

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWI (104) WWII (1,500), Korean (170), Vietnam (51)

INCOMING!



August 2023 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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Chapter Officers



President: Michael Clark

Vice President: David Craig

Secretary: Jessica Clark

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson

President News

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Page 2 of the newsletter list our August birthday members. I wish all of you a happy birthday and hope you have many more.

It's that time of the year again for the Chapter membership to choose its officers for the next two years. The July Chapter meeting will be the first round of nominations for officers, and the last opportunity to make nominations is at the August Chapter meeting. The Chapter election will be at the September Chapter meeting. The positions that will be up for election is the President, Secretary, (3) Board Members, and Alternate Board Member. Refer to page 3 of the newsletter for more details on the election. The duties and responsibilities descriptions for each position is listed on pages 4 through 7. The nominees from the July 16th Chapter meeting is listed on page 8. I thank these members for willing to step up and take on more responsibility within the Chapter.

On July 20th, the Chapter lost a former member, Joseph B. Stuart. Joe and his wife Amy were Chapter Members from 2016 to 2019. Joe was the son of Lieutenant Colonel John Franklin Stuart who went missing from the Vietnam War on December 20th, 1972. LTC Stuart is listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall on Panel 1W, Line 97. Joe and Amy rode with the Chapter to Washington DC to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall and participate in the Ride for Freedom demonstration. Please keep the Stuart family in your prayers.

The Membership had a surprise visitor at the July Chapter meeting. Ron “Chief” Flora rode with the Chapter years ago to Washington DC, and shared some stories of his experiences with the Chapter on the Ride to the Wall. See page 9.

The Chapter is helping the families of our Indiana Veterans. Mary Nicholson from Covington Indiana is the widow of Air National Guardsman Robert Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson became wheelchair dependent and needed a ramp to be able to get in and out of her home easier. The Membership approved a contractor to build the ramp for Ms. Nicholson. The ramp has been built and ready for Ms. Nicholson to start using. See page 11 for pictures of the ramp.

We have several events coming up in August. Please refer to page 18 and 19 for the details.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday August 20, 2023

August 2023 Birthday's



James Surd 8-4

Jim Haarbauer 8-9

Vern Rensing 8-9

William Bailey 8-17

Barbara Todd 8-18

Larry Paynter 8-24

Keith Gielen 8-27

Charles Henderson 8-29

Hope you have many more

Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 Elections

The June Chapter meeting was the start of our 2023 election cycle.

In accordance with the National Constitution, all members will be duly notified of elections by an announcement at the June, July and August Chapter meeting. **Nominations will be taken at our July and August Chapter meetings only.** You MUST be present to accept the Nomination.

To be nominated and/or elected for any officer position, a member must be in good standing for a period of (1) year or longer.

The member must have their Rocker/Eagle patches and have attended six (6) Chapter meetings in the past (12) months prior to nomination.

The election will be held at our September 17th Chapter Meeting.

The positions that will be up for election is the President, Secretary, (3) Board Members, and Alternate Board Member.

In accordance with the National Constitution, to be eligible for position of Chapter President, a member must have held a Chapter Executive Officer position or been a member of the Board of Directors for 12 months of a Chapter prior to being nominated. Under special circumstances a waiver may be granted by National.

In accordance with Chapter Rules Version 1.2, Any Chapter member in good standing wishing to run for the office of President, or Chairman of the Board, must first have held another office, i.e.: Treasurer, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term with RTIN Chapter #1.



**Chapter President
Mike Clark**



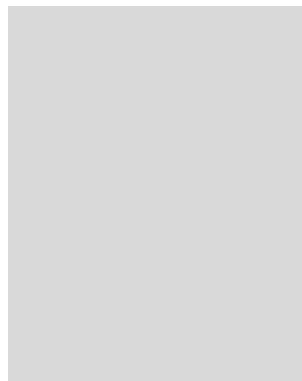
**Chapter Secretary
Jessica Clark**



**Board Member
Don Leasure**



**Board Member
David Brewer**



**Board Member
Vacant**



**Board Member
Denise Van Brunt**

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.

- a. Responsible for the overall day-to-day operation, safety, management and financial order of the organization.
- b. The Chapter President ensures that all officers, board members and members follow the Constitution.
- c. 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.
- d. 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).
- e. Must have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term with Indiana Chapter #1.
- f. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse.
- g. 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.

