

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWII (1,507), Korean (173), Vietnam (50)

INCOMING!



October 2020 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

Indiana Chapter #1
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Chapter Officers

President: Michael Clark

Secretary: Bill Bailey

Vice President: David Craig

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson



President News

Chapter members, I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. It’s hard to believe that we are already in October and the riding season is coming to a close. The Chapter Calendar of Events is changing daily and I encourage you all to review the calendar at least every other day. Since the September Chapter meeting we have been notified that the Motorcycles on Meridian and Veterans Day Parade have been cancelled for 2020. Other events will be added to the Calendar as they come up.

September was the Chapters election and I would like to thank the members that were willing to maintain their current positions and those that were willing to take on more responsibility within the Chapter. See page 12 of the Newsletter for information on the results of the election. I also thank Cary Crowder and Shawn Utterback for their service on the Board for multiple terms. They both did a great job and will be missed on the Board.

On page 3 of the Newsletter, Flash has provided a bit of history about Paul Revere and his band. I recall seeing Paul and his band on the stage at the end of the Ride for Freedom in Washington DC. They always did a great job. Flash provided a YouTube link on page 3 of the 2001 video. Turn up your speakers and enjoy the video.

The continuation of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty License Plate has been approved by the BMV. This is great news for the Chapter. This means that BMV will continue to offer the plate which helps the Chapter in its mission of bringing awareness to the public that we still have service members that haven’t come home yet. The funds generated from the plate will also help our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF). With the continuation of the plate, we expect to hit the One Million Dollar mark in 2021. 100% of these funds go towards helping our Indiana Veterans. I appreciate all of the help from the Chapter members in collecting the necessary signatures required by BMV to keep this special plate available.

September is the start of a new membership year and it’s time to renew your membership. The membership dues are still \$30.00 per year and needs to be paid to keep your membership in good standing. Please renew your membership as soon as possible. We need your membership to be able to continue on with our important POW/MIA mission and helping our Indiana Veterans.

