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April 2020 Newsletter

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Indiana Chapter #1 "POW-MIA – You are not Forgotten"

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Chapter Officers

President: Michael Clark Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Bill Bailey Treasurer: Terry "Flash" Sanderson



Chapter members, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. These are defiantly some trying times that we have never seen in the United States, and hope we never see them again.

The family of Marine Corps Pfc. Louis Wiesehan has rescheduled his return to Indiana from April 18th to June 11th due to the COVID-19 virus. Once PFC Wiesehan arrives at the Indianapolis Airport, the Indiana Patriot Guard and Rolling Thunder® will escort him to the funeral home in Richmond Indiana. The details on the funeral services will be provided when known.

The Indiana Rolling Thunder® XXXIII Ride for Freedom Nation Wide is still scheduled for Sunday May 24th. However, the status of the COVID-19 virus may have an impact on the event. A decision will have to be made by mid April whether to continue with the event on May 24th or postpone it until September 19th.

The picture of the 2020 Rolling Thunder® XXXIII Raffle Bike has been published and is located on page 11 of the newsletter. This is an awesome looking motorcycle, and on May 26, 2020 some lucky winner will be very happy. If you are interested in tickets, please let me know soon. The unsold tickets have to be turned into National by the first part of May.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) has requested that we submit the necessary paperwork to the SGR License Plate Committee for them to review and approve to continue the sale of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate. Part of the necessary paperwork requires us to submit signatures from 500 people that intend to purchase a POW/MIA Specialty Plate. We have until the first part of May to submit the paperwork and the 500 signatures. The signature form was emailed to Chapter members on March 11th. Please help us collect the necessary signatures to keep the POW/MIA license plate on the street.

Due to Governor Holcomb's stay home order until April 20th, our Chapter meeting will be a Video Conference Call using the Zoom Video service or some other video service. Instructions will be provided on how to use the conference service before the Chapter meeting on Sunday April 19th.

Please keep the McFarland family in your prayers as they go through these difficult times in loosing their son Christopher.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday April 19, 2020 (Video Conference Call)

April 2020 Birthday's



John Broderick (02)

Linda Harrington (20)

David Hodges (08)

Orin Morris (28)

Bill Reisa (29)

Roger Roe (27)

Evan Smith (11)

Jim Smith (07)

Mark Smith (26)

William Smither (23)

Evert Tungate (13)

Happy Birthday to all

2020 INDY Honor Flight Schedule



Plainfield High School Plainfield Indiana

1 Red Pride Drive Plainfield, IN 46168

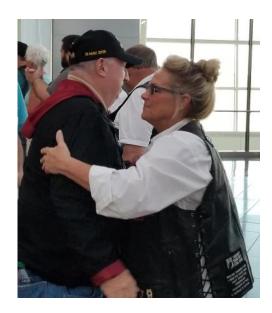
Saturday May 23, 2020 - Honor Flight #33 (Program starts at 20:00) This may changed depending on the status of the COVID-19 virus.

Saturday September 12, 2020—Honor Flight #34 (Program starts at 20:00)

Greeting the Veterans at the Indianapolis Airport as they debark the plane is a great experience the all members should try and participate in. The Veterans appreciate us being there to welcome them home. The welcome celebration at the Plainfield and Decatur High Schools are also great experiences that you will enjoy and never forget.







POW/MIA Affairs Committee 2020 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2020 Accounted for: 26 As of April 5, 2020

Accounted-For by War

WWII (24)

Korea (2)

Vietnam/Laos (0)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (5)

U.S Army Air Forces (2)

U.S Marine Corps (4)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (0)

U.S Navy (15)

U.S Navy Reserves (0)

U.S Air Force (0)

U.S Coast Guard (0)

Indiana Heroes that have been returned

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
PVT USMC Fred Freet	11-20-1943	8-6-2018	4-18-2019	Tarawa Atoll	Marion
PFC Marvin E. Dickson	11-13-1944	9-27-2018	6-8-2019	Germany	Indianapolis
PFC USMC Marley R. Arthurholtz	12-7-1941	9-18-2019	12-7-2019	USS Oklahoma	South Bend
PFC USMC Louis Wiesshan	11-21-1943	9-23-2019	4-18-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond

Marine PFC Louis Wiesehan WWII MIA



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Marine Corps Pfc. Louis Wiesehan, Jr., 20, of Richmond, Indiana, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sep. 23, 2019.

