

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWI (104) WWII (1,501), Korean (171), Vietnam (51)

INCOMING!



June 2022 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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President: Michael Clark

Secretary: Jessica Clark

Vice President: David Craig

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson



President News

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

Please monitor the Chapter event calendar. The event calendar is a working document and could change daily. The event planning committee meets 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. The event calendar can be reviewed from our website at [Calendar of Events | Indiana Rolling Thunder, Inc.](#)

The BMV is changing systems and we have not received the POW/MIA Plate sale numbers for May. We hope to have the numbers by the Chapter meeting on June 12th.

The XXXIV (34) Ride for Freedom is in the books and I want to thank everyone involved in making this event a successful event. We had had approximately **64** in attendance with **24** FNG’s. Having FNG’s attend our events is important to our mission of bringing awareness to the public about our POWs, MIAs, and those that have died for our freedom. Several of the FNG’s were young adults and we hope they had the opportunity to learn more about the men and women that fought and died for our Country and the price of Freedom. Please review pages 5 through 14 for some highlights of the event.

The Ride to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial is coming up on June 17th. The details for this event is located on page 15 of the newsletter. If you are interested in attending this event, you will need to make your hotel reservations on your own. The cutoff date for the Chapter contract has expired.

June is the start of the Chapter election process. In accordance with the National Constitution, the membership must be notified about the Chapter election starting in June. The positions that will be open is the Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and two Board Members. Nominations for these positions will be taken in **July** and **August** only with the Chapter election in September. Please think about the members that you would like to have in these positions, and be prepared to make your nominations at the July Chapter meeting. The nominees must be patch wearing members in good standing.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday June 12, 2022

June 2022 Birthday's



William J. Bailey (22)

Carla Henderson (28)

Gregory Jones (01)

Michael Kraner (16)

Don Leasure (20)

Randen Miller (26)

Happy Birthday to all

The Wall that Heals

Winchester Indiana

May 17, 2022

Six Chapter members along with the Indiana Patriot Guard and other Veteran organizations escorted the Wall that Heals from Muncie Indiana to the Community High School in Winchester Indiana. The Wall that Heals is a 3/4 replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.



Armed Forces Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 21, 2022

This year the Chapter had the opportunity to setup a information table at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The morning started out at 05:00 at the Veterans Center to load up the equipment to take to the track. Fuzzy and I tried to load up our Mobile Display Unit in my pickup, but couldn't get it loaded. The wheels on the Mobile Unit were too small to roll on the ramp that we were using.

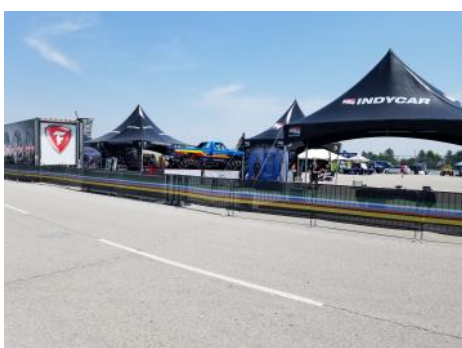
We didn't let that stop us, so we decided to just take the equipment to setup an table to pass out information about the Chapter and our mission.

At 06:30, we arrived at Stout Field to join the Indiana National Guard convoy to IMS escorted by IMPD. At 07:30 the convoy left Stout Field with several military vehicles to include Howitzers to be on display at the track.

Upon arrival at the track, we setup our tent and information table. After setting up the tent, we noticed that we were missing an important piece of equipment that would help secure the tent in high winds. The tent case didn't have any stakes. As you can tell from the below picture, the winds were high that day and we didn't have a good way to secure the tent. Fuzzy and I spent most of the day, holding down the tent and flags so they wouldn't blow away.

Vern to the rescue. When Vern came to work his shift, he brought some stakes so we could secure the tent. The Indiana National Guard was a great host. They provided us with entry, parking, and meal passes which came in real handy when purchasing food. Two hamburgers with fries cost \$32.00 which was covered by the meal tickets.

