner of the property.

CofA:

Comrade Burnett is continuing to work on the CofA.

Beach Bash:

JVC said that the first meeting will be held on 25 Sep at 10am.

SVC reminded everyone of POW/MIA day at American Legion Post 4.

The Commander announced a break in the meeting so that the Chaplain could say a prayer in remembrance of those who died during the 9/11 attacks.

DPA Commander was invited to address the membership.

Commander Webber said that he attended the National Convention in Kansas City and was surprise to see over 14 DPA members there. One of the highlights saw over two thirds of the delegates voting down the VFW National proposal to increase Plan D fee's. He also told about his recent visit to Korea and the situation there especially the family members of troops returning from Iraq. Family members are not command sponsor so the troops pay out of their pocket for living quarters etc, for their families. For more info visit the Department web site www.vfwdeptpacific.org and you can also download the Department newsletter Typhoon while on the site.

30 – A Medical/Dental Outreach was hosted by the Post. The two doctors treated 130 patients. The three nurses treated 70 more. The five dentists treated so many patients we lost count!

Six members assisted, along with many medical students from local schools.

October 2007

9 – Post Commander Gene Gann passed away

10 – 26 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting 1 officer absent, excused

Service Officer's Report: Commander Alvarez said that Gene Gann's remains are at his residence on Rizal St.

Barretto. Gene passed away 10 p.m on the 9th. No death report yet, but probably died from pneumonia. Gene just got out of the hospital a few days ago.

Surgeons Report: Surgeon Nirza said that the Medical/Dental Outreach went well with 133 medical patients and 70 dental. He thanked all who participated.

Post Home Committee: PHC Chairman Cox reported. Highlights of report:

- Canteen manager reported bar and kitchen sales are up for the month. All bills have been paid except the electric which will be paid soon.

Membership Committee:Commander Alvarez gave the report. Life membership stands at 366, 3 new members, 10 continuous and 1 reinstated for a percentage of 89.8. Annual members should renew before the end of November to help us reach 100% for the CofA in December. If we reach 100% we could receive one free life membership. The free membership is given to a winner from a draw of our annual members who are paid up.

Seam Squirrel:The scratch on 1 Oct went well. Comrade Mike Best was initiated into the Pup Ten. He also said that the Cooties are putting in a team for the FRA Chili Cook-off on 20 Oct. Also, reminded everyone about donations for Thanksgiving dinner. The dance/special dinner on Sunday, 7 Oct went well, lot of people showed and all had a good time. Canteen made a nice profit.

Building Committee:Comrade Doty contacted Tom Dryden about his building. His price of P15 million (\$340,000) was beyond our reach. No reply yet from current owners of Post home.

CofA:Comrade Burnett is continuing to work on the CofA.

Beach Bash:SVC said that the first meeting was held and a good turn-out

NEW BUSINESS

-The Commander asked for nominations for JVC. Comrade Wayne Gordon was nominated, he accepted the nomination. Comrade Mike Best was also nominated and accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed and new nominations and vote will be conducted on 31 Oct at a Special Meeting at 10a.m.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

18 – Commander Gene Gann was laid to rest at the American Cemetery at Clark Field. 28 Members attended.

31- 18 members attended a “Special Meeting” for the sole purpose of electing a new JVC.

Comrade Mike Best declined his previous nomination for personal reasons.

Comrade Wayne Gordon was elected as JVC, unanimously.

He was installed by Commander Alvarez.

November 2007

10 - 8 Members attended the District Meeting in Angeles City

16 Active Duty Marines (and their guests), Detached aboard the USNS GySgt. Fred W. Stockham, and in Port at that time, attended an impromptu celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday at the Post Home. All had a great time!

11 - 13 Members attended the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony held at the Clark Field Cemetery.

14 – 21 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 3 officers absent, 1 excused

Service Officer's Report:Nothing to Report

Surgeons Report: Surgeon Absent

Post Home Committee:- PHC members conducted canteen inventory and count of daily draw chips on 31 Oct.

- Canteen records and funds were audited by Trustees on 5 Nov. PHC reviewed canteen records and found them to be in good order.

- Canteen manager reported bar and kitchen sales are up for the month. All bills have been paid.

-There will be new hours for the Canteen kitchen effective 1 Dec.Kitchen hours will be from 6am to 6pm.Bar hours will remain 6am to 7pm.

-Thanksgiving.Eleven turkeys and 4 hams have been donated for dinner, other items and cash has also been donated. Please come to the Post home for dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Membership Committee:Membership Committee:SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 367, 4 new members, 13 continuous and 1 reinstated for a percentage of 91.02.Two new members (1 life and 1 annual) in the mail to National.We currently have 46 unpaid annual members, need 37 of them to renew so we can reach 100%. Annual members should renew before the end of November to help us reach 100% for the CofA in December.If we reach 100% we will receive one free life membership.The free membership is given to a winner from a draw of our annual members who are paid up. QM will post names of unpaid members on bulletin board so that members who might see some of them can remind them about their dues.

Seam Squirrel:The Swarm following the District meeting in Angeles City at Post 2485 went well.Pup Tent 11 was well represented.The Social afterward was a success, all had fun. There are three applications for membership in Pup Tent but will be presented to General Membership in January.

Building Committee:Adjutant will send email again to the owners.Will have to get serious, starting in Dec to find another place as we only have until Aug on current lease.

CofA:Comrade Burnett is continuing to work on the CofA.

Beach Bash:SVC said that the next meeting is 20 Nov.Need volunteers to do solicitation.

