

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)

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January 2023 Newsletter

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President News

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

Well, 2022 is behind us and looking forward to 2023. The Chapter has accomplish a lot and 2022, and eager to see what the Chapter can accomplish in 2023. The Chapter wasn't able to get through 2022 without some difficult times with the lost of Chapter Members Richard “Dick” Harrington, and Katherina Bean. The Byers family also lost their son John due to a motorcycle accident. Keep the Harrington, Bean, and the Byers families in your prayers.

January is the start of a new event calendar. The event calendar is a working document and could change daily. We have an event planning committee meeting on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss event for the upcoming month and future events. All Chapter members are welcome to attend the event planning meetings. A draft copy of the 2023 event calendar is listed on page 15 and 16 of the newsletter. Updates to the event calendar will be posted on our website at [Calendar of Events | Indiana Rolling Thunder, Inc.](#)

Pages 9 through 12 is a review of some of the 2022 Chapter accomplishments. Despite COVID and the status of the economy, the Chapter participated in 55 events through the year. Some of these events were well attended and others fell short. All of these events are important and the more members we have in attendance, the bigger statement it makes.

At the December Chapter meeting, John Wertz was our guest speaker. John is the grandson of former POW Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) John William Frederick Jr who was a POW during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1972. John briefed the membership on his grandfathers experiences while in captivity. See pages 3-5. Francis “DOC” Bean was also awarded his back patches. Congratulations DOC.

Chapter Membership dues are now due and must be paid by the **February Chapter meeting** to remain as a member in good standing. The Chapter must have all dues turned into National by March 2023. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday January 15, 2023

January 2023 Birthday's



Richard (Brian) Griffith (8)

Charles Rogers (24)

Jeff Thatcher (9)

Patricia Wiederkehr (9)

Happy Birthday to all

**Chapter Meeting
December 18, 2022**



**Congratulations to Francis "DOC" Bean
Received his Rocker and Eagle**



Guess Speaker John Wertz

John is the Grandson of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) John William Frederick Jr who was a POW during the Vietnam War from December 7, 1965 until his death July 19, 1972.

John briefed the membership on his grandfathers experience as a POW and the effect his captivity had on the Family.

See the next page for CWO Frederick's BIO.

CWO John William Frederick JR
Born: December 13, 1923
Died while in Captivity: July 19 1972



Chief Warrant Officer John William Frederick, Jr United States Marine Corps, was held as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam from December 7, 1965 until his death in captivity on or about July 19, 1972.

John William Frederick Jr was born and raised in Manito, Illinois. He was the son of John William Frederick and Estella Inez Fuller. He had married Lorraine Wilma Unsicker in 1948.

On May 7, 1942, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps to serve during World War II and flew 40 combat missions in the Pacific Theater as a tail gunner and radar operator on Grumman TBF Avenger torpedo bombers.

He went on to serve during the Korean War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served as Pilot and Airborne Intercept Operator attached to the 542nd Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron. He flew over 90 combat missions in Grumman F7F Tigercats.

On December 1, 1965 he was deployed to Vietnam. One week later, on the night of December 7, 1965 Frederick was the radar intercept officer of an F4B Phantom during an escort mission out of Da Nang Air Base. Their aircraft was shot down by a surface-to-air missile over North Vietnam. Although he severely burned his hands when his part of the cockpit was enveloped by flames, he successfully ejected from the aircraft. His pilot, Major John H Dunn, also survived the crash and was captured six days later.

The next morning, Frederick accidentally walked into an enemy gun emplacement and single-handedly attacked them. He managed to kill a few North Vietnamese soldiers before he was overpowered and captured. Frederick was subsequently beaten and taken to a prisoner of war camp in Hanoi.

As one of the first Marines held as a POW, Frederick helped set the standard for conduct of other captured Marines. He strictly adhered to the code of conduct and refused to take part in North Vietnamese propoganda programs. His resistance to the enemy also caused him to be routinely tortured and beaten during numerous interrogations.

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CWO John William Frederick JR

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He was subjected to long periods of solitary confinement for refusing to bow and or provide information. In 1972, he was held in solitary confinement for 90 days and contracted either typhoid fever or meningitis. Falling into a coma, Frederick was likely being transported to a hospital in Hanoi when he died on or about July 19, 1972, after more than 2,400 days in captivity.

During his service in the Vietnam War era, he was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star and Legion of Merit for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while interned as a Prisoner of War. He had been recommended for the Medal of Honor, however this award was downgraded to the Navy Cross.

Despite severe injuries which resulted from maltreatment and severe cruelties, Chief Warrant Officer Frederick steadfastly refused to cooperate with his captors in their attempt to gain tactical information.

