

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

Indiana WWI (104) WWII (1,497), Korean (169), Vietnam (51)

INCOMING!

April/May Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.



Indiana Chapter #1

“POW-MIA – You are not Forgotten”

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Chapter Officers

President: Michael Clark

Vice President: Darryle Swartzlander

Secretary: Jessica Clark

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson

President News

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Page 2 and 3 of the newsletter list our April and May birthdays. I wish all of the April birthday members a happy belated birthday, and the May birthday members a happy birthday and hope you all have many more.

This Newsletter will include April and May Chapter activities. At our April Chapter meeting we had Becky Holbert, the Director for The Ernie Pyle WWII Museum in Dana, IN. Beckey talked about the museum and the legacy of Ernie Pyle, an American WWII journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner from Indiana. The Ernie Pyle is located in Dana, Indiana. See page 5-7 of the newsletter.

Our May Chapter meeting will include David Terrell the son of Paul T. Terrell. David will be talking about his father’s service in the Army Air Corp during WWII where his plane was shot down. Then he was captured and held as a POW in Germany for two years. See page 8 of the newsletter.

April was a busy month with the Rushville High School POW/MIA Flag raising ceremony, the Indy Honor flight #45, and the Covington Sponsorship ride. The month of May will be even busier with the Armed Forces Day at the Track, Hot Rods and Heroes event, XXXVII Ride for Freedom, Fowler Sate Bank Shred Day, and Honor Flight #46. All of these are important events and will need maximum participation from the membership.

The gun raffle ticket sales are going really well. The proceeds from the gun raffle will help the Chapter to remain financially strong for 2025. Many thanks goes to Darryle and Chapter members for helping with the sales of the raffle tickets.

Sponsorship is another important program for the Chapter. I encourage members to visit Veteran friendly businesses and try and get them to sponsor the Chapter. We have an important mission and businesses will donate if they are educated on our mission and how we help our Indiana Veterans.

Please keep in your prayers our members that are not in good health.

The next Chapter meeting will be on Sunday May 18th at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center.

April 2025

Birthday's



Jim Smith (07)

Evan Smith (11)

AnnaLena Hubbard (13)

Linda Harrington (20)

William Smither (23)

Mark Smith (26)

Roger Roe (27)

Orin Morris (28)

Bill Reisa (29)

Hope you have many more

May 2025

Birthday's



Ken White (01)

Kathleen Brewer (07)

Don McFarland (10)

John Mascari (14)

Tom Ransdell (14)

Christina Johnson (17)

Tony Palmiero (21)

Cary Crowder (23)

Hope you have many more

ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH 20 YEARS OR MORE OF SERVICE

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Remarks
Judy	Brinkley	September 1, 1998	
Sammy	Davis	September 1, 1998	Honorary
Carol	McFarland	September 1, 1998	
Don	McFarland	September 1, 1998	
Mark	Smith	September 1, 1998	Honorary
Bill	Reisa	November 19, 1998	
Terry	Sanderson	June 28, 1999	
Roger	Roe	November 19, 2000	
Donna	Ransdell	April 21, 2002	
Tom	Ransdell	April 21, 2002	
Ken	White	January 18, 2003	
David	Begala	June 1, 2003	
Alex	Barile	February 2, 2004	
Tony	Palmiero	March 1, 2004	
Larry	Paynter	March 21, 2004	
Michael	Clark	February 2, 2005	
Barbara	Clark	May 15, 2005	
Linda	Harrington	July 5, 2005	

The above members are still active members in the Chapter and have 20 or more years of service starting in 2025. Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1 was chartered in September 1, 1998. The above members with Joined Date of September 1, 1998 are Charter Members.

The Chapter is fortunate to have dedicated members such as these and I thank them for their service to the Chapter. I hope all of you will continue your service for many more years. Thank You.

Our April Chapter Meeting Speaker



Our speaker Becky Holbert, a Director for The Ernie Pyle WWII Museum in Dana, IN. She talked about the museum and the legacy of Ernie Pyle, an American WWII journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner from Indiana.

Becky gave the attending members the book On A Wing And A Prayer that was a compilation of columns that Ernie wrote on aviation from September 1928 to June 1932. Ernie had the opportunity to meet many of the famous pilots of the time. She also gave everyone the booklet Images Of Brown County by Ernie Pyle. Ernie had spent two weeks in Brown County and wrote twelve columns. Those were written August 14, 1940 to August 27, 1940. It is amazing that for us that have ridden to Nashville, those columns while over 80 years old, resonate in many ways with what we see and experience today.

Thanks to Ernie Pyle, military service personnel today are rewarded with combat pay. The most famous and most widely reprinted column was The Death of Captain Waskow. A reprint of that column follows.



The Death of Captain Waskow



IU Archives

AT THE FRONT LINES IN ITALY, January 10, 1944 – In this war I have known a lot of officers who were loved and respected by the soldiers under them. But never have I crossed the trail of any man as beloved as Capt. Henry T. Waskow of Belton, Texas.

Capt. Waskow was a company commander in the 36th Division. He had led his company since long before it left the States. He was very young, only in his middle twenties, but he carried in him a sincerity and gentleness that made people want to be guided by him.