The weather report for the rest of the weekend didn't look good and we didn't have a good way to secure our equipment over night, so we decided to pack it up for the weekend and hope we have better weather next year.



XXXIV Ride for Freedom

May 29, 2022

The 34th Ride for Freedom is in the books. This year, the Chapter rode to the American Legion Plaza and gave some historical background on each of the memorial's located at the plaza. The Chapter also had a wreath laying ceremony at each memorial in honor of our Indiana Service Members that were Killed in Action and those that remain unaccounted-for.

This year, we had approximately 64 people in attendance with 24 of them being FNG's. Having FNG's at our events is important to our mission of bringing awareness to the public.

The program started off by Kelly Gerard singing the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all, and Invocation by the Chapter Chaplain, Tom Ransdell. Kelly did a great job singing the National Anthem and we appreciate her being there.

After some opening remarks by the Chapter President, Greg Thompson and Jessica Clark performed the Missing Man Table ceremony and did an excellent job. After the Missing Man Table ceremony, the Chapter President gave some closing remarks and handed out the 51 Dog Tags of our Indiana Vietnam War MIAs to the group. The Dog Tags will be hung on the Wreath during Roll Call ceremony at the Vietnam War memorial.

FNG buttons were also handed out to our 24 first time guest. Several of the FNG's were young adults and I hope the event educated them on the price of freedom and the men and women that have paid the ultimate price for that freedom. The sendoff program ended with few final words from Chaplain Tom Ransdell followed by the benediction.

For many years, Rolling Thunder® and guest would leave the Pentagon parking lot on the Ride for Freedom demonstration through the streets of Washington D.C at 12:00. To maintain that tradition, our group departed from the IVY Tech Parking lot to the American Legion Plaza at 12:00. The group consisted of 4 squads with 35 to 40 motorcycles. The ride to the American Legion Plaza was unescorted and the squad leaders/sweeps did an outstanding job getting everyone there safely.

Upon arrival at the American Legion Plaza, we started our program at the Cenotaph, followed by the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorial. At each memorial, Chapter Member gave some history of the memorial, followed by the Chapter Honor guard laying a wreath at the memorial in honor of our Service Members that have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. At the Vietnam Memorial, the Chapter performed our roll call ceremony and place dog tags of the 51 that remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, a three Volley salute was rendered by the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 followed by echo TAPS played by the Sprit 45.

The following pages are some pictures of the event.

XXXIV Ride for Freedom

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Registration



**Kelly Gerard
singing
National Anthem**



**Tom Ransdell
giving Invocation**



Greg Thompson and Jessica Clark performing the Missing Man Table ceremony



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The Chapter has a tradition to hand out FNG buttons to first time guest. FNG is a term that Vietnam Veterans used for first timers in the Jungle. If you want to know what the term FNG means, ask a Vietnam Veteran. We refer to them as Fun New Guy or Fund New Gale.



This year we had 24 FNG to join us on the event. Thank you for coming.

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The group staged in the IVY Tech parking lot for departure to the American Legion Plaza. We had 4 squads with 37 Motorcycles and 4 vehicles. Unfortunately, a police escort was not possible due to the requirements of the Indy 500. The squad leaders and sweeps did an outstanding job getting their squads to the American Legion Plaza safely without any issues.

Thank you Squad Leaders and Sweeps for an outstanding job.



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Program at the American Legion Plaza

The program started with Vern at the Cenotaph. A Cenotaph is tomb built to honor one or a group of people, and often remains as empty as the day it was built. This cenotaph was built in 1931 with the intension of being the final resting place of Cpl. James Bethel Gresham. Cpl. Gresham was from Evansville Indiana and the first casualty of WW1. Following is a little of the history of Cpl. Gresham.



