

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2018

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Board Meeting was called to order by President Jim Murray at 1954 hours on January 3, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Murray. Snipe read our mission statement followed by a moment of silence for the three Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of January during the Viet Nam War.

Guests

- Lauren Kearney, Tim’s daughter, was on leave from the Navy and joined her dad at the meeting.
- Fireman Steve brought his grandson Austin to observe the meeting tonight.
- Paul Schifferer, Commander of Combat Vets IL 24-2 and friend of Tim, joined us. Combat Vets is an organization with the motto, “Vets helping Vets”. Paul proposed that our organizations start looking for more ways to work together doing events and fundraisers throughout the year.

Chapter President James “Snipe” Murray

Snipe and Names presented Weebles with a farewell plaque for his service to the chapter over the years.

Members that have yet to pay their yearly dues, please get them paid.

BB and Hardcore are writing a grant to apply for money to be used to help various area Veteran’s homes.

Snipe informed us that Bob Lawrence and the Sandwich American Legion Riders, Post 181 will be hosting a “Bowling for Veterans” event on January 27th at Idle Hour Lanes in Sandwich IL. All proceeds of this event are to benefit RTIL1. Snipe encouraged members that are not going to be selling Gun Bash tickets at Pheasant Run that day, to participate in this event. A flyer for this event is below.

Chapter Vice President Gary “Names” Vandebos

Names reminded everyone that Saturday January 27th and Sunday January 28th we will be selling 2018 Gun Bash tickets at the Pheasant Run Bike Show and Swap Meet. Popeye will be sending out more information on this event in the near future.

Board Member Bill “BB” Houghtaling

BB provided an update on the Lotto grant that he has been working hard on. The grant has been applied for and has some rigid requirements on how the money can be used.

BB made a motion for the initial funding of the 2018 Veteran’s Assistance Program for \$5,700.00. This motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

The 2018 Gun Bash has been finalized. The date is Saturday May 12th at Fox River Harley during their Birthday Bash celebration. We will be selling 600 tickets and raffling 28 guns. Tickets will be submitted for printing on 04-Jan-2018 and will be available for sale shortly there after.

Board Member Rick “Cosmo” Herr

Cosmo gave an update on the current status of the Carol Stream Memorial. Father Guido has requested to help out on this project and is most welcome. Cosmo asked if anyone else is interested in helping out on this project to let him or Fallout know.

Board Member Al “Shadow” Miller

Shadow went over the VAP expenditures that helped out 34 veterans in need in 2017.

Treasurer Tom “Fester” Woosley

Fester presented the Treasurer’s Report to the members present. Announced member Dina Derman gave a monetary donation to the chapter.

Open Discussion

Hardcore informed the chapter that a date of January 20th has been set for us to visit the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, 104 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago. Names will check with RTIL2 to see if they are interested in attending and to get a headcount. Snipe will be sending out a notice with more information on this outing.

Fallout informed the chapter of a gun show put on by the Pioneer Valley Sportsman Association at the DuPage County Fair grounds where we will be able to sell Gun Bash tickets. This event will be held on Sunday, 04-Feb-2018. If you would like to help sell tickets at this event, please contact Fallout.

Discussed having 100 - 18"x24" yard signs made up for Veterans Crisis Line and sponsored by Rolling Thunder. Signs would be placed in various areas (public and private land where permitted) to bring another form of awareness for Veterans to get help. This will be in addition to the four billboards that are put up each year.

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

Weebles gave a farewell speech. He is moving to Florida and will be discontinuing his role in Rolling Thunder.