"After my own father, he came next," a sergeant told me.

"He always looked after us," a soldier said. "He'd go to bat for us every time."

"I've never knowed him to do anything unfair," another one said.

I was at the foot of the mule trail the night they brought Capt. Waskow's body down. The moon was nearly full at the time, and you could see far up the trail, and even part way across the valley below. Soldiers made shadows in the moonlight as they walked.

Dead men had been coming down the mountain all evening, lashed onto the backs of mules. They came lying belly-down across the wooden pack-saddles, their heads hanging down on the left side of the mule, their stiffened legs sticking out awkwardly from the other side, bobbing up and down as the mule walked.

The Italian mule-skinners were afraid to walk beside dead men, so Americans had to lead the mules down that night. Even the Americans were reluctant to unlash and lift off the bodies at the bottom, so an officer had to do it himself, and ask others to help.

The first one came early in the morning. They slid him down from the mule and stood him on his feet for a moment, while they got a new grip. In the half light he might have been merely a sick man standing there, leaning on the others. Then they laid him on the ground in the shadow of the low stone wall alongside the road.

I don't know who that first one was. You feel small in the presence of dead men, and ashamed at being alive, and you don't ask silly questions.

We left him there beside the road, that first one, and we all went back into the cowshed and sat on water cans or lay on the straw, waiting for the next batch of mules.

Somebody said the dead soldier had been dead for four days, and then nobody said anything more about it. We talked soldier talk for an hour or more. The dead man lay all alone outside in the shadow of the low stone wall.

Then a soldier came into the cowshed and said there were some more bodies outside. We went out into the road. Four mules stood there, in the moonlight, in the road where the trail came down off the mountain. The soldiers who led them stood there waiting. "This one is Captain Waskow," one of them said quietly.

Two men unlashed his body from the mule and lifted it off and laid it in the shadow beside the low stone wall. Other men took the other bodies off. Finally there were five lying end to end in a long row, alongside the road. You don't cover up dead men in the combat zone. They just lie there in the shadows until somebody else comes after them.

The unburdened mules moved off to their olive orchard. The men in the road seemed reluctant to leave. They stood around, and gradually one by one I could sense them moving close to Capt. Waskow's body. Not so much to look, I think, as to say something in finality to him, and to themselves. I stood close by and I could hear.

One soldier came and looked down, and he said out loud, "God damn it." That's all he said, and then he walked away. Another one came. He said, "God damn it to hell anyway." He looked down for a few last moments, and then he turned and left.

Another man came; I think he was an officer. It was hard to tell officers from men in the half light, for all were bearded and grimy dirty. The man looked down into the dead captain's face, and then he spoke directly to him, as though he were alive. He said: "I'm sorry, old man."

Then a soldier came and stood beside the officer, and bent over, and he too spoke to his dead captain, not in a whisper but awfully tenderly, and he said:

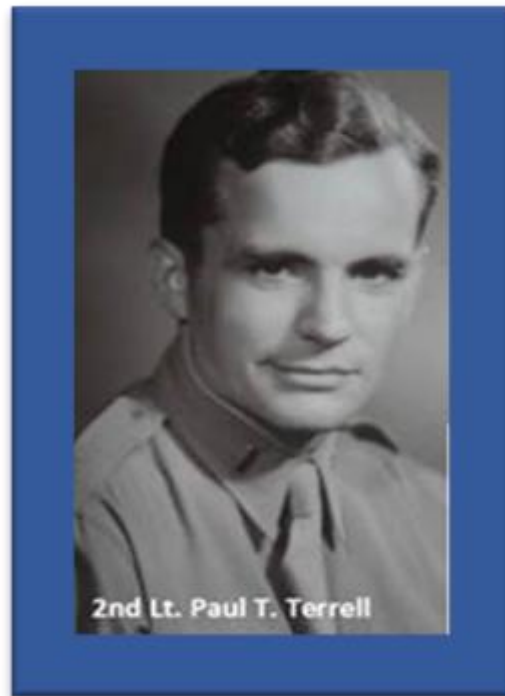
"I sure am sorry, sir."

Then the first man squatted down, and he reached down and took the dead hand, and he sat there for a full five minutes, holding the dead hand in his own and looking intently into the dead face, and he never uttered a sound all the time he sat there.

And finally he put the hand down, and then reached up and gently straightened the points of the captain's shirt collar, and then he sort of rearranged the tattered edges of his uniform around the wound. And then he got up and walked away down the road in the moonlight, all alone.

After that the rest of us went back into the cowshed, leaving the five dead men lying in a line, end to end, in the shadow of the low stone wall. We lay down on the straw in the cowshed, and pretty soon we were all asleep.

May Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker



David Terrell

Our May Chapter meeting guest speaker will be David Terrell the son of Paul T. Terrell. David will be talking about his father's service in the Army Air Corp during WWII where his plane was shot down. Then he was captured and held as a POW in Germany for two years.



A Nugget in Indiana's Military History

Freeman Army Airfield Museum, Seymour, IN

Named for Capt. Richard Freeman (killed in a B-17 crash near Lovelock, Nevada in February, 1941), Freeman Field was started in May 1942 and covers 4 square miles. Construction time was 9 months, 5/42 to 2/43.

