

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWII (1,509), Korean (174), Vietnam (50)

INCOMING!



May 2020 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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Chapter Officers

President: Michael Clark

Secretary: Bill Bailey

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson



President News

Chapter members, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. May is here and we should be preparing for our Ride for Freedom Nationwide event. However, the COVID-19 virus has changed our plans and many events across the United States have been cancelled.

This month newsletter will be a little shorter than normal. We haven't had an opportunity to participate in many events or have a Chapter meeting in person. The virtual Chapter meeting in April went pretty well. We had 34 members that participated in the call. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our May 17th Chapter meeting will probably be a virtual meeting as well. Please monitor your email for the meeting information.

Since the National Rolling Thunder® Ride for Freedom Nationwide was cancelled, the drawing for the National Bike has been extended until June 1st, 2021. A picture of the Raffle Bike is located on page 13 of the newsletter. This is an awesome looking motorcycle, and a lucky winner will be very happy on June 1st, 2021. If you are interested in tickets, I have 40 available.

The application to continue the sale of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate has been submitted to the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) for the SGR License Plate Committee to review. However, we had to submit the application without all of the required 500 signatures. As of April 30th, I have 145 of the required 500 signatures. We hope BMV will give us an extension to collect the remaining signatures.

Chapter Event Calendar. The Chapter event calendar will no longer be listed in the newsletter and will be located on our website at URL <http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/events.html>. Please monitor the event calendar on the website for updates. Unfortunately, a lot of our scheduled events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

Linda J. Smith-Cope POW-MIA Scholarship. The Linda J. Smith-Cope scholarship fund was established in honor of Linda's spirit and dedication to the Chapters POW and MIA mission. The scholarship is offered to a Covington Community High School graduating senior seeking a higher education at an accredited College, University, or Trade School. **Please see page 6 of the newsletter for an update on the Scholarship Fund.**

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday May 17, 2020 (Video Conference Call or Lawn Chair meeting)

May 2020 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

Indiana Veterans Home Parade

April 30, 2020

On Thursday April 30, 2020 Chapter Members drove to the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana to participate in the Community Parade for the Veteran Home residents. The parade consisted of local Fire Trucks, Police Cars, Little Green Tractors, and all kinds of classic cars and trucks. There were a few motorcycles in the Parade as well. The Community came out in force and had a great turnout for the parade. I want to thank the Chapter Members that took time to participate in the Parade.



Nick Esposito



Mike and Barbara Clark



Denise VanBrunt



Larry Paynter and Dick Poynter

Indiana Veterans Home Parade

April 30, 2020



Jeff Thatcher and Barbara French



Chuck Henderson and Karla Medsker



Vern Rensing



Rocco Brunelle



Bill Reisa and Becky



122nd Fighter Wing Fly Over and Impromptu Ride

May 2, 2020

Saturday May 2nd was a nice clear day to watch the 122nd Fighter Wing fly over the Lawrence Armory. The Veterans Center parking lot was a great location to watch the fly over. After the fly over, members gathered around the flag pole and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence for our Nations POWs and MIAs. Afterwards, a few members jumped on their motorcycles and headed out on an impromptu ride to Brown County. The weather was perfect for riding and several other motorcycles were on the road enjoying the nice weather. We had a great ride and everyone returned home safe.



122nd Fighter Wing flew over the Lawrence Armory

Linda J. Smith-Cope POW-MIA Scholarship



The purpose of the Linda J. Smith-Cope scholarship fund is to honor Linda’s spirit, and not only remember her brother Ronald E. Smith, but all those that have yet to come home to family and friends from all past wars.

The \$500 scholarship is offered to a Covington Community High School (where Linda graduated) graduating senior seeking a higher education at an accredited College, University, or Trade School.