The next Chapter meeting is Saturday October 17, 2020

October 2020 Birthday's



Alex Barile 10-24

Jerry Brown 10-27

Mike Clark 10-11

Jackie Hubbard 10-14

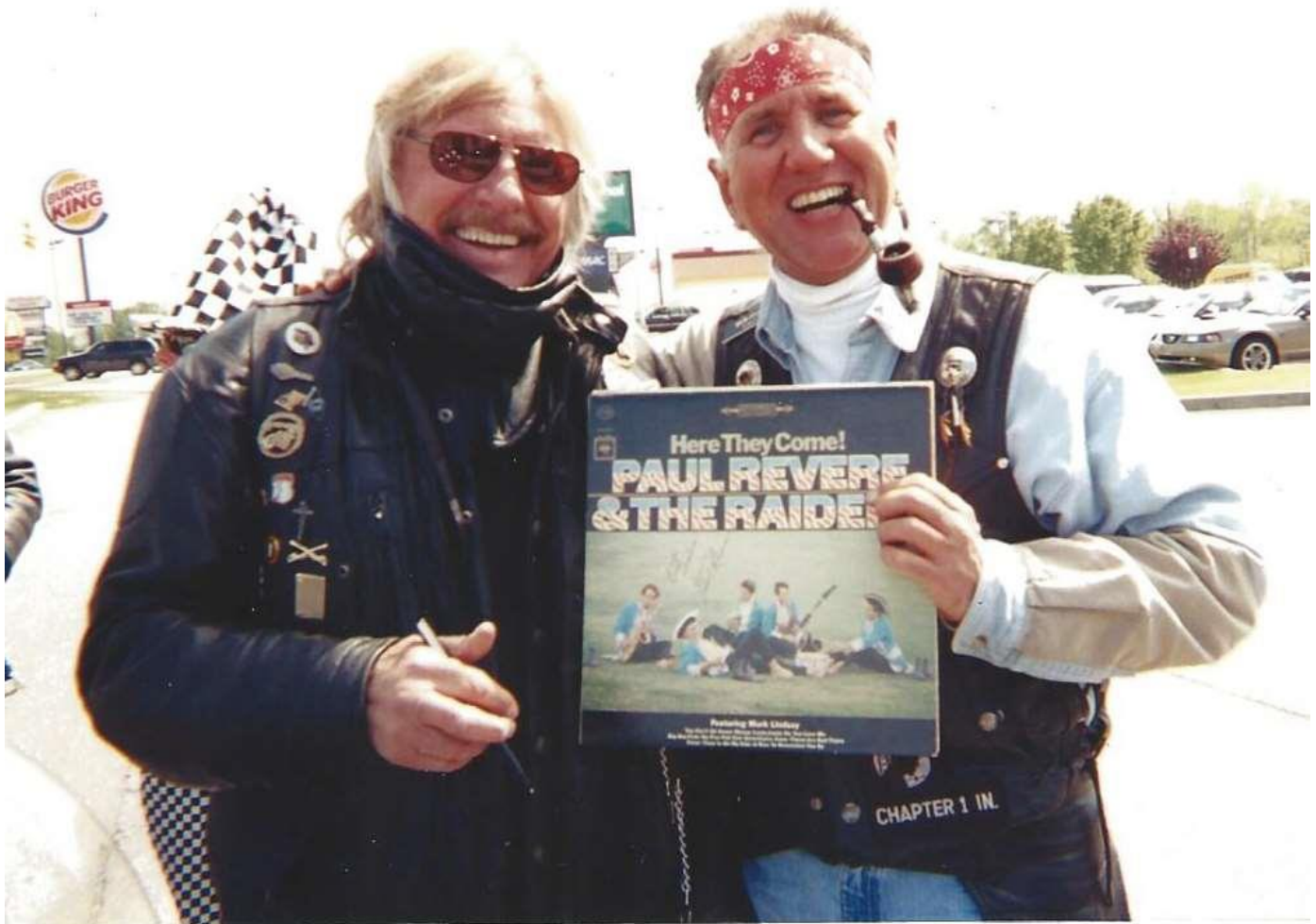
Karen Smith 10-12

Steve Wiederkehr 10-21

Happy Birthday to all

A Moment in History

Paul Revere with Ron 'Chief' Flora
Circa 2001



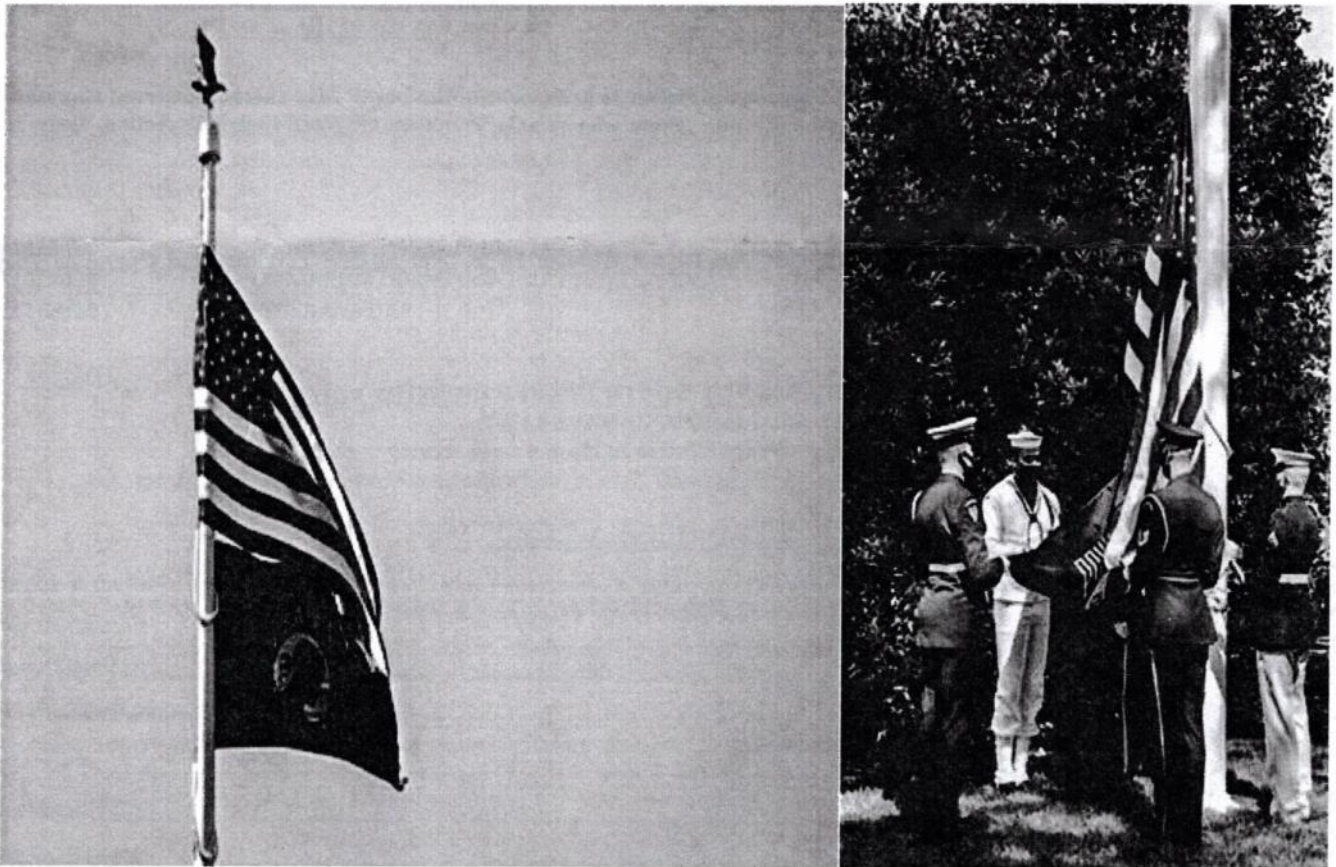
Paul Revere and his entourage came through Indianapolis heading to DC for the annual Memorial Day weekend Rolling Thunder demonstration ride. The entourage was traveling in a motor home following Paul Revere and his drummer riding on loaner Harleys provided by Harley Davidson, Inc.

Chapter members met up with Paul Revere and his entourage for breakfast in Plainfield, IN. It was a memorable occasion. Paul Revere has been an exceptionally good friend of Rolling Thunder. Paul Revere and his band, The Raiders, played on stage at the Lincoln Memorial in front of the reflecting pond following all the speeches that May, and in several years to follow. In 2001 Paul Revere and The Raiders recorded 'Ride to the Wall'. This link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufxeicNmI-4>, of 'Ride to the Wall' is accompanied by an excellent slide show.

Written by: Terry Sanderson
September 2020

POW/MIA Flag Memorial on the South Grounds of The White House.

The POW/MIA Flag will now and forever have a memorial on the south grounds of The White House where our nations Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action can be honored. The flagpole is visible to the First Family and guests of the President from the Residence and the Truman Balcony; it is also visible from President's Park, the Ellipse, portions of Constitution Ave, and at the intersection of 17th and State Place. In accordance with S. 693 – National POW/MIA Flag Act that President Trump signed on November 7, 2019 this new flag location will provide a lasting legacy for the POW/MIA flag on the White House complex.



Happy Birthday Seamen

The Two Navy Holidays: Navy Birthday and Navy Day



Military.com

The Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates celebrated annually – Navy Birthday and Navy Day.

The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental navy on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. Altogether, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.

