

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 04, 2018

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1945 hours on April 04, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
No	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Treasurer
Yes	Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Board Member
No	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
		Board Member
Yes	Al Miller(Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jim Murray. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA's lost during the month of March during the Viet Nam War.

President Jim "Snipe" Murray:

- To start off the meeting, Snipe asked if we had any visitors present. Knute introduced Sal and Brian. Sal is an army veteran and his two partners, Brian and Michael are civilians. A portion of every sale goes to support 1st responders and veterans. You can visit their website at: gunbarrelcoffee.com. There are 5 brick and mortar locations where you can buy their coffee, or you can buy online.
Tim Kearney was happy to bring back Ralph, who became a member at tonight's meeting and our other visitor was from the Sandwich American Legion Riders who came to check us out.
- Ralph knew about our chapter because the Legion Riders held a bowling event and donated \$1,000.00 to our chapter VAP. The check was presented to our chapter at the Legion Riders meeting. Go to our website to see pictures.
- Snipe announced that through the tireless efforts of our Grant Committee, we were awarded a \$30,000.00 grant from the Veteran's Lotto thru the State of Illinois to be used for our VAP. Great job by our committee in seeing it through and getting us the grant.
- Shadow will be organizing any riders that show up for the Deerfield 5K Freedom Run on Sunday, 5/27. Contact Shadow for a time to meet if you plan on participating so the bikes will know you are coming. They are meeting at North Ave. and Rt. 53 at the BP/McDonalds. From there they will take I355 to 53, then Lake Cook Rd east to Waukegan Rd, and Waukegan Rd north into Deerfield.
- LT will be organizing the members that show up for the Table Ceremony in Darien which will start at 1100 on Sunday 5/27. Please show up no later than 1000 if you plan to attend. Bikes that

are attending the Freedom Run are planning on heading over after the run to participate. The location will be announced at the next meeting.

- Warrenville VFW Post 8081 is asking for any volunteers to do flag raising and lowering ceremony while they are hosting the Moving Wall from May 19th – 28th. Our Chapter will participate on Sunday 5/27 (time to be determined). Please show up for this event if you can and to see their Healing Field of Honor.
- Names is organizing anyone that wants to go to the Concord Place luncheon on 4/21/18. Contact Names so he can RSVP the number of people attending and to get the location and time.
- Patches were presented to the following members: Tim Kearney – Rocker and Eagle, Cosmo – Boot patch, Dragonfly – Rocker and eagle.
- Anyone that is available on 4/22, our chapter will be selling gun bash tickets in Woodstock, at the McHenry County Fairground. Set up is at 730, but show up anytime between 900 and 1300 if you can.
- RTO's son Jared is coming home from Afghanistan. Here is the final information on Jared Tomaszewski Welcome Home event. If you have any questions please call Steve at 1-630-749-8414 or by text: Stevef35a@gmail.com. The Illinois Patriot Guard and American Legion Riders will meet us. If you plan to ride please meet us at: O'Hare Airport, Terminal 3. End of Terminal Inside Lane, between 4:30 pm and 4:45. Steve will get Jared to Baggage area by 4:45 last luggage area. Riders will Take I-90 West to Roselle Road South, ETA 5:45 pm Chandlers Restaurant 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, Illinois. Cake and Coffee for everyone. Rain or Shine-Welcome Home Jared! The VFW Honor Guard and Schaumburg VFW Post will be there please join us.
- Members have about one more week to get their dues in. Please contact Snipe or Playground if you plan on paying.

Open Discussion

Chappy's organization, Stand by Me, held a life rally in Elk Grove to show support for Veteran's who are not having an easy transition after the military. The idea is to show vets that people care and there are people they can talk to instead of considering suicide. The Stand by Me Association is planning more rallies at various American Legion/VFW halls throughout the suburbs. He will be letting our chapter know when they will be in our area. He asked that members request from their place of worship that a prayer be said for veteran's who are suffering from PTSD and/or thoughts of suicide.

Recap of upcoming events: for more information go to our event calendar - <https://goo.gl/DA8GcZ>

4/21 - Concord Place Luncheon

4/22 - McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodfield

05/27 – VFW Flag Raising Ceremony @ Warrenville VFW Post 8081

Deerfield 5K Run

Darien Table Ceremony

05/12 – Gun Bash

Meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach
Recording Secretary
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