Originally there were four paved runways, each one 5580 feet long and 150 feet wide, with 9 taxiways out to the runways.

250 Beech AT-10's were used to train 4245 pilots. 19 classes were graduated from 4/23/43 to 2/1/1945. 23 cadet pilots were killed in training. About 5000 men and women were stationed here at the peak of operations. The pilots who trained at Freeman Field had been through basic flight school and already knew how to fly. They were here to learn multi-engine aircraft operations and flight solely by reference to instruments. From Freeman Field they went to their third and final level of training at another base to learn to fly bombers and transports.



February 1944: Future astronaut Gus Grissom enlisted in the Army at Freeman Field.

September 1944: The first US helicopter training base was established at Freeman Field using the primitive Sikorsky R4 "Hoverfly". After a few months it moved to Chanute Army Airfield in Rantoul, IL.

March 1, 1945: The 477th Bomb Group, known as the Tuskegee Airmen, was transferred to Freeman Field. They were here for only 5 weeks. The "Freeman Field Mutiny", an attempt to integrate the white Officer's Club, ensued. There were no serious injuries and only 3 black officers were court-martialed; only one found guilty. The incident was a catalyst for the desegregation of the US armed services.

June 1945: Freeman Field designated as the Foreign Aircraft Evaluation Center. 160 enemy aircraft, including German jets, V-1 buzz bombs and V-2 rockets, were shipped here. One combat pilot was killed in 1945 while evaluating a Focke-Wulf Fw-190.

November 1945: USAAF glider branch flight test and engineering operations were moved to Freeman Field from Clinton County Army Air Field, Wilmington Ohio. After only 5 months (March, '46), glider operations were moved to Wright Field.

October 1946: The foreign aircraft evaluation period came to an end. Remaining whole aircraft were sent to museums around the country. Parts from disassembled aircraft were buried on the field, and Freeman Field was closed. The Freeman Army Airfield era ended in 1947 when it was deeded to the City of Seymour for one dollar.

<https://freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org/> The museum is open Saturdays (except Christmas and New Years weekends) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Open other hours by appointment. Admission is 'free'.

Rushville High School POW/MIA Flag Raising Ceremony April 17th

On April 17th, the Chapter was privileged to perform a POW/MIA Flag raising ceremony at the Rushville High School located in Rushville Indiana. Chapter Members Greg Thompson and Chuch Henderson held the POW/MIA Flag as President Mike Clark explained the purpose of the flag.

After the explanation of the POW/MIA, the flag was mounted on the flag pole under the American Flag. The Rushville High School is a very Patriotic and Veteran Friendly school. They have a POW*MIA Chair of Honor in the main office built by the students and one in their gymnasium that was provided by the Chapter.



Rushville High School POW*MIA Chair of Honor Displays



Main Office POW*MIA Chair of Honor



Gymnasium POW*MIA Chair of Honor

The POW/MIA Chairs of Honor displays are great tools to help educate our younger generation that we still have Service Members that went off to battle and haven't returned home, and we should never forget them. The POW*MIA Chair of Honor also teaches our younger generation that freedom isn't free, and they need to thank a Veteran for the freedoms that they enjoy today.

INDY Honor Flight #45 April 19th

On Saturday April 19th, the Chapter had dinner at the Coachman Restaurant before heading over to the Airport to welcome home our Veterans. Others went over to the Welcome Home celebration at the Plainfield High School.

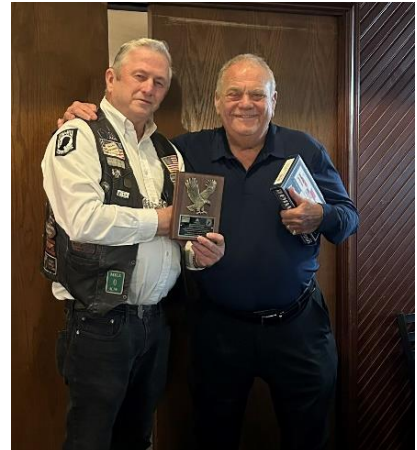
Before dinner, we had a sponsorship awards presentation for some of our Sergeant Level sponsors that have supported the Chapter for several years. The Chapter could not do our special mission without sponsors like the ones below. We thank all of them for their sponsorship and supporting the Chapter.



Larry Paynter



**Brad Yarnell
Coachman Restaurant**



Dick Poynter



**Tony Brancheau J&S
Restaurant Parts and
Service**



**Ed Daum was presented with his 2023 and 2024 Sponsorship
Plaque. Ed was also presented with a special POW/MIA picture
as the youngest member of the Chapter. Ed reached his 87th
birthday on March 2025.**



INDY Honor Flight #45 April 19th

After dinner at the Coachman, some of us headed over to the Airport and others headed over to the Plainfield High School. The group at the Airport was able to greet the Veterans as they came through the gate on their way to the busses waiting to take them to their welcome home celebration at the Plainfield High School.

The next INDY Honor flight will be May 31st. The Welcome Home celebration will be at the Decatur High School located at 5251 Kentucky Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46221.