Navy Day was originally sponsored by the Navy League 1922. Navy Day is designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

Never Forget 9/11 Ceremony

September 11, 2020

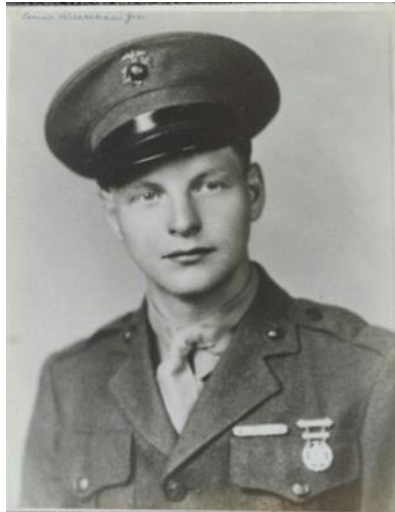
Chapter Members attended the 9/11 Ceremony downtown Indianapolis. The ceremony included fund raising kickoff for the expansion of the 9/11 memorial. The project will include an 800-pound piece of Indiana limestone from the Pentagon crash site, and a "Survivor Tree" from the World Trade Center will also be planted on the site. The goal is to complete the extension and re-dedicate the site on the 20th anniversary on Sept. 11, 2021.

The Indiana 911 Memorial was built on the 10th anniversary of the attacks and dedicated to first responders and people who perished that day. The expansion project will highlight those heroes and honor Lieutenant General Tim Maude, a Hoosier who was killed at the Pentagon on 9/11.



American Legion Donates \$50,000 to the Project.

Marine PFC Wiesehan Escort September 17, 2020



In November 1943, Wiesehan was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Wiesehan was killed on the second day of the battle, Nov. 21, 1943. His remains were reportedly buried in Division Cemetery on Betio Island.

Marine Corps Pfc. Louis Wiesehan, Jr., 20, of Richmond, Indiana, was accounted for on Sep. 23, 2019 and returned home on September 17, 2020.

The Indiana Patriot Guard and Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter One members escorted PFC Wiesehan from the Indianapolis Airport to his home town of Richmond Indiana. PFC Wiesehan was laid to rest on September 19 at the Goshen Cemetery in Richmond Indiana. After 77 years, another Hoosier Hero has finally come home.



Quaker Day Parade

September 19, 2020

Chapter members lined up on Hwy 40 to lead the Quaker Day Parade in Plainfield Indiana. This is a annual event with a lot of the local Plainfield residents in attendance. For several years, Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter One has been invited to lead the Parade.

The weather was perfect for a parade and the turnout for the parade was pretty good.



Alex and Granddaughter



Nick



Vern and Flash



Jeff and Barbara



Tom and Donna



Steve "Deacon" Fuller



Greg



Larry



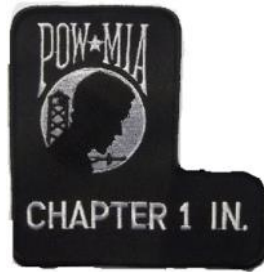
Brain and Jackie



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4,743 Views

Chapter Meeting

September 20, 2020



Jackie Walters joined Rolling Thunder® North Carolina Chapter Two in 2014 and transferred to Indiana Chapter One in August 2020. Jack we presented with his Chapter One boot patch at the September 20, 2020 Chapter Meeting.

Welcome to the Chapter Jack

Chapter Meeting

September 18, 2020



Wendy Leasure



Carla Medsker



Chuck Henderson

Congratulations to all on earning your Rocker and Eagle.