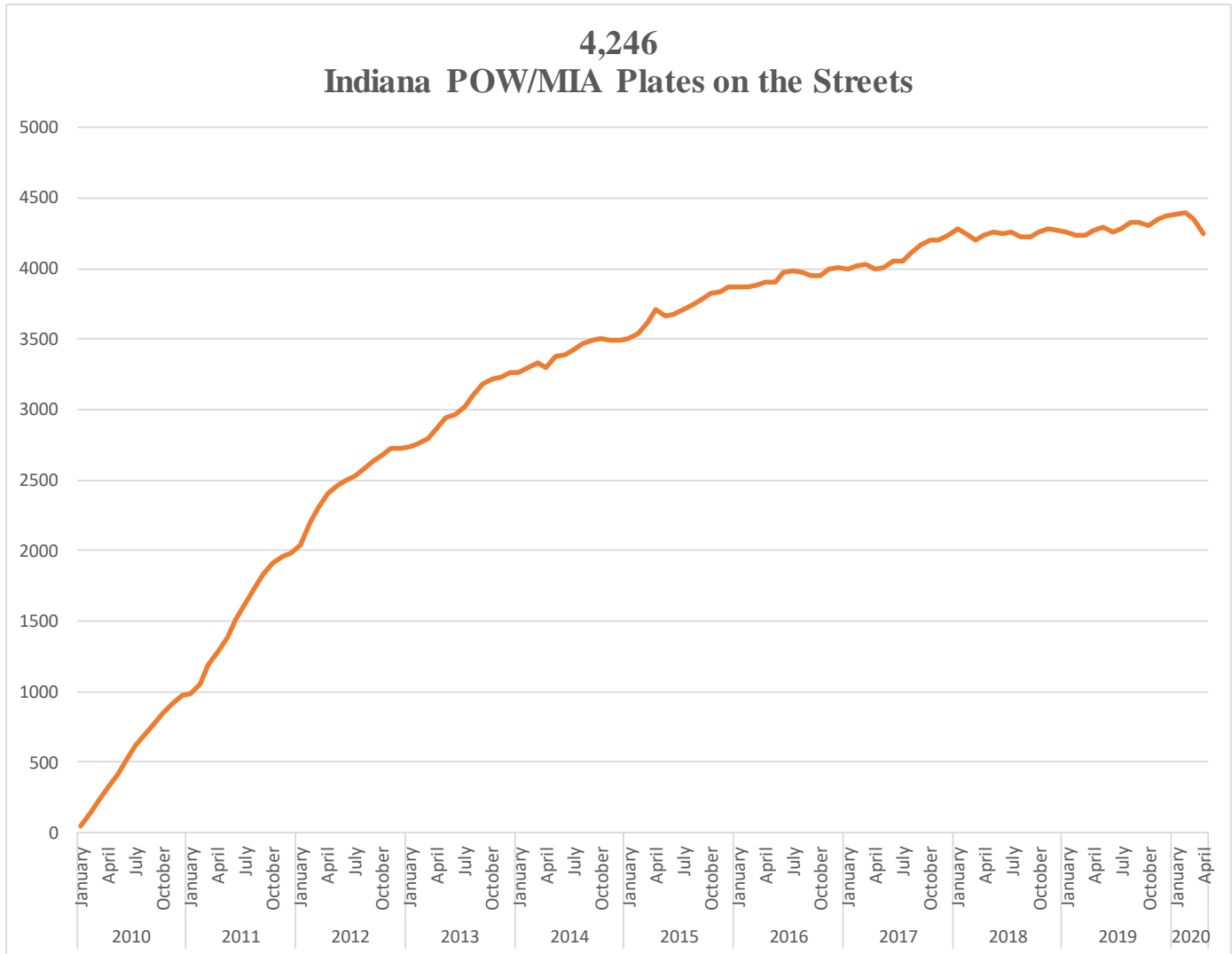
I’m happy to announced that in April 2020, five (5) Covington High School seniors submitted their applications to the Committee for consideration. The Scholarship Committee reviewed all five of the applications and recommended that two of the applicants be awarded the \$500 scholarship.

The Board of Directors reviewed the student applications recommended by the Committee and agreed that both applicants did such an outstanding job on the report that both students should be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Congratulations to Faith Barnes and Grayson Kleist of Covington Indiana for submitting outstanding reports and winning the Linda J. Smith-Cope POW-MIA Scholarship for 2020. Both students will be awarded \$500 each towards their continuing education.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates

As of April 30, 2020

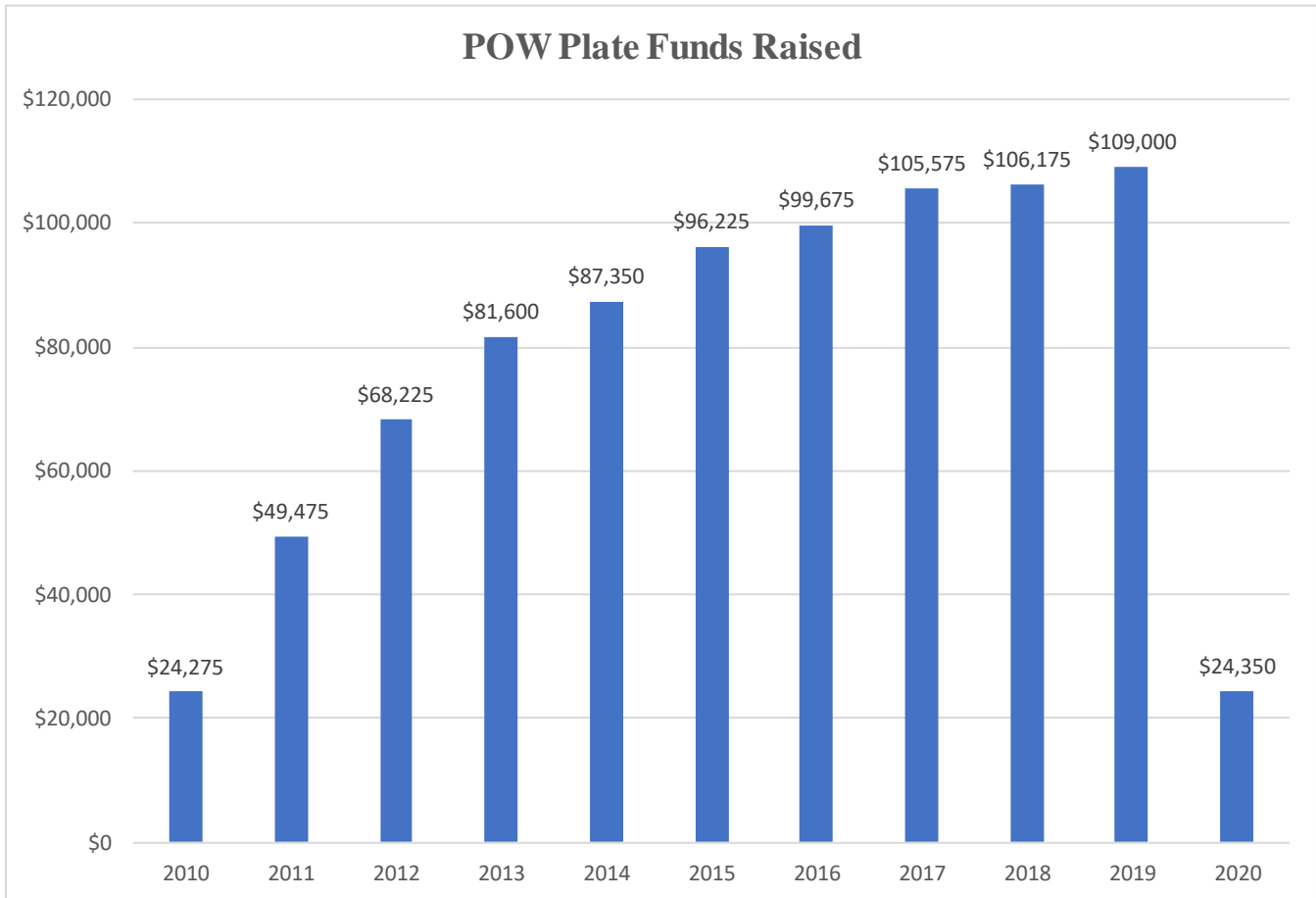


As of April 30, 2020 we have **4,246** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).

The above graph shows a slight dip in the sales/renewals of the plate in March and April. We need to make sure this dip does not continue to fall in the coming months. Please help advertise the plate as much as possible and let people know the value of the plate to our POW/MIA mission and our Indiana Veterans.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2020



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$861,450** pending verification of April, 2020 deposit.

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/MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need. **Purchase your Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Today.**

2020 INDY Honor Flight Schedule



Plainfield High School Plainfield Indiana

1 Red Pride Drive Plainfield, IN 46168

Honor Flight #33 *Due the COVID-19 virus this honor flight has been rescheduled for June. The date has not been determined yet.*

Saturday September 12, 2020—Honor Flight #34 (**Program starts at 20:00**)

Greeting the Veterans at the Indianapolis Airport as they debark the plane is a great experience the all members should try and participate in. The Veterans appreciate us being there to welcome them home. The welcome celebration at the Plainfield and Decatur High Schools are also great experiences that you will enjoy and never forget.



POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2020 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2020 Accounted for: 58

As of April 30, 2020

Accounted-For by War

WWII (40)

Korea (18)

Vietnam/Laos (0)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (26)

U.S Army Air Forces (2)

U.S Marine Corps (10)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (5)

U.S Navy (15)

U.S Navy Reserves (0)

U.S Air Force (0)

U.S Coast Guard (0)

Indiana Heroes that have been returned

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
PVT USMC Fred Freet	11-20-1943	8-6-2018	4-18-2019	Tarawa Atoll	Marion
PFC Marvin E. Dickson	11-13-1944	9-27-2018	6-8-2019	Germany	Indianapolis
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	4-18-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond

State Government Affairs

Indiana House Bill: HB1086

Authored by Rep. Chuck Goodrich.

Co-Authored by Rep. Karlee Macer.

Bill Details:

Reservist tuition supplement program. Establishes the reservist tuition supplement program (program) and reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program and fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated.

Please contact Representative Tim Brown who is the House Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. Representative Brown decides what bills get a hearing.

Representative Brown's email is H41@iga.in.gov, Phone Number is 317-232-9650.

Status on bill can be tracked at <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/house/1086>

The Indiana Reservist put their lives on the line just like the Indiana National Guard and deserves the same benefits as the Indiana National Guard.

Call Representative Brown's office today and let him know that you support HB1086 and it deserves to be heard.

Federal Government Affairs

Senate Bills

S.514 - "Deborah Sampson Act “ Benefits for Women Veterans.”

S.785 - “A bill to improve mental health for Veterans”

S.1673 - Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

House Bills

H.R.326 - “Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2019

H.R.1350 – (Corey Adams) “Green Alert throughout the United States”

H.R.712 - “VA Medicinal Cannabis Research ACT OF 2019”

H.R.2201 - To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes. 116th Congress (2019-2020)

H.R.2819 - Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

Please contact your Indiana Representatives as ask them to cosponsor the above bills. Details on the bills can be found at <https://congress.gov/> then click on **Legislation**.

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*HARDWARE MOTO

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 2:00 PM, MAY 20, 2020
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100% BENEFITS AMERICAN VETERANS
OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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@Artistic Creations

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Rolling Thunder® Ride for Freedom Nationwide, the drawing for the above motorcycle has been extended until June 1st, 2021.

**Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run
Marseilles, Illinois
June 19-20, 2020**



**Ride to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial with
Rolling Thunder®. Inc. Indiana Chapter One
To
Honoring our Global War on Terror War Heroes**

Cancelled for 2020



**We Don't Know
Them All
But
We Owe Them All**



POW*MIA Chair of Honor

2020 Venue Goals

The POW*MIA Chairs of Honor are important tools for the Chapter to help remind the public that we have over 82,000 service members still listed as unaccounted for Nation wide since WWII, and they must **NOT BE FORGOTTEN**. To date, we have **(12)** POW*MIA Chairs of Honor installed in venues throughout Indiana. Our first COH was installed at the Lucas Oil Stadium on November 2, 2014 and the latest one at the Plainfield High School on September 19, 2019.

These special chairs will remind thousands of people of the men that fought for our freedom and still need to come home, live or dead.

The placement of these special chairs in High Schools is specialty important to remind the younger generations of the cost of war and the price of freedom.

Listed below are the POW*MIA Chair of Honor venues that the Chapter will focus on in 2020.

TBD - INDY 500 Festival

The upholstery of the chair is complete and working in the display.

TBD - Indiana Disable American Veterans (IDAV)

The upholstery shop has the chair and working on it.

TBD - Purdue University - The Chair is done and in the Veterans Center until the University can resume classes and accept the chair. Special thanks to David (Duke) Wooldridge for the great job on the chair.

TBD - Carmel High School (No update)

TBD - Decatur High School (No update)

See pictures om next page.