IMPROMPT Covington Sponsorship Ride April 24th

Chapter Members made an impromptu ride to Covington Indiana to present sponsorship awards to our Covington Sergeant Level sponsors. The first stop was with Drew McGurk of the **Knapper Corp.** We thank all of our sponsors for their support of our POW/MIA Mission. **Thank You.**



The second stop was with Chris Williams of the **Fowler State Bank**, Fowler Indiana.



The Third and final stop was with the **CentreBank**, Veedersburg Indiana



Upcoming Events for May 2025

May 7 th	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
May 14 th	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
May 16-18 th	Armed Forces Day at the Track
May 18 th	Board/Chapter Meeting
May 21 th	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
May 24 th	XXXVII Ride for Freedom
May 30 th	Fowler State Bank Shred Day, Fowler Indiana
May 31 st	Indy Honor Flight #46, Decatur High School

Chapter Event Planning Meeting

Members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chapter Event Planning Meetings. The meetings start at 18:00 using the same Zoom information as our monthly Chapter meetings.

Armed Forces Day at the Track

The Chapter will maintain an information booth at the IMS Track to sell raffle tickets and pass out information about Rolling Thunder® and our Mission. Membership participation will be necessary to work the booth. This will be a good opportunity to help raise funds for the Chapter so we can carry on with our Mission.

Board/Chapter Meeting

This will be our normal monthly meeting at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Board meeting will be from 11:00 to 12:45 and the Chapter meeting will be from 13:00 to 14:30. Zoom access will be provided for those that can't make the meeting in person.

XXXVII Ride for Freedom

Our 37th annual Ride for Freedom is scheduled for Monday May 26th. This year, we will return to the Veterans National Shrine and Museum at Fort Wayne Indiana. This is one of our main events for the year and looking forward to a great crowd. The program will be similar to the one last year with a few changes.

Mission BBQ will cater lunch to the Veterans National Shrine and Museum. Mission BBQ always does a great job and will provide some good food. Mission BBQ will donate the lunch. See page 19 and 20 for more details on the event.

Fowler State Bank Shred Day

The Fowler State Bank has been a dedicated sponsor of the Chapter for several years. On May 31st they are hosting a Shred Day at their facility. They are not charging for the shredding, but are accepting donations. The donations that they collect will be donated to the Chapter. Please mark May 30th on your calendar to show Fowler State Bank how much we appreciate their support.

INDY Honor Flight #46

On May 31st th Indy Honor Flight will take Veterans to Washington DC to see their memorials. They will leave early in the morning and return to Indianapolis the same evening. There will be a Welcome Home Celebration at the Decatur Central High School upon their return. The Decatur Central High School is located at 5251 Kentucky Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46221. Monitor your email for updates.

Future Events to Remember Save the Dates

The Chapter has some important events coming up throughout the year that we need members to mark on their calendar and support.

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

June 11-15th – 2025 Ride to the Wall

June 21st – The Brewer's Fling.

June 28th – Veterans Memorial Ride, Madison Indiana

August 23rd – Veterans Center Support Event.

September 12th – Project Recovery (Indiana War Memorial)

September 18th – Watch Fire Ceremony.

September 19th - POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony.

Indy 1500 Gun & Blade Show



The Chapter will have a booth at the Indy 1500 Gun and Blade show to meet new people and bring more awareness to the public about our POWs/MIAs, and our Mission. We will also raffle off two weapons to help generate additional operating funds for the Chapter. The final show for the Chapter will be June 6th through 8th. The drawing for the weapons will be on **June 8th**.

June 6th - 8th

Darryle will be the Chapters point of contact for the shows and will be asking for your help to maintain the information table and sell raffle tickets at the show. Please give Darryle your support to help make these events successful.

In 2024, the raffle generated over \$6,000 in revenue for the Chapter. We hope to do better in 2025. The key to success is for the membership to get involved in selling raffle tickets.



Specifications

WEIGHT 1.88 lbs

CAPACITY 18/20 + 1 round

FRONT SIGHT White Dot

CARTRIDGE 9mm Luger

MAGAZINE TYPE CANIK Full Size Magazine

REAR SIGHT White Dot

MAGAZINE INCLUDED 1 x 18 & 1 x 20 – Round Magazine

FINISH COLOR Black Slide, FDE Frame

ACTION TYPE Semi-Automatic

FRAME MATERIAL Synthetic

OVERALL LENGTH 8.29"

BARREL LENGTH 5.2"

HEIGHT 5.75"

WIDTH 1.41"

MANUFACTURED Made in Turkey

MSRP \$574.99



Specifications

CALIBER 9mm Carbine

WEIGHT UNLOADED Varies by Magazine

OVERALL LENGTH 30.45"

LENGTH COLLAPSED 29.25"

LENGTH FOLDED 16.15



BARREL LENGTH 16.15"

TWIST RATE 1:10"

