

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,906), Korean (7,699), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWII (1,513), Korean (174), Vietnam (50)

INCOMING!



August 2019 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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Chapter Officers

Michael Clark President

Vacant Secretary

Dave Franklin Vice President

Terry “Flash” Sanderson Treasurer



President News

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this beautiful riding weather that we have had the last few weeks. We only have a few more months of riding weather before we get back into the dreaded winter months. July was a pretty busy month for the Chapter, and I’m looking forward to what the Chapter can accomplish in August.

The August and September Chapter meetings will be important for the future of the Chapter. The Chapter election process for Chapter officers started at the July Chapter meeting. The August Chapter meeting will be the last opportunity to make, and accept nominations. **After the August Chapter meeting, no more nominations will be accepted.** The Chapter election will be at the September Chapter meeting. **You will need to be present and a member in good standing to vote.** Please see newsletter for the details on the positions that are up for election, duties/responsibilities, and members that were nominated at the July Chapter meeting. I want to thank these members for stepping up, and willing to take on more responsibilities within the Chapter.

We also have a couple more important events coming up in August that you need to program in your Smartphone.

Saturday August 17, is our Rolling Thunder Indiana State meeting. All four Indiana Chapters will have representatives at the meeting. We will discuss the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) and the 2020 Ride for Freedom Demonstration. The IDVA Director, Dennis Wimer is scheduled to attend the State Meeting to brief the Indiana Chapters on the new rule that was implemented in January 2019. Chapter members are welcome to attend the State Meeting at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center, starting at 11:00.

Friday thru Sunday August 23-25, the Chapter will have a booth at the Indy 1500 Gun and Knife show to sell tickets for a .22LR Henry Golden Boy Rifle. See page 6 of the newsletter for details.

Saturday August 31, we will dedicate a POW*MIA Chair of Honor at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison Indiana. It’s important that we have a great Chapter showing for this special dedication. Please plan on attending this special dedication.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday August 18, 2019

August 2019 Birthday's

Bill Bailey 8-17

Ralph Coulter 8-30

Don Gretsinger 8-30

Jim Haarbauer 8-9

Charles Henderson 8-29

Larry Paynter 8-24

Vern Rensing 8-9

Ronald Shelley 8-29

James Stevenson 8-5

James Surd 8-4

Barbara Todd 8-18

Happy Birthday to all

Flight 93 Memorial Ride July 26-28, 2019



The trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial was a great trip. The weather for riding through the hills of Virginia and Pennsylvania was perfect. Road Cone did an outstanding job planning the route from Indianapolis to Somerset Pennsylvania to our Hotel. The trip was approximately 450 miles with only 30 miles on the Interstate.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is a touching place that everyone should plan on visiting.

Flight 93 Memorial Ride July 27, 2019 Fort Ligonier

After our Flight 93 visit, we rode over to Fort Ligonier. Fort Ligonier is a British fortification from the French and Indian War located in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The fort served as a staging area for the Forbes Expedition of 1758. During the eight years of its existence as a garrison, Fort Ligonier was never taken by an enemy. It served as a post of passage to the new Fort Pitt, and during Pontiac's War of 1763, was a vital link in the British communication and supply lines. It was attacked twice and besieged by the Native Americans, prior to the decisive victory at Bushy Run in August of that year. The fort was de-commissioned from active service in 1766.



**Coachman Restaurant
30th Anniversary
July 27, 2019**



On Saturday July 27th, several Chapter members attended the 30th Anniversary of the Coachman Restaurant which is owned by Chapter Member, and former Marine Larry Paynter. The Coachman Restaurant is a good place to take your family and friends for a great meal. I highly recommend the Pork Tenderloin. I haven't found one any better.

We congratulate Larry and the Coachman Restaurant for their 30 years of service to the Plainfield community, and wish you many more.

Henry Rifle Raffle
Indy 1500 Gun and Knife Show
August 23-25, 2019

INDIANA ROLLING THUNDER®, INC .
INDIANA CHAPTER ONE



Raffle Prize: .22 LR Henry Golden Boy Rifle

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 per ticket

**Winner will be drawn at 4:00 PM Sunday August 25th, 2019
at the Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show in the Exposition Hall**

WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

**WINNER MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND LEGALLY ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE
A FEDERAL FIREARMS REGISTRATION.**



The License Plate above is available through
the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles



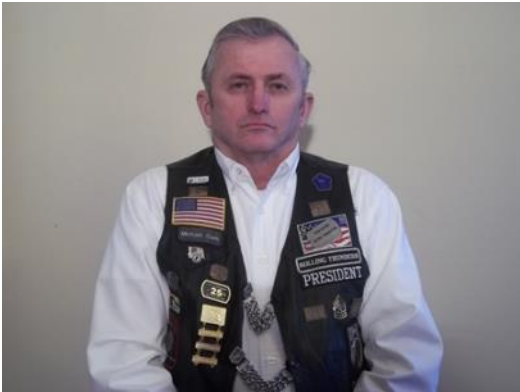
"The major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is to publicize POW-MIA issues. To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all past wars and to help correct the past and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. We are also committed to helping American veterans from all wars."