- a. Recording, editing and maintaining all meeting minutes
- b. Maintains custody of all records, reports on behalf of the executive officers.
- c. Prepares and distributes all incoming/outgoing correspondences, memorandums etc.
- d. Assist in the preparation of the Organizational Activities Reports.
- e. Provides monthly minutes to the Chapter for review.
- f. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chapter President.
- g. The Secretary is responsible to the President of the Chapter.
- h. 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.

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

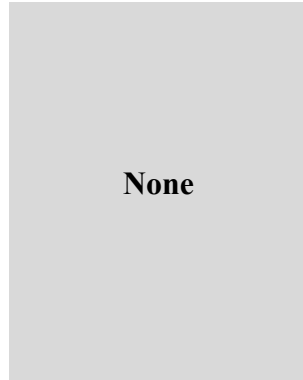
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- d. Makes recommendations to the Board that will help promote the Chapter's mission and goals.
- e. Participates in Board discussions as presented by the Chairman of the Board or other Board Members.
- f. Votes in the absents of a Board Member on subject matters as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- g. Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
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**Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1
Elections**

July 16, 2023 Nominations



**Chapter President
Mike Clark**



None

Chapter Secretary



**Board Member
Don Leasure**



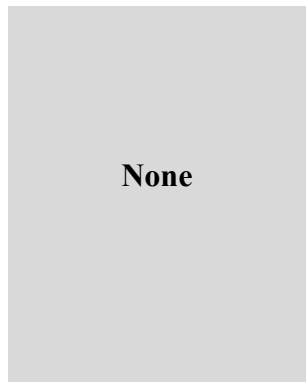
**Board Member
David Brewer**



**Board Member
Chuck Henderson**



**Board Member
Darryle Swartzlander**



None

**Alternate
Board Member**

Old Gang Together Again



From left to right: Terry "Flash" Sanderson, Ron "Chief" Flora, Roger "Stumpy" Roe, Donald McFarland.

Chief attended our July Chapter meeting and shared some stories of his experiences with the Chapter on the Ride to the Wall. Flash told the story how Chief was harassed by the local police on the items installed on his motorcycle. Chief had all kinds of animal parts installed on his motorcycle. The Officer asked Chief if there are any endangered species on the motorcycle.

Chief started to get a little nervous with the Officers questioning, but the officer couldn't hold his composure any longer and let the cat out of the bag. The Officer told Chief that the members put him up to it.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find a picture of Chief's old motorcycle that he rode with all of the animal parts. The top right picture is the Indian motorcycle that Chief rode to the Chapter meeting.

The next page is Chief with Paul Revere at the 2001 Ride to the Wall. Paul Revere and the Raiders played for the Ride to the Wall attendees for several years.

Paul Revere



Paul Revere with Ron 'Chief' Flora
circa 2001

Paul Revere and his entourage came through Indianapolis heading to DC for the annual Memorial Day weekend Rolling Thunder demonstration ride. The entourage was traveling in a motor home following Paul Revere and his drummer riding on loaner Harleys provided by Harley Davidson, Inc.

Chapter members met up with Paul Revere and his entourage for breakfast in Plainfield, IN. It was a memorable occasion. Paul Revere has been an exceptionally good friend of Rolling Thunder. Paul Revere and his band, The Raiders, played on stage at the Lincoln Memorial in front of the reflecting pond following all the speeches that May, and in several years to follow. In 2001 Paul Revere and The Raiders recorded 'Ride to the Wall'. This link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufxeicNml-4>, of 'Ride to the Wall' is accompanied by an excellent slide show.

Written by: *Terry Sanderson*
September 2020

Wheelchair Ramp for Mary Nicholson Covington Indiana

Mary is the widow of an Air National Guardsman who served for 8 year. Mary had to have her leg amputated due to an infection and is completely wheelchair bound. Mary lives with her daughter and the home doesn't have a ramp for easy access .

Chapter Member Jim Smith brought this issue to the Board for consideration to have a ramp built for Mary so she could have easier access to her home. The Board reviewed the cost estimates and approved the expense for the ramp to be built. The expense was brought up to the membership for discussion and vote, and the membership voted unanimously to support building the ramp for Ms. Nicholson.