TRIGGER PULL 5lbs

FINISH Black

ACCEPTS G19/G17 Magazines

MSRP \$511

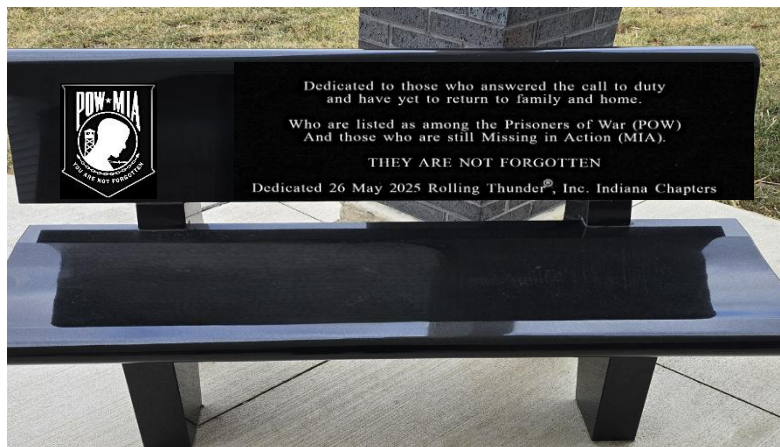
Rolling Thunder® XXXVII Ride for Freedom May 26, 2025

The 37th annual Ride for Freedom for Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 will be on Monday May 26th. The event will start at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center located at 9450 East 59th Street Indianapolis, IN 46226 and will end up at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum located at 2122 O'Day Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46818. The details for the 37th annual Ride for Freedom will be located on our website at www.indianarollingthunder.com.

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum has a $\frac{3}{4}$ replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memoria Wall like the one in Washington DC. They also have a Korean War Memorial that was dedicated in 2024. The Korean War Memorial is similar to the one in Washington DC with the exception that the faces on the on the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum Korean War Memorial are ones from Allen County.

They have the Merci 40 & 8 Box Car given to Indiana by the French Government in 1949 after World War II. The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum dedicated Global War on Terror Memorial this past June which Honors all those Gold Star family members killed in combat. New monuments scheduled to be dedicated in 2025 are a World War I Monument; a World War II monument and the Global War on terrorism monuments made of Indiana limestone.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1 will dedicate a POW/MIA Bench at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum on May 26th as part of the event. The bench is to honor those who answered the call to duty and have yet to return to family and home, or Prisoner of War (POW) and those that are still Missing in Action (MIA). The wording on the bench will be as stated below the bench.



Dedicated to those who answered the call to duty
And have yet to return to family and home.

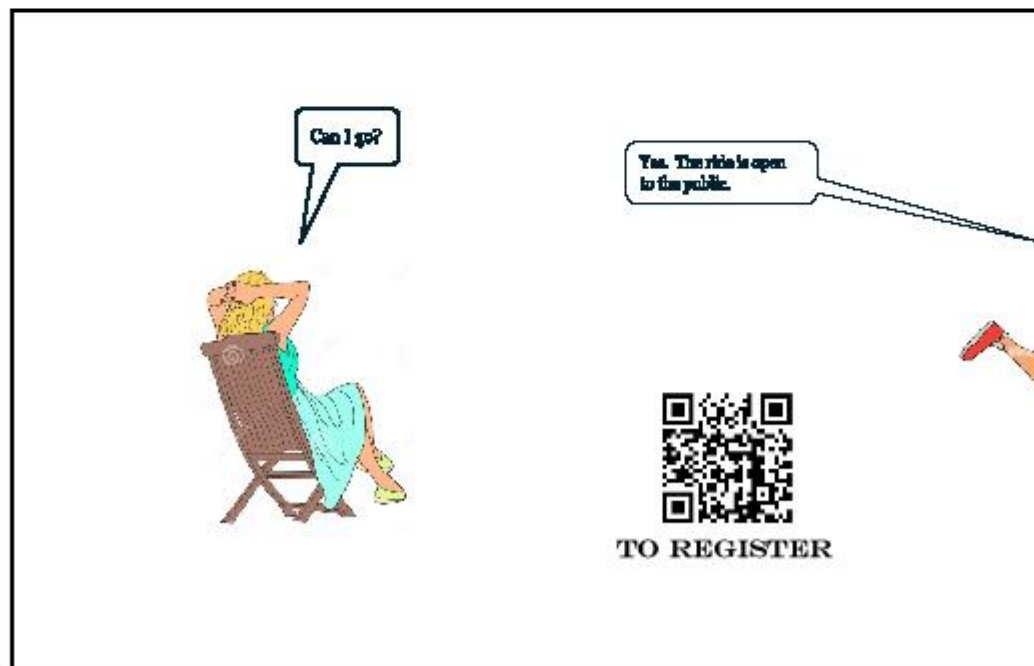
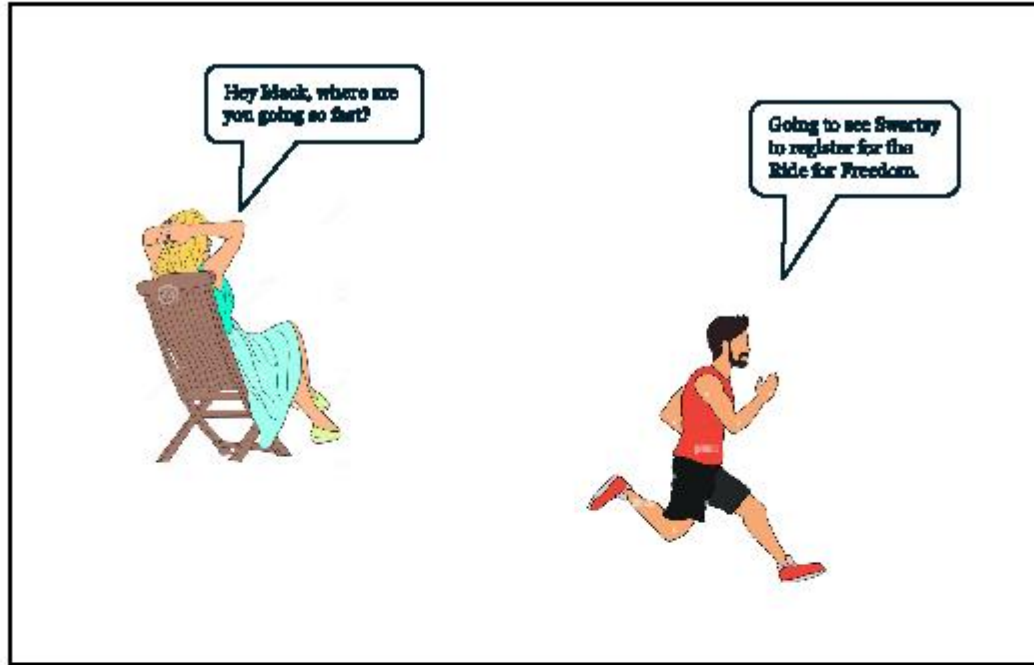
Who are listed as among the Prisoners of War (POW)
And those who are still Missing in Action (MIA)