Although long periods of solitary confinement for such offenses as refusing to bow or provide biographical information weakened his physical condition, he was not detracted from his dogged resistance. Refusing at all times to give in to the enemy, he provided a personal example and source of strength to his fellow prisoners.

With full knowledge that his tenacious resistance could only arouse worse treatment, he showed extraordinary courage and determination, adhering to a Code of Conduct to an extent far beyond that which could reasonably be expected.

By his resourcefulness and leadership in the face of great adversity, Chief Warrant Officer Frederick reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

COMMENDATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Navy Cross, Legion of Merit, Prisoner of War Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, United States Aviator Badge, World War II, Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Citation, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Marine Corps, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

Unfortunately, CWO Frederick missed Operation Homecoming by 7 months.



Operation Homecoming **February 12, 1973 to April 4, 1973**

On January 27, 1973, Henry Kissinger (then assistant to President Richard Nixon for national security affairs) agreed to a ceasefire with representatives of North Vietnam that provided for the withdrawal of American military forces from South Vietnam. The agreement also postulated for the release of nearly 600 American prisoners of war (POWs) held by North Vietnam and its allies within 60 days of the withdrawal of U.S. troops. The deal would come to be known as Operation Homecoming and was divided into three phases. The first phase required the initial reception of prisoners at three release sites: POWs held by the Viet Cong (VC) were to be flown by helicopter to Saigon, POWs held by the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) were released in Hanoi and the three POWs held in China were to be freed in Hong Kong. The former prisoners were to then be flown to Clark Air Base in the Philippines where they were to be processed at a reception center, debriefed, and receive a physical examination. The final phase was the relocation of the POWs to military hospitals.

On February 12, 1973, three C-141 transports flew to Hanoi, North Vietnam, and one C-9A aircraft was sent to Saigon, South Vietnam to pick up released prisoners of war. The first flight of 40 U.S. prisoners of war left Hanoi in a C-141A, which later became known as the "Hanoi Taxi" and is now in a museum.

From February 12 to April 4, there were 54 C-141 missions flying out of Hanoi, bringing the former POWs home. During the early part of Operation Homecoming, groups of POWs released were selected on the basis of longest length of time in prison. The first group had spent six to eight years as prisoners of war. **The last POWs were turned over to allied hands on March 29, 1973 raising the total number of Americans returned to 591.**

Of the POWs repatriated to the United States a total of 325 of them served in the United States Air Force, a majority of which were bomber pilots shot down over North Vietnam or VC controlled territory. The remaining 266 consisted of 138 United States Naval personnel, 77 soldiers serving in the United States Army, 26 United States Marines and 25 civilian employees of American government agencies. A majority of the prisoners were held at camps in North Vietnam, however some POWs were held in at various locations throughout Southeast Asia. A total of 69 POWs were held in South Vietnam by the VC and would eventually leave the country aboard flights from Loc Ninh, while only nine POWs were released from Laos, as well as an additional three from China.



March 29, 2023 marks the 50th Anniversary of Operation Homecoming.

National Former POW Recognition Day April 9th

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day observed annually on April 9 recognizes and honors the courageous prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). Did you know that prisoners of war must be treated decently with respect? Yes, although they are prisoners of war, they will be allowed to have all the basic rights. On this day, back in 1942, American veterans were held by the Japanese and endured harsh treatment. While some survived, there were countless numbers of people that died on their way to the prison camps.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY

War is a brutal act that humans have carried out ever since they learned to use sticks and stones as weapons. Prisoners of War (POW), the people who are captured by the opposition party as prisoners during the war, often endure atrocious treatment. National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day aims to honor those courageous fighters of the nation who had to endure

National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day occurs on the anniversary of the Bataan Death march. On April 9, 1942, the United States Forces surrendered to the Imperial Japanese Army on the Bataan Peninsula. All Survivors were loaded to a box train and brought to Camp O'Donnell. During this march, POWs were physically abused and tortured, causing the death of over 500 Americans. This is called the Bataan Death March. Later, this action of the Japanese Army was judged to be a Japanese War Crime.

In 1984, former POWs led a movement to recognize April 9, the day of the Bataan Death March, as the National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. On April 1, 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed April 9 be set aside to recognize the brave veterans. Reagan announced the holiday through the Presidential Proclamation 5788, and congress agreed with the legislation. Since then, on this day, every year, government officials, veterans, civic and private organizations across the nation observe this day with ceremonies and events.

NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY TIMELINE

1942 - Japanese Troops Capture U.S. Forces

The largest number of U.S. Forces are captured by Japanese troops in the Bataan peninsula.

