

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller
At 19:36 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
No	Sue "Stumbler" Price	Director
Yes	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Rolling Thunder Mission Statement

Chappy, opening prayer

Cozmo:

- Treasurers report.
- We received \$905 in donations in Bob "Wiz's" name.
- We received a donation of \$500 from the Forest Park American Legion Post 414.
- Motion to accept treasures report made by Shadow, Seconded by Tug, Passed.

Dragonfly:

- The Gun Bash is on this Saturday, the 17th.
- This is a chapter event!
- We will be there at 11:00 to set up and the event starts at 13:00.
- Rooster will bring the tokens and tumbler.
- Stretch will bring a sound system.
- The side raffles are set.
- Food will be served for purchase. Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs and sides.

Stretch:

- Mission BBQ is celebrating Armed Forces Week with a free sandwich for all active duty and veterans. Army on 5/12, Marine Corps on 5/13, Navy on 5/14, Air Force & Space Force on 5/15 and Coast Guard on 5/16. They will also have a Lunch with the Heros on 5/17 from 11:00 – 14:00 for all military branches.

Roadie:

- The Illinois Ride for Freedom is on May 25th.
- This is a chapter event!
- We will be doing the same route as last year.
- We are responsible for controlling parking at Lovel.

- Chapter 2 will be handling registration at Lovel and will show a movie at Cantigny.
- We had a large amount of participation at the repatriation in Bloomington.
- The next repatriation will be an escort on the 9th of May and the funeral will be the 15th of May.
- The mayor and members of the chamber of commerce will be in attendance for this funeral.
- We will be passing 3 schools in route from the funeral parlor to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. The funeral parlor has donated 900 American flags to these schools for the kids to wave as the procession passes by. They also created lessons for the schools to teach about POW/MIAs and military heroes.

Knute:

- These repatriations are a MIA coming home. This is in our Mission Statement and is therefore a chapter event.
- Someone had posted a couple of political items on our Facebook page. They were removed and we will be monitoring more closely what is posted there. We may go back to external posts having to be approved before they are visible to the public.

Tug:

- The past weekend at the street sign dedication for SFC Theodore Katsoolias had over 65 people in attendance.
- The family was very touched by the event.
- The next street sign dedication will be on Saturday the 26th of July.

Shadow:

- Spoke about VAP activity.
- One veteran is looking to get their car repaired, we may have to turn that one over to another group.
- A second veteran is looking for help with a mortgage payment. Midwest shelter can't help them.
- We want to get a number of white long sleeve POW/MIA shirts to order for members that need them. Only 2 LG, 1 XL and 2 XXL shirts were requested.
- We will also order 20 of the static cling RT IL1 window decals.

PG:

- We will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Friday the 23rd to help place flags at the headstones there for Memorial Day.

Chappy:

- VCC update. Since we are a sanctuary state, the grant is moving very slowly.
- They are still meeting and helping veterans.

Snipe:

- A hamburger dinner will be here at the Warrenville VFW on Wednesday the 28th of this month.

BB motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John. Passed

Meeting Close: 20:37

Respectfully – Stretch