



Pup Tent History

**Maeng Das - Pup Tent # 6
Thailand / Cambodia**

Parent Organization: VFW Post 9951

Chartered: 1 September 1988



Affiliate Posts: VFW Posts 9876 Pattaya, 10217 Korat, 10249 Udorn,

Pup Tent 6 was originally called Taotaomonas and was located in Guam when it merged with the Bull Conchs - Pup Tent 3. The number was subsequently reassigned to the new Pup Tent in Thailand

- Maeng Das - Pup Tent 6 was established in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The Supreme Commander was Robert (Boss) Cortright.
- All Posts, in Thailand are currently represented in the Pup Tent.
- The Pup Tent Scratches are held in conjunction with the District V meetings and rotate locations among the affiliate posts.

The name Maeng Das actually has two (2) meaning.

1. In the Thai language Maeng Das commonly refers to a pimp.
2. The Second meaning and preferred interpretation, (at least for most of our members) refers to a Rice Bug (Water Beetle) that is considered by the Thai's to be a delicacy.

Although Post 9951 is considered to be the birth place for Maeng Das - Pup Tent # 6 the actual institution ceremony and installation of shavetails was held at T.J.'s Steak House in

Udon, Thailand. Tommy Thompson who was referred to by many as Mr. VFW along with Dick Vileo were the main cogs in the wheel and instrumental in establishing Pup Tent 6 as it is known today.

In 2000 VFW Post 11575 fell under the jurisdiction of District V and we added the fertile hunting grounds of Phnom Phen, Cambodia to our seams.

In 2010 VFW Post 12074 located in Chiang Mai, Thailand also came on board.

***Term 2011-2012 Awarded All State Pup Tent
Award for Highest Membership over 100%
127.99% Supreme Hospital Program***

Term 2012-2013

In 2012; 100% of our members also became members of the Grave Diggers, in support of the Clark Cemetery in the Philippines.

Thanks to the generous donation from B.K. Hubbard Pup Tent 6 is able to continue making donations to charities throughout Thailand. Each quarter, Cooties of the Host Post may select a local charity to be the recipient of a small yet meaningful donation from the Pup Tent.

At our scratch in August we donated some badly needed supplies to the Thampakorn Home (Senior Citizens Center) in Nakhon Ratchasima (Korat) Thailand .

At our November scratch held in Udon we had a special request from the Bamboo School located near Kanchanaburi and we honored their request by providing them with \$350 to start a Mushroom Farm project. The school is located in Bong Ti on the Border of Myanmar and Thailand. The school informed PT6 that the Mushroom farm is doing well and soon the school will be able to sell their product and buy school supplies for the students.

Also at our November Scratch we provided a few supplies to the Udonthani Home for Girls. Located @ 9 km South of Udon on Hwy 2, it is currently home for approximately 400 orphans from 19 provinces in Northeastern Thailand. The children's ages range from infant to 18 years old.

At our February Scratch in Phnom Penh we voted and approved a \$1,200 donation for one cabin for the Wounded Warrior Cruise (46th Special Forces Company. \$200 donation was also given to assist landmine victims, a project supported by VFW Post 11575.

Just in time for our May scratch, Al Fitchett returned from the states with the latest and greatest Pup Tent Pin ever seen. And to add a little more fun to our otherwise dull and uneventful gatherings he also returned with some Pup Tent 6 challenge coins.

Also at our May scratch a \$200 donation was given to Post 12074 to support the Thai Veterans (coats and blanket program) in the Chiang Mai region.

