

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2025

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

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
Yes	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
Yes	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
Yes	John Mihelich	Director
Yes	Philip "Chappy" Ferrer	Director
Yes	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Chappy: Rolling Thunder Mission Statement, POW/MIA Roll Call, Opening prayer

Honor Table on the 11th at the West Chicago American Legion.
Set up will be at 9:30 and the ceremony will be at 10:30.

Assembly and distribution the Thanksgiving baskets on the 23rd.
Meet at the Warrenville VFW at 13:00.

Shadow:

- We have a guest, Pat Reese. He is a Viet Nam Veteran. He was a cook.
- We helped a Marine vet whose wife recently passed away. We helped with his utilities.
- RT National is creating a board of directors to take over Arties responsibilities. The new National president could not handle all that Artie was overseeing.
- There was talk of lesions at the national meeting for states that have 3 or more chapters. We don't want or need one in Illinois.
- The RT National bike raffle was canceled.
- We checked on money earmarked for our chapter, the money can only be spent on veterans. It can only go into the VAP account.
- We will be doing an Honor Table on the 11th at the West Chicago American Legion. Set up will be at 9:30 and the ceremony will be at 10:30.
- 20% of chapters are not in good standing. National is happy with our chapter.
- Talked again about getting the trailer moved here to the VFW.

Spyder:

- The Gun Bash will be on May 2nd possibly at the Warrenville VFW.
- It will be 11:00 to 17:00. Drawings will start at 14:00.
- Gift cards will be awarded for the value of the gun won.
- The side raffles will also be for a gift card.

- There are 20 guns to be raffled, at a total value of \$10,981.
- We are hoping the tickets will be available by the December meeting.
- We may have the Ladies Auxiliary cooking food for purchase at the event.
- Shadow motioned to have the Gun Bash held at the Warrenville VFW. PG seconded the motion, Passed.

Popeye:

- I have the memorial patches for Wiz.
- Dues, dues, dues.

Cozmo:

- Read last months financial report.
- Motion by Stretch to accept the report, seconded by Spyder, passed.

PG:

- We will be assembling and distributing the Thanksgiving baskets on the 23rd. Meet here at the Warrenville VFW at 13:00.
- We will be giving away 30+ baskets.
- We want to donate \$500 to Wreaths Across America again.
- PG motioned to make the donation, Pockets seconded the motion, passed.

Dragonfly:

- The December meeting will be our Christmas dinner, 12/3.
- Please bring a side dish or dessert.
- Bring unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.
- Shadow will contact Tank to get the toys to TFT.
- Spyder will invite the VFW board to the dinner.

Chappy:

- Our community center has too much furniture. We have 100 sets but only need 50. We are willing to donate some to someone in need. I will contact Midwest Shelter for help.
- Wild-Fire HD is looking at a rededication of our artifacts in January or February. The dealership may be renamed Chicago HD.

PG motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Popeye, Passed.

Meeting Close: 20:30

Respectfully – Stretch