1973 - Vietnam War Veterans Day

The last U.S. combat troops depart the Republic of Vietnam.

1984 - The Start of The Movement

Former POWs lead the movement seeking a day recognizing POWs.

1988 - Approval of The Legislation

Congress approves the legislation, setting April 9 as the National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

The next page is a copy of Proclamation 5788 signed by President Ronald Reagan on April 9, 1988.

Proclamation 5788

National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day, 1988

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

It is truly fitting that America observe April 9 in recognition of our former prisoners of war; that date is the 46th anniversary of the day in 1942 when U.S. forces holding out on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines were captured. Later, as prisoners of war, these gallant Americans were subjected to the infamous Bataan Death March and to other inhumane treatment that killed thousands of them before they could be liberated. In every conflict, brutality has invariably been meted out to American prisoners of war; on April 9 and every day, we must remember with solemn pride and gratitude that valor and tenacity have ever been our prisoners' response.

That is clear from the words of then-Captain Jeremiah Denton, USN, when he and other U.S. prisoners of war were freed in 1973 after years of captivity in North Vietnam. "We are honored to have had the opportunity to serve our country under these difficult circumstances," Captain Denton said. Implacable and incredible courage, endurance, faith, and patriotism were behind those words—eloquent and immortal testimony to the spirit of America's Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and throughout our history.

The term "difficult circumstances" referred to nothing less than physical and mental torture, starvation, disease, separation from loved ones, and deprivation of medical treatment—an ordeal that for some, in every conflict, did not end until death. To their brave families we offer solace and salute. To our former prisoners of war who endured so much, we say that with your example and with God's help we will seek to meet the standards of devotion you have set; we will never forget your service or your sacrifice.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-269, has designated April 9, 1988, as "National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 9, 1988, as National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day, and I urge all Americans to observe this day of remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eightyeight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.



RONALD REAGAN

2022 Chapter Accomplishments

The next few pages is a review of some of the Chapter accomplishments in 2022. The three areas we would like to see improvements in 2023 is, 1) increase in membership, 2) the number of members in good standing, 3) better attendance at our CORE events. The membership is not getting any younger and we need some younger blood in the Chapter. The increase of members in good standing would mean that we have more participation from the membership and better attendance at our CORE events. To be able to make three Chapter meetings and three Chapter events within 12 month's should not be hard to do if you are in good health and believe in our POW/MIA Mission.

Membership Status as of December 31, 2022

Members currently on Roster: 96

Junior Members: 7

Honorary Members: 2

Members lost due to Death: 2

Members lost due to Resigning: 4

Members in Good Standing: 30

Members that Joined the Chapter: 4

Charter Members still with the Chapter: 3 (Don & Carol McFarland and Judy Brinkley)

Chapter Events: 55

The Chapter completed approximately 55 events in 2022 not including Chapter meetings. Some events were well attended and others would have made a bigger statement with more members in attendance. Some of the significant events included:

March 29th - Jessica Lynch Briefing at the IWM. Jessica was a POW during the IRAQ War and told her story while in captivity as a POW.

May 14th - Richard (Dick) Harrington Celebration of Life and Escort. The Chapter had a celebration of life for Chapter Member Dick Harrington at the Veterans Center. Upon conclusion of the Celebration of Life, the Chapter with family members and friends escorted Dick's remains to the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, IN. We had approximately 25 members in attendance.

May 29th - Rolling Thunder® XXXIV Ride for Freedom. This event took place at the American Legion Plaza downtown Indianapolis. We had approximately 29 members in attendance with 20 guests.

July 21st-26 - Linda Smith-Cope Memorial Ride to the Wall. Chapter and family members escorted Linda's remains to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC to be with her brother, SFC Ronald Eugene Smith. Ron went missing in Vietnam in 1970, and listed on the wall. Family members spread Linda's ashes near the wall where she will be with her brother forever. We had approximately 21 Chapter and family members that joined us on this event.

August 27th - Veterans Center Support Ride. This is an annual event to help raise funds for the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The event was a scavenger hunt organized by Don and Wendy Leasure. Don and Wendy did an outstanding job with the event and raised \$4,223.97 for the Veterans Center. We had approximately 23 members in attendance with a few guests.

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September 16th - POW/MIA Recognition Day and Escort. The POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony is an annual event that occurs on the third Friday in September. The Chapter was honored this year to escort six MIA families from the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to the Indiana War Memorial for the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony. The guest speaker Suzanne Hoff Ogawa, who is the Daughter of Mary Helen Hoff and Commander Michael George Hoff, who went missing during the Vietnam War. Ms. Ogawa's mother Mary Helen Hoff was instrumental in designing of the POW/MIA Flag. Ms. Ogawa presented a POW/MIA 50th year anniversary banner to the Indiana POW/MIA Recognition Day Committee to be on permanently on display in the Indiana War Memorial Museum. We had approximately 21 members in attendance with several guest.