NEW BUSINESS

-A used (but in good condition) bicycle was donated by the Marines who made port call at Subic.Commander asked if anyone would like to make a motion on what to do with it.Comrade Best made motion for the bike to be raffle off at the Beach Bash, seconded by Comrade Koeppen.During discussion it was decided to raffle it at the Beach Bash, each ticket would cost P50.Carried.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

-Adjutant read the list of winners from the Veterans Day raffle at Post 2485. Will be posted on bulletin board.

- 50/50 Raffle was won by Comrade "OB" O'Briant .P2300 (\$53) was collected, P1150 to the Post Bldg Fund and P1150 to OB.OB donated his winnings to the General Fund.

22 – A Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Post. It had Roast Turkey, Ham, and all the traditional trimmings. 122 Dinners were served and all enjoyed.

24 – 4 Post Members participated in the chili cook-off held by post 9892. They were not successful in their attempt to bring home the prize.

7 Cooties also participated, and were much more successful. They won the Cooties section of the contest, and brought home the "Great Blue Louse"

December 2007

7 – 9Post 11447 hosted the 2007 mid-term Pacific Areas Council of Administration. The Council was held at the By The Sea Resort in Barrio Barretto, Olongapo City. It was attended by approximately 56 comrades.



12 – 26 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 2 officers absent, 1 excused.

Our distinguished guests: Dept SVC Larry Lyons and Dist IV Commander Orville Humfleet were introduced.

Surgeons Report: Surgeon Nirza absent.

Service Officer's Report:Comrade Chester Gross is still in the hospital.Non-member but a good patron at the Post canteen Aussie Phil passed away 11 Dec due to cancer.Will be cremated on the 13th and ashes spread over Subic Bay on Friday the 14th.Aussie Phil served in Vietnam with the Australian Army. He will be missed.

Post Home Committee:PHC Chairman Cox reported.

A.Audit and Reviews:

1.PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 30 Nov.All 480 chips were accounted for.

2.Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 3 Dec.

3.PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4.Canteen Managers Report:The Canteen had a very successful month due to the many donations from our members for Thanksgiving Day dinner.122 dinners were sold.Had total donations of 11 turkeys, 4hams, 10 pumpkin pies, 11 yams, 12 cans cranberry sauce and two cases of Beer na Beer.However ran out of ham and pumpkin pie.

- Canteen bills have been paid for this month.Kitchen sales have been greatly improved from previous month.Bar sales were down but inventories are good.

Membership Committee:SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 6 new members, 18 continuous and 1 reinstated for a percentage of 92.91.Two annual members' dues are being processed.Annual members who have not paid yet please do so.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC said that a sign up list for donations to the Scholarship kids Christmas party is posted.Donors can either purchase a present for a child or give P300 to him or Carmen.Just write you name on the list beside the name of a child. The Scholarship Christmas party will be held on 15 Dec.SVC said that Dist IV Commander (and PT 11 Cootie) donated \$1000 to the Scholarship Fund, THANK YOU ORVILLE!

Seam Squirrel:We had a Great CofA last week.Thanks to all members who help make it successful.The Hospitality Room was a lot of fun and old friends got to see each other again and many new friends were met.Seam Squirrel said that there was a new application to join the PT.The Hungry Cootie (Adjutant Burnett) read the application of Wayne Gordon to the membership.Motion was made to approve the application.A vote was taken and motion approved.

Building Committee:Adjutant will send email again to the owners.Will have to get serious, starting in Dec to find another place as we only have until Aug on current lease.

CofA:Comrade Burnett reported that the event was a great success but turn-out was slightly less than last year's.A final report of financial status will be presented at next meeting.

Beach Bash:SVC said that the next meeting is at 1000 18 Dec at Mango's.The SVC and JVC will be delivering letters to request donations.They will also go to Filipino Casino in Olongapo to get permission to operate Bingo games at the Bash.American Legion Post 4 Commander said that he is well known at the casino and will go along.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

-SVC Hendricks said that the Dynamic Women's Order would like to hold the annual Christmas gift giving event in front of the Post home on 23 Dec to give gifts to needy people of the Barrio.Comrade Phillips made the motion to allow the group to use the space, seconded by Comrade Best.

-Adjutant Burnett said that besides the \$1000 donation to the Scholarship Fund.Dist IV Commander Humfleet also donated \$500 to the Post and \$500 to the Pup Tent. Thank you again Orville.

- Commander said that he had 100 raffle tickets from the City of Olongapo for sale.

- The Commander invited the guests to speak.Dept SVC Lyons said that he always enjoys visiting 11447.He said the Post did a great job at the CofA and likes the idea of passing out clothes and food to needy residents.Things like this help membership and if the Post keeps up the good community work the 92% in membership will surely rise.SVC Lyons also said that he is running for Department Commander next year and requested the Post support.

- Comrade Humfleet said that he appreciated the great job done by the Post and for the extra support.

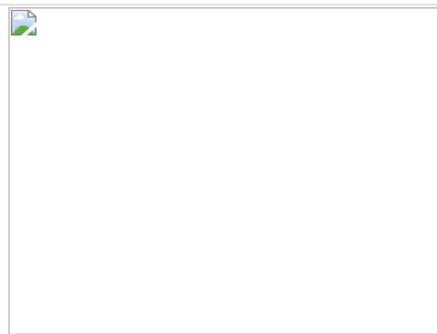
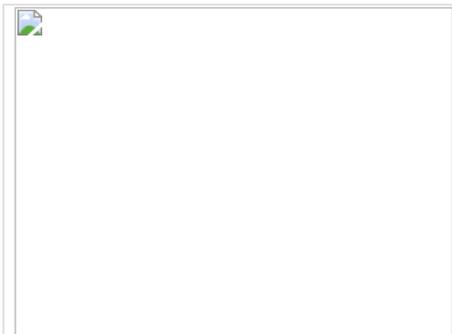
- Comrade Herb Scholten said that the American Legion Department of the Philippines will hold its Annual Convention at Post 4 Olongapo City on 18, 19 and 20 April 2008.