In November 1943, Wiesehan was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Wiesehan was killed on the second day of the battle, Nov. 21, 1943. His remains were reportedly buried in Division Cemetery on Betio Island.

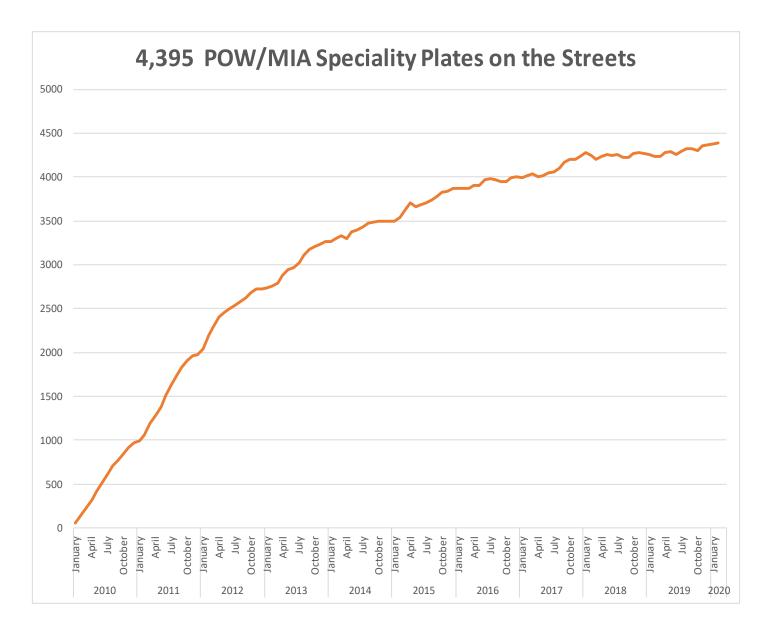
In 1946, the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company centralized all of the American remains found on Tarawa at Lone Palm Cemetery for later repatriation; however, almost half of the known casualties were never found. No recovered remains could be associated with Wiesehan, and in October 1949, a Board of Review declared him "non-recoverable."

In 2014, History Flight, Inc., a nonprofit organization, located Cemetery 27. Excavations of the site uncovered multiple sets of remains, which were turned over to DPAA in 2015.

To identify Wiesehan's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological analysis, as well as material evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis. Wiesehan's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others killed or lost in WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Wiesehan will be buried in his hometown of Richmond Indiana. The date for PFC Wiesehan's funeral services has changed from April 18, 2020 to June. The escort from the Indianapolis airport to Richmond Indiana is scheduled for June 11th, 2020. The date for the funeral services will be announced when known.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets As of February 29, 2020

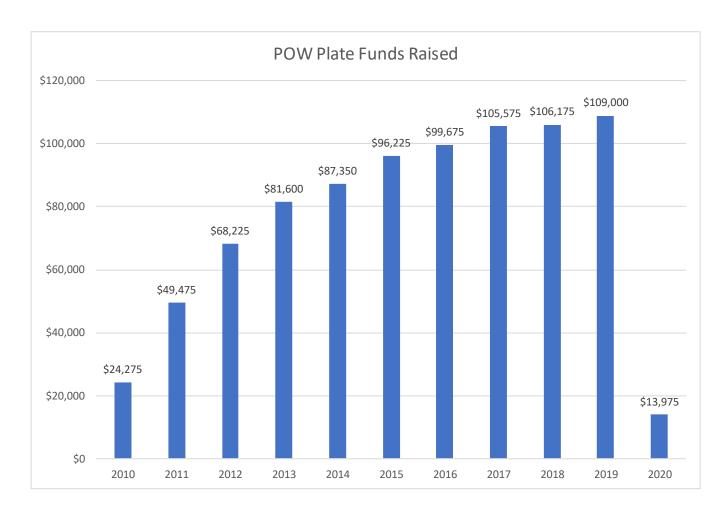


As of February 29, 2020 we have 4,395 POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. In addition, the funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).

On a year to date basis as compared to the same period last year, we are up 23 plates or 4.3%. Let's keep up the great work.

The March 2020, files have not been received from BMV as of the writing of the Newsletter.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund From 2010 to 2020



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated \$841,625 with 2019 being a record year of \$109,000.

100% of the proceeds generated from the sales of the POW/MIA specialty plate goes to the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) to help our Indiana Veterans in need.