November 14th - Purdue POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication. This was a special event where the Chapter dedicated its 14th POW*MIA Chair of Honor. The dedication took place at the Purdue University in the Union Memorial. The Chair was unveiled by President Daniels and President-Elect Chiang. This special Chair will be seen by thousands of Purdue University students for many years to come. We had approximately 20 members in attendance with several Purdue guests.

November 14th - Stoops Trucking POW/MIA Flag Raising Ceremony. Upon conclusion of the POW*MIA Chair of Honor dedication, members drove to Stoops Trucking in Lafayette Indiana to conduct a POW/MIA Flag of Honor ceremony. The ceremony was attended by 14 Chapter members and several guest from Stoops Trucking.

December 4th - Chapter Christmas Party. The committee members did an outstanding job organizing this years Christmas party at the American Legion post 34. We had approximately 30 members in attendance with several family members.

In conclusion, all 55 of our Chapter events were important and hope that we can have many more in 2023.

Sponsorship/Fund Raising - Sponsorship and Fund Raising is an important part of the financial health of the Chapter. The Chapter would not be able to do our mission without funding. Due to the hard work of Chapter members going out and getting sponsors and donations, the Chapter collected \$14,115 in donations for 2022. Special thanks to all of our Sponsors and Chapter members that helped in collecting donations.

Supporting our Veterans - The Chapter worked hard in supporting our Veterans in 2022 in many ways.

- 1. Indiana POW/MIA License Plate:** The Indiana POW/MIA License Plate is a special tool that has two purposes. **First**, the POW/MIA License Plate helps bring awareness to the public about our POWs and MIAs, **Secondly**, the funds generated from the plate helps our Indiana Veterans in need. As of December 31st there are **4,795** POW/MIA License plates on the streets of Indiana. In 2022, the plate has generated **\$113,225** dollars to help our Indiana Veterans through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund. **Unfortunately, in 2022 compared to 2021, we are down 36 plates and \$1,900 in plates sales.** We need to find better ways to advertise this special plate.
- 2. BINGO at the Indiana Veterans Home:** Every year the Chapter plays BINGO with our Veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana. Every year the Veterans that play BINGO with the Chapter walks away with money in their pocket. In 2022, the Chapter payed out **\$1, 940** to the Veterans.

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Supporting our Veterans - Continued -

3. **Christmas Gifts for HVAF Veterans:** In 2022, the Chapter purchased Christmas Gifts for 12 HVAF Veterans. The gifts included Hygiene kits, Winter gloves, Thermo underwear, Sock Hat, Small comfort blanket, Winter socks and Hand Warmers, etc. The total amount for the gifts was **\$756.92**.
4. **Pets Healing Vets:** The Pets Healing Vets program is an important program for our Veterans that suffer from PTSD and other issues. A K9 buddy helps the Veteran to cope with daily challenges. The Chapter made a \$500 donation to the Pets Healing Vets program at the March Chapter meeting and another \$500 donation at the Ruff Ride in October for a total of **\$1,000** in 2022.
5. **Indy Honor Flights:** The Chapter has participated in the Welcome Home Celebrations for the Veterans returning home after visiting their monuments in Washington DC. Chapter members greeted Veterans at the Airport as they debark their airplane and at the Welcome Home celebration at the High School.

Special Ceremonies - The Chapter has been active in performing the Missing Man Table and other ceremonies throughout the year to help bring awareness to the public about our Missing. Some of these venues included:

1. **April 22nd** - The Purdue University's Army ROTC Dinning Out (Missing Man Table)
2. **July 30th** - USS Indianapolis Seventh Annual Honor Watch, CA-35 Memorial (Roll Call)
3. **August 7th** - VFW Port 7850, Gosport, Indiana (Missing Man Table)
4. **September 16th** - POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony (Missing Man Table)

Funerals and Processions:

January 8th - Chapter Member Katherina “Kat” Mae Goseco Bean. Katherina passed away unexpectedly on December 14, 2021. Chapter Members attended her funeral on January 8, 2022 at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Indianapolis, IN. May you rest in peace Katherina.

January 17th - Chapter Member Richard “Dick” Harrington. Dick passed away on January 17th due to COVID complications. His funeral was on Saturday January 29th at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison Indiana. On May 14th, the Chapter had a Celebration of Life for Dick at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. After the Celebration of Life, the Chapter, family, and friends escorted Dick to his final resting place at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison Indiana. May you rest in peace Dick.