The contractor started building the ramp the same week, and completed the project on July 22nd. Below is some pictures of before and after the ramp was built.

The Chapter helping our Veteran families.



Before



After



Rolling Thunder, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 Scholarship Awards

The chapter has proudly awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors that are college or tech school bound since 2020. **Each scholarship award is for \$1,000.**

2020 *IUPUI, Faith Barnes

*DePauw University, Grayson Kleist

2021 *Purdue University, Benton Berger

#Clemson University, Brooke Breedlove

#Bryon College, Ellie Halbert

2022 *Hanover College, Vivian Jacobs

2023 *Purdue University, Micah Stonecipher

#Ball State University, Sydney Groves

#Indiana University, Emily Brechenser

*The **Linda J. Smith-Cope POW-MIA Scholarship** is in honor of former Chapter Members Linda Cope who unexpectedly passed away in 2019 due to medical complications. This scholarship is to honor Linda's spirit, and not only remember her brother Ronald E. Smith but all those that have yet to come home to family and friends from all past wars. This scholarship is only available to a Covington or Fountain Central High School graduating senior seeking a higher education at an accredited College, University, or Trade School.

#The **Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 Scholarship** is awarded to a high school graduating senior or a student receiving the GED seeking a higher education at an accredited college, university, or trade school. The applicant must be a resident of Indiana, and have a verifiable family relationship to a **former Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA)**.

Helping Heroes Freedom Ride July 29, 2023

Couple members attended the Helping Heroes Freedom Ride on Saturday July 29th. It was a hot, but nice day for the event. There were several food and knickknack vendors at the event. Helicopter rides were also available for \$100 per passenger. Riders started arriving around 10:00 with kickstands up at 14:00. Between 10:00 and 14:00, there was plenty of food, drinks, and entertainment while you waited for the ride.

The ride was an escorted ride through downtown Indianapolis and back to the American Legion post for the final closing. Not sure of the exact bike count, but close to 150 to 200.



Darryle used setup his trailer to put Rolling Thunder® literature on display at the event which a few riders showed some interest in Rolling Thunder®.



Darryle and Victor checking out the Vendor tables.



Helicopter Rides



Harley Davidson side car Raffle bike



USS Indianapolis Honor Watch Sunday July 30, 2023

Sunday July 30th was the 78th anniversary of the torpedoing and sinking of the USS Indianapolis CA-35. **The USS Indianapolis had a proud war record:** 10 battle stars, Flagship of Admiral Raymond Spruance (Spruance), and President Franklin Roosevelt's ship of state. Because of her remarkable war record, and her speed as a heavy cruiser, the USS Indianapolis was chosen for the top secret mission to deliver the Uranium 235 to the island of Tinian. From there, the Enola Gay dropped the atomic bomb "Little Boy" over the city of Hiroshima. After Nagasaki was bombed, Japan surrendered.

There is only one USS Indianapolis survivor still alive. His name is Harold Bray. There is only one survivor from the I- 58 Japanese submarine that sank the USS Indianapolis. The crewman's name is Kunshirou Kiyozumi. Harold Bray and several members of the Legacy Education Committee, including lost at sea families, wrote to Mr. Kiyozumi. The letters were to assure Mr. Kiyozumi that the benevolent message was of forgiveness and peace

Izumi Harris, a special friend of the Honor Watch, is an Indiana college professor. Izumi hand-delivered the letters to Mr. Kiyozumi in Japan. Members of the Legacy Education Committee read some of the letters to Mr. Kiyozumi, and his replies back to us to the Committee.

Chapter Members Jackie Griffith, Darryle Swartzlander, Terry Sanderson, Ed Newbill, Jessica Clark, and David Brewer, read the names and bio's of the 31 Hoosier Heroes that lost their lives when the USS Indianapolis was sunk by the Japanese.



List of the 31 Indiana Sailors/Marines Lost at Sea USS Indianapolis

Homer Amick, Seaman Second class, son of mother Lettie Amick, from Marysville. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on October 8, 1943. Homer was 20 years old when he was lost at sea.

Thomas Barksdale, Fire Controlman Third Class, son to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barksdale from Seymour. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on November 8, 1943. Leon was 20 years old when he was lost at sea.

