

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

INCOMING!



May 2019 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

Indiana Chapter #1
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Linda Cope Secretary

Dave Franklin Vice President

Terry “Flash” Sanderson Treasurer



President News

I hope everyone is doing well. May is finally here and we have a lot of work to do in preparation for our ride to Washington DC. Based on the number of people that have registered, this year will be the biggest ride yet. Our next orientation will be Sunday May 19th before the Chapter meeting, and our last orientation will be on Wednesday May 22nd. We currently have approximately 199 people (92 First Timers to include 54 Veterans) that have registered to go to Washington DC. This includes 140 Motorcycles and 6 Automobiles. There should be a great turnout for the final Ride for Freedom in Washington DC. Due to the number of people that wanted to make the final Ride for Freedom, we had to have two separate orientation briefings to accommodate the extra people. See page six of the newsletter.

Also as a reminder, Amy and Sean Wood are scheduled to come to our May Chapter meeting to take care of your sewing needs. See page 13 of the newsletter.

The Chapter has been blessed with seven new members since the March Chapter meeting. I want to welcome each and everyone of you to the Chapter. See page three of the newsletter.

On April 18th, Chapter members had the honors to welcome home one of our Indiana WWII War-Fighters. Private Fred Freet was laid to rest with full military honors in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, IN. See page four of the newsletter. On April 27th, WWII MIA 3rd Class Willard Lawson from Ohio, was laid to rest with full military honors at the Indiana Veterans Cemetery in Madison Indiana. See page five of the newsletter.

I would like to congratulate Brian Barrett for earning his Rocker/Eagle, Gene Byers on his Boot patch, Jackie Hubbard for being the Chili Cook-Off runner up, and Shawn Utterback for having the overall best Chili, and Grand Champion of the Chili Cook-off. All seven contestants brought in some good tasting Chili and I want to thank you all for taking the time and effort to bring in your Chili. I hope we have a bigger selection next year.

Some of our members are having health issues and need everyone's prayers. Please keep Ed Daum and Karen Smith in your prayers as they go through some difficult times. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday, May 19, 2019

May 2019 Birthday's

Cary Crowder (23)

Dick Harrington (17)

Christina Johnson (17)

John Mascari (14)

Don McFarland (10)

Tony Palmiero (21)

Tom Ransdell (4)

Ken White (1)

Happy Birthday to all

New Chapter Member

Lori Ellis



I have been riding for 1 year & have done over 10,000 miles. I love riding and do it every spare second I have. My bike's name is Baby because "Baby Got Back" haha! My only regret with riding is that I didn't start many years ago!! I look forward to riding with Rolling Thunder & am very passionate about their mission!

The March Chapter meeting was a great meeting for new membership. In addition to Lori Ellis joining the Chapter, we had Michael Kirkhoff, Larry Wilson, Kay Magula and Jeff Bolen join the Chapter.

The April Chapter meeting was also kind to us with the addition of Don and Wendy Leasure.

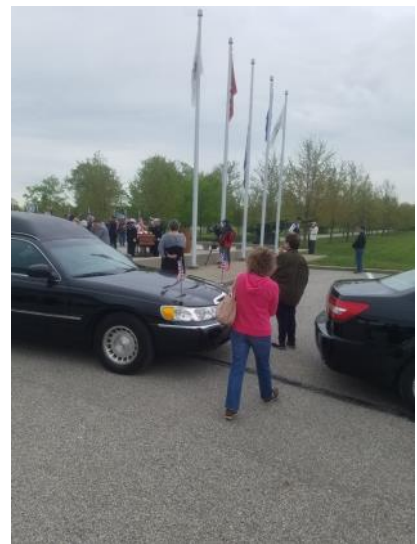
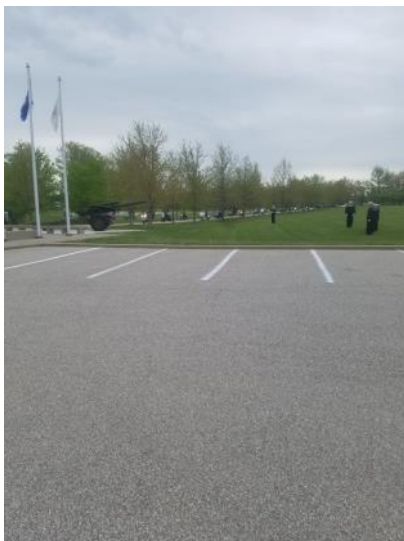
Welcome all to the Chapter

Private Fred Freet
USMC WWII MIA
Funeral Services, April 18, 2019



Chapter Members attended the funeral services for WWII MIA Private Fred Freet who was killed during the 76-hour battle of Tarawa Atoll, on the Betio Island. The Battle of Tarawa was a battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II that was fought on 20–23 November 1943. It took place at the Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands, and was part of Operation Galvanic, the U.S. invasion of the Gilberts. Nearly 6,400 Japanese, Koreans, and Americans died in the fighting, mostly on and around the small island of Betio, in the extreme southwest of Tarawa Atoll. Private Freet was laid to rest with full military honors at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion Indiana.