Job Well Done

POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

Saturday September 19, 2020

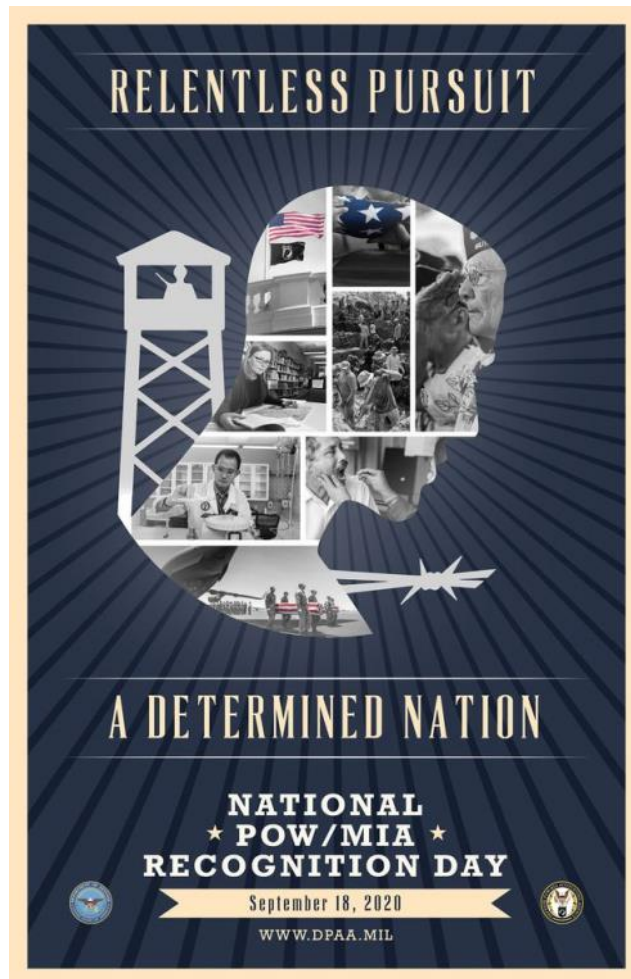
The Indianapolis POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony was a virtual ceremony that broadcasted on Facebook on Saturday September 19, 2020. The Chapter had a big part in the ceremony with Terry (Flash) Sanderson leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Tom (Big Daddy) Ransdell giving the invocation, benediction, and the Chapter Honor Guard Team performing the Missing Man Table ceremony.

Everyone did an outstanding job and represented the Chapter well. I have heard nothing but great comments on the ceremony. Job well done!!.

If you didn't get an opportunity to watch the video, you can watch it on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/indypowmia/videos/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/7UYyL9F5cNU>



Chapter Election

September 20, 2020

The Chapter election was held on Sunday September 20, 2020. The below members were gracious enough to continue their support to the Chapter or willing to step up and take on more responsibility within the Chapter. I thank these members for their commitment and devotion to the Chapter.

I also want to thank Cary Crowder and Shawn Utterback for their service on the Board. Cary and Shawn were instrumental in the success of the Board during their time on the Board. They will defiantly be missed.

Congratulations to all of the below members and I'm looking forward to what we can accomplish in 2021.



Vice President
David Craig
Unopposed



Treasurer
Terry "Flash" Sanderson
Unopposed



Chairman of the Board
Vern Rensing
Unopposed



Board Member
William "Ed" Newbill
Elected



Board Member
Orin Morris
Elected

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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

2020 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2020 Accounted for: 104

As of September 30, 2020

Accounted-For by War

WWII (69)

Korea (33)

Vietnam/Laos (2)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (45)

U.S Army Air Forces (5)

U.S Marine Corps (14)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (9)

U.S Navy (28)

U.S Navy Reserves (1)

U.S Air Force (2)