- Final note, the Commander said that on the 24th of Dec he would present a plaque to the members of C Company, 1st Fleet Anti-Terrorist Group at 1400, and invited all post members to attend.

14 - 25 Members' children attended a Christmas Party at the post home. All received gifts and Candy from Santa.



76 Amer-Asian Scholarship Kids attended a second Christmas Party, and were also greeted and given fruit and candy by Santa. Gifts were distributed to all later in the day.



24 – Over 20 Post members, 16 Active Duty Marines, and several guests attended an awards ceremony presenting plaques of appreciation to the Marines, Their Ships' Crew and two very supportive ship personnel.





An Employee's Christmas Party was held and Attended by more than 60 persons, including employees, their families, post members and their families. All had A wonderful time with plenty to eat and drink, a gift exchange, etc.



January 2008

9 – 18 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 2 officers absent, 2 were excused. We had no guests.

Quartermasters Report: QM Burnett presented the report. Trustees conducted an audit of QM records on 7 January.No discrepancies found.

Surgeons Report: NTR.

Service Officer's Report: Comrade John Frey is in the hospital, but off Life Support. Still very weak, but health is improving. E-Mail concerning John is posted on the Bulletin Board.

Comrade Chester Gross is out of Makati Medical Center, but in Gordon Hospital for follow-up treatment.

Past Commander "Sandy" Saunders is now improving, but is in need of financial help. He may also require more Type A- blood in the near future. He is in Gordon Hospital, but has requested NO visitors at this time.(Sandy now at home and resting, still no visitors at this time).

Member in Distress: A motion was made by Comrade "Sully" Sullivan to donate \$ 500.00 from the Post relief fund to Comrade Saunders. The motion was seconded by Comrade Tom Burnett. Discussion: QM said money was available in Relief Fund. Donations from other members will be accepted by Comrade Sullivan or the QM.--Carried

Post Home Committee:PHC Chairman Cox reported.

Meeting was called to order at 0900 on 7 Jan by Chairman Cox.The following members were present: Commander Alvarez, QM Burnett, Chairman Cox, PHC Members O'Briant and Best, Buzz Bronson. Bob Koeppen, Dennis Doty and Canteen Manager Cora

A.Audit and Reviews:

1.PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 31 Dec.All 480 chips were accounted for.

2.Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 7 Jan.

3.PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4.Canteen Managers Report:

- a. Quartermaster paid 10, 000.00 Peso to employee 13TH month.
- b. Kitchen Sales are improving, Bar Sales increased from previous month, and inventories are good.

Membership Committee:SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 6 new members, 26 continuous and 2 reinstated for a percentage of 95.04.One annual members dues and one life new member are being processed.Annual members who have not paid yet please do so; the list of names is posted on the bulletin board.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC reported that the Christmas Party for the Scholarship Kids went well. There was plenty of joy and food for everyone. Thanks to all who donated and helped with the party.The kids' Tee shirts for the Beach Bash this year will include a sponsor.

Seam Squirrel:We had another good scratch. A second degree initiation was completed for a new member. Third degree will be completed next scratch.

Pup Tent 11 has purchased an Ice Grinder for their Snow-Cone operation during the Beach Bash.

They have also purchased a deep fryer for use in their annual fish fry, and are willing to loan it to the canteen when not needed by the Cooties.

Building Committee:Quartermaster has received (finally) an answer from the owners of our Post Home.They were not happy with the improvements observed during their visit early last year.Asked that the proposals for a new lease with any proposed improvements be sent to them. QM sent the proposal. (QM sent them the proposal previously in Aug). Waiting for reply from the owners.

CofA:Comrade Burnett reported that the event was a great success but turn-out was slightly less than last year's.

Beach Bash:SVC Hendricks reported that money in starting to come in. Arrangements are looking good. All future meetings will be at the Post home at 10:00 on every Tuesday until the Beach Bash.The Beach Bingo Is scratched— it is not cost effective. We will have a Beach Trivia Contest instead.

New Business

Comrade R.C. Cox made a motion to give the donated bicycle to our long-time handy-man Wilson. Seconded by Comrade "Buzz" Bronson. After discussion, the motion carried

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comrade Koeppen reported that deceased Post Commander Gann's step-daughter and her friend were injured in a jeepney accident recently. Both are doing well at this time. No further info available.

The Australian organization RSL is asking us to sell raffle tickets to their annual fund raiser. They have been, and continue to be a good supporter of this post. A motion was made by Comrade Phillips and seconded for the post to purchase 1 book. (P1000.00) —carried.

Quartermaster reported that we are again preparing to register for the SEC. Members with ACR cards are needed to be listed as trustees.

A final note for the month.

During January, the members of the post provided memorial / burial services for 4 non-member veterans.

FEBRUARY 2008

8 – Life member Chester Gross passed away.

13 - 20 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 1 officer absent, 2 were excused. We had no guests.

Quartermasters Report: QM Burnett presented the report. Trustees conducted an audit of QM records on 5 February.No discrepancies found.