Robert Biltz, Seaman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Biltz from Elkhart. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis in July 1945. Robert was 18 years old when he was lost sea.

Eldridge Wayne Bowles, Seaman 1st Class, husband to Kathleen Bowles, father to Sandra Rigdon, from Camby. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on October 8, 1943. Eldridge was 31 years old when he was lost sea. .

Paul Edward Gill, Water Tender Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gill from Huntington. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Paul was 25 years old when he was lost at sea

David Elmer Crimes. Seaman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crimes from Russellville. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 7, 1944. David was 20 years old when he was lost at sea.

Loren Everett Grimm, Marine Private First Class, son to Mr. and Mrs. William Grimm from Montezuma. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis in April 1944. Loren was 27 years old when he was lost at sea.

John Thomas Groch, Machinist Mate Third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Groch from Michigan City. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on April 27, 1944. John was 33 years old when he was lost at sea.

Morgan Guenther, Electrician Mate Third Class, husband to Mrs. Alma Guenther, from Granite City. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 5, 1943. Morgan was 23 years old when he was lost at sea.

John William Hodshire, Seaman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hodshire from Greencastle. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 7, 1944. John was 19 years old when he was lost at sea.

Prentice William Hopper, Seaman First Class, son of Audie Hopper from Winslow. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on June 1, 1945. Prentice was 18 years old when he was lost at sea.

Roy Lee Hopper, Aviation Mechanic First Class, husband to Dora Hopper from Decatur. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on June 2, 1945. Roy was 31 years old when he was lost at sea.

Wallace Jeffers, Coxswain, son of Wallace Jeffers, Great Uncle to Jeff Sweeney, from New Albany. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on a July 22, 1943. Wallace was 29 years old when he was lost at sea.

Glenn Willis Kenworth, Marine Corporal, husband to Norma Kenworth from Kokomo. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis in April 1944. Glenn was 27 years old when he was lost at sea.

List of the 31 Indiana Sailors/Marines Lost at Sea USS Indianapolis

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Robert Kollinger, Seaman First Class, son to Mr. and Mrs. David Kollinger from Indianapolis. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 7, 1943. Robert was 19 years old when he was lost at sea.

John Krzyzewski, Seaman Second Class, husband to Evelyn Krzyzewski from South Bend. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 7, 1944. John was 33 years old when he was lost at sea.

Paul LaFontaine, Seaman First Class, husband to Ruth LaFontaine from Fort Wayne. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Paul was 29 years old when he was lost at sea.

Robert Clyde Lamb, Electrician Mate Third Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lamb from Brazil. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on July 1, 1944. Robert was 20 years old when he was lost at sea.

Claud Ancil Luttrell, Coxswain, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Luttrell of Princeton. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on August 10, 1943. Claud was 19 years old when he was lost at sea.

Howard James Mankin, Gunners Mate Third Class, husband to Neva Mankin of Evansville. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Howard was 31 years old when he was lost at sea.

Artie Ronald Miller, Gunners Mate Second Class, son to Ethel Miller of Brazil. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on December 6, 1940. Artie was 25 years old when he was lost at sea.

Richard Leon Minor, Seaman First Class, son of Charles Minor, of Monticello. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Richard was 22 years old when he was lost at sea.

Carl Emerson Mires, Seaman Second Class, husband to Luetta Mires from Indianapolis. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Carl was 24 years old when he was lost at sea.

Charles Keith Neal, Seaman Second Class, son to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Neal of Indianapolis. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 12, 1945. Charles was 17 years old when he was lost at sea.

Robert Fred Pitman, Seaman Second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pitman of Loganport. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 7, 1944. Robert was 17 years old when he was lost at sea.

Glen Eugene Ross, Fireman Second Class, son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross from Norman. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on June 12, 1945. Glen was 19 years when he was lost at sea.

Homer Leroy Smith, Fireman Second Class, husband to Ruth Smith from Mishawaka. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on June 23, 1945. Homer was 19 years old when he was lost at sea.

Wayne Allen Stevens, Machinist Mate Second Class, husband to Esther Stevens of Carthage. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on July 22, 1943. Wayne was 22 years old when he was lost at sea.

Allen Charles Streich, radioman Second Class, son Mr. and Mrs. Leo Streich from Mishawaka. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on April 19, 1943. Allen was 24 years old when he was lost at sea.