3rd Class Willard I. Lawson of the USS Oklahoma
WWII MIA
Funeral Services April 27, 2019



On Dec. 7, 1941, Lawson was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Lawson.

On April 26th, 3rd Class Willard I. Lawson's remains were escorted from Louisville, KY to the Indiana Veterans Cemetery in Madison Indiana. On April 27th, the funeral services with full military honors were conducted for 3rd Class Willard I. Lawson. Dick and Linda Harrington was in attendance to represent the Chapter.

HOG Chapter 1 and Cannonball 2019 Ride to the Wall Orientation April 6, and 13, 2019



On April 6th, after the HOG Chapter 1 meeting, our members gave the HOG Chapter a Ride to the Wall orientation. 41 riders/passengers were registered, 27 sets of Dog Tags, and 29 Mother Patches were sold.

On April 13th, Dave Franklin, and Vern Rensing drove to Terre Haute to provide the Orientation briefing to the Cannonball HOG Chapter.

They registered a total of 19 riders/passengers, sold 7 sets of Dog Tags, and 6 Mother Patches.

Great job Gentlemen

Chapter Meeting

April 14, 2019



Brian Barrett receiving his Rocker and Eagle

Congratulation Brian

Chapter Meeting

April 14, 2019



Gilbert “Gene” Byers receiving his Boot Patch

Congratulation Gene

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Membership Patches



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



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



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

Chapter Meeting

April 14, 2019



2018 Ride to the Wall Sponsorship awarded presented to John and Kathy Elms for their support. John and Kathy raised over \$4,000 in donations. Thank you John and Kathy for your support.

Chili Cook-Off Winners



**The First Place Runner up
Jackie Hubbard**

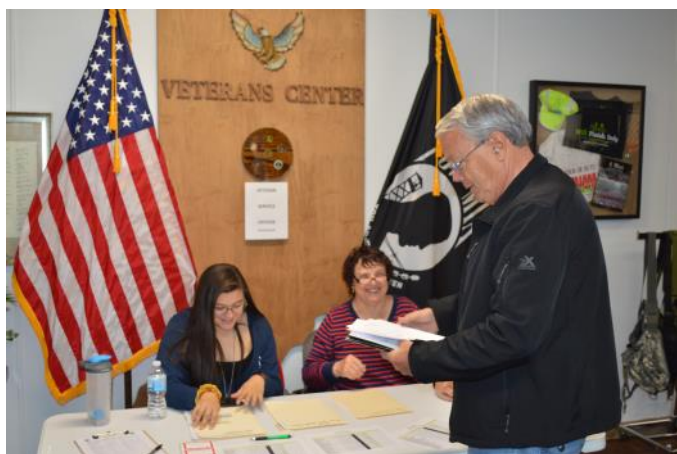


**The Winner and Grand Champion
Shawn Utterback**

We had a total of 8 contestants that brought in their Chili to be judged by the Chapter members. Jackie and Shawn 's Chili was voted as the best overall Chili. I want to thank ALL of the contestants for taking the time to make and bring in their Chili. Great stuff.

2019 Ride to the Wall Orientation

April 14, 2019



Prior to the April Chapter meeting, we had our first Ride to the Wall orientation open to the public. We had 35 riders/passengers register, sold 33 sets of Dog Tags, and 29 Mother Patches. The next Ride to the Wall orientation will be held on Sunday May 19th, and the last opportunity to register is Wednesday May 22nd.

2019 Ride for Freedom Challenge Coin



Front Side



Back Side

Rolling Thunder® National will offer the above Challenge Coin in the Pentagon parking lot during the Ride for Freedom Demonstration for \$10.00. Since this year's ride is the final run, we expect the Challenge Coins to sell out quickly. To make sure our members have an opportunity to purchase one of these special coins, the Board approved the purchase of (50) Challenge Coins.