Cpl. Gresham was born in a log cabin on August 23rd, 1893, in Mclean County Ky. His family eventually moved from here to Evansville In.

On June 4th, 1917, James Gresham enlisted with F company of the 16th Division Infantry. He was 2 months shy of 24 years old.

Cpl. Gresham was in the first group of American Soldiers sent to France in WW1. In a few months he would become number one of the first three Americans killed in WW1. Cpl. Gresham lost his life in a predawn attack on Nov. 11, 1917, near Artois France. The report reads the Americans were vastly outnumbered by the Germans in this predawn attack. The fight occurred in a trench the Americans were in. At the end of the fight Cpl. Gresham, Pvt. Thomas Enright, and Pvt. Merle Hay were killed, five more wounded and, and twelve were captured. Cpl. Gresham, Pvt. Enright, and Pvt. Hay were buried on the battle-field where they fell. Later Cpl. Gresham was exhumed and buried in an American cemetery in Bathlemon France. Finally in 1921, Cpl. Gresham was returned home and buried in Locust Hill Cemetery, Vanderburg County, Evansville In.

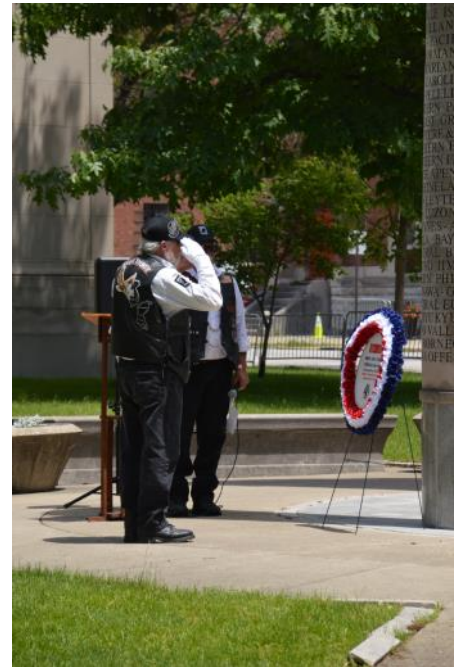
Cpl. Gresham's family was present for what was to be the dedication of the Cenotaph in Cpl. Gresham's honor but decided to let Cpl. Gresham continue his rest in Evansville instead. There is an inscription on the North side of the Cenotaph honoring Cpl. Gresham.

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WWII Memorial

Don and Wendy Leasure gave some historical background on the WWII memorial and read the BIO of PO2 Jack Edwin Walker. Jeff Thatcher places the wreath at the base of the memorial in honor of all of the Indiana Service Members that lost their lives in WWII and those that are still unaccounted for.



PO2 Jack Edwin Walker
Date of Birth: June 14, 1923
Home of Record: Anderson, IN
Date Reported Missing: July 30, 1945

Jack Edwin Walker was born in Anderson, IN on the 14th of June 1923. At the age of 22, he enlisted in the Navy. He married his wife Ruby on the 25th of May 1945. On July 30th 1945, he was aboard the greatest naval loss in American history, the USS Indianapolis.

1,195 sailors were aboard the ship. 300 went down with the ship and 890 were exposed to the seas. Only 316 survived after 4 days. Seaman Walker was never to see his daughter.