THEY ARE NOT GORGOTTEN

Dedicated 26 May 2025 Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapters

Time to Register

Its time register for the XXXVII Ride for Freedom. May 26th will be here before you know it and you don't want to miss this special event. You can use the below QR code or go to our website at www.indianarollingthunder.com to download the register form.





Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter #1
2025 RIDE TO THE WALL
June 11-15, 2025



May 7, 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War Era. Join Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1 on a ride to Washington D.C to honor our Vietnam War heroes who paid the ultimate price for our Freedoms and those who served during the Vietnam War Era.



Chapter members will make another run to Ride to Washington D.C., to pay tribute to our fallen American Heroes of the Vietnam War and to honor our men and women who served during the Vietnam War Era (1955 to 1975). We still have 1,573 Vietnam War heroes that are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Rolling Thunder®, Inc. strives to bring awareness to the public about our service members who are still listed as Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA) from all wars and demands full accountability of these War Fighters.

This trip is open to the public and the mode of transportation is not important. Both motorcycles, and automobiles are welcome. We encourage Vietnam Veterans that have never been to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C to join us on this trip.

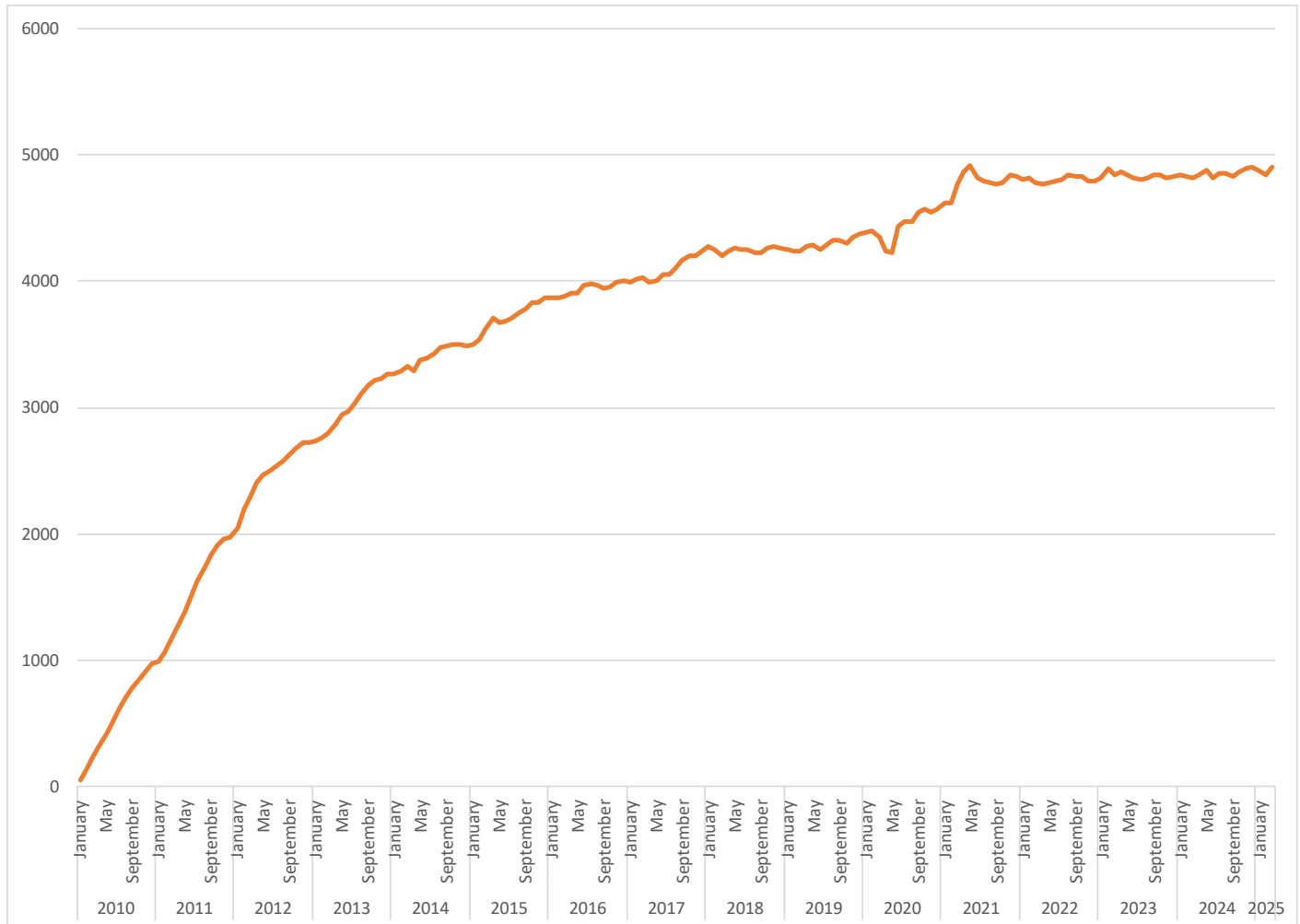
Trip Schedule

- June 11th** - Departing Briefing and travel to Athens, Ohio.
- June 12th** - Travel to Washington, D.C.
- June 13th** - Free Day in Washington, D.C.
- June 14th** - Depart Washington, D.C. and travel to Athens, Ohio.
- June 15th** - Depart Athens, Ohio and travel to Indianapolis, IN.

To get the details on the event, go to our website at www.indianarollingthunder.com. Download the registration form and email the completed form to the email address listed on the form. Hotel rooms are limited and you will need to make your reservation as soon as possible.

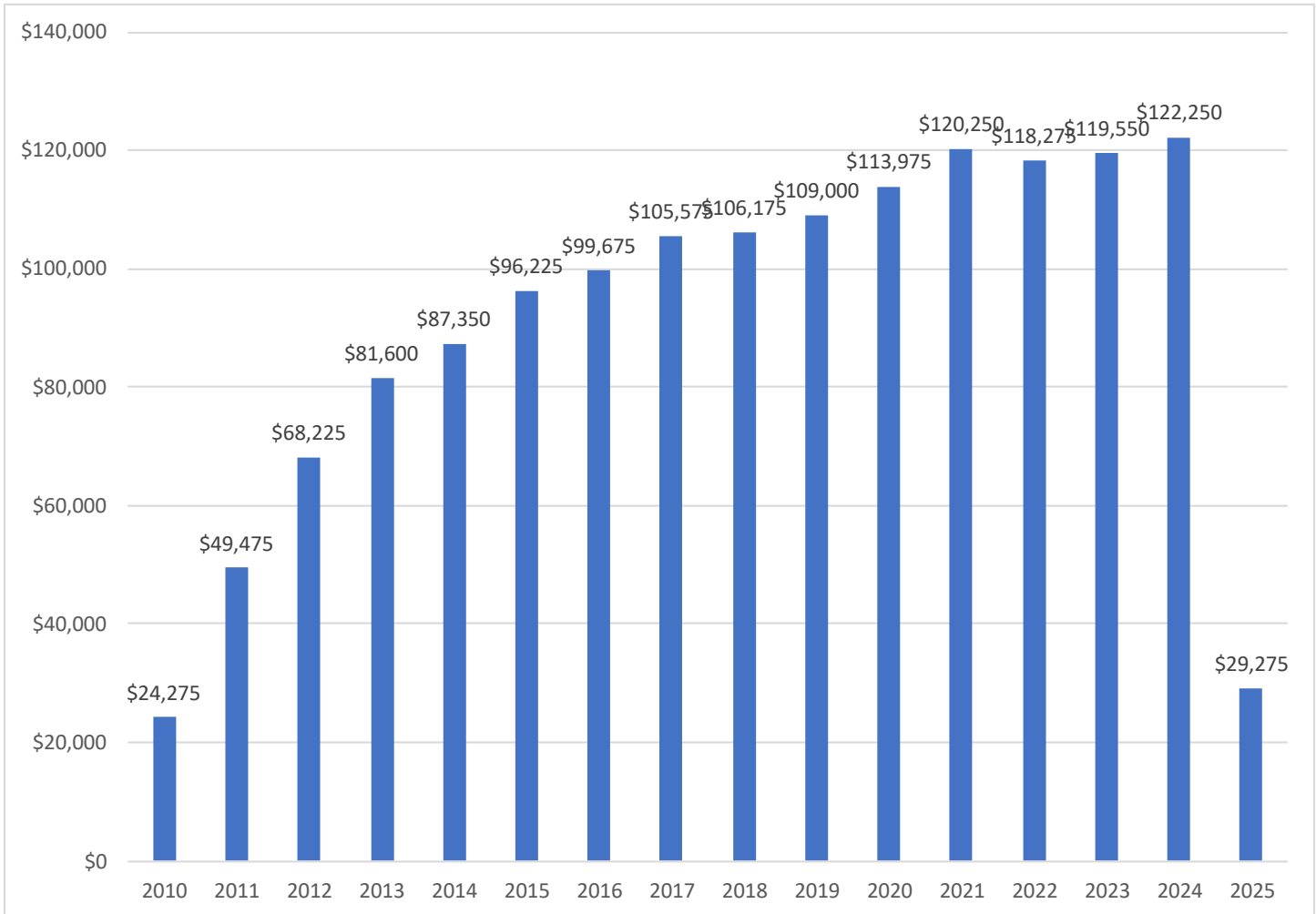
Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets As of March, 2025