**List of the 31 Indiana Sailors/Marines Lost at Sea
USS Indianapolis**

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Robert Wayne Terry, Seaman First Class, son to Bernice Terry from Hartford City. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on May 12, 1945. Robert was 17 years old when he was lost at sea.

Jack Edwin Walker, Radioman Second Class, husband to Ruby Walker from Anderson. He reported for duty aboard the USS Indianapolis on September 1, 1943. Jack was 22 years old when he was lost at sea.

Upcoming Events for August

August 5th	Fallen Officer Memorial Ride
August 6th	Burial of WWII MIA Tech SGT Lawrence E. Reitz.
August 9th	Chapter Event Planning Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
August 11th	GoldStar Traveling Wall escort from Memphis Indiana to Bunker Hill Indiana
August 19th	Throwing for the Veterans (Indy Corn hole Classic)

Fallen Officer Memorial Ride

Police Escorted motorcycle ride to benefit the Fallen Officer Memorial Fund for Shelby County. The ride will be through Brown County Indiana and is known to be one of the safest rides around! Ride shirts and ride patches will be available for purchase. Registration 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Mandatory Safety Briefing 9:45 AM. FOP SHELBY LODGE #84 1237 N Knightstown Road Shelbyville, IN 46176 317-395-3552 www.shelbyfop84.com. **Special Note: Anyone wanting to participate in this ride, Darryle Swartzlander will meet you at Southside Harley Davidson at 07:30, and KSU at 7:45.** The ride starts at 10:00.

Burial of WWII MIA Tech SGT Lawrence E. Reitz

DPAA announced the remains of Tech SGT Lawrence E. Reitz from Hoopeston Illinois was identified on May 5th, 2023. Tech SGT Reitz is scheduled to be buried in Williamsport Indiana on August 6th, 2023. An open gathering will be held at Maus Funeral Home, located at 704 S Council St, Attica, IN 47918 on Sunday, August 6 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Following the gathering, burial with full Military Rites will be held at Highland Cemetery, Williamsport. The updated obituary can be read at [Obituary | Tech Sgt Lawrence Edward Reitz of Hoopeston, Illinois | Maus Funeral Home](#)

Chapter Event Planning Meeting

Members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chapter Event Planning Meetings. The meetings start at 18:00 using the same Zoom information as our monthly Chapter Meetings.

GoldStar Traveling Wall Escort

This is an escort of the GoldStar Traveling Wall from Memphis, IN to American Jury 369 Bunker Hill Indiana. This escort will start from Loves Travel Stop 131615 Blue Lick Rd, Memphis In 47143. The Mission Brief will be at 8:00 AM with KSU at 08:15. The first fuel stop will be at 1 Road Rangers located at 1615 EAST MAIN STREET, GREENWOOD IN (I-65, EXIT 99) with KSU at 9:50. The second stop will be at Loves Travel Center located at 1875 S Campbell Xing Tipton Indiana with KSU at 11:15. The final destination will be American Jury 369 Bunker Hill Indiana with an estimated arrival time of 11:45.

Throwing for the Veterans

This is the largest single-day cornhole tournament in the country. The event will take place at the American Legion Mall from 14:00 to 18:00. All proceeds will benefit the Indiana War Memorial. The Chapter is sponsoring two teams. Team 1 is Mike and Jessica Clark. Team 2 is Darryle Swartzlander and Victor Gonzalez. Come to the event and support your teams.

Upcoming Events for August - Continue -

August 20th	Board and Chapter Meeting
August 24-27th	The Wall that Heals, Middletown, IN
August 31st	Rushville Missing Man Table Ceremony

Board and Chapter Meeting

This will be the Chapters monthly meeting at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Board meeting is for Board Members only and the Chapter meeting is for everyone. **The Chapter meeting starts at 1:00PM.**

The Wall that Heals

The Wall that Heals is a 3/4 replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. The wall will arrive on August 22nd and will be setup on August 23rd. The wall will be on display from August 24-27th located at Dietrich Memorial Park, 135 South 5th St Middletown, IN 47356. The details on the escort on August 22nd is not published at this time.

