

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)

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September 2019 Newsletter

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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 September. We only have a few more months of riding weather before we get back into the dreaded winter months. September will be a busy month for the Chapter with some special events coming up. Please refer to page 15 for the Chapter calendar of events.

I’m pleased to see that our Chapter has grown in 2019 with several new members. So far in 2019, the Chapter has gained 17 new members, and we have 4 more month left of 2019. Let’s keep the recruitment up and finish 2019 with many more members. We have a lot to accomplish in the next few years, and we need members to get it all done.

The POW*MIA Chair of Honor program is moving forward. In September, we will dedicate the POW*MIA Chair of Honor at the Plainfield High School, Grissom AFB Museum, and the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Please see page 13 of the newsletter for the dates on the dedications. More details will be forthcoming as we get closure to the dedication dates.

The 2019 Membership Year has come to a close as of August 31, 2019. September 1, 2019 will be the beginning of our 2020 membership year. The Chapter has accomplished a lot in the 2019 membership year, and I’m looking forward to what the Chapter can accomplish in 2020. Please renew your membership and help the Chapter to accomplish great things in 2020.

The September Chapter meeting is the election for Board Members. **You will need to be present and a member in good standing to vote.** Please see page 9 of the newsletter for the members that are running for the two Board positions. I want to thank these members for stepping up, and willing to take on more responsibilities within the Chapter.

I want to thank Brian Griffith for his willingness to take the Alternate Board position and William “Rode Cone” Bailey for taking the Chapter Secretary position. Congratulations Brian and Bill.

I also want to thank the membership for giving me two more years as your President. I’m honored to serve as your president for the next two years and hope that I live up to your expectations. Thank you.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday September 15, 2019

September 2019 Birthday's



Brian Barrett 9-19

Angela Barrett 9-26

Jessica Clark 9-22

David Craig 9-12

Penny Crowder 9-24

Michael Kirkhoff 9-16

Terry Sanderson 9-26

Greg Thompson 9-21

Shawn Utterback 9-6

Happy Birthday to all

The Fox Hole Charity Ride August 10, 2019



Eight Chapter Members participated in the Plainfield Fraternal Order of Eagles “Fill the Fox Hole” event. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for Care Packages for our deployed troops. The event also gave us the opportunity to sell Raffle Tickets for the Henry Golden Boy raffle before the 1500 Gun and Knife show. I want to thank Shawn and her father for taking the initiative to set up the tent at the event to make it possible to sell the raffle tickets and pass out information about Rolling Thunder.



The motorcycle are staged for the 40 mile ride through the Indiana back roads. The ride was great and everyone made it back to the event with no issues.

After the ride, we enjoyed the festivities with a great lunch catered by the Coachman Restaurant.

Military/First Responder Appreciation Day Lawrence Park Baseball Field August 17, 2019

The Chapter was invited to attend the kick off ceremony for the Fall baseball season at the Lawrence Park Baseball Field. The Lawrence Police Department, Fire Department, and emergency responders were in attendance at the ceremony. The Chapter along with several other organizations were recognized at the opening ceremony.

It was a good opportunity for the Chapter to show our support to the Local Community.



Chapter Members with the Indianapolis Indians Mascot Rowdy.



Chapter Members with the Mayor of Lawrence, Steve Collier.

I want to thank the Chapter Members that took the effort to attend this special event. Thank You.

Indy 1500 Gun and Knife Show

August 23-25, 2019

The Chapter participated in the Indy 1500 Gun and Knife show at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. The show gave the Chapter the opportunity to speak with several people about Rolling Thunder and our mission. It also gave us the opportunity to make a little extra cash for the Chapter. Here are some of the numbers.

The total in Donations and Ticket sales was \$2,853.64.

The total expenses for the raffle prize and show was \$957.74.

The Net Gain for the event was \$1,895.90.

The Net Gain was made possible with the \$1,200 donation from the Griffith family, and the hard work of the Chapter members working the show and selling raffle tickets prior to the show. Thank you all for all of your hard work.



The winner of the Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle was Trent Mosher. The picture to the left shows Trent holding his new rifle.

Trent was happy to add the Golden Boy to his rifle collection.

Chapter Meeting

August 18, 2019



It's encouraging to see that our Chapter has grown in 2019. Since January 2019, we have handed out 16 Boot patches to our new members, to include the below five members at the August Chapter meeting. I sincerely hope that our Chapter will continue to grow through 2019 and years to come. We do have an important mission and we need membership to continue on.



Jackie Hubbard



Don Leasure



Wendy Leasure



Carla Medsker



Charles Henderson

Congratulations to all and, I'm looking forward to issuing the Rocker and Eagle patch in the near future.