August 27th - John Byers passed away due to a motorcycle accident. John joined the Chapter in 2018 and resigned in 2021. John’s funeral service was on Friday September 2nd at the Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield Indiana. Chapter members assisted with escorting John to his final resting place at the Park Cemetery in Greenfield, IN. May you rest in peace John.

July 12th & September 20th - Chapter members assisted in the processions for Greenwood Officer Tim Guinan and SPC Layton Michael David Abbott of Brazil Indiana.

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Scholarships - The Chapter had two Scholarship offers in 2022.

1. **Linda Smith-Cope Scholarship.** This is a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a Covington Community High School graduating senior seeking a higher education at an accredited College, University, or Trade School. The topic for the 2022 scholarship was “**The History of United States Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA)**”. The Chapter received one application for this scholarship. Vivian Jacobs of Covington, IN submitted her application and was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship. Vivian will continue her education at Hanover College.
2. **Chapter Scholarship.** This is a \$1,000 scholarship to be 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 topic for the scholarship is the same at the Linda Smith-Cope scholarship. The applicant for this scholarship must be a resident of Indiana, and have a verifiable family relationship to a former Prisoner of War (POW) or an Missing in Action (MIA). The purpose of this scholarship is to give back to the families that have sacrificed the lost of a loved one in war that remains unaccounted-for. Unfortunately, the Chapter did not receive any applications for this scholarship.

The previous pages are just a few of the Chapter accomplishments in 2022. We have many more things to accomplish in 2023 and will need your membership to continue on with our POW/MIA mission and helping our Indiana Veterans. Your membership is important and we hope that you will continue your membership with the Chapter and help recruit new members.

2022 Chapter Event Attendance

The next two pages is the list of Chapter events for 2022 and how many members attended the events in accordance with the attendance records. The CORE events are highlighted in **RED**. The CORE events are the ones that we consider high priority and all abled-body members are expected to attend. As you can see, for the number of members we have in the Chapter, the attendance at our CORE events need improvement.

Date	Event	Number
January 1	New Year Day Brunch at MCL	13
January 5	Chapter Event Planning Meeting	6
January 10	Indiana Military Veterans Legislative Day (State House)	4
January 15	Chapter Budget Meeting (Board Members Only)	9
February 2	Chapter Event Planning Committee	8
March 2	Chapter Event Planning Committee	9
March 19	Jessica Lynch IRAQ POW Briefing at the IWM	8
March 29	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day	7
April 6	Chapter Event Planning Committee.	9
April 9	39 th Annual Mid-West Swap Meet, Danville IN	11
April 16	Blessing of the Bikes Harley North	3
April 20	Chapter Event Planning Committee	9
April 22	Purdue University's Army ROTC Dinning Our, Purdue University	2
April 27	Fallen IMPD Officer Breann Leath, Scholarship.	4
May 4	Chapter Event Planning Committee	10
May 14	Richard (Dick) Harrington Celebration of Life and Escort to the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery	25
May 17	The Wall that Heals Escort to Winchester, IN	6
May 21	Armed Forces Day at the Track	4
May 21	Indy Honor Flight #34, Plainfield High School	2
May 25	Event Planning Meeting	8
May 28	Hot Rods for Heroes at Legion Post 34.	4
May 29	Rolling Thunder XXXIV Ride for Freedom Nationwide	29
June 1	Chapter Event Planning Committee	9
June 17-19	Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run (Middle East Conflicts Wall)	5
June 25	Veterans Center Cleanup	4
July 1	Crown Hill Cemetery Dedication	4
July 7	Chapter Event Planning Committee	5
July 12	Officer Tim Guinan Procession	1
July 14	2021 Sponsorship Awards	9
July 21-26	Linda Smith-Cope Memorial Ride to the Wall, Washington DC	15
July 30	USS Indianapolis Seventh Annual Honor Watch, CA-35 Memorial	11

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August 3	Chapter Event Planning Committee	7
August 7	Missing Man Table Ceremony for VFW Aux, Gosport, IN	10
August 27	Veterans Center Support Ride	23
September 7	Event Planning Committee	7
September 10	Indy Honor Flight #36	11
September 11	9/11 Ride and Ceremony	2
September 15	Watch Fire Ceremony, IWM	6
September 16	POW/MIA Ride to Remember/Recognition Day Ceremony	21
September 17	Quaker Day Parade	11
September 20	SPC Abbott Escort	3
September 28	Saluting Branches at Indiana Veterans Home	4
October 1	Pete Healing Vets Charity Ride (Ruff Ride)	7
October 5	Chapter Event Planning Committee	8
October 15	Veterans Memorial Ride, Madison Indiana	10
October 15	Indy Honor Flight #37	5
November 3-6	Rolling Thunder National Conference	7
November 11	Veterans Day Parade	13
November 14	Purdue POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication	20
November 14	Stoops Trucking POW/MIA Flag Raising Ceremony	14
December 3	Indiana Veterans Home Visit (BINGO)	9
December 4	Chapter Christmas Party	30
December 6	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony	7
December 7	Chapter Event Planning Committee	2
December 17	Wreath Across America (Local Cemetery Sites)	7