Service Officer's Report: Life Member Chester Gross passed away on 8 Feb.

Member or Family member in distress:Non-Member Ray Kozosinski (sp) has been house-bound for two years and is not getting any visitors. He lives in San Narcisso. If anyone knows this person, please pay him a visit. He is a member of the FRA.

The widow of Gene Gann is having trouble getting money from the bank. Service Officer Alvarez asked for her to contact him. He will assist.

Post Home Committee:PHC Chairman Cox reported.

Meeting was called to order at 0900 on 11 Feb. by Chairman Cox.The following members were present: Commander Alvarez, QM Burnett, Chairman Cox, PHC Members Best, PHC Member Melvin "OB" O'Briant was excused. Buzz Bronson, Fain Boruff, Dennis Doty and Canteen Manager Cora

A.Audit and Reviews:

1.PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 31 Jan.All 480 chips were accounted for.

2.Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 5 Feb.

3.PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4.Canteen Managers Report:

a. Reyna has been appointed temporary canteen manager until Cora returns in approximately 15 Days

b. Kitchen sales and Bar sales decreased.

c. Bar inventory increasedand Kitchen inventory decreased from last month

d. SSS was paid by the Quartermaster

e. Electric bill to be paid today

Membership Committee: SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 8 new members, 32 continuous and 2 reinstated for a percentage of 96.93.Annual members who have not paid yet please do so; the list of names is posted on the bulletin board.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC Reported that the have their t-shirts For the Beach Bash. Only the VFW logo and the BB logo will be displayed on the Shirts given to the kids.

Buddy Poppy Chairman:Chaplain Hommel reported P200 (\$4.88) was collected for the Relief Fund.

Seam Squirrel: Seam Squirrel:2 new members were Initiated at this scratch.

Comrade Doty completed his 3rd degree and Comrade Gordon completed his 2nd degree.

Everything is ready for the Beach Bash. All Cooties Please wear your uniforms for the Grand Parade

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Building Committee: Quartermaster has responded to the owner regarding the lease renewal

Beach Bash: SVC Hendricks reported that everything is ready to go

New Business: Adjutant Doty reported that the online registration form for the DPA convention in Pattaya, Thailand is now available on the department web site and on the Post 9876's web site.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was reported that correspondence was received in an attempt to locate a Mike Vincent. The Service Officer reported that Mike Vincent passed away several years ago.

50/50 Raffle was won by Ralph (RC) Cox. P1400 (\$34) was collected, P700 to Post Bldg Fund and P700 to the winner.

13 -17 16th Annual Barrio Barretto Beach Bash. Initial indications are that it was very successful.



14 – 30 Post members (Including 8 Cooties) attended the Graveside services for life member Chester Gross. He was very popular in the community and his services were attended by a very large crowd.

MARCH 2008

12 - 35 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 1 officer absent, 2 were excused. We had no guests.

Quartermasters Report: QM Burnett presented the report. Trustees conducted an audit of QM records on 3 March. No discrepancies found.

Service Officer's Report: Past Commander "Sandy" Saunders. Is leaving the hospital today. His health is not improving.

A funeral is scheduled at Clark cemetery on 13 March for non-member Larry Chrisman who passed away in Iraq.

Another funeral is scheduled on 14 March for life member William Deason.

Member or Family member in distress: NTR

Post Home Committee: PHC Chairman Cox reported.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 on 10 March. by Chairman Cox. The following members were present: Commander Alvarez, Chairman Cox, PHC Members Best, PHC Member Melvin "OB" O'Briant QM Burnett was excused. Also attending were Buzz Bronson, Fain Boruff, Dennis Doty Wayne Gordon, Carmon Hendricks, Seth Hendricks, Bob Koeppen, John Ray, Shorty Phillips, Ed Spears, Sully Sullivan, Tom Stone, and Acting Canteen Manager Reyna.

A. Audit and Reviews:

1. PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 29 February. All 480 chips were accounted for.

2. Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 3 March.

3. PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4. Items for discussion with recommendations:

a. PHC will review and upgrade the monthly menu based on last 4 months sales.

b. PHC and canteen manager will devise a monthly employee appraisal form to be included in the employee's file.

c. PHC will review monthly canteen bills to ensure they are paid on time.

d. Ask the Commander to form a committee to review prices on the menu. Carmon Hendricks has volunteered to do a price comparison to other local restaurants PHC Chairman will provide the necessary information to ensure that this is done in a timely manner. The cutoff date should be before the next scheduled PHC meeting to allow a vote by the membership at the meeting on 9 April.

5. Canteen Managers Report:

a. Kitchen hours have been reduced to: Open 6AM Close 5:30 PM.

b. All bills are paid and up to date with the exception of SSS. This will be paid when the CPA gives us the breakdown.

Membership Committee: SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 8 new members, 32 continuous and 2 reinstated for a percentage of 96.93. Annual members who have not paid yet please do so; the list of names is posted on the bulletin board.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC Reported that the coordinator tee shirts were very popular. It seems that the shirts are in high demand in the community, and he might order more.

Buddy Poppy Chairman: Chaplain Hommel reported P940 (\$23.50) was collected for the Relief Fund.

Seam Squirrel: Seam Squirrel Sullivan reported another good scratch. One member was initiated at this scratch. (Comrade Gordon completed his 3rd degree.) Elections were held and new officers are ready for installation. There will be one change to the elected officers at the next scratch due to a resignation.

Building Committee: Quartermaster read a response from the Post Home owner. Our lease will not be renewed. We have been asked to vacate the premises by 8 Aug.