If you don't have a Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate on your vehicle, please let the Bureau Motor Vehicle (BMV) know that you would like to purchase a Rolling Thunder® sponsored POW/MIA specialty plate on your next renewal or new purchase.

With the purchase of a Indiana POW/MIA specialty plate, not only will you be instrumental in helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs/MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need. Purchase your Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Today.

State Government Affairs

Indiana House Bill: HB1086

Authored by Rep. Chuck Goodrich.

Co-Authored by Rep. Karlee Macer.

Bill Details:

Reservist tuition supplement program. Establishes the reservist tuition supplement program (program) and reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program and fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated.

Please contact Representative Tim Brown who is the House Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. Representative Brown decides what bills get a hearing.

Representative Brown's email is H41@iga.in.gov, Phone Number is 317-232-9650.

Status on bill can be tracked at http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/house/1086

The Indiana Reservist put their lives on the line just like the Indiana National Guard and deserves the same benefits as the Indiana National Guard.

Call Representative Brown's office today and let him know that you support HB1086 and it deserves to be heard.

Federal Government Affairs

Senate Bills

- S.514 "Deborah Sampson Act "Benefits for Women Veterans."
- S.785 "A bill to improve mental health for Veterans"
- S.1673 Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

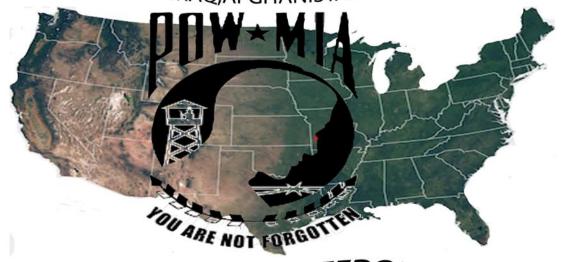
House Bills

- H.R.326 "Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2019
- H.R.1350 (Corey Adams) "Green Alert throughout the United States"
- H.R.712 "VA Medicinal Cannabis Research ACT OF 2019"
- **H.R.2201** To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.116th Congress (2019-2020)
- H.R.2819 Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

Please contact your Indiana Representatives as ask them to cosponsor the above bills. Details on the bills can be found at https://congress.gov/ then click on Legislation.

ROLLING THUNDER® XXXIII

WWI,WWII,KOREA,VIETNAM,LEBANON, GRENADA,PANAMA,SOMALIA,GULF WAR, IRAQ,AFGHANISTAN



RIDE FOR FREEDOM NATION WIDE

MAY 24TH 2020

The Ride for Freedom Nation Wide is still on schedule for Sunday May 24, 2020. However, the status of the COVID-19 virus in late April could have an impact on the event. A decision will be made by mid April whether to continue with the May 24 date or postpose the event until September 19th. There is still a lot of planning that needs to be done for the event to happen on May 24th.

Please monitor your email and Chapter website for updates on the event.

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. National 2020 Motorcycle



Tickets will be available until the First part of May.

If you want tickets, let me know.

Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Marseilles, Illinois June 19-20, 2020



Ride to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial with Rolling Thunder®. Inc. Indiana Chapter One

To

Honoring our Global War on Terror War Heroes

The Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Ride is still on schedule for June 20, 2020. However, the status of the COVID-19 virus may have an impact on this event as well. We do have a block of rooms setup at the Holiday Inn in Morris, Illinois for June 19th. **The reservation cutoff date is May 29th, 2020.** The details for the event is on the next page. Let me know if you have any questions.



We Don't Know
Them All
But
We Owe Them All



The program will include the following:

We will meet at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to register and prepare for departure. After everyone has registered we will depart Indianapolis. IN to Morris, IL. The distance to Morris, IL is approximately 200 miles. The route will include a couple stops to pick up riders along the way, fuel, and lunch. **Automobiles are welcome as well.**

We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express Morris, IL, The Hotel rate is \$104.99. Please contact Mike Clark at 317-991-3085 for phone number and group code.

On Saturday June 20th, we will depart Marseilles, IL after the Middle East Conflicts Wall program. We will stop for food and gas on the way back to Indianapolis. The estimated times to return to Indianapolis is approximately 20:00 EST.

Friday June 19, 2020 Schedule

Staging and Registration: 09:00 to 09:45

Staging Location: Fort Harrison Veterans Center, 9450 East 59th Street Indianapolis,

IN 46216.