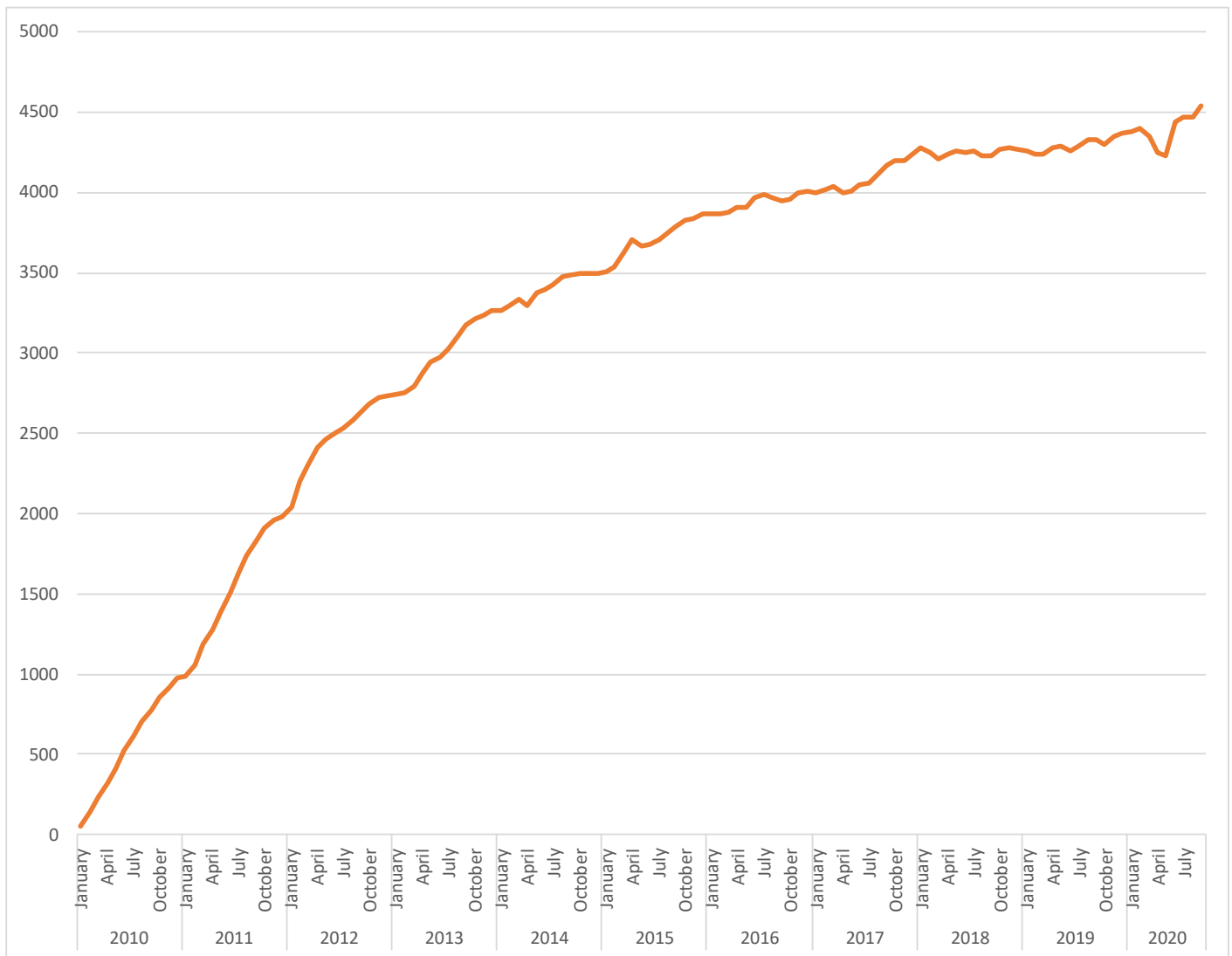
U.S Coast Guard (0)

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

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	6-11-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond
PVT USMC William E. Ramboo	11-20-1943	7-13-2019		Betio Island	LaPorte
SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler	12-7-1942	3-27-2020		USS Oklahoma	Ft. Wayne
PFC USMC Charles D. Miller	11-22-1943	5-19-2020		Tarawa Atoll	Albany