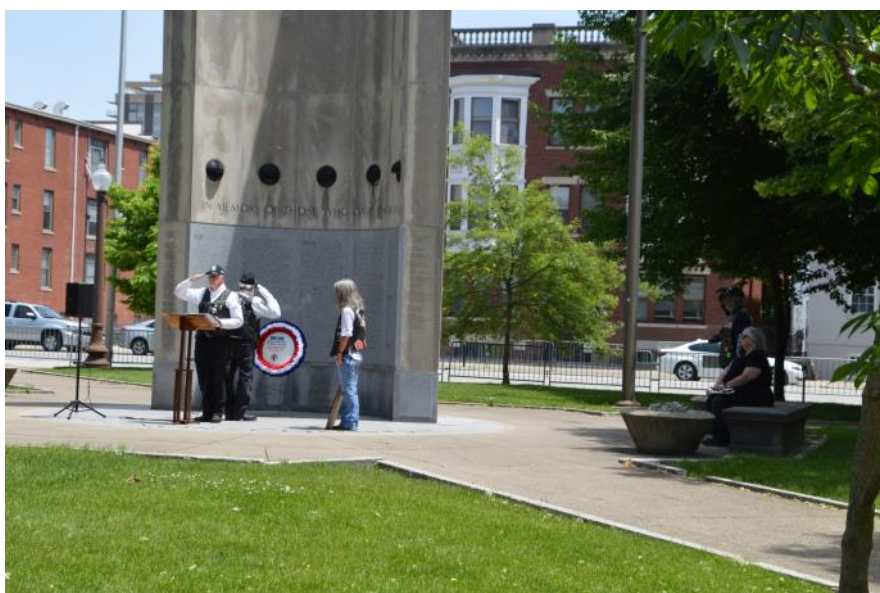
PO2 Walker's commendations included, Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal

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Korean War Memorial

Greg Thompson gave some historical background on the Korean War memorial and read the BIO of Master Sergeant Joseph McNally and First Lieutenant Forrest Steele Burns. A wreath was placed at the base of the memorial in honor of all of the Indiana Service Members that lost their lives in the Korean War and those that are still unaccounted for. The Burns family was also present to the ceremony. We were fortunate to have family members of Lieutenant Burns at the ceremony.



Date of Birth: May 2, 1925
Home of Record: Greenfield, IN
Date Reported Missing: November 2, 1950

Master Sergeant Joseph Lawrence McNally (known as “JO” to friends and family) was a member of Company A of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On November 2, 1950, Company A was occupying defensive positions with the 1st Battalion near Unsan, when it came under intense attack and was forced to withdraw. Master Sergeant McNally was reported missing during the withdrawal, though specific details regarding his loss are unknown. He was never reported as a prisoner of war, and his remains were not identified among those returned to the U.S. following the war.



Date of Birth: February 16, 1922
Home of Record: Columbus, IN
Date Reported Killed In Action/Remains not Recovered: August 30, 1952

First Lieutenant Forrest Steele Burns, who joined the U.S. Army from Indiana, was a member of Company H of the 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. On August 30, 1952, he was involved in a patrol in the area north of Seoul. While attempting to organize his platoon’s positions, he stepped on an enemy anti-personnel mine, and was killed instantly. The immediate area of his loss was soon lost to enemy control, and now lies on the North Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone, preventing searches for his remains. Before First Lieutenant Burns served in the Korean War, he also served in WWII and was a POW for four months.

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Vietnam War Memorial

Mike Clark gave some historical background on the Vietnam War memorial. A wreath was placed at the base of the memorial in honor of all of the Indiana Service Members that lost their lives in the Vietnam War and those that are still unaccounted for. The Chapter also performed our Roll Call ceremony for the 51 Indiana Service Members that are still missing from the Vietnam War. As the names were called out, the guest would walk forward and place the Dog Tag of the MIA on the wreath.

Mike also read the BIO of Sergeant First Class Ronald Eugene Smith who is still missing and Captain Mary Therese Klinker who is one of eight women killed in the Vietnam War.



Ronald Eugene Smith
E7/US Army Special Forces
Date of Loss: 28 Nov 1970

Sergeant First Class Smith specialty was Light Weapons Infantry and a member of Command and Control Central, 5th Special Forces Group.

On November 28, 1970, he was a member of a long range reconnaissance team in Attopeu Province, Laos near the tri-border area of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The team came under enemy attack and Sergeant First Class Smith was killed. His remains were not recovered.



There are currently 58,318 names listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington DC.