Chapter 2023 Calendar of Events

Listed below is a draft copy of Chapter events Calendar for 2023. The calendar is a working document and subject to change daily as events come up. The Board/Chapter meeting dates will not change unless notified by the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.

The events in **RED**, are considered CORE events and all abled-body members are expected to attend. The event calendar will be updated on the Chapter website and can be reviewed at <http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/events.html>.

Please notify one of the Executive or Board members if you have an event that you would like to see on the calendar.

January 1	News Year Day Brunch at MCL
January 4	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
January 10	Indiana Military Veterans Legislative Day (State House)
January 7	Chapter Budget Meeting
January 15	Board/Chapter Meeting
February 1	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
February 19	Board/Chapter Meeting
March 1	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
March 10-12	Indy 1500 Gun and Blade Show
March 19	Board/Chapter Meeting
March 29	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day & 50 th Anniversary of Operation Homecoming.
April XX	INDY Honor Flight
April 3	Meet and Greet new with new members
April 5	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
April 9	National Former POW Recognition Day
April 16	Board/Chapter Meeting
April 23	Support the Troops, Kokomo Indiana
May XX	INDY Honor Flight
May 3	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
May 19-21	Armed Forces Day at the Track
May 21	Board/Chapter Meeting
May 28	Rolling Thunder XXXV Ride for Freedom.
June 2-4	Indy 1500 Gun and Blade Show
June XX	INDY Honor Flight
June 7	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
June 10	Veterans Memorial Ride, Madison Indiana
June 11	Board/Chapter Meeting
July 3	Meet and Greet new members,
July 5	Chapter Event Plaining Meeting
July 16	Board/Chapter Meeting

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July 30	8 th Annual USS Indianapolis Honor Watch
August 2	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
August 20	Board/Chapter Meeting
August 26	Veterans Center Support Ride
September XX	INDY Honor Flight
September 6	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
September 8-10	Indy 1500 Gun and Blade Show
September 11	9/11 Ride
September 14	Watch Fire Ceremony, IWM
September 15	POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony
September 16	Hoosier Heroes Appreciation Day
September 17	Board/Chapter Meeting and Elections
September 27	Saluting Branches at Indiana Veterans Home
October XX	INDY Honor Flight
October 2	Meet and Greet with new members
October 4	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
October 15	Board/Chapter Meeting
November 1	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
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December 17	Board/Chapter Meeting

2023 Membership Dues

In accordance with the National constitution, the membership dues are required to be paid to National by March to remain a member in good standing.

Membership is important to keep the Chapter going so we can continue on with our important POW/MIA mission and helping our Indiana Veterans. Without members in good standing, the Chapter would not be able to do our important missions.

Please help the Chapter remain successful and pay your membership dues as soon as possible, but no later than January 2023. **We do appreciate your membership.**



Membership dues can be paid at the Chapter meeting or by mailing your renewal form and check to the Chapter P.O Box listed below:

Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1

P.O Box 26458

Indianapolis, IN 46226

POW/MIA Banner
New in the Quartermaster

The banner can be displayed in the garden or on your front door. The banner measures 12" X 18". It is double sided with applique embroidered art.



Rather than stocking in inventory we will be taking orders. Examples will be on display in the Quartermaster. Cost is \$25 which will include banner and hardware of your choice. Orders will be taken at the January and February meetings, with a product delivery at the March meeting.