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates

As of September 30, 2020

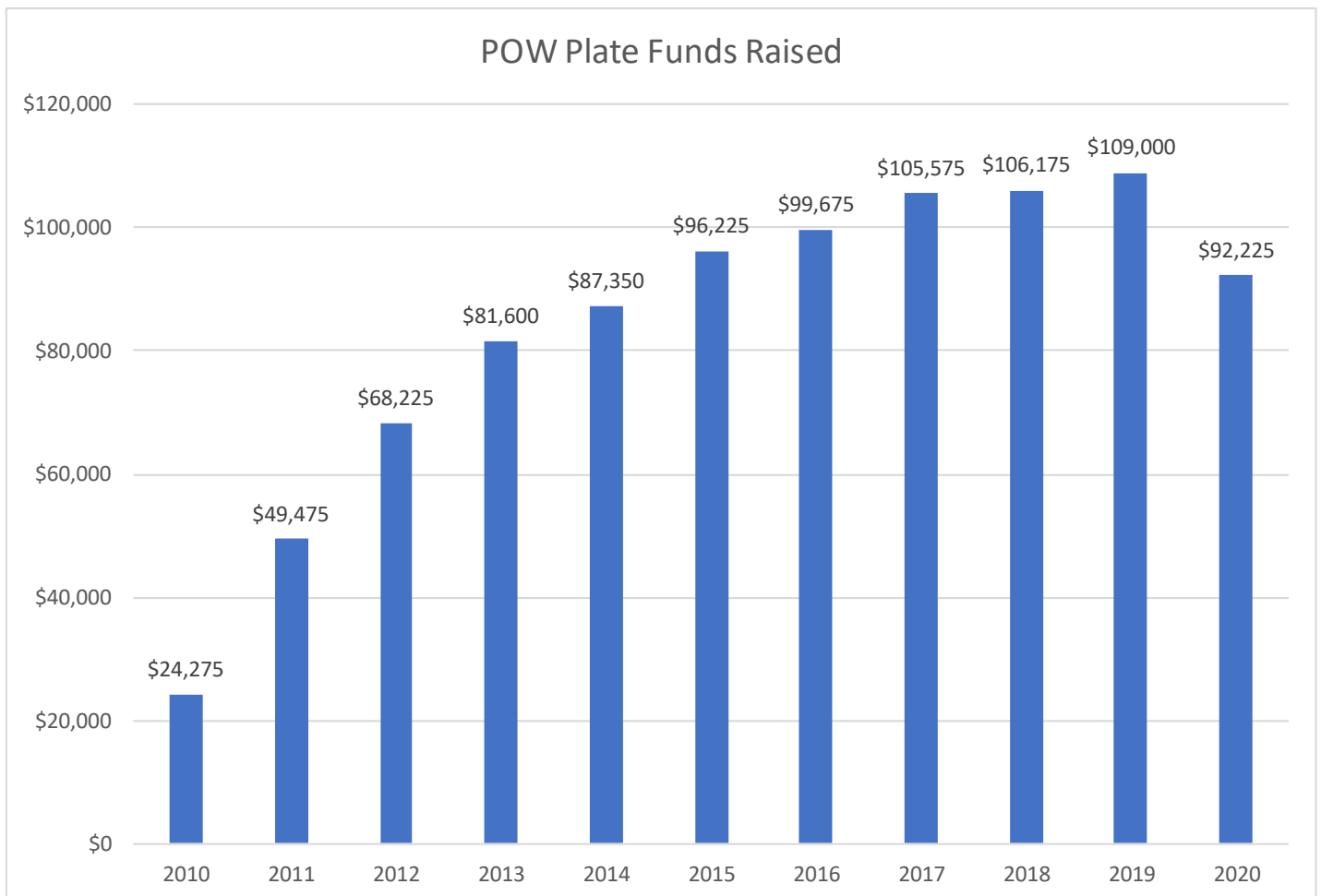


As of September 30, 2020 we have **4,542** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).

