

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes August 7, 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 |
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| 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 |
| Yes | Sue “Stumbler” Price | Director |
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The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Miller. Our Mission Statement and POW/MIAs for the month were read by Knute. Chappy said an opening prayer.

Shadow:

- Told the chapter of the availability of the BTR flyers and asked members to distribute.
- Asked chapter members to volunteer to staff the run stops for BTR
- Knute and Shadow presented a Chapter Coin to Doug “Skippy” Mahar for his work as a past president of the chapter and his continued support of the chapter.



Cos:

- Informed the chapter of our bank account status as of the end of July. As always, any member looking for specific chapter financial information should contact Cos.

Knute:

- Reminded the chapter that next month (September meeting) is elections for some board positions. Members were informed that they could volunteer for positions or nominate someone. Anyone nominated must be present or have previously consented to the nomination. The following are positions available and current nominations. Nominations are still needed for Secretary and two Director positions:

| <i>Positions</i> | <i>Nominations</i> |
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| o Vice President | Kandice “Playground” Jacobs |
| o Secretary | TBD |
| o Director (4) | Dave “Roadie” Skinner Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach |

Stumbler:

- Informed the chapter that Iron Gate would be a part of BTR2024

Roadie Dave:

- Worked the room to get volunteers for the various positions needed in order for the BTR to be successful.
- Reminded the chapter of the Chris Patterson Memorial Ride this coming Saturday.

PG:

- Talked with the chapter regarding a request from Genoa to join them for POW/MIA Remembrance Day on 9/20. We were asked to do a Remembrance Ceremony. Due to distance and being a Friday, membership availability would not support a full table ceremony. Knute will look into what he has to provide a scaled down presentation.
- Let the membership know that the Chapter Memorial Ride will be held on October 6th.
- Thanked the chapter for the turnout at Ozinga Field for the Windy City Thunderbolts Veteran’s night. They were very appreciative of our support.

LT:

- LT thanked the chapter for their presence at the Sugar Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday the 4th of August. LT is a member of that church and the church wanted to recognize our chapter’s community involvement at their service.
- LT held a brief Remembrance table practice in preparation for the BTR. A more detailed practice will be held at the September meeting. All participants that signed up are expected to be at that practice.

Chappy:

- Talked about the progress being made with the Veterans Community Center. Chappy mentioned that they have procured enough furniture for 50 rooms however they need a place to store it until the actual facility is decided upon and ready to furnish. Currently they are incurring monthly storage fees. Mayor Rod Craig of Hanover Park, will introduce the VCC project at the Illinois Mayor’s Conference in the hopes that they will be able to secure a vacant structure that will fit the needs of the VCC. Chappy also mentioned that the initiative will take \$200,000 over the first two years but approximately an additional 1 million to be independent. One constant stream of money would come from an onsite supply store, however individual monthly donors are being sought. A suggested donation would be \$25/month for 24 months.

Guests:

The Family of 2nd Lt Porter who was laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery on June 10th, attended our meeting to thank the chapter for their support in escorting 2nd Lt Porter to his final resting place.

*Upcoming Chapter Events- All of these events are noted on the Chapter Calendar with more information.
Rollingthunderill.com – select calendar events from menu.*

| <i>DATE</i> | <i>EVENT</i> | <i>CHAIR</i> | |
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| <i>Aug 10</i> | <i>Chris Patterson Memorial Ride</i> | <i>Tug Patterson</i> | |
| <i>Sep 4</i> | <i>Chapter Meeting</i> | | |
| <i>Sep 14</i> | <i>BTR - Batavia</i> | <i>Roadie</i> | |
| <i>Sep 20</i> | <i>Table Ceremony - Genoa</i> | <i>PG</i> | |
| <i>Oct 2</i> | <i>Chapter Meeting</i> | | |
| <i>Oct 6</i> | <i>Chapter Memorial Event</i> | <i>PG/Roadie</i> | |

Secretary's Note - Snipe

The September meeting will have elections for the following positions. VP, Sec, Director (4). Think about this opportunity to become more involved and assist in aiding the direction of the chapter.

Meeting closed at 2040

Jim "Snipe" Murray - Secretary
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"Don't just join, Be involved."