

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)  
Indiana WWII (1,511), Korean (174), Vietnam (50)

# INCOMING!



October 2019 Newsletter

**ROLLING THUNDER®**, INC.

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

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## **Chapter Officers**

Michael Clark President

Bill Bailey Secretary

Dave Franklin Vice President

Terry “Flash” Sanderson Treasurer



## **President News**

I hope everyone is doing well and ready for October. September was a real busy month for the Chapter. We dedicated three POW\*MIA Chairs of Honor and attended several events through the month of September. Please read the details in the Newsletter.

The 2019 Membership Year has come to a close as of August 31, 2019 and September is the beginning of a new membership year. The Chapter has accomplished a lot in 2019, and I’m looking forward to what the Chapter can accomplish in 2020. In order to accomplish our mission goals, we need members. Please renew your membership today and help the Chapter to accomplish great things in 2020.

The September Chapter meeting included our election for Officers and Board members. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jimmy Stevenson and Nick Esposito for being elected as Board Members. I also want to thank David Craig, Rocco Brunelle, Jeff Thatcher and William “Ed” Newbill for running and willing to take on more responsibility within the Chapter. Brian Griffith for his willingness to take the Alternate Board position and William “Rode Cone” Bailey for taking the Chapter Secretary position. Congratulations to all.

We had two members receive their patches at the September Chapter meeting. David Brewer received his Boot Patch and Michael “Cowboy” Kraner received his Rocker and Eagle. See pages 3 of the newsletter. Congratulations to David and Cowboy.

Year 2020 will be a busy year for planning and coordinating events. As you all know, 2019 was the final Ride for Freedom in Washington DC managed by Rolling Thunder National. The social media buzz indicate that AMVETS have obtained the permits to conduct the Washington DC event in 2020. However, we don’t know what the event will be called or how it will be organized. We hope to learn more at the National conference in November. Rolling Thunder National has requested that Chapters conduct their own demonstration events in their own States or participate with other States in an regional event. The Chapter has started a planning committee to discuss ideas on what we can do as a Chapter in 2020. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please read details on page 11 of the newsletter.

**The next Chapter meeting is Sunday October 20, 2019**

# October 2019 Birthday's



Alex Barile 10-24

Jerry Brown 10-27

Jackie Hubbard 10-14

Karen Smith 10-12

Steve Wiederkehr 10-21

**Happy Birthday to all**

**Chapter Meeting  
September 15, 2019**



**David Brewer received his  
Boot Patch**



**Michael (Cowboy) Kraner  
received his  
Rocker & Eagle**

**Congratulation David and Cowboy**

# **Chapter Election**

## **September 15, 2019**

**The following positions ran unopposed and will serve for the next two years.**

**Chapter President** - Michael Clark

**Chapter Secretary** - William Bailey

**Alternate Board Member** - Brian Griffith

**The following members were elected by the Chapter members and will serve as Board Members for the next two years.**

**Board Members** - Nickolas Esposito

James “Jimmy” Stevenson

I want to thank the above members for their willingness to take on more responsibilities within the Chapter. I also want to thank David Craig, Rocco Brunelle, Jeff Thatcher and William “Ed” Newbill for running and willing to take on more responsibility within the Chapter.

Congratulations to all of our new Officers and Board members. I’m looking forward to 2020 and what the Chapter will accomplish.

