

# Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### November 6, 2024

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller  
At 19:40 hours.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
Yes	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Knute Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
Yes	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
Yes	Dave "Roadie Dave" Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue "Stumbler" Price	Director
Yes	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Rolling Thunder Mission Statement

Shadow:

- Shadow and Stretch attended the RT National meeting.
- An amendment will be added to the RT constitution. Members will no longer be allowed to display anything with the Rolling Thunder name and or logo at the Memorial Day - weekend event in Washington DC.
- New members will not need to provide their entire SSN on their application to join Rolling Thunder. They will provide only the last four digits, XXX-XX-1234, on the on the application.
- \$100 per month will be donated for Veterans Assistance, to Chappy's Stand By Me Heros. Chappy's group is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization. We will require them to file a 1099 form at tax time for our monthly donation.
- IL RT2 is sponsoring a, We Support All Veterans Who "Stand To" on Saturday 11/9/24 from 09:00 to 16:00 at Woodstock HD. He will send an email reminder for this event.
- There are RT national bike raffle tickets available for \$10. The prize is a 2024 Street Glide. The money goes to RT Charities. Drawing on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- Thank you all who attended the Fallen Member ride on 10/20.

Coz:

- Treasurers Report, accepted.

Playground:

- 11/24 Meet at Warrenville VFW at 10:00 for assembly and delivery of Thanksgiving dinner packages for 30 Veterans.

Dragonfly:

- Gun Bash 2025
  - The event date will be May 17th.
  - A motion for the chapter to issue a check for \$10,111.76 to pay for the guns was made and seconded. The motion was passed, Coz will issue the check.
  - For the December 4<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting – Christmas party. Please bring an unwrapped toy and a side dish/dessert for the dinner.

Roadie:

- Talked about next years BTR.
  - Maybe do an escorted ride or something else. Looking for suggestions.
  - We need to better contact other groups to lessen the chance of having a conflicting event on the same day.
- We have had 6 repatriations this year!
- On Monday 11/11/24 at St Mary's in Elgin, there will be a mass at 10:15 with children from the churches school. This church is where the funeral mass was held for CPL Ortiz MIA repatriation. We are invited to join them to help teach about POW MIA issues. Dave will send out an email reminder.
- Wayne Kirkpatrick is passing the torch of leadership for the repatriations involving IL 1 and IL 2 to Roadie Dave. Dave will ask for help from both chapters to create a committee to oversee the logistics of the repatriations.
- A POW/MIA 3' X 5' flag in a case and a 12" X 18" personalized POW/MIA flag is given to the family of the repatriated soldier. **A memorial brick will also be gifted. Our chapters half of the cost of these gifts is \$120,** will be covered by the POW committee.



Wolfy:

- Denny Murphy is in the hospital. He is at Holy Cross in Joliet. Chappy is going to go visit him.

Chappy:

- Is raising \$5M for Stand By Me Heros.
- Also looking for people to volunteer for construction work and an architect.
- Someone to build a model of what the Veterans living areas will look like.

Popeye:

- Dues, Dues, Dues!

Meeting Close: 20:36

Respectfully – Stretch