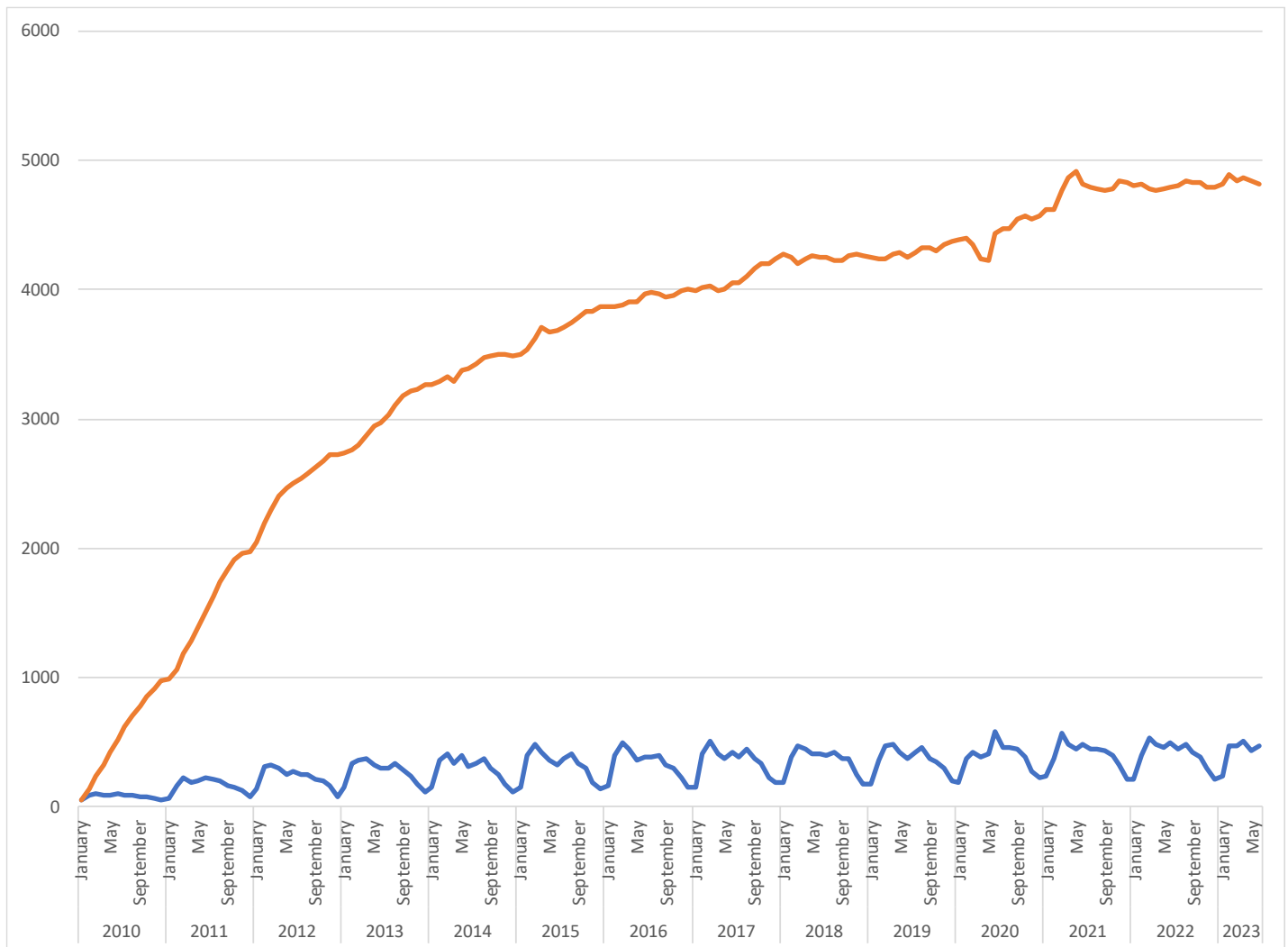
Rushville Missing Man Table Ceremony

The Rushville Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR), is bringing the American Veteran Traveling Tribute/Cost of Freedom exhibit to Rushville August 30 - Sept 3, 2023. The Rushville DAR Chapter has invited the Chapter to perform our Missing Man Ceremony at their opening ceremony on Thursday Aug 31st at 6:00pm.

