

DECEMBER 2010

**Minutes of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Illinois Chapter One
General Membership Meeting**

December 1, 2010

36 of 74 members were in attendance

President Bill “Hawk” Sharpness brought the meeting to order.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rolling Thunder Mission Statement was read by Dominic. A moment of silence was observed for the 3 Vietnam era POW/MIAs lost during the month of December.

Don Gorksi, a WW2 vet and father of Andy as well as Jackie, a friend of Dom’s, were present as guests.

President Bill “Hawk” Sharpness

Bill noted that the meeting would be abbreviated to allow time for the annual chapter Christmas Party.

Annual dues for 2011 are now due. The dues remain at \$30 per year. Popeye is available to accept the dues. We would like to have all dues collected and paid to National early in 2011.

Bill spoke about the POW/MIA event for Roy Ziegler held in Taylorsville, IL recently. Roy is a Viet Nam vet, a helicopter pilot shot down and who subsequently spent 5 years in captivity. Roy, unable to attend the Ride Home in September, was awarded a proclamation and dog tags. IL Chap 1 performed the Remembrance Table.

Treasurer - Jim “Snipe” Murray

The Treasury has a balance of \$.

New and Old Business

Wreaths Across America will take place on Saturday December 11th at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL just south of Joliet. Many of our members took part last year and plan on participating this year. Full details and links are available on our website

calendar: <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?height=600&wkst=1&bgcolor=%23FFFFFF&src=rollingthunderil1@gmail.com&color=%23A32929&ctz=America/Chicago&gsessionid=OK>

LT is taking orders for T-shirts. In an effort to further polish the image the Remembrance Table presentation, members will be wearing long sleeve white T shirts. Anyone wishing to participate in the table should see LT to order a shirt.

Skippy had the black long sleeve Rolling Thunder shirts available for those who had ordered them.

Tom Dertz spoke about the Toys for Tots run on Sunday. <http://chicagolandtft.org/> Even if one does not want to ride they can still participate by car and act as a road guard at a route intersections. Tom has Toys for Tots pins available.

Tom Potts wife has a need for volunteers and donations. Contact Tom or see <http://www.foxvalleyhabitat.org/restore/>

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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