

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1959 hours on November 6, 2019 at the Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Gary Vandebos (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
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	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 November during the Viet Nam War.

Our meeting started with special guest, Patricia DeVore from Veterans Smile. Veterans Smile, a national organization, was created 5 years ago when Patricia saw firsthand that Vets were not receiving dental care through the VA. Funding the program with donations from Veteran’s groups, private donations and grants, Patricia has helped 157 Vets nationwide get new smiles, which help with self-esteem, depression and health issues caused by mouth infections. Patricia gets word out about the organization using Facebook, referrals from the VA and word of mouth.

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 everyone that is going will need to make their reservations when Snipe sends out the information.
- For the Honor Chair dedication at Fox River Harley Davidson, everyone needs to wear their white long sleeve POW/MIA shirt, black pants and black shoes.
- Thanks to everyone that participated in the 50 State Flag hand-off October 4th..

Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:

- Popeye presented Ralph Badtke with his Eagle and Rocker patches. Congratulations Ralph.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo gave the financial report.

- Cosmo presented a report about his and Names experience at the National Conference in DC. In the report he spoke about the presenter who talked on various subjects, changes and are being made to the constitution and the need to talk to our state politicians concerning military member incarcerated and what the Justice for Warriors Caucus are doing to try to get them released.

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.

Gary “Names” Vandebos:

- Concord Place will be having their annual Veteran’s luncheon Saturday, October 9th at 12:00 pm. Our entire chapter is invited to attend.
- Chapter 2 is having their Veteran’s event at Woodstock Harley Davidson on Sunday, October 10th from 10 am to 3pm. Chapter 2 will be attending our Honor Chair ceremony so it is important that we support their event.

Knute Weick:

- Knute gave his report on our upcoming Honor Chair Dedication at FRHD, which starts at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5 pm, so we everyone at FRHD and ready for the ceremony no later than 6 pm.

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:

- We will be assembling the Thanksgiving boxes on Saturday, November 24th at 9:30 am, and delivering them to 30 families and individuals.
- Our December 4th meeting will be followed by our Christmas Party. Everyone is invited and should bring a side dish or dessert to share. More on the Toys for Tots, which we usually collect at this meeting. Watch your email for details once they become available.

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- Just a reminder that the Honor Chair is a chapter event and all are expected to attend if possible. If everyone attends we will have more than enough for the Table Ceremony.

New Business:

Wolfie requested that we make our annual donation to the Manteno Veteran’s Home. A motion was passed to donate our usual amount.

Chappy reported that the donation we made to Stand by Me Heroes provided beds and bedding for homeless Vets. The donation was greatly appreciated.

A motion was passed to make a donation to Veterans Smile.

Snipe mentioned a new Veteran’s Home was just opened.

Our meeting ended with a closing prayer by Chappy.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

- Nov. 09th - Concord Place Luncheon – 12 pm
- Nov. 10th - Chapter 2 Veteran's Day event – 10 am – 3 pm
- Nov. 11th - FRHD Chair Dedication – 6:00 pm,
- Nov. 24th – Thanksgiving Box pack and deliver – 9:30 am
- Dec. 04th – Membership Christmas Party – 7:30 pm

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

Meeting was adjourned at 2102 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary

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As of 07/2019

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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