# POW\*MIA Grove of Honor Dedication

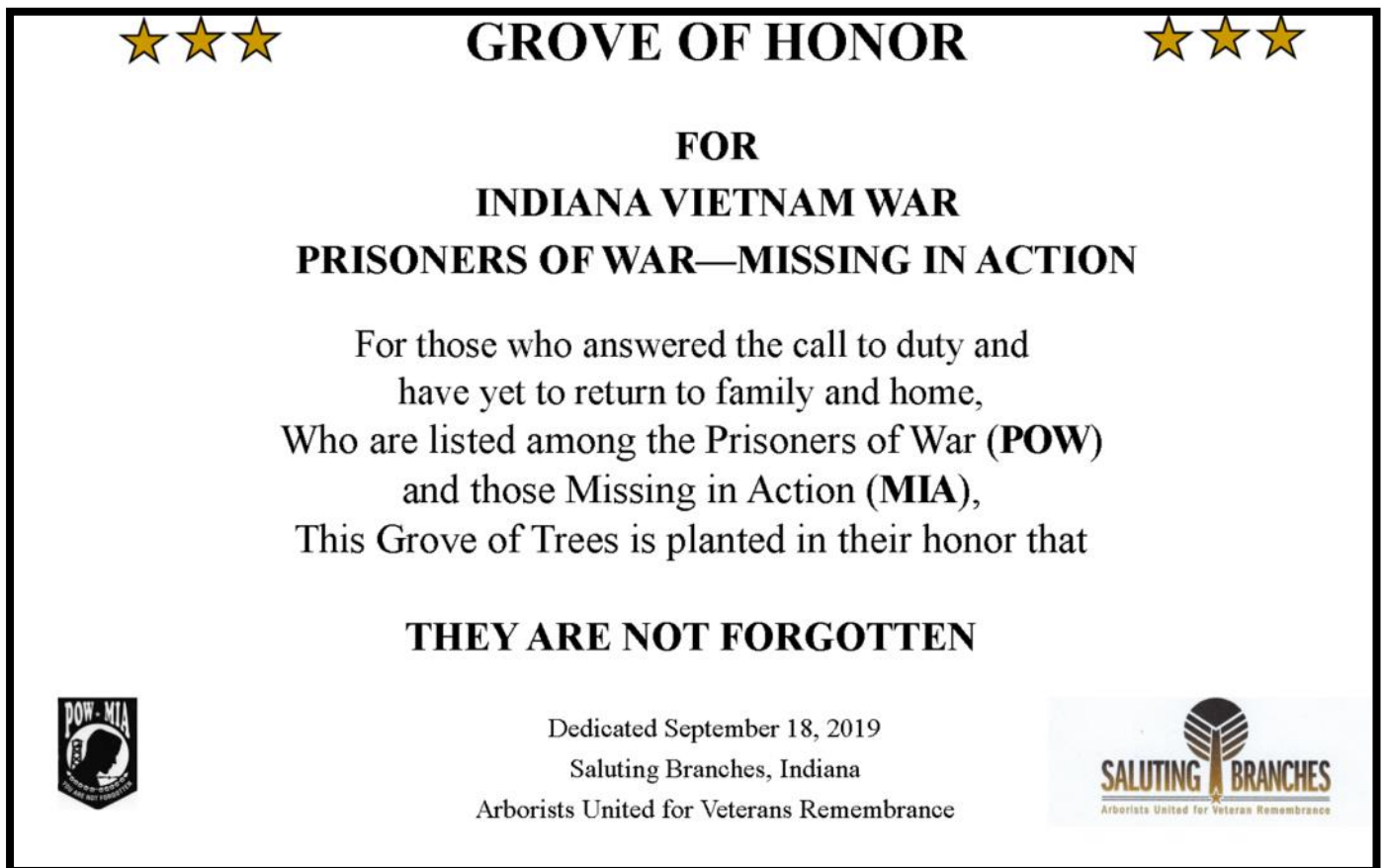
## September 18, 2019

The below members participated in the dedication of the POW\*MIA Grove of Honor at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana. The Chapter performed the Roll Call ceremony for our 50 Indiana POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War. An arborists placed a helmet at the base of a tree after the name of the MIA was called. A helmet was also laid to George Miller which is the only Indiana Civilian still missing from the Vietnam War.



# POW\*MIA Grove of Honor Monument

The Chapter will work with the Saluting Branches organization to design and place a permanent monument at the POW\*MIA Grove of Honor . The monument will consist of a plaque and a slab of Indiana Limestone. Below is a sample of the plaque. We are currently searching for a Veteran friendly company to provide the Limestone. Once the monument is complete we will schedule another dedication.



# POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

## September 20, 2019

September 20th was the National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial. The Chapter performed the Missing Man Table ceremony, provided parking support, and escorted former POWs and their family members to their seats. The weather for the event was good and we had a decent showing. The POW\*MIA Chair of Honor at the Indiana War Memorial is still looking good . This special chair is seen by several thousand people each year when they visit the IWM. The top left picture is Al Barile's Mariachi pulling the 2-MANY sign.



# Quaker Day Parade

## September 21, 2019



On Saturday September 21, the Chapter and Eagle riders participated in the Quaker Day Parade in Plainfield Indiana. The parade was led by the Chapter and Eagle riders. The weather was perfect for the parade and the Plainfield community had a good showing.

The top left picture is Mr. Barile with his Mariachi helmet. The top right picture is Mr. Barile misjudging the position of his straw. Mr. Barile is lucky he didn't poke his eye out. Thanks to all of the Chapter Members that were able to make the Parade. The kids loved seeing and hearing the motorcycles.