Beach Bash: SVC Hendricks reported on the financial results, but there are some additional funds expected to be received.

New Business: Officer Nominations for the 2008-2009 year:

OFFICER NOMINEE RESPONSE

Commander: Wayne Gordon Accepted

Fain Boruff Accepted

Jose Alvarez Accepted

Tom Burnett Declined

Ted (Shorty) Phillips Declined

SVC Wayne Gordon Accepted

Ed Spears Accepted

Seth Hendricks Declined

Buzz Bronson Declined

Chris Schraube Declined

Tom Stone Declined

JVCMelvin (OB) ObriantAccepted

John RayDeclined

Chris SchraubeDeclined

Tom StoneDeclined

William OsbornDeclined

QuartermasterTom Burnett Accepted

AdvocateBuzz BronsonAccepted

Ted(Shorty) PhillipsAccepted

Bob KoeppenDeclined

SurgeonEd SpearsAccepted

ChaplinHarry HommeiAccepted

3 Yr TrusteeBob KoeppenAccepted

Dave Collata Accepted

Richard MalkovichDeclined

3 year PHCRalph (RC) CoxAccepted

50/50 Raffle was won by Dan Steakley.P3000 (\$75.00) was collected, P1500 to Post Bldg Fund and P1500 to the winner.Comrade Steakley donated his winnings to the Post General Fund.

13– Funeral services were held at Clark Cemetery for non-member Larry Chrisman

14– Funeral Services were held at Clark Cemetery for Life Member William Deason

19 – Funeral Services were at Sta. Rita Cemetery for a non-member Filippino-American Veteran.

23 – Several members and their families gathered with the members of the FRA in San Antonio for an American Style Easter Egg Hunt. Families brought picnic lunches or purchased hamburgers and hot dogs from the FRA. A great time was had by all attendees.

APRIL 2008

9 - 28 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 1 officer absent, 1 was excused. We had no guests.

Quartermasters Report: QM Burnett presented the report. Trustees conducted an audit of QM records on 3 April.No discrepancies found.

Service Officer's Report: Past Commander "Sandy" Saunders' health is stable.

Past Commander James Correll returned to the hospital this date. Reason is not known at this time.

Member or Family member in distress:Comrade Mike Trimble is wheelchair bound at home and would like to have some visitors. His birthday is today!

Surgeon's Report: Surgeon Nirza Absent

Post Home Committee:PHC Chairman Cox reported.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 on 7 April by Chairman Cox.The following members were present: Commander Alvarez, Chairman Cox, PHC Members Best, PHC Member Melvin "OB" O'Briant. QM Burnett was excused.

Also attending were: Buzz Bronson, Fain Boruff, Dennis Doty, Seth Hendricks, John Ray, Ed Spears.

A.Audit and Reviews:

1.PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 31 March.All 480 chips were accounted for.

2.Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 3 April.

3.PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4.A committee has been appointed to review menu pricing. The committee consists of Dennis Doty as Chairman, Carmen Hendricks, R. C. Cox, Mike Best, John Ray, "Shorty" Phillips, Ed Spears, Wayne Gordon.

The committee meets every Tuesday morning at 09:00. This schedule will continue until the menu review is completed.

5.Approved Recommendations:

A. Carmen Hendricks has been selected as Canteen Manager effective 15 April. At this time, the Trustees will conduct a complete audit of the canteen records.

B. The Aircon in the dining room will be turned on from 11:00 until 15:00 daily.

C. All bar prices will be increased by five pesos effective Monday, 14 April. Kitchen prices will be adjusted at a later date, after recommendations from the menu review committee.

D. For the free steak dinner, the customer will sign their name on back of ticket and place it in the box provided. Effective immediately.

6.Canteen Report:

Bar sales increased.

Kitchen sales decreased

Electric / Water bills for March will be paid this month.

SSS still not paid—waiting for CPA report.

Membership Committee: SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 8 new members, 32 continuous and 2 reinstated for a percentage of 96.93.No new members this month. Annual members who have not paid yet please do so; the list of names is posted on the bulletin board.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC Reported that the mother of one of our Scholarship Kids died of heat stroke in the past few days.

Buddy Poppy Chairman:Chaplain Hommel reported P 500 (\$12.50) was collected for the Relief Fund.

Seam Squirrel: Seam Squirrel Sullivan reported another good scratch. The FRA Chili Cook-off was great. Cooties took second place.

Web Wizard:NTR

Building Committee:Quartermaster Burnett reported that the proposal to The Marmont Hotel, will be presented today. Comrade Phillips reported that he has been approached by the owners of the Xanadue to re-discuss options. There may still be a possibility there. He will report back to the building committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Officers Elected for the 2008-2009 year:

OFFICEELECTED

Commander:Jose Alvarez

SVCWayne Gordon

JVCEd Spears

QuartermasterTom Burnett

AdvocateTed (Shorty) Phillips

SurgeonReid (Buzz) Bronson

ChaplinHarry Hommel

3 Yr TrusteeBob Koeppen

3 year PHCRalph (RC) Cox

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comrade Spears recommended that in the future, burial details should wait until the services are completed before leaving the site, instead of leaving while the Philippine Military (or other organization) perform their rites.

Comrade Steakley reported that the FRA's FRALICS went very well, with a good golf tournament, good chili cook-off and great beauty contest.

50/50 Raffle was won by Tom Burnett.P2600 (\$65.00) was collected, P1300 to Post Bldg Fund and P1300 to the winner, Comrade Burnett donated his to General Fund.