Of the 58,318 names listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall, 1,614 are Indiana Hoosiers, and listed on this memorial. 1,613 are men and 1 woman.

Captain Mary Therese Klinker's BIO is on the right.



Captain Mary Therese Klinker
United States Airforce

Date of Birth: October 3, 1947
Home of Record: Lafayette, IN
Date of Death: April 4, 1975

Captain Mary Therese Klinker, U.S. Air Force was part of an on-board medical team during Operation Babylift. Her flight was carrying 243 infants and children when it developed pressure problems and crashed while attempting to return to the airport. Captain Klinker was killed on April 4, 1975, just three weeks before the Fall of Saigon. Captain Klinker's name is listed on Panel 7, Line 72

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Vietnam War Memorial

The names of the men and women killed in the conflict or remain Missing in Action are inscribed on the concave side of the monuments. On the convex sides, which face the streets, inscriptions include narrative on the conduct of the wars and excerpts from letters written by troops from the battlefield. Listed below are a few of those letters.

Frederick B. King, December 13, 1967

Dear Mom& Dad & Kids

Most of us are scared to death, but somebody has to fight this dirty war.

Love always

Fred (The soldier boy)

Killed in Action, November 25, 1968

Ernest L. Bridges, October 18, 1967

We got some of the best Marines in the world with us here. I wouldn't want to be any place else.

Love always, Larry

Killed in Acton April 4, 1968

Larry D Fogle, Fort Gordon, GA 1963

Dear Dad, if I do go into combat, I intend on doing my job to the best of my ability. However, I don't intend on being a hero. I might be wrong; but in my way of thinking, the only heroes there, are the men who get killed in the process of doing their job.

Love always, Larry

Killed in Action, December 20, 1965

James N. Katrenics, October 13, 1966

Dear Mom and Dad,

Dad, do you remember the war stories you told me? Well, I've got some of my own now; only thing is, I don't think I'll be telling them for a while.

Merry Christmas, Jim

Killed in Action April 8, 1967

There are currently 58,318 names listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington DC which probably had similar stories. We must insure these men and women are never forgotten and their sacrifices are not in vain.

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Conclusion

The program ended with a 3-Valley Salute by the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 and Echo TAPS played by the Sprit 45. TAPS is commonly known as the final bugle call and is a sign of respect and a tribute to those known, and unknown.

The main group stood at the Vietnam Memorial while one bugler stood at the WWII Memorial and the other at the Korean War Memorial. The sound of the Echo TAPS rang through the American Legion Plaza as they played.

The Navy Club and Sprit 45 did an excellent job with the 3-Valley Salute and TAPS.



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The Wreaths

Special thanks to Doris Whitehurst, Don and Wendy Leasure for making, and donating the wreaths for our ceremonies at the American Legion Plaza.. They did an outstanding job on the wreaths and we appreciate their efforts very much.



Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter One Ride to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial Marseilles, Illinois June 17 thru June 19, 2022



Ride with Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter One on their annual ride to Marseilles, IL to participate in the **Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run** to Honor our Global War on Terror fallen Heroes and their families.

The bombing attack in Kabul Afghanistan on August 26, 2021 was one of the deadliest days for American forces in the past decade of the 20-year war in Afghanistan. The below service members paid the ultimate price during that attack. The service members includes 11 Marines, one Army soldier and one member of the Navy.

Join Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter One in honoring these brave heroes who paid the ultimate price while serving. **Their sacrifices must not be forgotten.**



See agenda details on back of the flyer

Ride Agenda

Friday June 17, 2022

09:00 - 09:45 - Staging and Registration.

09:45 - 10:00 Prepare for Departure.

10:00 - KSU

Estimated Arrival Time: 16:00 CST

Staging Location: Fort Harrison Veterans Center, 9450 East 59th Street Indianapolis, IN 46216.

Saturday June 18, 2022

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

06:30 – Wake Up Call.

