

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 02, 2019

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1935 hours on October 02, 2019 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Treasurer
Yes	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
No	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
No	Tim Kearney	Board Member
No	Dan Thomas (Cage)	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 October during the Viet Nam War.

Gary "Names" Vandenbos:

- The 50 State Ride is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4th and Saturday, Oct. 5th. Currently there are 6 riders from our chapter going down to Danville IL on Friday, where they will meet up Chapter 3 and then the hand off of the flag will happen at 1930. The group will then stay overnight and head back on Saturday. If you are interested in going down with our chapter, contact Names.
- The annual Toys for Tots will be Sunday, Oct. 13rd. Fox River Harley Davidson is having a free breakfast for riders. Our chapter is meeting at FRHD and Names will be sending out an email with details on when and where to meet.
- CVMA Pub Crawl Sav-A-Joe is on Saturday, Nov. 9th in St. Charles. If you're interested go to <https://saveajoe.org/pubcrawl>.

Bill "BB" Houghtaling:

- The 10th Annual Gun Bash 2020 is a go and BB will have 600 tickets ready to hand out for sale at our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

Richard "Popeye" Montgomery:

- Popeye presented Keith Stengler with his Boot Patch. Congratulations Keith.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo gave the financial report.

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- The Fox River Harley Davidson Honor Chair Dedication will be held on Veteran’s Day, November 11th at 6:30 pm. Knute is putting together a schedule of events and we will be performing our Table Ceremony. We will be presenting FRHD with a recognition plaque.

Jim “Snipe” Murray:

- The Demonstration Ride that is normally held on Memorial Day in Washington D.C. will be held in 2020 by a Rolling Thunder Chapter in Ohio. Our chapter will be attending and after a poll we will be holding 25 hotel rooms for people who want to go. Watch your email for more details and this will be discussed at our next membership meeting.

New Business:

The Northlake American Legion Women’s Auxiliary gave our chapter an Appreciation Plaque for our contribution to their efforts to raise money and our continued support.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

- Oct. 4th & 5th – 50 State Ride
- Oct. 13th – Toys for Tots
- Nov. 9th – CVMA Pub Crawl Save-A-Joe3
- Nov. 11th – FRHD Chair Dedication

See the Chapter Website Calendar for more information and more events.

Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary

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As of 07/2019

ROLLING THUNDER ILLINOIS CHAPTER ONE

Where does the money go?

(95 cents of every dollar collected goes to help Veterans and Veteran facilities –

100 cents of every dollar of “Donated” and “Grant” Money collected goes to Veteran Assistance)

Because of donations from the supporters of Rolling Thunder IL1, we have been able to help the following Veteran facilities and Veteran Programs:

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans	\$64,300
LaSalle Veteran’s Home	\$147,000
Manteno Veteran’s Home	\$64,000
Hines VA	\$51,000
Concord Place for Homeless Veterans	\$36,600
POW/MIA Issue	\$76,900
Honor Flight	\$6,600
Various VFWs, ALs and Troop Support Orgs.	\$15,000
Veteran Programs	\$18,000
Veteran’s Assistance Program	\$123,500
Crisis Hotline Program	\$17,200

\$620,100

We hold two fundraisers a year.

- Gun Bash every May
- Big Thunder Run (Last Sunday in August)

Until They All Come Home