10 - Six Members (Including 5 Cooties) attended a special re-dedication of the "HELLSHIPS MEMORIAL". There were also Five Survivors of those horrendous ships in attendance. The Members held a Flag Folding Ceremony, and presented the Flag to the eldest survivor.

25 - 5 members (All Cooties) attended the District Meeting In Bauang, La Union.

Immediately thereafter, all also attended an ANZAK Celebration. (Australian Veterans Day).

MAY 2008

14 - 27 Members attended our Monthly Post Meeting. 3 officers were absent, 2 were excused. We had no guests.

Quartermasters Report: QM Burnett presented the report. Trustees conducted an audit of QM records on 7 May.No discrepancies found.

Service Officer's Report: Service officer Alvarez reported. Life member Ralph Hess passed away on 5 May in the United States.

Past Commander Harland K. (Sandy) Saunders's health continues to decline. A contingent of nine Cooties visited him on 1 May. He is no longer able to speak. Each Cootie went in to see him on a one at a time basis, per his wishes. No Cootie came from his room dry-eyed!

Past Commander James Correll is now out of the hospital and is starting to rejoin post activities slowly.

The newly appointed Service Officer is Terry Gerken. Terry is now the Second in command at the RAO, and as such already has a desk there. Terry has served as a Service Officer at the RAO when he was RAO Director in Cebu, so he has some experience. Commander Alvarez will continue to provide Post services as Service Officer in The Post Funeral Detail, and to provide assistance to Comrade Gerken as needed.

Member or Family member in distress:NTR

Post Home Committee:PHC Chairman Cox reported.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 on 12 May by Chairman Cox. The following members were present: Commander Alvarez, Chairman Cox, PHC Members Best, QM Burnett, PHC Member Melvin "OB" O'Briant was excused

Also attending were: Canteen Manager Carmen Hendricks, JVC Wayne Gordon,

ADJ Dennis Doty, Comrade Buzz Bronson, Comrade ED Spears

Comrade Ted (Shorty) Phillips.

A. Audit and Reviews:

1. PHC Members Mike Best and RC Cox conducted Post canteen end of the month inventory and daily chips on 30 April. All 480 chips were accounted for.

2. Canteen records and funds were audited by the Trustees on 15 April, due to the change in canteen manager. Stock inventory was done at the same time.

They were also audited on 7 May.

3. PHC reviewed canteen monthly financial report and found it to be in good order.

4. Canteen Report:

Bar sales decreased.

Kitchen sales

Electric bill paid by QM

SSS paid for Sept '07 by Canteen.

5. Unpaid Bills

13th Month

SSS

5a. Comrades Phillips and Doty started an initiative to pay off old SSS payments. Each donated to pay 1 month of SSS and challenge other members to do the same. Joining the initiative were Comrades Spears, Gordon and Bronson. That leaves us about two months remaining) unpaid on SSS and the arrears for the 13th month..

Membership Committee: SVC gave the report. Life membership stands at 368, 8 new members, 32 continuous and 2 reinstated for a percentage of 96.93. No new members this month. Annual members who have not paid yet please do so; the list of names is posted on the bulletin board.

Amer-Asian Scholarship Committee: SVC Reported the Scholarship Kids are on summer vacation, and there is nothing new to report.

Buddy Poppy Chairman: Chaplain Hommel reported P 220 (\$5.24) was collected for the Relief Fund.

Seam Squirrel: Seam Squirrel Sullivan reported another good scratch. The incoming officers were installed. Donations were received from Cooties Steve Massy and Jim Boyd. He reiterated the visit to Past Commander "Sandy" and the sadness felt by all.

Web Wizard: NTR

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Building Committee:The Marmont Contract was not acceptable!

We have looked at other possibilities and have come up empty handed.

Comrades Phillips and Gordon have presented a new idea today that will be discussed in "For the good of the order"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Officers Elected for the 2008-2009 year:

OFFICEELECTED

Commander:Jose Alvarez

SVCWayne Gordon

JVCEd Spears

QuartermasterTom Burnett

AdvocateTed(Shorty) Phillips

SurgeonReid (Buzz) Bronson

ChaplinHarry Hommel

3 Yr TrusteeBob Koeppen

3 year PHCRalph (RC) Cox

All the above officers were installed in accordance with current procedures and rituals by Past Commander Jerry Bristol, with the exception of the 3 Year Trustee. 3 Year Trustee Bob Koeppen was absent and will be installed at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion was made by Comrade Phillips to accept a proposal from the owner of DREAM PLAZA. The motion was seconded by comrade Gordon.

An extended discussion followed, ending with a vote which carried.

The contract will be reviewed, and money was donated (by an anonymous donor) to pay the initial signing expense.

A motion was made by Adj. Doty to make the annual Fil / Am Day raffle prizes to be P10,000; P5,000; P 3,000 and P2,000, and to get the tickets on the market as soon as possible. Motion was seconded by Past Commander Bristol. The motion carried.

The new annual budget was introduced by Quartermaster Burnett, motion to accept by Adj. Doty, Second by Comrade Spears. The motion carried.

50/50 Raffle was won by Comrade Phillips. P2100 (\$50.00) was collected, P1050 to Post Bldg Fund and P1050 to the winner. Comrade Phillips donated his winnings to the Post to use as needed. ---Thanks Shorty!

16 - 5 Members (4 Cooties) attended a funeral for a non-member veteran in Sta. Rita.