The Challenge Coins will be available at the Quartermaster table for \$10.00 each. **Please limit your purchase to no more than 2 coins per person.**

2019 Honor Flights Schedule



Saturday May 18th - Honor Flight #30 (Decatur Central High School)

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

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

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

Chapter Meeting

May 19, 2019

The May Chapter meeting will be another busy one. This will be the second Ride to the Wall orientation briefing that is open to the public.

The sendoff ceremony for this year will be at the Veterans Center. Once we depart the Veterans Center, there will be some clean up that will need to be done and we need membership help to get it done. If you are not going to Washington DC this year, and would like to help the Chapter with the clean up, we would appreciate the help. The sendoff ceremony will start at 8:30am and will conclude at 10:00am. After we depart at 10:00am, we'll need your help with the cleanup.

Here is the schedule for this month.

09:00 to 10:00 Board Meeting (Board Members only)

10:00 to 10:45 Ride Committee Meeting (Planning Committee)

11:00 to 12:30 Ride to the Wall Orientation (Only people registering for the Ride)

13:00 to 14:30 Chapter Meeting

Please Note: If you are NOT registering for the Ride to Washington DC, please wait until the Chapter meeting starting time to come to the meeting. This will help reduce the number of people in the meeting room for the orientation.

If you need to get your vest in shape before the ride to Washington D.C, bring your vest and patches to the Chapter meeting.



Amy and Sean Wood of PPE Care & Repair LLC will bring their sewing trailer to the May Chapter meeting and take care of your sewing needs. **Amy and Sean will be at the Veterans Center from 10:00am until after the Chapter meeting.**

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2019 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2019 Accounted for: 38
As of April 29, 2019

WWII (24)

Korea (13)

Vietnam/Laos (1)

Indiana Heroes that have been returned in 2019

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
PVT USMC Fred Freet	11-20-1943	8-6-2018	4-18-2019	Tarawa Atoll	Marion

POW*MIA Chair of Honor Project

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

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

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The cemetery provided a chair that will be used for the Chair of Honor. The chair was taken to the upholstery shop to be reupholstered with the POW/MIA theme. Dick Harrington has completed building the platform that the POW*MIA Chair of Honor will be mounted on. The projected dedication date will be **May 11, 2019** when we ride down to Madison for the Veterans Memorial Ride.

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



C119 Aircraft

Indiana

POW/MIA Plate Sales

From Date	To Date	Amount	Remarks
January 2010	December 2014	\$310,925	Deposit into MFRF
January 2015	December 2015	\$96,225	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2016	December 2016	\$99,675	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2017	December 2017	\$105,575	Deposit into RTIVF
January 2018	September 2018	\$86,475	Deposit into RTIVF
October 2018	December 2018	\$19,775	Deposit into MFRF
January 2019	March 2019	\$25,200	Deposit into MFRF
	Total	\$743,850	

Note: The April plate sales have not been received from BMV.

32nd Annual Ride for Freedom

Washington DC

Final Run May 26th, 2019

May 23rd, 2019 will be here before you know it. The next orientation is this Sunday May 19th before the Chapter meeting. The final orientation is Wednesday May 22nd.

May 19 Sunday 11:00AM - 12:30PM

May 22 Wednesday 7:00PM - **Last Orientation meeting at the Vet Center.**

Note No registration on the day of the ride.

Ride to the Wall Sponsorship Program.

The Ride to the Wall sponsorship program is vital for the Chapter to remain financially strong. The donations help us to continue on with our mission of bringing awareness to the public and helping our Indiana Veterans. The Ride to the Wall, the POW*MIA Chair of Honor displays, POW*MIA Saddle of Honor displays, the POW/MIA Flag donations, and helping our Indiana Veterans cost money.

We need **ALL** Chapter Members to help in the sponsorship effort. **The sponsorship letter and detailed information on the program can be found on our website at the following URL <http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/sponsorRTTW.html>.**

Please download the information on the Sponsorship program and help the Chapter to remain financially strong. The Chapter will appreciate your efforts.