Prepare for Departure: 09:45 to 10:00

Departure: 10:00

Estimated Arrival Time: 16:00 CST

Saturday June 20, 2020 Schedule

Please Note: (The time has changed to Central Time)

06:30 – Wake Up Call

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast at Holliday Inn

*08:00 – Depart Holiday Inn to Grundy County Fairgrounds for Staging (See below note)

10:30 – Ride departs for Marseilles, IL

13:00 – Attend The Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial Program

15:00 – Depart Marseilles, IL to Indianapolis, IN

20:00 – Estimated arrival in Indianapolis, IN (**Eastern Time**)

*Note: A \$15.00 (Cash Only) per person Donation will be required at the Gate.

"We Ride for Our Brothers that Can't"

February Chili Cook-Off



We had four members that brought in Chili to participate in the Chili Cook Off. All four of the entries had some great Chili. We do appreciate the members that took the time and effort to make and bring in your good Chili. The voting was close, but we do have a winner.

The winner of the Chili Cook-Off will be announced at the next attended Chapter meeting.

POW*MIA Chair of Honor 2020 Venue Goals

The POW*MIA Chairs of Honor are important tools for the Chapter to help remind the public that we have over 82,000 service members still listed as unaccounted for Nation wide since WWII, and they must **NOT BE FORGOTTEN**. To date, we have (12) POW*MIA Chairs of Honor installed in venues throughout Indiana. Our first COH was installed at the Lucas Oil Stadium on November 2, 2014 and the latest one at the Plainfield High School on September 19, 2019.

These special chairs will remind thousands of people of the men that fought for our freedom and still need to come home, live or dead.

The placement of these special chairs in High Schools is specialty important to remind the younger generations of the cost of war and the price of freedom.

Listed below are the POW*MIA Chair of Honor venues that the Chapter will focus on in 2020.

TBD - INDY 500 Festival

The INDY 500 Festival chair is at the upholstery shop being worked on.

TBD - Indiana Disable American Veterans (IDAV)

IDVA has chosen a Chair to use for the POW*MIA Chair of Honor and has been delivered to the Veterans Center. The upholstery shop will start on this special Chair once they are done with the INDY 500 Festival Chair.

TBD - **Purdue University** - The Chair is done and in the Veterans Center until the University can resume classes and accept the chair. Special thanks to David (Duke) Wooldridge for the great job on the chair.



TBD - Carmel High School (No update)

TBD - Decatur High School (No update)

POW*MIA Gove of Honor



We also have a POW*MIA Grove of Honor located at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana. Fifty-One trees were planted in the grove to honor the (51) Indiana War Heroes from the Vietnam War. On September 23, 2020, the Chapter and the Indiana State Forestry will dedicate the below monument at the Grove in honor of our Indiana Vietnam War Heroes that are still unaccounted for.

The Bolder was donated by the Stone Center of Indiana and weights 6,940, and valued at \$700.00. Please show your appreciation to Stone Central Indiana the next time you have a project that requires their services.

Also, the below plaque will be mounted to the bolder once the bolder is in place at the Indiana Veterans Home. The dedication date is September 23, 2020.

Please mark September 23, 2020 on your calendar and plan on attending the dedication ceremony.



Plaque



Bolder donated by Stone Center of Indiana Weight is 6,940 pounds.

Chapter Sponsorship

March was our kickoff month for our 2020 Sponsorship drive. All of the projects listed on page 15 and 16 help the Chapter in our POW/MIA mission of bringing more awareness to the public about of Service Members that are still unaccounted for and haven't come home.

All of these projects require funding. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on donations from our Members, Supporters, and Sponsors. With the COVID-19 virus still an issue, our sponsorship drive will be a real challenge this year.

Listed below are the benefits that the Chapter offers at each level. Sponsors that require 501 (c)(3) tax exempt can make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities described on page 18.

Download Sponsorship information from our website with the following URL

http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/sponsorRTIN1.html



Sergeant Sponsorship - Donation of \$800 and over

- Plaque to display at your home or business as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



Corporal Sponsorship – Donation of \$500 to \$800

- Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



Private Sponsorship - Donation of \$200 - \$500

Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

Note: In-Kind donations less than \$200 will receive a thank you letter for your support of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 and our POW/MIA Mission. No matter how small or large the donation, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 appreciates and welcomes all donations.

Chapter Sponsorship Continue

Donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc.

Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) entity of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. National. Donations made through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is tax deductible. Sponsors that require a tax deduction will need to make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities. When the sponsor makes a donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, they must specify to direct the donation to Indiana Chapter 1. The sponsor can mail the check directly to Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc, or to the Chapter and we'll send the check to Charities.

