

# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### December 5, 2018

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 19:37 hours on December 05, 2018 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jim Murray. Knute read the Rolling Thunder Mission Statement.

A moment of silence was observed for the three Illinois MIA's lost during the month of December during the Viet Nam War as well as the recent loss of our 41<sup>st</sup> President George Bush and the 82,000 unaccounted American Soldiers from all wars and still listed as Missing in Action.

A short meeting was anticipated with our annual Christmas Party following the meeting.

Guest present tonight were Corporal Kazior of the USMC, active duty from California, representing Toys for Tots and Brian, whose wife Linda is a friend of Corporal Kazior. Also present was Jaclyn, Bob Parquette's daughter.

**Jim "Snipe" Murray:**

- Memorial Day 2019 will be the last Ride for Freedom, a POW/MIA demonstration, held in Washington, DC. Starting in 2020 the Ride for Freedom will be done on a state level. It is recommended that you make your 2019 reservations now as this last event will be huge. We received an inquiry from the Roselle Legion Riders who would like to ride out with us. Chapter IL2 will also be contacted.
- Manny introduced Dave, Anton and Rakim, our guest from the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. They were also provided with gift cards from Rolling Thunder.
- Thank you to Cage and Playground for hosting (planning, ordering, pickup up and setting up) our Christmas Party with all the food. The Christmas Party is funded directly by our membership. No donated, granted or fund raising dollars were used for the party expenses.

**Richard "Popeye" Montgomery:**

- Dues, \$30, are due now. Per National, those not paid by February will be stricken from membership rolls.

- Thanks were expressed to Cage and Kandice for initiating the much appreciate Thanksgiving meal baskets for the needy veteran families.
- Popeye has tickets for sale for the National Rolling Thunder Bike Raffle. Only \$10.00. Get them before they are all gone.
- Rolling Thunder will have table and POW/MIA booth set up at the January Motorcycle Swap Meet at Pheasant Run in January. <http://chicagomotorcycleswap.com/> We will also be selling Gun Bash raffle tickets. More details will be at the January meeting.

**Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:**

- Twenty five needy veteran families received Thanksgiving Dinner baskets from Rolling Thunder. This home grown project, led by Cage and Kandice, was funded and accomplished by chapter members.
- Mission BBQ declined any discounts as they support the same efforts as our Chapter does. Interestingly, Mission BBQ halts every day at noon for the playing of our National Anthem.

**Bill “BB” Houghtaling:**

- Gun Bash 2019 tickets are ready. The date is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we will be raffling off 28 guns and selling only 600 tickets. This is the primary fundraiser for the chapter. The scenario is much the same as last year. Additional side raffles will be held. Gun Bash winners need not be present. Side raffle winners must be present. A printable pdf of the ticket will appear shortly on the website. The ticket itself can be used as a flyer.
- BB is stepping back from the job of applying for grants that benefit our chapter. If anyone has an interest in doing this important job, BB would like to talk to you. Most of the grants already have template letters written so you would not be starting from scratch, and BB and Hardcore would make sure that they are available to help in the transition.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:51 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bill Houghtaling

For,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary

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