2019 Chapter Elections

- In accordance to the National Constitution, all members will be duly notified of elections by an announcement at the June, July and August meeting.
- Only Rolling Thunder® members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- To be a member in good standing, you must have attended (3) Chapter meetings and (3) Chapter events with the membership year.
- Nominations will be taken at our July and August Chapter meetings only with the elections being held at our September 15th Chapter Meeting.
- The member being nominated must have attended six (6) Chapter meetings in the last twelve (12) months.
- **Therefore, the nominee attendance requirement will be six (6) Chapter meetings and three (3) events within the membership year.**
- The membership year is from September 1st, 2018 to August 31st 2019.
- In accordance with Indiana Chapter #1, Chapter Rules, dated 2 January 2014, "Anyone wishing to run for the office of President, Vice President, or Chairman of the Board, must first have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term, with Indiana Chapter #1.
- Any qualified patch wearing (Rocker/Eagle) Chapter Member in good standing may run for the Secretary, Treasurer, or Board Member position.
- The election committee for the 2019 Chapter election will be announced at the July Chapter meeting.
- The election committee will be responsible for taking the nominations for officers, hand out, collect, and count the ballots after the election in September.

Chapter Election

The Positions that are up for Nomination



President
Mike Clark

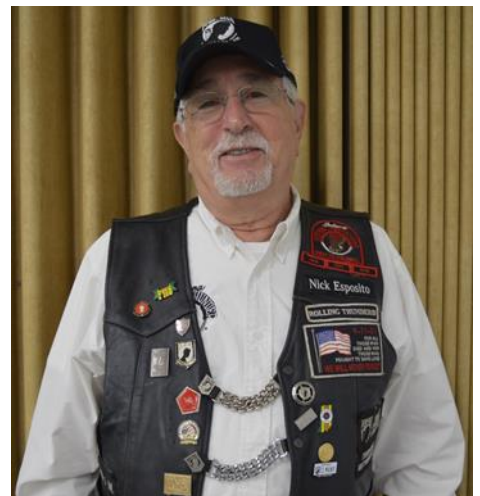
Chapter Secretary
Vacant



Board Member
Jim Smith



Board Member
Bill Bailey



Alternate Board Member
Nick Esposito

These positions will be for a two year term

Chapter Election

The Nominations as of July 21, 2019

The July Chapter meeting was the first opportunity to nominate Chapter Officers for the 2019 election. The following members were nominated and accepted the nominations.

Chapter President - Michael Clark, accepted

Chapter Secretary - Rocco Brunelle, accepted

Board Members - Nickolas Esposito, accepted

Jeffrey Thatcher, accepted

William "Ed" Newbill, accepted

Alternate Board Member - Brian Griffith, accepted

I want to thank the above members for willing to step up to the plate and take on more responsibilities within the Chapter. The August 18th Chapter meeting will be the LAST opportunity to make additional nominations for Chapter officers.

Please review the following Duties and Responsibilities for each position before accepting an nominations for that position.

The Chapter election will be Sunday September 15, 2019. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending this important Chapter meeting. The officers that you elect will be responsible for the direction of the Chapter for the next two years. **Your vote is important.**

Chapter President

Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter President is an elected official with a (2) year term and is the Chief Executive Officer in charge of the daily operation of the Chapter. The Chapter President enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter President will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- Responsible for the overall day-to-day operation, safety, management and financial order of the organization.
- The Chapter President ensures that all officers, board members and members follow the Constitution.
- The Chapter President sets the agenda and runs the monthly membership meetings and ensures all meetings are run according to the Constitution and Roberts Rules when applicable.
- The Chapter President gives agenda ideas for discussion to the Chairman of the Board for the Board Meetings. (The Chairman of the Board runs the Board Meeting).
- Must have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term with Indiana Chapter #1.
- Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse.
- The President is responsible to the Vice President of Rolling Thunder® Inc. National. In some cases, through the State Liaison, if in the chain of command.

Chapter Secretary

Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Secretary is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Chapter Secretary attends and records the minutes of all meetings and is the records officer for the Chapter. The Chapter Secretary enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter Secretary will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- Recording, editing and maintaining all meeting minutes
- Maintains custody of all records, reports on behalf of the executive officers.
- Prepares and distributes all incoming/outgoing correspondences, memorandums etc.
- Assist in the preparation of the Organizational Activities Reports.
- Provides monthly minutes to the Chapter for review.
- Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chapter President.
- The Secretary is responsible to the President of the Chapter.
- Have a working knowledge of the National Constitution and Chapter Rules found on the Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 website.

Chapter Board Member

Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Board Member is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Chapter Board Member enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter Board Member will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- Reports to the Chairman of the Board.
- Must attend all scheduled Board meetings and special Board meetings as determined by the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- Makes recommendations to the Board that will help promote the Chapter's mission and goals.
- Participates in Board discussions as presented by the Chairman of the Board or other Board Members.
- Votes on subject matters as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
- Have a working knowledge of the National Constitution and Chapter Rules found on the Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 website.