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 Scholarship 2022

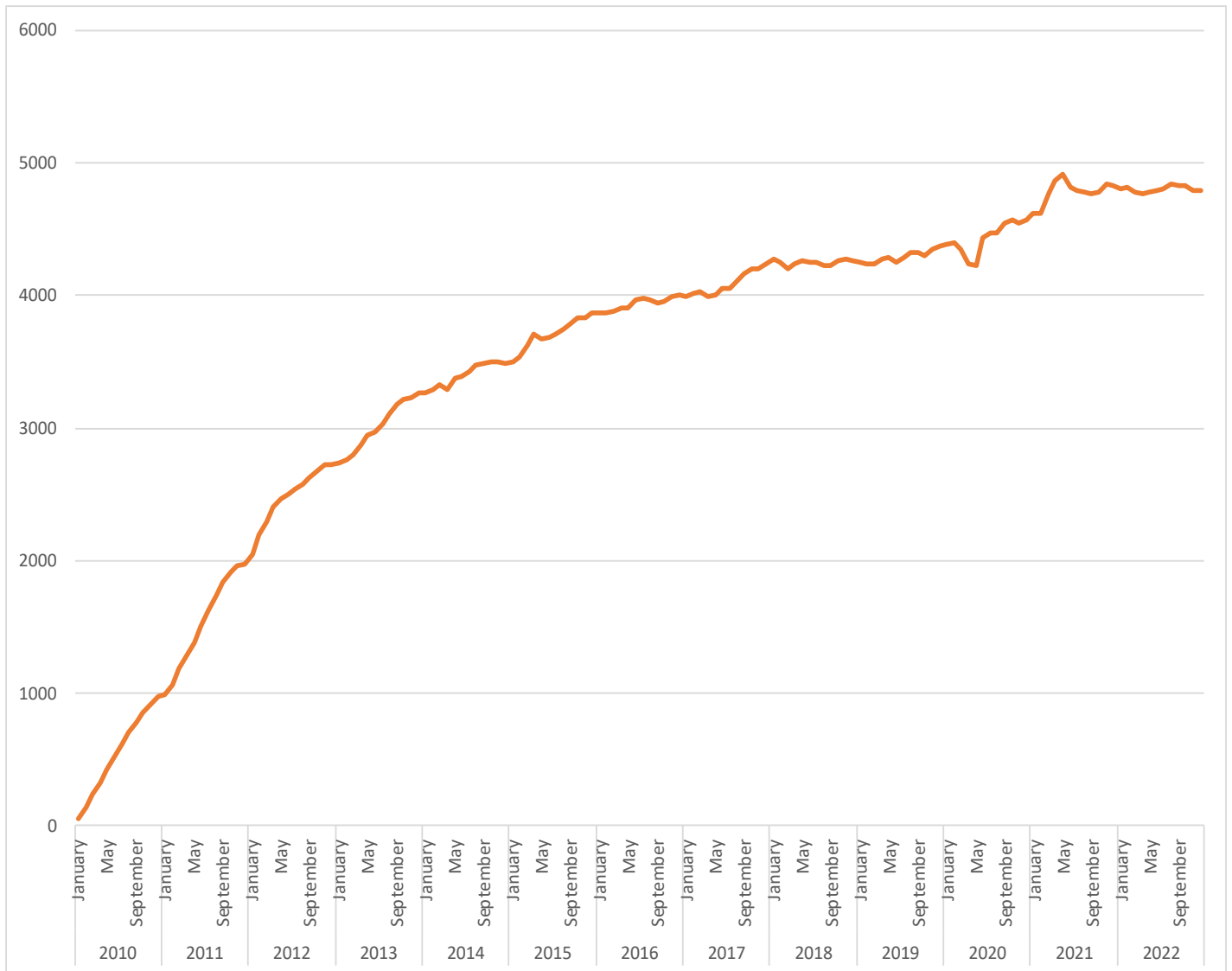
Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1 is giving back to the family members of our Service Members that have went off to battle and was captured, or still unaccounted for. The Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 Scholarship program is offering a **\$1,000** scholarship to a high school senior or student receiving the GED seeking a higher education at an accredited college, university, or trade school.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a resident of Indiana, and have a verifiable family relationship to a former Prisoner of War (**POW**) or an Missing in Action (**MIA**). The essay topic for 2023 is “**The Geneva Conventions as they relate to Prisoners of War (POWs)**”.

For details on this scholarship opportunity go to www.indianarollingthunder.com.