As of March 31, 2025, we have 4,905 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). 529 plates were Renewed/Sold in March 2025.



The April plate sales will be briefed at the May Chapter meeting.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund From 2010 to 2025



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$1,451,150**. 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 an 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 an 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.

Total Accounted for in FY 2025: 94

Accounted For by War

WWII (64)

Korean (28)

Cold War (0)

Vietnam/Laos (2)

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
F3C Alferd E. Livingston	12-7-1941	2-1-2007	7-21-2007	USS Oklahoma	Worthington
1st Class Paul A. Nash	12-7-1941	4-15-2015	6-30-2016	USS Oklahoma	Carlisle
1LT Robert L. McIntosh	5-12-1944	8-1-2015	8-13-2016	Italy	Tipton
3rd Class Francis L. Hannon	12-7-1941	10-24-2017		USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
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
MSG Charles H. McDaniel	11-1-1950	9-12-2018	10-27-2018	Korea	Greenwood
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
SEA1 Oris V. Brandt	12-7-1941	2-20-2019		USS Oklahoma	Kentland
TSGT Charles G. Ruble	9-17-1944	5-31-2019	3-2-2020	Netherlands	Parker City
PVT USMC William E. Ramboo	11-20-1943	7-13-2019		Betio Island	LaPorte
F3C Alferd E. Livingston	12-7-1941	2-1-2007	7-21-2007	USS Oklahoma	Worthington
1st Class Paul A. Nash	12-7-1941	4-15-2015	6-30-2016	USS Oklahoma	Carlisle
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
SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler	12-7-1941	3-27-2020		USS Oklahoma	Ft. Wayne
CPO B. James Booe	12-7-1941	9-29-2020	6-1-2021	USS Oklahoma	Veedersburg
2nd Class Harold F. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
3Rd Class Willaim H. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
PFC USMC Charles D. Miller	11-22-1943	5-19-2020		Tarawa Atoll	Albany
SGT Stanley Lee Dewitt	11-1-1950	6-5-2020	10-19-2021	Chosen Reservoir	Royal City
George Gilbert	12-7-941	8-24-2020	6-6-2022	USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis

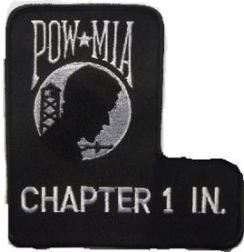
Indiana Heroes that have been identified
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Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
PFC Leonard E. Adams	1-21-1945	7-20-2022	6-13-2023	France	Dana
2LT Gene F. Walker	11-24-1944	7-21-2023		Germany	Richmond
PFC Clossie D. Brown	1-21-1945	4-25-2024		France	Kirkin
MSG Wallace Simmons JR	12-6-1950	6-20-2024		Chosin Reservoir	Marion, CO
PVT Charles W. Smalley JR	8-25-1944	1-14-2025		France	Porter, CO
CPL Lester William Bauer	7-27-1950	3-4-2025		South Korea	Clinton County

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Membership Patches and Obligations

National Constitution

The Rolling Thunder® patches are items that members strive to obtain. The Boot patch represents the members Chapter, and the Rocker and Eagle represents Rolling Thunder® National. These patches should be worn proudly and with respect. When a member is issued these patches, they have an obligation to take care of them and turn them in if they decide to quit Rolling Thunder® for whatever reason. Below is an abstract from the National Constitution on the members obligations that they agree to when they receive these 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**



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.

Membership Obligations

Retrieve Patches: It's the Chapters responsibility to retrieve all patches. If a member does not renew dues in a reasonable time, thirty days from the end of February the Chapter President or his appointed representative will collect their patches. Any Chapter that does not retrieve the members patches will be held liable for their cost. Any problems from a delinquent member to collect our property, if needed have a lawyer send a letter and take them to court (quote the constitution) that a member will pay all court and lawyers fees. **The Chapter will pay National \$150.00 per set lost and members deposit will not be refunded.**

If you mail your patches to the Chapter, make sure you send the package CERTIFIED or PRIORITY mail for tracking purposes and insure the package for \$150.00.

Please DO NOT Glue your patches on your vest. National will NOT accept damaged patches and you may lose your patch refund.

POW/MIA Educational 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
Scars and Strips	Captain Eugene "RED" McDaniel USN Retired
Reflections on Captivity	Porter Alexander Halyburton

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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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
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Ruth Smith, Member September 2018	Damon Gastineau , Member December 2018
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