# Operations Set Sail

## September 21, 2019

After the Quaker Day parade, the Chapter was invited to perform the Missing Man Table ceremony at the Operations Set Sail event. Operations Set Sail is an annual event that give Veterans an opportunity to learn how to sail a boat. The event included a Freedom Boat Parade with over 100 sailboats. The event also included honoring one of our Indiana fallen heroes, PFC Deryk Hallal. PFC Hallal attended North Central High School and was killed on April 6, 2004 during Operations Iraqi Freedom. CPL Gentile served with PFC Hallal and spoke about PFC Hallal and the event leading to his death. CPL Gentile was also severely wounded in the battle. The operations Set Sail event took place at the Indianapolis sailing club on Geist.



**Marine PFC Deryk Hallal Family**



**Marine CPL Jimmy Gentile**



**Chopper Jim placing the Army cover on the table**



# First Lieutenant Alan Bardach Escort

## Vietnam War KIA

**October 3, 2019**

Chapter members joined the Patriot Guard at the Indianapolis Airport to escort 1LT Bardach to the Crown Hill Cemetery. 1LT Bardach was a passenger on a Chinook helicopter that was transporting a total of 46 service members in South Vietnam. The copter crashed into a mountain while flying IFR (non visual/instrument flying) and no survivors were recovered. The wreckage was badly burned and the remains were all buried in a mass grave at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. 1LT Bardach remains were identify using present day DNA testing. 1LT Bardach has returned home and was buried in his final resting place at the Crown Hill cemetery. I want to thank the Chapter members that participated in this escort to honor one of our Indiana Heroes.



# 2020 Ride for Freedom

## Planning Committee Meeting

On September 4th, we had our first 2020 Ride for Freedom committee meeting at the Veterans Center. The purpose of the committee is to plan for our 2020 Ride for Freedom demonstration event. We had a good representation of Chapter members at the meeting with a lot of good discussion.

Rolling Thunder National has published guidance to the Chapters that the demonstration event should be done on the Sunday before Memorial Day, and should be done in your own state or region. As you all know, the Sunday before Memorial Day in Indianapolis is the Indy 500 race and festivities. Trying to get Police and press support would be a real challenge on the day of the 500.

Therefore, the Chapter members need to decide on what we do as a Chapter in support of a 2020 Ride for Freedom demonstration outside of Indianapolis.

Some members recommended that we partner with neighboring States for a regional demonstration. Other members would like to continue the Ride to the Wall to Washington DC for the below reasons.

- **Continue the Ride to the Wall to Washington DC in 2020.**
  - ◊ Camaraderie built during the ride to Washington DC.
  - ◊ Friday night visual at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.
  - ◊ Big Daddy's tour of the different monuments during our Friday night visual.
- **Partner with Ohio or other Rolling Thunder Chapters for the 2020 Ride for Freedom Demonstration.**
- **POW/MIA Awareness Ride and program on the third Saturday of September in Indianapolis.**

The main focus of the Ride for Freedom demonstration is to bring attention to our leaders that we still want full accountability of our Nations POWs and MIAs. In light of this purpose, we should consider having a POW/MIA awareness event in conjunction with the National POW/MIA recognition day on the third weekend in September. The month of September in Indianapolis would be a good month to have our POW/MIA Awareness Ride and program. The hotel rooms would be reasonable and we would have the support from the Police and press.

Whatever the decision, a lot of planning and coordination will be required to make these events happen. If you are interested in helping with the planning and coordination, be at the Veterans Center on **Wednesday October 16th at 18:30** for the next planning meeting.

# 2019 Honor Flights Schedule



**Saturday October 26th** —Honor Flight #32, Plainfield High School

**Please mark this date down on your calendar and plan on attending.**

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## Membership 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.



**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.**

# POW/MIA Affairs Committee

## 2019 MIAs Accounted-For

**DPAA 2019 Accounted for: 157**

**As of October 12, 2019**

### Accounted-For by War

**WWII (89)**

**Korea (65)**

**Vietnam/Laos (3)**

### Accounted-For By Service

**U.S Army (82)**

**U.S Army Air Forces (15)**

**U.S Marine Corps (8)**

**U.S Marine Corps Reserves (12)**

**U.S Navy (34)**

**U.S Navy Reserves (2)**

**U.S Air Force (3)**

**U.S Coast Guard (1)**

## Indiana Heroes that have been returned in 2019

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

# POW\*MIA Chair of Honor Project

In September 2019, we had three POW\*MIA Chairs of Honor dedications at three different venues. The Grissom Air Force Museum Peru Indiana, Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Madison Indiana, and the Plainfield High School Plainfield, Indiana. These special chairs will be seen by many people throughout the years to remind them that not all have come home and to Never Forget our Nations POWs and MIAs. The Chapter can be proud of these accomplishments.