Recap of upcoming events:

01/20 - Trip to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library

01/27&28 – Selling Gun Bash tickets at Bike Show and Swap Meet at Pheasant Run

01/27 - Bowling for Veterans at Idle Hour Lanes in Sandwich IL

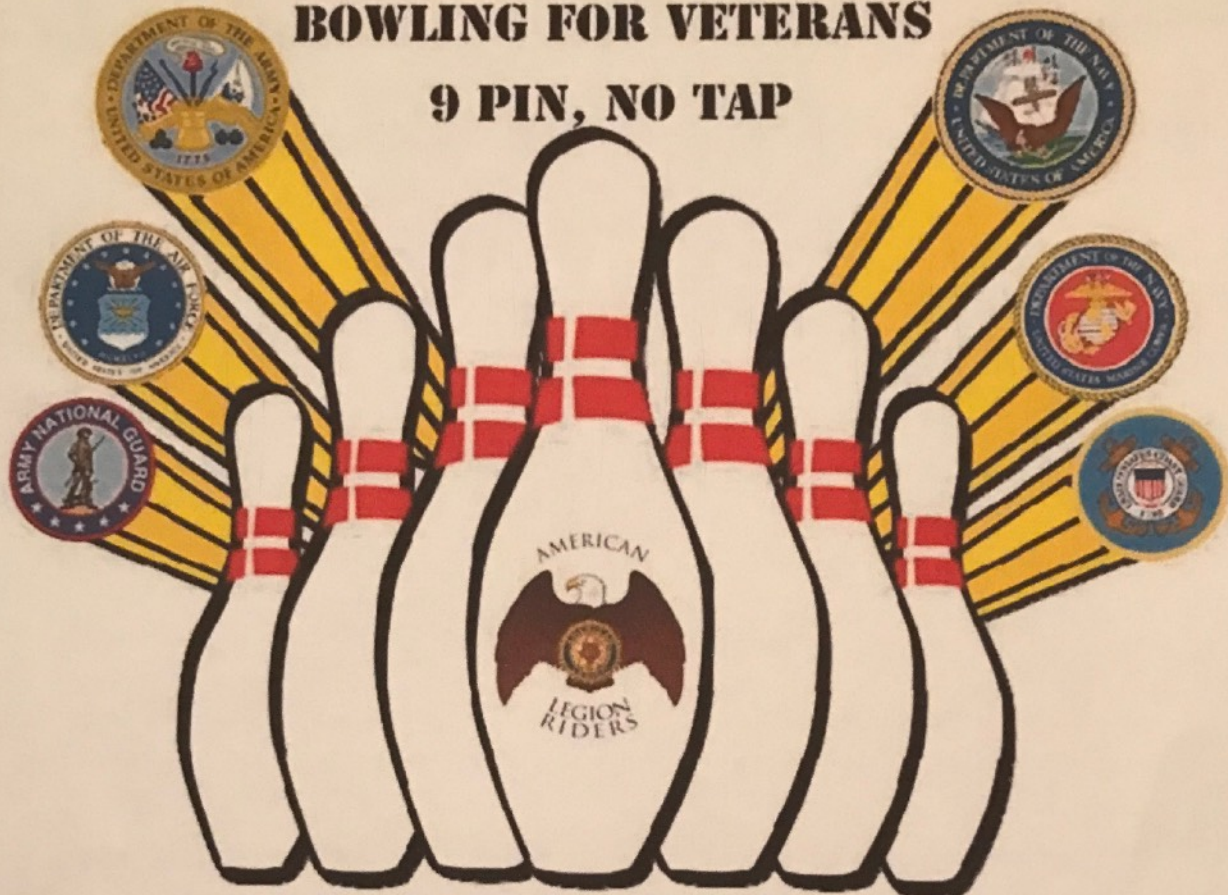
02/04 – Selling Gun Bash tickets at the Pioneer Valley Sportsman Association Gun Show @ DuPage County Fairgrounds.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rick Herr
For
Wendy Vach
Recording Secretary
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1

BOWLING FOR VETERANS

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The Sandwich American Legion Riders, Post 181

Invite you to come out and Bowl for a great cause.

January 27, 2018

Bowling Start Times at 4 and 7

\$20 to enter

For Information contact:

Bob & Sandy Lawrence: (815) 786-8334

Event will Take Place: Idle Hour Lanes

927 E Railroad Street, Sandwich, IL

Proceeds to Benefit: **ROLLING THUNDER**

**50/50
Raffles!**

**Cash
Prizes For
1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Place bowlers!**