The honoree is CWO 5 Jeff Houser who was shot down over Cambodia. CWO Houser, along with his observer and his gunman, were reported missing in action. CWO Houser walked out of the jungle almost four days later. Unfortunately, his observer was killed in action, and his door gunner is still listed as MIA.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets

As of June 30, 2023

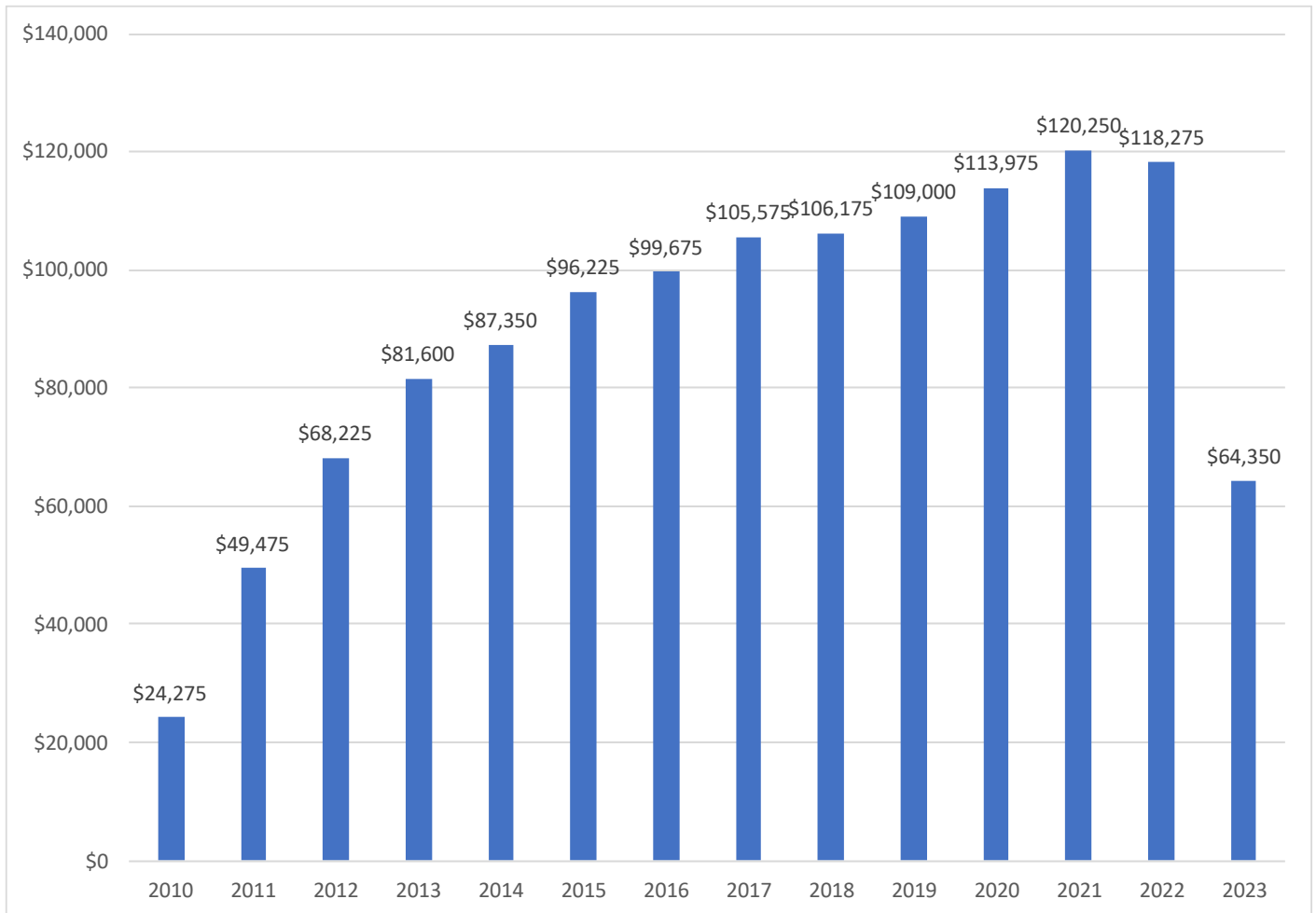


As of June 2023, we have **4,816** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF). **We are 19 plates up from this time last year.**

The Plate update for July will be presented at the August Chapter Meeting

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2023



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$1,244,425** 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 and MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need.