Make Check payable to Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc.

Ask the sponsor to add comment on the check to direct this donation to **Indiana Chapter 1** Mail your donation check to the following address:

Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc. P.O Box 327 Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

QUARTERMASTER CALL

"Supporting Victory"

Quartermaster is in search of new merchandise. Please let us know of any items you would like to see available at the Quartermaster store



POW/MIA Cap Regular Price \$25.00 March Madness Price \$20.00



In stock Red and White Polo Shirts All sizes Regular Price \$30.00 March Madness Price \$20.00

POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

Title	Author
Leave No Man Behind	Bill Bell
Why Didn't You Get Me Out	Frank Aton
Kiss The Boys Goodbye	Monika Jensen-Stevenson & William Stevenson
Betrayed	Joseph D. Douglass, Jr
Still Waiting	Linda Cope
An Enormous Crime	Bill Hendon and Elizabeth A Stewart

Note: Books marked in RED are highly recommended reads.

Recommended Web Sites

Title	URL	
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)	http://www.dpaa.mil/	
Biographies on Prisoners of War and Missing in Action	http://www.pownetwork.org/bios.htm	
Rolling Thunder National	http://www.rollingthunder1.com/	
National League of POW/MIA Families	http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/	
Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1	http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/	
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	http://esgr.mil/in	
Veterans Support Council of Marion County	http://www.vscmc.com/	
Veterans Events	http://www.veteranevents.org/	
American Ex-Prisoners of War	http://www.axpow.org/default.htm	

The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge





Mr. Paynter with his wife Becky. Hard to believe that a Marine could make such a catch

Larry Paynter is a proud Marine, Chapter Member, and along with his wife Becky, own and operate the Coachman Restaurant & Lounge in Plainfield, IN. The Coachman is famous for mouthwatering Prime Rib, Fresh cut steaks, large seafood selection, and the best Pork Tenderloin sandwich anywhere.

The Coachman offers daily lunch, and dinner food specials, with discount on appetizers, desserts, wine, liquor, and beer.

Join us for great food, and service along with our beautiful Patio for outside dining and entertainment (weather permitting). The Coachman is located at 6112 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168

Visit the Coachman at http://www.thecoachmanrestaurant.com



The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge
10% discount with this coupon

Not available with any other discounts

Always remember our American POWs and MIAs





Ed Duam is a long time Rolling Thunder Chapter Member, and owner of the Do it Best Hardware store in Plainfield, IN. Ed has a great selection of hardware products for you do-it-yourselfers. If you are in a need of an American, POW-MIA, or State flag, see Ed. His flags are top American quality at a reasonable price.

Ed offers 10% discount to Veterans.

Web site: http://www.plainfielddoitbest.com/

Store Address: 1001 East Main Street, Plainfield, IN 46168 (317) 839-2353

Ed will love to see yea

Hair Cuts at the Vintage Style Barber/Beauty Shop Mention the Chapter Newsletter and a get \$5.00 discount Veterans always get a \$10.00 discount



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This page is dedicated to our brothers and sisters hat have gone on to ride the heavens

NEVER FORGET

Tookolo, Allen, Member, November 2002	Booth, Frank, Member, 2004	
Walker, Bruce, Member, October 2004	Parish, Bruce "Buz", Past President, Sept 2008	
Brinkley, Jon Past President, January 2009	Leck, Lou, Member, September 2009	
Hall, Bruce, Member, March 2010	Gigle, Gene, Member, August 2011	
Jolly, Ron Past Vice President, December 2011	Kaler, Steve, Past President, June 2012	
Wilson, John, US Army WWII POW, July 2012	Loffredo, Nicholas, Member, August 2012	
Freeman, James, Past Board, August 2012	Fulmer, Kenneth, Member, August 2012	
Huelskamp, Glenn, Member, February 2013	Hillis, George "Sam", May 2013	
Winters, Steve, Member, September 2013	Meyerrose, Timothy, Member, May 2014	
Richard (Dick) Forrey, Member June 2015	Hutchinson, James Alt Board Member, Dec 2015	
Mary Brodrick, Member April 2016	Van Brunt, Craig, May 2016	
Gary Stanley, Member October 2017	Jimmie Earl Brown, Member August 2018	
Ruth Smith, Member September 2018	Damon Gastineau , Member December 2018	
Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019	Walter "Wally" J. Dudek, Member November 2019	