

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:30.

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al "Shadow" Miller	President
Yes	Kandice "PG" Jacobs	Vice-President
No	Richard "Popeye" Montgomery	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick "Cosmo" Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Keith "Stretch" Stengler	Secretary
No	Chris "Spyder" Graham	Director
No	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

Shadow:

- Thanked all who attended the Sandwich American Legion Riders Bowling for Veterans event. They donate the profits from the event to us.
- Went with Popeye to the Will County VAC. They have changed the management staff and somehow the new management didn't know we are available to help veterans.
- We would like to pay our rent here at the Warrenville VFW. I am asking to donate \$1,200. Shadow made the motion, Chappy seconded it. The motion passed.
- We will donate the POW/MIA chairs to our Warrenville VFW and American Legion post 888 in Northlake. The chairs were assembled by Shadow and Pockets.



PG:

- Finished the Byline grant request. I sent it to Coz and Snipe to add our success stories of the veterans we helped in 2025. BB will compile this list. We asked for \$3,500.
- We have been in contact with Ozinga field to place a POW/MIA stadium chair there. We have attended several Veteran honor game events there. We are working with the GM there.
- James Church is a Purple Heart recipient veteran we helped recently. He is a single father with three young daughters. His daughters are selling Girl Scout cookies. We will email the QC codes for anyone who would want to buy cookies from the girls. Snipe commented that James is a good guy trying to get his and his daughters lives straightened out. He really appreciates all the help we have given him.
- Snipe will buy \$300 of cookies from the girls then bring them to the March meeting for anyone who wants cookies. A motion was made by PG to have the chapter cover the cost of the cookies, seconded by Shadow. Motion passed.

Cozmo:

- Red the financial report for last month.
- We helped a veteran by getting a car repairs done. We also helped a veteran with rent.
- A motion was asked to pay Law weapons \$10,981 for the gun costs. Law weapons will give us gift cards. A motion was made by Stretch, seconded by PG. The motion passed.
- Side raffles will be a cost of \$300 each. We will not use gift cards for the side raffles.

Stretch:

- Asked for a motion to accept last months meeting minutes. Cozmo motioned, PG seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Chapter III Memorial Day Weekend events. Friday the 22nd they will have a candle light vigil at Camp Butler National Cemetery, North East of Springfield.
Their ride is Saturday the 23rd. It starts and ends at Motorheads bar South of Springfield. Then a run around the city with a couple stops. There will be a band at Motorheads at the end of the ride.
We will check with Mongo, Chapter III President, about hotels down there.
- Chapter II Memorial Day Weekend events. Saturday night the 23rd there will be a candle light vigil at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery.
Sunday the 24th is the ride starting at the Captain James A Lovell VA hospital. Then going to Cantigny Park.
- You can attend the Chapter II events, or you can attend the Chapter III events, or you can attend both.
- Names got his knee replaced yesterday, Tuesday.
- Tug talked about the Chris Patterson Memorial Foundation dinner. The "Red Tie Gala", will be held at Burnt Barrel Social Club in Sugar Grove on Saturday the 7th of March. It is a murder mystery where everyone will be assigned a character to play.

Motion to adjourn by Boat sides, seconded by Father Guido, motion passed.

Meeting Close: 20:29

Respectfully – Stretch