**Grissom Air Force Base Museum  
September 7, 2019**



**Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
September 14, 2019**



**Plainfield High School  
September 19, 2019**



**Plainfield students that built the platform for  
the POW\*MIA Chair of Honor to sit on.  
They did an awesome job on the platform.**

## **POW\*MIA Saddle of Honor Project**

The POW\*MIA Saddle of Honor is another Chapter project that we need to get moving forward. The POW\*MIA Saddle of Honor will be another tool for the Chapter to use to help bring awareness to the public about our POWs and MIAs. The intent of this special saddle is to be installed in motorcycle shops throughout Indiana. The first location for the POW\*MIA Saddle of Honor is Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis. Other motorcycle shops have expressed an interest in having a POW\*MIA Saddle of Honor in their facility.



The Saddle is complete and the next step is to determine how the saddle will be displayed in the motorcycle shops. Several idea's have been discussed, but we need more idea's to come up with a final design.

If you have any suggestions on how the Saddle should be displayed, please bring them to the October Chapter meeting or email them to me. I would like to get this project moving forward as soon as possible.



# Indiana

## POW/MIA License Plate Sales

<b>From Date</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>January 2010</b>	<b>December 2014</b>	\$310,925	Deposit into MFRF
<b>January 2015</b>	<b>December 2015</b>	\$96,225	Deposit into RTIVF
<b>January 2016</b>	<b>December 2016</b>	\$99,675	Deposit into RTIVF
<b>January 2017</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	\$105,575	Deposit into RTIVF
<b>January 2018</b>	<b>September 2018</b>	\$86,475	Deposit into RTIVF
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>December 2018</b>	\$19,775	Deposit into MFRF
<b>January 2019</b>	<b>September 2019</b>	\$88,375	Estimated Deposit into MFRF
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$807,025</b>	

**Note:** The August and September deposit are based on 453 plates renewed/sold in August and 372 plates renewed/sold in September.

## 2019 Chapter Calendar of Events

Date	Event
<b>October 19-20</b>	Kokomo Gun Show
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Board/Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>October 26</b>	Indy Honor Flight #32, Plainfield High School
<b>Oct 31-Nov 3</b>	Rolling Thunder National Conference
<b>November 8-10</b>	1500 Gun and Knife Show
<b>November 9</b>	Dedication and demonstration of the lights/sound system
<b>November 11</b>	Veterans Day Parade
<b>November 16</b>	HOG Chapter 1 Peyton Manning Toy Ride
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Board/Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>December 4</b>	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
<b>December 7</b>	Lafayette Veterans Home Visit
<b>December 14</b>	Wreath Across America (Local Cemetery Sites)
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Chapter Meeting/HVAF Luncheon</b>

# POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

## Recommended Books

Title	Author
<b>Leave No Man Behind</b>	Bill Bell
<b>Why Didn't You Get Me Out</b>	Frank Aton
Kiss The Boys Goodbye	Monika Jensen-Stevenson & William Stevenson
Betrayed	Joseph D. Douglass, Jr
<b>Still Waiting</b>	Linda Cope
<b>An Enormous Crime</b>	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)	<a href="http://www.dpaa.mil/">http://www.dpaa.mil/</a>
Biographies on Prisoners of War and Missing in Action	<a href="http://www.pownetwork.org/bios.htm">http://www.pownetwork.org/bios.htm</a>
Rolling Thunder National	<a href="http://www.rollingthunder1.com/">http://www.rollingthunder1.com/</a>
National League of POW/MIA Families	<a href="http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/">http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/</a>
Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1	<a href="http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/">http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/</a>
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	<a href="http://esgr.mil/in">http://esgr.mil/in</a>
Veterans Support Council of Marion County	<a href="http://www.vscmc.com/">http://www.vscmc.com/</a>
Veterans Events	<a href="http://www.veteranevents.org/">http://www.veteranevents.org/</a>
American Ex-Prisoners of War	<a href="http://www.axpow.org/default.htm">http://www.axpow.org/default.htm</a>

## 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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**Always remember our American POWs and MIAs**





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**Ed offers 10% discount to Veterans.**

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

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

**Ed will love to see yea**



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

**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
Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019	