07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at Holliday Inn.

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

10:30 – Ride departs for Marseilles, IL.

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

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

Sunday June 19, 2021

08:00 - Wake Up Call.

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast at Holiday Inn.

09:00 - Depart back to Indianapolis.

14:00 - Estimated arrival time in Indianapolis.

Hotel Information

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Morris

Address: 222 Gore Road Morris, IL 60540

Reservation Number: 815-941-8700

Check In Date: June 17, 2022

Check Out Date: June 19, 2022

Group Name: Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter One

Group Code: **RTB**

Rate: \$119.00 Plus 11% Room Tax

The cutoff date for Reservations is **May 17, 2022**



Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana



POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort September 16, 2022

POW Medal



National Defense



Come join Rolling Thunder® Indiana on an escorted ride to honor our Former Prisoner of War (POW) and family members of those still Missing in Action (MIA). We will escort our Former POWs and MIA family members from the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to the Indiana War Memorial. Following the ride, we will participate in the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony sponsored by the Indianapolis POW/MIA Recognition Day Council at the Indiana War Memorial downtown Indianapolis.

When one Service Member is not worth remembering, we as a Nation are Lost
See Details on back of flyer

POWs and MIAs Nationwide (81,700)

Indiana WWII (1,501)

Indiana Korean War (172)

Indiana Vietnam War (51)

Bamboo Cage



Prisoners of War



Major Floyd Thompson
March 1964 to March 1973



Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Indiana

POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort Agenda

The staging area will be at the IVY Tech parking lot across the street from the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. Please follow the directions of the parking attendants when you enter the parking lot. After you park your motorcycle, walk over to the Veterans Center to register and sign a waiver form.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) will escort the group from the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to the Indiana War Memorial downtown Indianapolis and end on Michigan Street.

Upon conclusion of the Ceremony, the Daughters of the American Revolution will provide food at the Indiana War Memorial.

Cost: Free, but donations are welcomed.

Primary POC: Mike Clark, Email: mike.clark@indianarollingthunder.com or 317-991-3085

Secondary POC: Orin Morris, Email: orin.morris@indianarollingthunder.com or 317-498-4262

Staging Information

Staging Location: Fort Harrison Veterans Center, 9450 East 59th Street Indianapolis, IN 46216

Staging and Registration: 08:00 - 10:00

Opening Ceremony: 10:00 - 10:45

Departure Time: 11:00

Opening Ceremony Program Information

10:00 - 10:05 Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance.

10:05 - 10:10 Invocation, and Opening Remarks.

10:10 - 10:45 Introduction of Special Guest.

10:45 - 11:00 Benediction, and Prepare for Departure.

11:00 Depart to the Indiana War Memorial escorted by IMPD.

Linda J. Smith-Cope Memorial Ride to the Wall

July 21-26, 2022

This will be a special event that I hope we have good membership participation. Linda was a special person that meant a lot to the Chapter. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was a special place for Linda to visit her brother Ron who went missing in 1970. She never gave up hope that one day Ron would be found and finally come home. I'm sure Linda and Ron are united together in Heaven and will finally be together again.

If you are planning on going on this ride, I would appreciate you registering as soon as possible. We need to make sure we'll have enough Hotel and Bus accommodations. Listed below is the information to make your hotel reservations.

July 21st Hampton Inn, 986 East State Street, Athens, OH 45701
(1 Day) - \$109.00 plus 13.25% tax.

July 22nd and 23rd Courtyard Marriott Washington, D.C, 1960-A Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102.
(2 Nights) - \$84.00 plus 13% tax.

July 24th and 25th Hampton Inn, 324 Laurel Crest Road, Somerset, PA 15501
(2 Nights) - \$116.00 plus 11% tax.

July 26th – Return to Indiana.