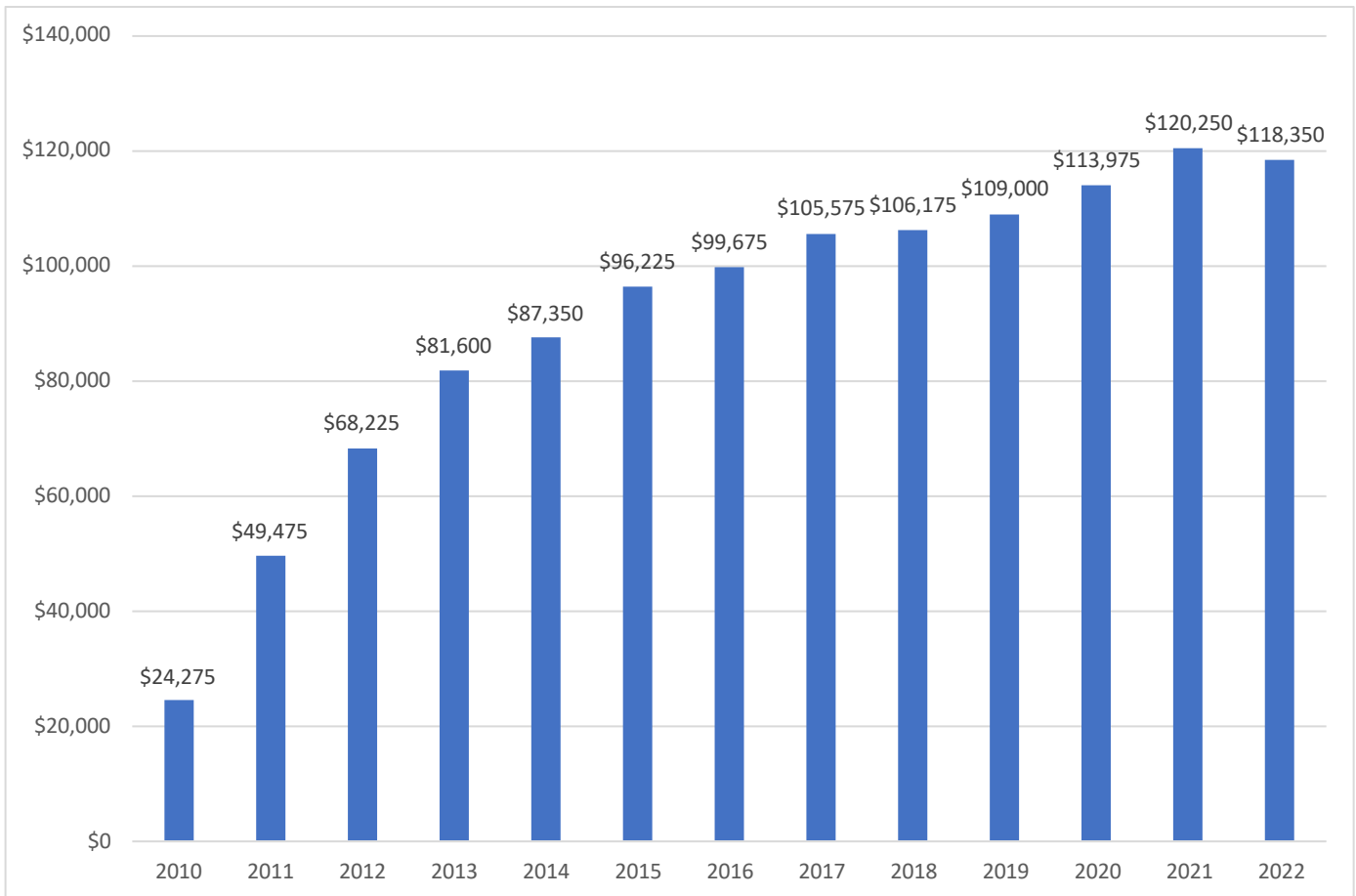
Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets As of December 31, 2022



As of December, 2022 we have **4,792** 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). In December 2021, we had **4,828** POW/MIA specialty plates on the street compared to the 4,792 in December 2022. **We are down by 36 plates and need to find ways to better advertise the POW/MIA Specialty plate to the public in 2023.**

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2022



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$1,180,150**. 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.

2022 is the first year that the plate sales has not exceeded the previous year sales. We are down \$1,900 in sales compared to 2021. We need to find ways to better advertise this special plate to the public in 2023.

2022 Chapter Member of the Year Award



The Rolling Thunder® Membership year runs from January 2022 to December 2022. At the January Chapter meeting we will recognize those special members that went above and beyond in support of the Chapter. The Chapter has several members that fall into this category, but unfortunately, we can only vote for one member.

Please take a few minutes and reflect back on the 2022 and think about who you would like to win the Member of the Year award. The winner will be announced at the February Chapter meeting.

Be prepared to tell the membership why you think your nominee should receive their vote.

The nominee must be a Member in Good Standing.

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

2022 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2022 Accounted for: **111**

As of December 31, 2022

Accounted-For by War

WWII (82)

Korea (26)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (64)

U.S Army Air Forces (40)

U.S Marine Corps (5)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (0)

U.S Navy (2)

U.S Navy Reserves (0)

U.S Air Force (0)

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

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

Continue

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
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		Chosen Reservoir	Terre Haute

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

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

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Always remember our American POWs and MIAs





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

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

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

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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
Joseph Smith, Member April 2018	Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019
Walter “Wally” J. Dudek, Member November 2019	Joe Kernan, USN Vietnam War POW, July 2020
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