The Plate update for July will be presented at the August Chapter Meeting

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Membership Patches and Obligations

National Constitution

The Rolling Thunder® patches are items that members strive to obtain. The Boot patch represents the members Chapter, and the Rocker and Eagle represents Rolling Thunder® National. These patches should be worn proudly and with respect. When a member is issued these patches, they have an obligation to take care of them and turn them in if they decide to quit Rolling Thunder® for whatever reason. Below is an abstract from the National Constitution on the members obligations that they agree to when they receive these 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.**

Membership Obligations

Retrieve Patches: It's the Chapters responsibility to retrieve all patches. If a member does not renew dues in a reasonable time, thirty days from the end of February the Chapter President or his appointed representative will collect their patches. Any Chapter that does not retrieve the members patches will be held liable for their cost. Any problems from a delinquent member to collect our property, if needed have a lawyer send a letter and take them to court (quote the constitution) that a member will pay all court and lawyers fees. **The Chapter will pay National \$150.00 per set lost and members deposit will not be refunded.**

If you mail your patches to the Chapter, make sure you send the package CERTIFIED or PRIORITY mail for tracking purposes and insure the package for \$150.00.

Please DO NOT Glue your patches on your vest. National will NOT accept damaged patches and you may lose your patch refund.

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2023 DPAA MIAs Accounted-For

Total Accounted for in 2023: 22
As of July 30, 2023

Accounted-For by War

WWII (13)

Korea (6)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (9)

U.S Army Air Forces (5)

U.S Marine Corps (1)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (0)

U.S Navy (2)

U.S Navy Reserves (0)

U.S Air Force (3)

U.S Coast Guard (0)

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
F3C Alferd E. Livingston	12-7-1941	2-1-2007	7-21-2007	USS Oklahoma	Worthington
1st Class Paul A. Nash	12-7-1941	4-15-2015	6-30-2016	USS Oklahoma	Carlisle
1LT Robert L. McIntosh	5-12-1944	8-1-2015	8-13-2016	Italy	Tipton
3rd Class Francis L. Hannon	12-7-1941	10-24-2017		USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
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
MSG Charles H. McDaniel	11-1-1950	9-12-2018	10-27-2018	Korea	Greenwood
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
SEA1 Oris V. Brandt	12-7-1941	2-20-2019		USS Oklahoma	Kentland
TSGT Charles G. Ruble	9-17-1944	5-31-2019	3-2-2020	Netherlands	Parker City

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PVT USMC William E. Ramboo	11-20-1943	7-13-2019		Betio Island	LaPorte
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	6-11-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond
SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler	12-7-1941	3-27-2020		USS Oklahoma	Ft. Wayne
CPO B. James Booe	12-7-1941	9-29-2020	6-1-2021	USS Oklahoma	Veedersburg
2nd Class Harold F. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
3Rd Class Willaim H. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
PFC USMC Charles D. Miller	11-22-1943	5-19-2020		Tarawa Atoll	Albany
SGT Stanley Lee Dewitt	11-1-1950	6-5-2020	10-19-2021	Chosen Reservoir	Royal City
George Gilbert	12-7-941	8-24-2020	6-6-2022	USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
SFC James A. Coleman	10-3-1952	5-23-2022	10-19-2022	Korea	Hillsdale
SGT Charles Garrigus	12-1-1950	8-2-2022	3-7-2023	Chosen Reservoir	Terre Haute
PFC Leonard E. Adams	1-21-1945	7-20-2022	6-13-2023	France	Dana

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
Scars and Strips	Captain Eugene "RED" McDaniel USN Retired
Reflections on Captivity	Porter Alexander Halyburton

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

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Hall, Bruce, Member, March 2010	Gigle, Gene, Member, August 2011
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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
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Melanie Bailey, Member November 25, 2021	Katherina Bean, Member December 14, 2021
Donald Leffler, Member December 20, 2021	Richard Harrington, Past COB, January 17, 2022
John Byers, Member August 27, 2022	Kaler, Shirley, Member October 13, 2022
James “Jim” Weaver, Member December 14, 2022	Joseph B. Stuart, Member July 20, 2023