2019 Ride to the Wall Sponsorship Drive



POW*MIA Chair of Honor Displays
POW*MIA Saddle of Honor Displays
POW/MIA Flag Donations
Operational Expenses
Helping our Indiana Veterans

All of the above require Funding to accomplish
Help the Chapter to Remain Financially Strong
and
Seek Sponsorship

2019 Ride to the Wall

Sponsorship Program

No matter how small or large the donation, Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 appreciates all donations received from individuals and Corporate Sponsors. Without these donations, we would not be able to continue with our mission in educating the public on the POW/MIA issues, and helping our Indiana Veterans in need. Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 has three (3) sponsorship levels to offer our sponsors for the 2019 "Ride to The Wall". **The benefits are:**



Sergeant Sponsorship - Donation of \$800 and over

- Plaque to display at your home or business as a proud sponsor of the 2019 "Ride to The Wall"
 - POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business
 - You and/or your business will be posted on the RTIN1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of the RTIN1 2019 "Ride to The Wall" (**Upon Request Only**)
- Public recognition at the departing ceremony



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

- Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of the 2019 "Ride to The Wall"
 - POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business
 - You and/or your business will be posted on the RTIN1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of the RTIN1 2019 "Ride to The Wall"
- Public recognition at the departing ceremony



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

- Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of the 2019 "Ride to The Wall"
 - You and/or your business will be posted on the RTIN1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of the RTIN1 2019 "Ride to The Wall"
- Public recognition at the departing ceremony

Note: In-Kind donations less than \$200 will receive a thank you letter for your support of the 2019 "Ride to The Wall".

Go to www.rollingthunder.com/sponsorRTTW for details

or

Email mike.clark@indianarollingthunder.com with any questions.

2019 Chapter Calendar of Events

Flight 93 National Memorial Stoystown, PA. Scheduled for July 26-28.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is one that you must visit. The memorial is located in the hills of Pennsylvania in the middle of nowhere. The memorial is very touching and will bring a lot of tears. It's amazing what the brave men and women did on flight 93 to help protect the country from additional terrorist. destruction. **This would be a three day trip. Day 1 (Friday July 26th) travel to memorial, day 2 (Saturday July 27th) visit the memorial, day 3 (Sunday July 28th) travel back to Indianapolis.** Detailed information on the Flight 93 Memorial can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm>

National Prisoner of War Museum, Andersonville, GA. Opened in 1998, the National Prisoner of War Museum tells the story of prisoners of war throughout American History.

Andersonville, GA is approximately 700 miles from Indianapolis, so **this would be a 5 day trip. Day 1 and 2, travel to Andersonville, day 4 visit museum, day 5 and 6 travel back to Indianapolis.** Detailed information on the National Prisoner of War Museum can be found at https://www.nps.gov/ande/planyourvisit/natl_pow_museum.htm/

A date for this event has not been scheduled yet. Please monitor your email and Newsletter for updated information.

2019 Chapter Calendar of Events

Date	Event
May 10	Cold War/Vietnam War Veterans
May 11	Veterans Memorial Ride Madison, IN (POW*MIA Chair of Honor dedication)
May 18	Indy Honor Flight #30, Decatur Central High School
May 19	Board/Ride Committee/Chapter Meeting
May 22	Final Orientation for Ride to the Wall
May 23 – May 28	Rolling Thunder XXXII Ride for Freedom
May 31	DVA Missing Man Table Ceremony
June 1	DAR Daughters Memorial (Roll Call Ceremony)
June 8	Bedford Church POW/MIA Flag raising and Missing Man Table Ceremony
June 9	Board/Chapter Meeting
June 14-15	Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run (Middle East Conflicts Wall)
July 4	Lawrence Parade
July 11-14	The Wall that Heals, Greenfield, IN
July 13	Russ Dellen Ride
July 20	Veteran Center Support Ride and Mayors' Veterans & Family Appreciation Day.
July 21	Board/Chapter Meeting (Indiana War Memorial)
July 26-28	Flight 93 Trip
July 27	Helping Heroes Freedom Ride
August 18	Board/Chapter Meeting
August 24	Rolling Thunder Indiana State Meeting
September 7	Indy Honor Flight #31, Plainfield High School
September 7	Lafayette Veterans Home Visit
September 7 & 8	Thunderbirds Grissom AFB (POW*MIA COH Dedication)
September 11	9/11 Ride
September 15	Board/Chapter Meeting and Elections
September 18	POW/MIA Tree Grove Dedication (Indiana Veterans Home)
September 20	POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 21	Quaker Day Parade
October 20	Board/Chapter Meeting
October 26	Indy Honor Flight #32, Location to be determined
November 9	Dedication and demonstration of the lights/sound system (solider/Sailor)
November 8-10	Rolling Thunder National Conference
November 17	Board/Chapter Meeting
December 4	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
December 14	Wreath Across America (Local Cemetery Sites)
December 15	Chapter Meeting/HVAF Luncheon

POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

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

Note: Books marked in RED are highly recommended reads.

Recommended Web Sites

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

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Ed offers 10% discount to Veterans.

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

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Ed will love to see yea



This page is dedicated to our brothers and sisters that 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