

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2026

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:42.

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
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:

- The Sandwich bowling event took in \$2,000. This will be donated to us.
- We helped a Vet by paying his mortgage, \$1,500.
- We have the permit from Warrenville for the gun bash.
- Our trailer is here. On the trip here, the breaks worked fine, the tires look good and it tracked well. It needs to be organized before the Gun Bash.
- Stretch and I met with Chapter II to discuss specifics for the Midwest Memorial Day events.
- Chappy and Christine will help with registration at Lovel.
- We will be responsible for the parking at Cantigny, thinking we would only need 3 or 4 people there.

Stretch:

- Asked for approval of last months meeting minutes. Moe motioned to approve them, Shadow Seconded, Passed.
- Asked for approval of last months Treasurers report. Shadow motioned to approve it, Tug Seconded, Passed.
- Talked about the Coalition of Patriotic Riders bike run Sunday March 8th.

Cozmo:

- Read the financial report for last month.
- We have the gift cards for the Gun Bash. We have paid for them.

Spyder:

- We got the permit from Warrenville for free! They will do that for veteran groups.
- The American Legion family will be here cooking food for purchase during the Gun Bash.

- Anyone have ideas how we could advertise the event? Somewhere we could place ticket signs.
- Law Weapons will allow us to set up a table to sell tickets when they are open. I would recommend being there when they open as that is their busy time, 10:00 to noon. They have a table and chairs we could use.

PG:

- The Byline grant was sent. They confirmed receipt of the application.
- Tugs, Chris Patterson Memorial Foundation murder mystery is March 7th. We are asking the chapter to donate \$300 to the foundation. Popeye motioned to make the \$300 donation, Shadow seconded the motion, Passed.

Popeye:

- We received a thank you from the Warrenville VFW and American Legion for the POW/MIA chair.

New Business:

- Snipe, March of 2001 Was the first meeting of Illinois Rolling Thunder Chapter I.
10 years ago we started the VAP.
- Shadow, Warrenville will be having a 250th USA anniversary 4th of July parade.
Is there a magnetic chapter sign in the trailer?
The American Legion in Northlake is having a party on Flag Day, June 14th.
Passed out fliers of the save the date for our Memorial Day ride.
Spoke about the option to attend the Chapter III ride in Springfield.
I am working with Mongo, Ch3 President, over details of their ride.
We committed to help with the Ch1 and Ch2 ride. Please help out with parking at Level.
We also need some people to help parking at Cantigny.
- Chappy, Stand By My Heros suicide workshop is March 21st, 8:30 to 13:00. At the lake Zurich American Legion.
We are having an event Friday May 22nd at 18:00 with the Schamburg Boomers at Wintrust field. We will be busing sailors from Great Lakes Navy Base to the game. \$20 per ticket. We are looking for donations to buy the tickets for these sailors. The ticket purchasers first name will be on the ticket for the sailor. After discussion, we asked the chapter to donate \$300 for tickets. PG motioned to make the donation, Pockets seconded the motion, Passed.
Told a story about Calvin Graham. He was the youngest American to serve in WWII, lying about his age to enlist in the Navy at just 12 years old in 1942. Graham joined the United States Marine Corps in 1948 at age 17.

Motion to adjourn by Shadow, seconded by Pockets, motion passed.

Meeting Close: 20:24

Respectfully – Stretch