On July 24th, the group will depart Washington DC and travel to Gettysburg, PA for a tour of the Gettysburg Battle Field. A 40 passenger bus has been reserved for a guided tour of the facility. Upon completion of the tour, the group will travel to Somerset, PA for the night.

On July 25th, the group will travel to the Flight 93 National Memorial. On July 26th, we will travel back to Indianapolis Indiana.

This ride is only open to Chapter members, family members and friends. If you wish to go on this ride, please register as soon as possible. The reservation procedures are listed on the next page.

Please see the hotel reservation cutoff dates on the next page.

Update June 7, 2022: With the current status of the economy and the price of fuel, this trip may be postponed until 2023. Please send email to sgmclark@comcast.net for updates on the event.

**Linda J. Smith-Cope Memorial Ride to the Wall
July 21-26, 2022**

Hotel Reservation Procedure:

To use the online booking links, you will need to copy and paste the booking links into your browser.

Hampton Inn Athens, OH - Call 740-593-5600.

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/rollingthunderchapter1/>

Group Name: Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1

Courtyard Marriott Washington DC - Call 703-790-0207, press '0' and mention group code 'RTI' to be placed in the block.

Booking Link: : <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1643211760285&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Group Name: Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1

Hampton Inn Somerset PA - Call 814-445-9161

Group Name: Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1

Hotel Reservation Cutoff Dates

Hampton Inn Athens, OH – June 20, 2022

Courtyard Marriott Washington DC – June 21, 2022

Hampton Inn Somerset PA – July 10, 2022

Make you reservation as soon as possible.

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.

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2022 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2022 Accounted for: **21**

As of April 30, 2022

Accounted-For by War

WWII (16)

Korea (5)

Vietnam/Laos (0)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (11)

U.S Army Air Forces (8)

U.S Marine Corps (2)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (0)

U.S Navy (0)

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 |
| 3rd Class Francis L. Hannon | 12-7-1941 | 10-24-2017 | | USS Oklahoma | Indianapolis |
| SEA1 Oris V. Brandt | 12-7-1941 | 2-20-2019 | | USS Oklahoma | Kentland |
| PFC USMC Marley R. Arthurholtz | 12-7-1941 | 9-18-2019 | 12-7-2019 | USS Oklahoma | South Bend |
| CPO B. James Booe | 12-7-1941 | 9-29-2020 | 6-1-2021 | USS Oklahoma | Veedersburg |
| SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler | 12-7-1941 | 3-27-2020 | | USS Oklahoma | Ft. Wayne |
| 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 |
| George Gilbert | 12-7-941 | 8-24-2020 | 6-6-2022 | USS Oklahoma | Indianapolis |

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

Continue

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

| Name | DOL | Identified | Returned | County | HOR |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| PVT USMC Fred Freet | 11-20-1943 | 8-6-2018 | 4-18-2019 | Tarawa Atoll | Marion |
| PVT USMC William E. Ramboo | 11-20-1943 | 7-13-2019 | | Betio Island | LaPorte |
| PFC USMC Louis Wiesshan | 11-21-1943 | 9-23-2019 | 6-11-2020 | Tarawa Atoll | Richmond |
| PFC USMC Charles D. Miller | 11-22-1943 | 5-19-2020 | | Tarawa Atoll | Albany |
| 1LT Robert L. McIntosh | 5-12-1944 | 8-1-2015 | 8-13-2016 | Italy | Tipton |
| TSGT Charles G. Ruble | 9-17-1944 | 5-31-2019 | 3-2-2020 | Netherlands | Parker City |
| PFC Army Clifford M. Mills | 9-18-1944 | 1-29-2019 | 3-30-2019 | Germany | Troy |
| 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 |
| SGT Stanley Lee Dewitt | 11-1-1950 | 6-5-2020 | 10-19-2021 | Chosen Reservoir | Royal City |
| SFC James A. Coleman | 10-3-1952 | 5-23-2022 | | Korea | |

POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

| Title | Author |
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| 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 |
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| 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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