Chapter Alternate Board Member Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Alternate Board Member is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Alternate Board Member enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Alternate Board Member will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- Reports to the Chairman of the Board.
- Must attend all scheduled Board meetings and special Board meetings as determined by the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- Makes recommendations to the Board that will help promote the Chapter's mission and goals.
- Participates in Board discussions as presented by the Chairman of the Board or other Board Members.
- Votes in the absents of a Board Member on subject matters as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
- Have a working knowledge of the National Constitution and Chapter Rules found on the Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 website.

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Membership Patches



The Chapter Boot Patch. All members will receive a Rolling Thunder® Membership Boot patch when they become a full member at the end of a 120-day period. If a member meets his/her obligations before the 120 days are up they are entitled to receive their Boot patch no earlier than 90 days, provided they meet all other (loyalty and conduct) requirements. A new member must make 3 meetings or events, or a combination thereof, during the 120-day trial period to become a full member. **A \$50.00 patch deposit is required before National will issue the Boot Patch.**



The Rocker and Eagle Patches. After a member completes his/her first year (from the day they receive their boot patch) as a member in good standing, they will be issued the Eagle & Rocker patches, **which is the property of National.** **A \$100.00 patch deposit is required before National will issue the Rocker and Eagle Patches.**



The Junior Membership patch. The Junior Membership patch is available to individuals that wish to join the Chapter that are under the age of 18 years old. Once the Junior Member becomes 18 years old, they will be able to become a full Chapter member and eligible for the Chapter boot, Rocker and Eagle patches when they meet the requirements. The Junior Membership patch is no cost to the Junior Member.

2019 Honor Flights Schedule



Saturday September 7th—Honor Flight #31, Plainfield High School

Saturday October 26th —Honor Flight #32, Location to be determined

Please mark these dates down on your calendar and plan on attending.

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2019 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2019 Accounted for: 91

As of August 5, 2019

Accounted-For by War

WWII (59)

Korea (29)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (47)

U.S Army Air Forces (10)

U.S Marine Corps (4)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (5)

U.S Navy (21)

U.S Navy Reserves (2)

U.S Air Force (2)

Indiana Heroes that have been returned in 2019

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

POW*MIA Chair of Honor Project

In 2019, we have three POW*MIA Chair of Honor displays that we are working on for three different venues. **The venues include:** The Plainfield High School Plainfield, Indiana, the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Madison Indiana, and the Grissom Air Force Base Museum Peru Indiana.

Plainfield High School. The Plainfield students are still working on the Chair of Honor platform. As soon as the students complete the platform, we will announce the dedication date.

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery—Dedication date is August 31, 2019

Grissom Air Force Base Museum. The museum provided a seat from a C119 plane that will be used for the POW*MIA Chair of Honor. This seat will be a little more challenging and will require more work. The Blue Angels is scheduled to appear September 7-8 at the Grissom's Air and Space Expo. We are hoping to have the POW*MIA Chair of Honor display completed by September so the Chair can be dedicated during the expo.



Grissom COH Before



Grissom COH After



**Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
COH.**



Plainfield High School COH. The Platform is being built by the Plainfield High School Students. The dedication date will be determined after the platform have been complete.

Indiana

POW/MIA Plate Sales

From Date	To Date	Amount	Remarks
January 2010	December 2014	\$310,925	Deposit into MFRF
January 2015	December 2015	\$96,225	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2016	December 2016	\$99,675	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2017	December 2017	\$105,575	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2018	September 2018	\$86,475	Deposit into RTIVF
October 2018	December 2018	\$19,775	Deposit into MFRF
January 2019	July 2019	\$67,750	Estimated Deposit into MFRF
	Total	\$786,400	

Note: The July deposit is based on 426 plates Renewed/Sold.

2019 Chapter Calendar of Events

Date	Event
August 10	The Fox Hole Ride
August 17	Rolling Thunder Indiana State Meeting
August 17	Military/First Responder Appreciation Day (Fall Creek Baseball & Softball)
August 18	Board/Chapter Meeting
August 31	Indiana Veterans Memorial COH Dedication, Madison Indiana
September 5	HVAF Stand Down Stout Field Army
September 7	Indy Honor Flight #31, Plainfield High School
September 7 & 8	Thunderbirds Grissom AFB
September 11	9/11 Ride
September 15	Board/Chapter Meeting and Elections
September 18	POW/MIA Tree Grove Dedication (Indiana Veterans Home)
September 20	POW/MIA Recognition Day (Missing Man Table Ceremony)
September 21	Quaker Day Parade
September 21	Operation Job Ready Vets (Missing Man Table Ceremony)
October 20	Board/Chapter Meeting
October 26	Indy Honor Flight #32, Location to be Determined
Oct 31-Nov 3	Rolling Thunder National Conference
November 9	Dedication and demonstration of the lights/sound system
November 17	Board/Chapter Meeting
December 4	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
December 7	Lafayette Veterans Home Visit
December 14	Wreath Across America (Local Cemetery Sites)
December 15	Chapter Meeting/HVAF Luncheon

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



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

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

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



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	