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**TO: Governing Body (Staff) and Members**

**SUBJECT: Cancellation of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Event 30 April 2021**

**Fellow Staff and Members of Post 10217:**

**Due to recent COVID-19 infection rates convincing the Thai Government to impose new travel, health, and safety restrictions on local businesses, like Korat Hotel.**

**The hotel Director of Sales, Sukanya Smith, and her staff went out of their way to meet our needs and more, but in sharing our celebration with our VFW comrades in Thailand, most of whom live in the COVID-19 Red Zones, they feared the uncertainty government restrictions would do in travelling to Korat. Who can blame our VFW brothers and sisters in cancelling their participation because of that fear? Therefore, all face-to-face events were cancelled and what can be done online will be.**

**Our effort to put on a celebration of 120 people over the last 9 months got stopped again. But that does not mean a 50 Year Anniversary Celebration is impossible! We learned some lessons and the main lesson is that what ever we plan to do it must stay in our control! Amen?**

**Like me, our committee members are ready for a break from the influence of COVID! We will come together soon to discuss what we learned and record it so we can work smarter, not harder on the next idea pursued!**

**50 years is a significant mark in a life of anything worth celebrating! Therefore, we will discuss our options and how we will move forward from this point.**

**We would like to thank our Post 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for all their efforts in the planning and near executing of those plans! All of our members spent countless hours and a little money in their efforts but overall, we came out of the cancellation with minimum loss.**

**We would also like to thank those of you who had planned to attend our function and participate in celebrating the 50 years of continuous service as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Chartered Post in Korat. We exist because of your membership! God's blessings to you all for your faithfulness!**

**Respectfully yours in comradeship,**



**William Chapman  
Commander and Co-Chairman  
VFW Post 10217**



**David L. Borchers  
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