In the month of September we gained **215 plates** which is a **5% increase**.

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 **\$919,800**. 100% of the proceeds generated from the sales of the POW/MIA specialty plate goes to the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) to help our Indiana Veterans in need.

If you don't have a Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate on your vehicle, please let the Bureau Motor Vehicle (BMV) know that you would like to purchase a Rolling Thunder® sponsored POW/MIA specialty plate on your next renewal or new purchase.

With the purchase of a Indiana POW/MIA specialty plate, not only will you be instrumental in helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs and MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need.

Please purchase your Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Today.

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

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 INDY 500 Festival has been cancelled for 2020, but we will continue to work on the display and hope to be able to dedicate it in 2021.

TBD - Indiana Disable American Veterans (IDAV)

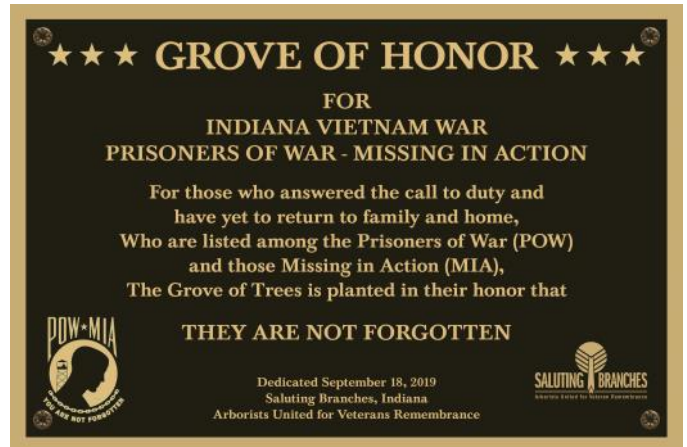
The chair has been refurbished by David Wooldridge and in the process of being reupholstered. The Chair is expected to be completed by October 23, 2020.

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.

POW*MIA Grove of Honor

The POW*MIA Grove of Honor project is moving forward. The Boulder was loaded up at the Stone Center in Indianapolis on Alex Barile's trailer and hauled up the Indiana Veterans Home. Flash. The boulder shifted to one side of the trailer on the way to the Veterans Home, but Vern and Flash were able to secure the boulder to delivered it safely.

We were able to located a contractor (BrightView) to do the ground work for us and another contractor (Wilson Crane) to unload the boulder from the trailer and put in place. BrightView gave us a good price to do the necessary work and Wilson Crane will move the boulder Pro Bono. The work is scheduled to commence on October 15th if not sooner.



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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Tookolo, Allen, Member, November 2002	Booth, Frank, Member, 2004
Walker, Bruce, Member, October 2004	Parish, Bruce "Buz", Past President, Sept 2008
Brinkley, Jon Past President, January 2009	Leck, Lou, Member, September 2009
Hall, Bruce, Member, March 2010	Gigle, Gene, Member, August 2011
Jolly, Ron Past Vice President, December 2011	Kaler, Steve, Past President, June 2012
Wilson, John, US Army WWII POW, July 2012	Loffredo, Nicholas, Member, August 2012
Freeman, James, Past Board, August 2012	Fulmer, Kenneth, Member, August 2012
Huelskamp, Glenn, Member, February 2013	Hillis, George "Sam", May 2013
Winters, Steve, Member, September 2013	Meyerrose, Timothy, Member, May 2014
Richard (Dick) Forrey, Member June 2015	Hutchinson, James Alt Board Member, Dec 2015
Mary Brodrick, Member April 2016	Van Brunt, Craig, May 2016
Gary Stanley, Member October 2017	Jimmie Earl Brown , Member August 2018
Ruth Smith, Member September 2018	Damon Gastineau , Member December 2018
Joseph Smith, Member April 2018	Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019
Walter "Wally" J. Dudek, Member November 2019	Joe Kernan, USN Vietnam War POW, July 2020