Cootie Al Fitchett took over as the Webmaster for the District V website. He added a nice page for the Cooties with links to the SHAVETAILS in each of the posts that make up Pup Tent 6

***Term 2012-2013 Awarded All Star Pup Tent
Awarded Certificate of Distinction for Achieving
100% + 2 in Membership by 31 Dec.***

2012/2013 Officers

- Seam Squirrel-Bob Owens
- Blanket Bum-Pat Clark
- Hide Gimlet-Bert Marohl
- Custodian of Crummy Duffle Bag-Bear Hudson
- Tight Wad 1 Year-Ray Papp

- Tight Wad 2 Year-Sai Maher
- Tight Wad 3 Year-Burt Nestle
- Hungry Cootie-Ken Miller
- Pill Pusher-Sai Maher
- Sky Pilot-Tom Tom Cowperthwaite
- Keeper of Crummy Records-Ken Miller
- Membership Chairman-Bear Hudson
- Hospital Chairman-Bert Marohl

Term 2013-2014

Our August scratch was hosted by VFW Post 9876 in Pattaya, Bear Hudson returned from the Grand Scratch in Cebu, Philippines with awards for All Star Pup Tent and Outstanding Hospital Chairman for the 2012-2013 term and a few personal awards for our shave tails.

A donation was also given to Post 9876 to enhance their charity work for the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital.

VFW Post 9951 in Bangkok Thailand hosted our November scratch. On the 8th of November Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Tacloban, Leyte Areas of the Philippines. Many fellow Cooties and VFW members were directly affected and lost everything they had. \$1,000 along with another \$1,000 donation from District V was donated towards the disaster relief fund set up by the Department of Pacific.

VFW Post 10217 hosted our February Scratch in Nongkon Ratchasima (Korat) Thailand. Nominations and elections were held and a donation was given to Post 10217 to enhance their charity work at the Senior Citizens Center. Past Supreme Commander Marty Ellingwood and Current Grand of Pacific Commander Darin Combs were on hand to help initiate two (2) new nits and all had a good time.

The May scratch was hosted by AFTN Memorial Post 10249 in Udorn Thailand. Cootie Homer Kemper of Japan was welcomed as our guest and he joined the SHAVETAILS of Udon on a couple of home visits to our homebound veterans. A donation was given to Post 10249 and will be used to purchase educational toys and day care products for a nursery school located at Ban Bung Gaew @ 85km SE of Udorn.

2013/2014 Officers

- Seam Squirrel-Bob Owens
- Blanket Bum-Bert Marohl
- Hide Gimlet-Al Fitchett
- Custodian of Crummy Duffle Bag-Bear Hudson
- Tight Wad 1 Year-Ray Papp
- Tight Wad 2 Year-Burt Nestle
- Tight Wad 3 Year-Barry Moshinsky
- Hungry Cootie-Ken Miller
- Pill Pusher-Fred Berg
- Sky Pilot-Tom Tom Cowperthwaite
- Keeper of Crummy Records-Ken Miller
- Membership Chairman-Bear Hudson
- Hospital Chairman-Al Fitchett

8 – 12 June 2014, The Department of Pacific Areas Convention and Grand Scratch were held in Pattaya City, Thailand. Despite the military coup and curfew all had a good time.

PT # 6 Selected as All Star Pup Tent, Grand of Pacific

***Hospital Reporting achieved 268.47% of our quota.
Bert Marohl Hospital Chairman***

Term 2014-2015

VFW Post 12074 in Chiang Mai hosted our August scratch, a donation was provided to Post 12074 and will be used to purchase blankets for the Thai Veterans in the Chiang Mai area. Five (5) new nits crawled into our seams and already PT #6 has achieved the Supreme membership goal for this term.

Hospital awards were passed out to those present. Cooties Al Fitchett and Bert Marohl topped the list with 77 visits each.

News Hound Marohl was also awarded 1st place in the Supreme MOC Publications Contest in the Grand Publications division for the Rim of Fire.

The November scratch will be hosted by Post 11575 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Cootie Kemper's membership transfer was approved. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Post's Landmine Project and an additional donation of @ \$315.00 was also approved to provide the Bamboo School with a new oven.

VFW Post 9876 hosted our February 2015 Scratch in Pattaya City. Nominations and elections were held and a donation was given to Post 9876 to enhance their charity work with the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Cootie Homer Kemper elected as the SS for next term, and the date of the May Scratch was changed to Saturday so that members could attend a Vietnam War ceremony being organized in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

In Feb 2015 VFW Post 12146 Ban Chang (Rayong) was added to our seams. Mike "Coop" Cooperman was the first Cootie to enter our seams from Post 12146.