Chapter Meeting

August 18, 2019



The Vigilantes Motorcycle Club of Indianapolis have been good supporters of the Chapters POW/MIA mission and helping our Indiana Veterans in need. At the August Chapter meeting, the Vigilantes dropped by the Veterans Center and made a \$1,268 donation to the Chapter in support of our mission.

I want to thank the Vigilantes for their continued support of our mission.

Chapter Meeting

August 18, 2019

It's hard to get through a Chapter meeting without some surprises from our Chapter Comedian, Vern Rensing. Vern passed out some special patches to President Mike Clark. The first patch was "SCHOOL ZONE". I like to ride slow and enjoy the scenery. I guess Vern thinks that I ride to slow and awarded me with the School Zone patch. The other patch was "EXIT 24/18". This patch was a deserving patch because I passed up exit 24 on the way back from Washington DC. However, exit 18 turned out to be a much better exit.

The bottom left picture is Jimmy Stevenson being awarded the "ABRACADAVER" patch. There's a joke behind this patch that you'll have to ask Jimmy about.

The bottom right picture is Mike "Cowboy" Kraner being presented an official Rolling Thunder Cowboy hat. Wear it proudly Michael.



Note: Members need to be aware, if you make a mistake, don't let Vern see you do it. It will come back to haunt you and will live with you forever.

Chapter Election

The Nominations as of August 18, 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 nominated and accepted the nominations. The election is Sunday September 20, 2019. Please plan on attending.

Board Members - Nickolas Esposito

Jeffrey Thatcher

William "Ed" Newbill

David Craig

Rocco Brunelle

James "Jimmy" Stevenson

I want to thank the above members for willing to step up to the plate and take on more responsibilities within the Chapter.

I also want to thank Jim Smith for his service to the Board. Due to personal reasons, Jim has decided not to run for reelection as a Board Member.

The Chapter election is Sunday September 15, 2019. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending this important Chapter meeting. The officers that you elect will be responsible for the direction of the Chapter for the next two years. **Your vote is important.**

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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.**

2019 Honor Flights Schedule



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.

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2019 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2019 Accounted for: 119

As of August 31, 2019

Accounted-For by War

WWII (71)

Korea (45)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (64)

U.S Army Air Forces (11)

U.S Marine Corps (6)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (6)

U.S Navy (28)

U.S Navy Reserves (2)

U.S Air Force (2)

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
PFC Marvin E. Dickson	11-13-1944	9-27-2018	6-8-2019	Germany	Indianapolis

POW*MIA Chair of Honor Project

In September 2019, we have three POW*MIA Chair of Honor displays that are being dedicated at 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. **The dedication dates are listed below.**

Grissom Air Force Base Museum. Dedication date is September 7, 2019.

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery—Dedication date is September 14, 2019.

Plainfield High School. Dedication date is September 19, 2019.



Grissom COH Before



Grissom COH After



Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery COH.



Plainfield High School COH. The Platform was built by the Plainfield High School Students.

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	July 2019	\$67,750	Estimated Deposit into MFRF
	Total	\$786,400	

Note: The July deposit is based on 426 plates Renewed/Sold. The plate sales for the month of August have not been received as of the writing of the Newsletter,

2019 Chapter Calendar of Events

Date	Event
September 5	HVAF Stand Down Stout Field Army
September 7	Indy Honor Flight #31, Plainfield High School
September 7	Grissom AFB Museum POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication
September 8	American Legion Post 34 Fund Raiser for Lorin and Tina Smith
September 11	9/11 Ride
September 14	Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication
September 15	Board/Chapter Meeting and Elections
September 18	POW/MIA Tree Grove Dedication (Indiana Veterans Home)
September 19	Plainfield POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication
September 20	POW/MIA Recognition Day (Missing Man Table Ceremony)
September 21	Quaker Day Parade
September 21	Operation Job Ready Vets (Missing Man Table Ceremony)
October 20	Board/Chapter Meeting
October 26	Indy Honor Flight #32, Location to be Determined
Oct 31-Nov 3	Rolling Thunder National Conference
November 9	Dedication and demonstration of the lights/sound system
November 17	Board/Chapter Meeting
December 4	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
December 7	Lafayette Veterans Home Visit
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

The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge



Larry Paynter is a proud Marine, Chapter Member, and along with his wife Becky, own and operate the Coachman Restaurant & Lounge in Plainfield, IN. The Coachman is famous for mouthwatering Prime Rib, Fresh cut steaks, large seafood selection, and the best Pork Tenderloin sandwich anywhere.

The Coachman offers daily lunch, and dinner food specials, with discount on appetizers, desserts, wine, liquor, and beer.

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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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The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge

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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	