POW*MIA Chair of Honor

2020 Venue Goals



**Purdue University
POW*MIA Chair of Honor**



**500 Festival
POW*MIA Chair of Honor**

POW*MIA Grove of Honor

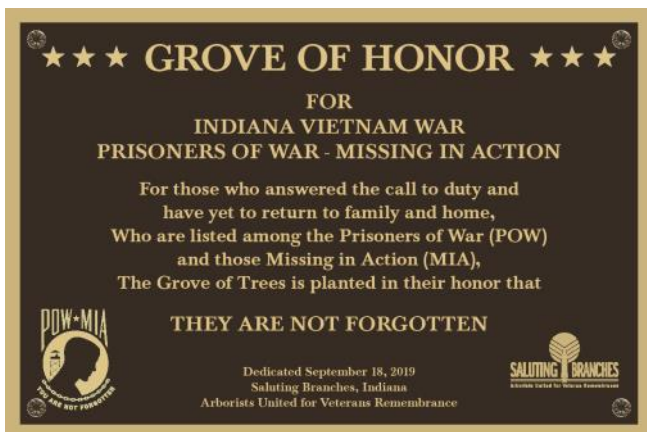


We also have a POW*MIA Grove of Honor located at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana. Fifty-One trees were planted in the grove to honor the (51) Indiana War Heroes from the Vietnam War. On September 23, 2020, the Chapter and the Indiana State Forestry will dedicate the below monument at the Grove in honor of our Indiana Vietnam War Heroes that are still unaccounted for.

The Bolder was donated by the Stone Center of Indiana and weights 6,940, and valued at \$700.00. Please show your appreciation to Stone Central Indiana the next time you have a project that requires their services.

Also, the below plaque will be mounted to the bolder once the bolder is in place at the Indiana Veterans Home. The dedication date is September 23, 2020.

Please mark September 23, 2020 on your calendar and plan on attending the dedication ceremony.



Plaque



**Bolder donated by
Stone Center of Indiana
Weight is 6,940 pounds.**

Chapter Sponsorship

Funding is necessary for the Chapter to continue on with its mission of bringing awareness to the public about our Service Members that are still unaccounted for and haven't come home. Tools like the POW*MIA Chairs of Honor is an important tool to help us accomplish that mission. These special Chairs require funds to make them possible.

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on donations from our Members, Supporters, and Sponsors. With the COVID-19 virus still an issue, our sponsorship drive will be a real challenge this year.

Listed below are the benefits that the Chapter offers at each level. Sponsors that require 501 (c)(3) tax exempt can make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities as described on the next page.

**Download Sponsorship information from our website with the following URL
<http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/sponsorRTIN1.html>**



Sergeant Sponsorship – Donation of \$800 and over

- Plaque to display at your home or business as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



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

- Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



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

Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

Note: In-Kind donations less than \$200 will receive a thank you letter for your support of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 and our POW/MIA Mission. No matter how small or large the donation, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 appreciates and welcomes all donations.

Chapter Sponsorship Continue

Donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc.

Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) entity of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. National. Donations made through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is tax deductible. Sponsors that require a tax deduction will need to make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities. When the sponsor makes a donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, they must specify to direct the donation to **Indiana Chapter 1**. The sponsor can mail the check directly to Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc, or to the Chapter and we'll send the check to Charities.

Make Check payable to **Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc.**

Ask the sponsor to add comment on the check to direct this donation to **Indiana Chapter 1**

Mail your donation check to the following address:

Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc.

P.O Box 327

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

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

Note: Books marked in RED are highly recommended reads.

Recommended Web Sites

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

The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge



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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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NEVER FORGET

Tookolo, Allen, Member, November 2002	Booth, Frank, Member, 2004
Walker, Bruce, Member, October 2004	Parish, Bruce "Buz", Past President, Sept 2008
Brinkley, Jon Past President, January 2009	Leck, Lou, Member, September 2009
Hall, Bruce, Member, March 2010	Gigle, Gene, Member, August 2011
Jolly, Ron Past Vice President, December 2011	Kaler, Steve, Past President, June 2012
Wilson, John, US Army WWII POW, July 2012	Loffredo, Nicholas, Member, August 2012
Freeman, James, Past Board, August 2012	Fulmer, Kenneth, Member, August 2012
Huelskamp, Glenn, Member, February 2013	Hillis, George "Sam", May 2013
Winters, Steve, Member, September 2013	Meyerrose, Timothy, Member, May 2014
Richard (Dick) Forrey, Member June 2015	Hutchinson, James Alt Board Member, Dec 2015
Mary Brodrick, Member April 2016	Van Brunt, Craig, May 2016
Gary Stanley, Member October 2017	Jimmie Earl Brown , Member August 2018
Ruth Smith, Member September 2018	Damon Gastineau , Member December 2018
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