The May scratch was hosted by VFW Post 9951 in Bangkok, Thailand.

PT # 6 Selected as All Star Pup Tent, Grand of Pacific

PT 6 led the way in Hospital Reporting achieving 280% of our quota. Al Fitchett selected as the Outstanding Hospital Chairman for the Grand of Pacific.

Ken Miller selected as the Outstanding Hungry Cootie for this term and Bear Hudson was selected as the Outstanding CCDB

2014/2015 Officers

- Seam Squirrel-Bob Owens
- Blanket Bum-Bert Marohl
- Hide Gimlet-Al Fitchett
- Custodian of Crummy Duffle Bag-Bear Hudson
- Tight Wad 1 Year- Burt Nestle
- Tight Wad 2 Year- Barry Moshinsky
- Tight Wad 3 Year- Ray Papp
- Hungry Cootie-Ken Miller
- Pill Pusher-Billy Horner
- Sky Pilot-Tom Tom Cowperthwaite
- Keeper of Crummy Records-Ken Miller
- Membership Chairman-Bear Hudson
- Hospital Chairman-Al Fitchett

Term 2015-2016

VFW Post 10217 hosted our August Scratch at the Sima Thani Hotel in Nongkon Ratchasima (Korat) Thailand.

AFTN Memorial Post 10249 in Udorn Thailand hosted the November scratch. A \$100 donation was made to the post in support of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand scholarship program for children of deceased or disabled Thai Veterans. Long time Cootie Forest A. Williams of Post 10249 Passed away in December 2015

Post 12146 hosted the Mid-Term CofA and we joined together to have a lot of fun at the annual Cootie Auction and Social.

In February our Hungry Cootie, George (Ken) Miller passed away in Pattaya City. Ken was a member of Post 9876.

Post 11575 hosted the February Scratch in Phnom Penh, we elected a new Hungry Cootie and shavetails were elected for the 2016-2017 term. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Post's Landmine Project.

For the May Scratch we travelled to Pattaya City where Post 9876 hosted the District Convention. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Hand to Hand Project, and Ron Monninger and Richard Baird joined our ranks as new cooties.

The 50th Anniversary and Grand Scratch was convened at the PornPing Tower in Chiang Mai hosted by Post 12074. PT 6 was named as an All Star Pup Tent and received recognition for the 1st Pup Tent to reach 100% awards were also given out to our 100% Hospital Workers.

2015/2016 Officers

- Seam Squirrel-Homer Kemper
- Blanket Bum-Fred Berg
- Hide Gimlet-Barry Moshinsky
- Custodian of Crummy Duffle Bag-Bear Hudson
- Tight Wad 1 Year- Barry Moshinsky
- Tight Wad 2 Year- Ray Papp
- Tight Wad 3 Year- Burt Nestle
- Hungry Cootie-~~Ken Miller~~ Coop Cooperman
- Pill Pusher-Billy Horner
- Sky Pilot-Ed Stostack
- Keeper of Crummy Records--~~Ken Miller~~ Coop Cooperman
- Membership Chairman-Bear Hudson
- Hospital Chairman-Barry Moshinsky

Term 2016-2017

Post 12146 Hosted our August Scratch held at the Camel Pub in Ban Chang, a \$100.00 donation was provided to the post to help support their charity, Wat Sumnatan Disabled Children's Home. DPA Commander Moses was in attendance.

2016/2017 Officers

- Seam Squirrel-Homer Kemper
- Blanket Bum-Fred Berg
- Hide Gimlet-Barry Moshinsky
- Custodian of Crummy Duffle Bag-Bear Hudson
- Tight Wad 1 Year- Ray Papp
- Tight Wad 2 Year- Ron Monninger
- Tight Wad 3 Year- Burt Nestle
- Provost Marshall-Al Fitchett
- Hungry Cootie-Michael Cooperman
- Pill Pusher-Robert Owens
- Sky Pilot-Robert Owens
- Keeper of Crummy Records-Michael Cooperman
- Hospital Chairman-Barry Moshinsky