21 - 5 Members (4 Cooties) attended a funeral for a non-member veteran in San Felipe

25 - 4 Members (all Cooties) attended a memorial service sponsored by the American Ambassador at the American Cemetery on Fort Bonifacio in Manila. The cemetery is very impressive with 17,000 World War II veterans interned there.

30 - 17 Members (8 Cooties) attended memorial services hosted by the American Legion at Clark Cemetery in Angeles City. Some of the members also visited our Namesake's grave while we were there.

Submitted by: D Doty, 7 June 2008

JUNE 2008

On 2 June Life Member and Cootie Antonio "Tony" Baucom passed away.

Life member Donald Oberloh passed away on 4 June.

Past Commander "Sandy" Saunders' health is stable.

PHC Member "OB" O'Briant is having a difficult time getting around since his hip replacement.

He would like to have visitors, but only a few at a time.

Amerasian Scholarship: Tuition has been paid. Supplies have been handed out. Fifty Students now in program, with 51 on waiting list. Students in program are now back in school following summer break. The students on the waiting list were given school supplies thanks to Seth and Carmen Hendricks.

The new Post Home will be in the Dream Plaza, National Hwy, Maitin, Subic. Construction of an outside bar and patio will begin in the next few days. \$900.00 donations received so far. More is needed to complete the area. Grand Opening is set for 4 July.

August 2008

SEP 2008:

Youth Activities Chairman Seth Hendricks reported the Annual Scholars' field trip to the water park is all set. Trip will be 20 Sept. Transportation has been arranged. Kids and adults are anxious to go! SS Sullivan remarked that donations are still needed to pay the bills. The Cooties of PT 11 donated P2000 for the field trip.

PT 11 Seam Squirrel Sullivan reported that the Cooties plan on holding a "NAVY DAY" Celebration at the Post on 13 OCT. Food, Drink, and music (possibly a Jam session) or a live band.

Venue for the C of A is the beautiful "Wild Orchid Beach Resort"

This is a 5 star hotel, and we have arranged special rates. The C of A will be held on 4 to 6 December. The theme is "A Touch of Class"

2008-2009

Post Commander - Jose Alvarez

Senior Vice Cdr - Wayne Gordon

Junior Vice Cdr - Ed Spears

Quartermaster - Tom Burnett

Outstanding Events of the Year

1. On 4 July, the new Post Home at Dream Plaza in Maitin, Subic was formally opened with a huge 4th of July celebration.
2. The annual Scholar's field trip to the water part was held on 20 September.
3. Post members observed "POW/MIA Day" in services held at American Legion Post 4 in Olongapo City.
4. Veteran's Day observed at Clark Cemetery, Hellships Memorial, and at the two American Cemeteries in Manila.
5. Commander Alvarez resigned due to health reasons. SVC Gordon assumed duties of Post Commander.
6. Post sponsored Midterm Council of Administration (CofA). It was held at the Wild Orchid Hotel and was declared as "very successful".
7. The annual "Beach Bash" went well even though participation was off from last year. Excellent reports on shirts given to scholars for the "Beach Bash" Parade.
8. Funeral service held for Filipino-American Veteran at Masinloc on 8 March.
9. Annual membership dues were increased from \$30 to \$40 to take effect on 1 January 2010.
10. An additional change to our by-laws was recommended by the Quartermaster to increase the monthly authorized expenditures for the PHC for Emergency Repairs from \$50 to \$100. Other changes included various other changes including Change of Address. These changes were reviewed by the Department Judge-Advocate Bill Wichmann. He recommended several changes to bring the By-Laws into compliance with National Standards. It reflected no change to the By-Laws, only legal wording. The proposed changes were submitted to the membership and approved.

Final Membership totals for 2008-09

Life: 367 New: 17 Rein: 5 Cont: 25 Totals: 414 100.49%

Departed Comrades:

Past Post Commander Harlan K. (Sandy) Saunders - 6 July 2008

Life Member Jack Clark - 13 July 2008

Comrade Marshal Barton - 7 October 2008

Comrade Jack McDonald - 9 November 2008

2009-2010

Post Commander - Jim Correll

Senior Vice CDR - Wayne Gordeon

Junior Vice CDR - Dennis Doty

Quartermaster - Tom Burnett

Outstanding Events of the Year

1. Family Fun BBQ Day was held on 4 July. Very Successful
2. Post members attended ceremony hosted by the Australian government and the RSL at the Hellships Memorial on 1 July.
3. Post hosted the Department Midterm Council of Administration at the Wild Orchid Hotel. It was very successful and will be proposed as a site for future Annual Conventions.

Post #11447 continues to remain very active in Barrio Barretto and the surrounding Subic Bay community.

ACTIVITY/EVENT SUMMARY

We started the new administrative year by hosting the District VII Council of Administration (CofA) on 4 July 2014. The weekend also included a Filipino-American Day Barbeque on 5 July 2014 at Mangos Resort. More than 150 members, families and guests attended the event.

The Post conducted two (2) Membership Appreciation Steak Nights in July and August. Many hours went into the planning and preparation for these efforts. More than 100 members and families participated.

Post #11447 participated in the RSL-Angeles City Long Tan Day (Vietnam Veteran's Day) Ceremony at Clark Veterans Cemetery 18 August 2014. The Aussies did a very good job!

On 22 August 2014, Post #11447 conducted a Survivor's Seminar. Packages were handed out to more than 33 veterans and spouses to help him/her prepare their papers and documentation to assist the spouse or family in the event of a members death. The seminar was so successful that the Post plans to conducted an annual seminar for all veterans in the local area.

