

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Chapter Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Meeting was called to order by President Al Miller at 19:38.

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
No	Philip "Chappy" Ferrer	Director
No	Wendy "Dragonfly" Vach	Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Shadow: Rolling Thunder Mission Statement, Opening prayer

June 14th, the American Legion Post 888 will be having a party to celebrate Americas 250th Anniversary.

June 20th, The Freedom ride starting at the Grundy County Fairgrounds.

July 10th, Kayne County Cougars game ride around the field.

August 10th, road sign dedication for Specialist 5 James Phillip Mason.

Shadow:

- We helped 6 Vets last month. 1 Mortgage, 4 Rent and 1 car repair.
- June 14th, Flag Day, the American Legion Post 888, 241 E North Ave, Northlake, IL 60164, will be having a party to celebrate Americas 250th Anniversary. This starts at 13:00. There will be raffles. Free food will be served at 15:00. The band starts at 16:00.
- We may have a BBQ at Concord Place July 4th.
- Kayne County Cougars game on July 10th. I spoke to Scott, they want us there and ready at 18:30 to ride around the ball field. We will not be doing a table ceremony.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Memorial Day event.
- We have not heard any response from Byline Bank about our grant.

Stretch:

- Asked for approval of last months meeting minutes. Tug motioned to approve them, Knute Seconded, Passed.
- Asked for approval of last months Treasurers report. Shadow motioned to approve it, Popeye Seconded, Passed.

Spyder:

- All Gun Bash gift cards, except one, have been given to the winners. The last one will be delivered tomorrow.
- We had a good time with Chapter 3 for their ride. It was a good after party at Motorheads.

Cozmo:

- Read the financials for May.
- Since April 1st we have helped 8 Vets.
- I am going to update the "Where The Money Goes" list on our web site.

Tug:

- There will be a road sign dedication August 10th for Specialist 5 James Phillip Mason. his OH-6A Cayuse helicopter crashed into the water off the coast of South Vietnam on October 17, 1968. His helicopter took off from the destroyer USS Eversole, crashed under unknown circumstances 500 meters from the ship, and sank. While two crew members were rescued, Spc. 5 Mason was declared missing in action.
- There are 8 or 9 more in process.
- We are working on a joint effort with Chapter 3 for installing signs down there.
- As Spyder said, we had a good time with chapter 3 on their Memorial Day event.
- The Freedom ride is coming up on the 20th of this month. An email will be sent out with a meeting place and time to ride to this event.

New business:

- Gary Bills (Cowboy) passed away. He was a Vietnam veteran. He was a door gunner on Spooky, a Douglas AC-47.
- Knute, I have raffle tickets for Fisher House. The drawing will be on August 17th.

Motion to adjourn by Popeye, seconded by Stretch, motion passed.

Meeting Close: 20:28

Respectfully – Stretch