

# Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### October 4, 2017

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Board Meeting was called to order by President Jim Murray at 1944 hours on October 4, 2017 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
Yes	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Treasurer
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer
Yes	Wendy Vach	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
No	Richard Zayat (Fr. Guido)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller(Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Howard “Weebles” Bushnell	Assist. Secretary/Communications

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Murray. A moment of silence was observed for the three Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of October during the Viet Nam War and the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

**Guests**

Carl Pedersen from Little Smoke was present. Little Smoke is an organization that runs events with the proceeds going to not for profit organizations such as Honor Flight, Support Our Troops and Pete’s is for Patriots. Carl runs one big event which is held in September and smaller events each quarter. Carl was brought to the meeting by Cage. His contact information is [carl.pedersen1467@gmail.com](mailto:carl.pedersen1467@gmail.com).

Also in attendance was a friend of Kandace, Bob Carlson from Darien. Bob is a Vietnam Vet and signed up to be a member of RTCH1. Welcome aboard Bob.

**Richard “Popeye” Montgomery**

Popeye reminded everyone that the main mission of our chapter is the POW/MIA issue and we need to get more focused in this area. The vote was unanimous to allot a specific amount to this mission.

In regards to the POW/MIA mission, Cosmo and Fallout are still working with Carol Stream on their memorial which will take place sometime next year.

If anyone has ideas for future memorials please contact Cosmo or Fallout.

### **Board Member Knute Weick**

Knute announced that he will be one of three military members honored on the ice during the singing of the National Anthem at the Blackhawks game this Saturday @ 1930. Congratulations Knute on this honor.

### **Board Member Gary “Names” Vandebos**

Names reminded everyone that this Sunday is the ABATE Toys for Tots ride which starts at Knuckleheads. Anyone wanting to ride should meet at the Shell gas station at Rts. 47 and 64 @ 930 with KSU at 1000.

### **Board Member Bill “BB” Houghtaling**

BB brought up the Veteran’s Assistance Program and a request for more funds to finish off till the end of the year. A motion carried to allow more funds for the VAP.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> from 900 to 1700 The Buffalo Range will be holding a Pumpkin Shoot with all proceeds going to four organizations. Our chapter is one that will benefit from this event. The event will be at the Buffalo Range Shooting Park, 1252 N 2803<sup>rd</sup> Rd., Ottawa, IL. It would be nice for members to show up since we are one the recipients. For more information go to: [www.buffalorangeshootingpark.com](http://www.buffalorangeshootingpark.com).

### **Board Member Kandice “Playground” Jacobs**

We will be providing 25 needy veteran families with Thanksgiving baskets this year. MSHV is providing the names. Baskets will be filled and delivered on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Members should show up at the VFW on Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1000 to pack boxes. Immediately following, we will then need volunteers to deliver the boxes to the families.

### **Treasurer Tom “Fester” Woosley**

Fester presented the Treasurer’s Report to the members present. BTR was a success with a profit this year.

## **Open Discussion**

**Cage** wanted everyone to know that our Facebook page posted the 50 State Tour pictures and it was a huge hit with people not only viewing our page, but also sharing pictures. This was also the first time all three Chapters in Illinois were together at one time. Everyone should check it out.

**Tim** brought up the fact that we need more practice on doing the Remembrance Table since we have so many new members. It was decided that we will periodically do rehearsals at meetings so we are uniform as a group.

**LT** presented our Chapter with a check from our benefactor, Jackie Dibble. Ms. Dibble has contributed to RTCH1 for years.

**Weebles** wants to remind everyone of our upcoming Remembrance Table Ceremony at the West Chicago American Legion in downtown West Chicago on Nov. 11. An email will be going out with the exact address and time.

All photos of prior events will be on our Website soon so keep checking for those.

5 chapter members escorted the Memorial Wall to Des Plaines in September

## **Recap of upcoming events:**

**10/07** – ABATE Toys for Tots Ride

**10/14** – Buffalo Range Pumpkin Shoot in Ottawa

**11/11** – Remembrance Table at West Chicago American Legion

**11/19** – Thanksgiving Baskets at the Warrenville VFW

**12/16** – Christmas Party

Meeting was adjourned at 1238 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach  
Recording Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1