A joint POW-MIA Ceremony was held on 19 September 2014 at American Legion Post 4 in Olongapo. Members from the VFW, American Legion and the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) all provided ritual teams for the event.

In addition to providing sponsorship and involvement in specific seasonal activities, we currently have 73 indigent children in our Scholarship Kids Program. They received more than P54,750 in school supplies and tuition assistance. This year the children, parents and chaperones attended a one day event at Ocean Adventure on 20 September 2014. Ocean Adventure, Inc. provided transportation, meals and free admission to the park. For many of the scholarship kids this was the first time they had ever been on a field trip away from home.

The Post conducted our annual Dental/Medical Outreach in Barangay New Cabalan, Olongapo 28 September 2014. This Barangay is the poorest of all the Barangays in Olongapo. We had five (5) dentists one (1) medical doctor and three (3) nurses who performed over 200 dental procedures and more than 100 medical checks. We also purchased P27,000 in medicine to include high-blood pressure medicine and antibiotics for all the dental procedures.

Many of the Post members traveled to Clark Veteran's Cemetery on 10 November 2014. It was a super ceremony followed by an excellent BBQ at VFW Post 2485. Commander Carl Burke and Past Commander John Gilbert did an excellent job.

Post #11447 traveled to Buang, La Union this year on 28-30 November 2014 to participate in Post 9892's Annual Chili Cook-Off. Once again the comrades of

Post 8982 did an exceptional job. Our hats off to Rhett Weber and all his crew for all their hard work.

VFW Post #11447 hosted the Mid-Term Council of Administration (C of A) for the Department of Pacific Areas 4-7 December 2014 at the Wild Orchid Resort in Baloy Beach, Barrio Barretto, Olongapo City. It was the largest C of A that has been held in many years within the Department.

On 13 December 2014 we held our annual Scholarship Kid's Christmas Party. More than 150 Scholarship Kids, Comrades, Children, Parents, and Family Members attended the event at Mangos in Barrio Barretto.

On January 9, 2015, several comrades from Post #11447 participated in the "70th Lingayen Gulf Landings & 8th Pangasinan Veterans' Day" in Pangasinan. Comrade Russell Sandlin from our Post built and donated a World War II Ship Collection of over 70 ships to the Pangasinan Government. Well Done Sandy!

Post #11447 participated in the RSL-Angeles City Curry Cook-Off in Angeles on 25 January 2015. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all who attended. The Aussies did a very good job!

The Post's 23rd Annual Beach Bash was held 4-8 February 2015 at Driftwood Beach in Barrio Barretto. It's the largest event conducted each year in Olongapo City. It is our largest fund-raiser of the year and it was a huge success again this year. Special Thanks to Chairwoman Carmen Hendricks for her dedicated work. This event requires months of planning.

VFW Post 11447 participated in the Fleet Reserve Association Chili Cook-Off on 10 April 2015 in San Antonio, Zambales. The Post's Chili Cook-off team placed 3rd out of 11 teams.

The Post participated in the RSL-Subic ANZAC Day Ceremony in Barrio Barretto on 25 April 2015. A wreath was laid on behalf of the 100th Anniversary.

Post #11447 worked with Mayor Rolan Paulino of Olongapo City to help restart a "Little League Baseball Program". The Post donated more than P5,500 to the program. We continue to look for donations of baseball equipment and money to start up the program. Forty children are currently signed up and many more are expected. The Philippines used to be a "power-house" when the U. S. Military was here and once again it hopes to become a force in the World Little League Championships.

SUMMARY OF TRADITIONAL POST ACTIVITIES

In addition to the specific events summarized above - the Post held all monthly meetings as required by the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Post #11447 honored the memory of our fallen comrades by conducting seventeen (17) funerals so far this year.

Our Post continues to serve the veterans in the Subic Bay Area. We have hosted seven (7) monthly VA Outreach Sessions this year - averaging over 60 veterans and more than 100 transactions during each full session to include Letters of Authorizations (LOAs), vaccines, e-benefits registration, scheduling of appointments and counseling. Each session has been a full house. This has saved our veterans and the VA

thousands of dollars by bringing the service to the local community and not requiring veterans to have to travel hours to the VA Medical Center in Manila.

We had a VERY active Hospital Program this year. The Post Hospital Report through 30 April 2015 is as follows: 455 Visits by 542 Comrades to 958 Patients for 1,580 Hours and 17,008 Miles. This gives us a total for the year of \$38, 121.83. The Hospital Chairman expects the Post to exceed more than \$42,000 in total contributions for the year. This will be the largest annual total in the history of Post 11447.

Our Post approved funding for \$300 to support the three (3) Department of Pacific Area Programs: (1) Voice of Democracy, (2) Patriot's Pen and (3) Teacher of the Year Award.

Post #11447 has participated in all District VII and Department of Pacific meetings this year. We hosted the District VII 1st Council of Administration (C of A) for the year on 4 July 2014 and the Department of Pacific Areas Mid-Year Council of Administration on 4 - 7 December 2014.

Post #11447 completed ALL required National Programs for the year. Our Post has completed all the Department of Pacific Area requirements for All-State Post.

Our Post membership at National currently stands at 410 or 100.73% (+3). We expect to end the year with 6 Gold Life Legacy Members, 1 Silver Life Legacy Member and 1 Bronze Life Legacy Member.

We haven't stopped for the year - but we are already looking forward to another great year next year! Thanks to Commander "Bear" Hudson and all the Department of Pacific Area Officers and Chairman for their hard work and dedication. We the members in Paul P. Busek Post 11447 will always continue to "FIGHT FOR OUR VETS".

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