

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting was called to order by President Jim Murray at 1940 hours on October 5, 2016 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
No	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Treasurer
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
No	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Rich Zayat (Fr. Guido)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller (Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Gary Vandebos (Names)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Howard "Weebles" Bushnell	Assist. Secretary/Communications
No	Kandice Jacobs	Assistant Secretary/Membership

2016 Events:

Apr 20	DuPage Homeless Veterans Taskforce Seminar.
Apr 21	Veterans Job Fair at Soldier Field
Apr 30	Giving Back Poker Run
May 7	Gun Bash
May 28	Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom
May 30	Essence of Freedom Run (Popeye)
Jun 18	Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run
Jul 2	Military Appreciation Night at Kane County Cougars
Jul 9	Remembering Our Heroes Ride
Jul 13	Homeless Veteran Stand Down
Jul 13	Honor Flight
Jul 23	Forest Park Vet Fest
Jul 30	Welcome Home Vets (Cage)
Jul 30-31	Turning Back Time Car and Bike Show
Aug 10	Honor Flight
Aug 13	Goodstock Music Festival
Aug 20	LaSalle Chair of Honor dedication
Aug 21	Hines VA Hospital
Aug 27	Warrior Brotherhood Vet Fest
Sep 11	9/11 Patriot Run - Rolling Thunder IL1
Sep 24	Plaque Dedication, Paris, IL
Oct 9	ABATE Run
Nov 11	Veterans Day at Concord

Meeting began with President Murray leading 24 members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Rolling Thunder Mission Statement was read.

Three October POW/MIA personnel were named and a moment of silence was observed for them.

GUEST

Wally Elliot from DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Visited and addressed the membership with details about their annual food & toy run on October 9.

BOARD MEMBERS

Names: We will meet at Fox River HD @ 10am, KSU @ 1030 for the ABATE Run. Bring canned goods and unwrapped toy to donate.

Thank you to everyone that helped with BTR, it was a great event. Concord Place Nov 11 for dinner and vest dedication at 3:00pm.

Fester

Fester read the treasury balance. Our Veterans Assistance Program has spent \$6854 on needy Veterans so far this year.

Cage

We will again be partnering with MSHV to prepare Thanksgiving meals for needy Veterans. I am waiting for them to reply with the number of families we will be helping this year.

Popeye

Hats off to Hawk & Fallout for the Paris, IL Event.

Weebles

Summarized the Paris, IL POW memorial event with details of the weekend. Great job by Hawk & Fallout.

BB

We have received 20 applications for assistance since the program started. \$6845 spent so far. We are working with Kane, Will & Dupage counties VAC.

We received a \$17000 grant to purchase washing machines for LaSalle Veterans Home.

Snipe

Our Christmas Party will be Dec 7, and we need people to step up and help with setting this up, getting food etc.

The Manteno Ride is Nov 6. We donate \$1500 every year and get priority position.

Good of the Order:

LT: Mrs Dibble donated \$1000 for the 3rd year in a row.

WIZ

On Oct 14, Pulte Homes will be groundbreaking for a disabled Veteran, and would like as many bikes as possible to be there.

Meeting was adjourned at 2050 Hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Thomas
Recording Secretary,
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1