

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes January 3,2024

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Al “Shadow” Miller at 1940 hours at the Warrenville VFW.

Chapter Board

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al “Shadow” Miller	President
Yes	Kandice “PG” Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Rick “Cosmo” Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Jim “Snipe” Murray	Secretary
Yes	Knut Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach	Director
No	Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord	Director
No	Greg “Rooster” Messler	Director
Yes	Keith “Stretch” Stengler	Director
Yes	Dave “Roadie Dave” Skinner	Director
No	Sue Price	Director

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Miller. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of January.

Shadow

- Reported that National would like all chapters to work with local schools, Fire and Police Departments to provide them with POW/MIA flags. National also asks that we continue with Remembrance Chair installations and Street sign honors. (See below for more information on Street Signs.
- Looking for Street Names and Chairs suggestions.
- Presented Rocker and Eagle patches to Andrew & Kris Augelli. Congratulations!



Cos

- Informed the chapter of our bank account status starting the 2024.
- With the assistance of our assistant treasurer, Gary Stengler, has begun the process of end of year reporting with National and the IRS.
- Made a motion to the chapter regarding setting a spending amount for VAP and POW/MIA issues. Motion passed.
- Made a motion to contribute \$1,200 to our VFW. Motion passed.
- Listed events that the chapter was involved with during the year. See Below.

Dragonfly:

- Looking to distribute posters for the upcoming GunBash.
- Tickets for the GunBash are available. Please take what you can sell month to month. We need to keep better control over ticket distribution.

Knute:

- Apologized to the chapter over the confusion of trying to change dates for the January meeting. The board wanted to push the meeting a week out and sent mail to the chapter regarding that. However, we were not able to contact the VFW for room availability and had to stay with the original date.

Pug Patterson: *Honorary Street Sign Progress*

- All four road selections have been approved by IDOT and the resolutions have been writing, proofed by the committee, and are in writing in Springfield. The next step is for the resolutions to be read and approved at both the House and Senate level. Once they are approved, word will be sent to IDOT to make the signs. We will be informed with the resolutions are to be read so we can pass the information on to the families as I know some of them do want to be there for the reading.
- We have made contact with three of the four families and have messages out to the fourth family and what we are doing has been very well received.
- Once we have the dates when the signs are to be finished we can start planning the road dedications, and even though two of them are close together we want to be sure they each have their own dates. This is their time to be recognized and they should not have to share it. We have also started reaching out to other groups to let them know what is going and they have indicated a desire to be in attendance and will help start spreading the word as soon as we have dates.
- The roads that have been selected are:
 - Aurora
 - SFC Ogden Neil Thompson - Rt 25 from Sullivan Rd to Ashland Ave.
 - PFC Wayne Wilder Hill - Rt 31 from Sullivan Rd to Ashland Ave.
 - Mooseheart
 - SSG Robert Dale Herreid - Rt 31 from Mooseheart Rd to Main St.
 - West Chicago
 - SFC Theodore Alexander Katsoolias - Hwy 59 from Rt 38 to Rt 64

Pockets Lee:

- Suggested that the chapter work to get our name out to the local VFWs and American Legions and let them know what we contribute to the Veteran community. Shadow concurred with the suggestion.

Popeye:

- Reminded the chapter that we are still looking for dues

Jim "Snipe" Murray - Secretary

"Don't just join. Be involved."

	2023 Chapter Activities
1/28/2023	Bowling for Veterans Sandwich ALR
3/05/2023	Save-A-Joe Bowling for Veterans
4/16/2023	WWII Vet 100 Yr B-Day Drive by Parade Corporal Richard Miller
4/17/2023	Chris Patterson Re-Internment Funeral
5/21/2023	Fisher House Bike Run
5/21/2023	32 nd Annual Rhubarb Festival (Performed Remembrance Table Ceremony)
5/23/2023	Military/Veteran 101 Seminar - Chappy
5/24/2023	Setting 500 Flags for Memorial Day Celebration at Warrenville VFW
5/25/2023	MOUSA Stand-by-me Heroes Townhall Suicide & Solutions
5/28/2023	Rolling Thunder XXXIV Mid-America POW/MIA Parade
5/30/2022	Kingston Memorial Day Ceremony
6/17/2023	Annual Freedom Run
6/24/2023	Craig & Dan Price Memorial Ride
7/01/2023	Northlake POW/MIA Monument Dedication
7/29/2023	2023 Gun Bash Chapter Fundraiser
8/5/2023	Film- "Trauma Comes Home" with Chappy
8/11/2023	Windy City Thunderbolts benefitting the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 84
8/12/2023	Chris Patterson Memorial Motorcycle Ride
8/26/2023	1 st Annual Pig-Gig Chapter Fundraiser
9/02/2023	IL Chapter 1 2nd Annual Fallen Members Ride
9/15/2023	Warrenville VFW POW/MIA Monument Dedication
9/16/2023	Armed Forces Ride (supporting Sandwich VFW)
9/17/2023	IL Ch 2 Thunder Run
10/8/2023	DuKane ABATE Toy & Food Run
10/14/2023	Save-a-Joe Pub Crawl
10/28/2023	Repatriation of WWII Hero LT Edward McGuire
11/11/2023	IL Chapter 1 Veterans Day Table Ceremony performed at West Chicago American Legion
11/19/2022	Deliver Thanksgiving Meals to needy Veterans
12/6/2022	IL Chapter 1 Christmas Party and Toys 4 Tots collection
12/16/2023	Wreath Placement Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Elwood, IL