

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

December 05, 2019

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 19:47 hours on December 05, 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 guests from Midwest Shelter: Don Gaylord, Kurt, Rudolph, Gary and Bill who joined us for our Annual Christmas Party.

Jim “Snipe” Murray:

- We received permission from the Warrenville VFW to build a display case so we can put our chapter awards and artifacts on display.
- For those who received the email about the repatriation for Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class Adolph J. Loebach, the plans have been put on hold while Rolling Thunder receives permission to attend. Watch your email for details.

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- Our board has decided to place a Memorial Monument at our current meeting place, Warrenville VFW. We will provide details as they are worked out.

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:

- Thanks to everyone who showed up to pack and deliver Thanksgiving boxes. We provided 30 boxes and everyone was very happy with the food delivered.
- Also, thanks to Mission BBQ who only charged us for the meat for you Christmas party, but supplied all the tableware and sauces. Mission BBQ is run by Vets and supports all Vet causes. They also give free sandwiches to Vets on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

Bill “BB” Houghtaling:

- BB has Gun Bash tickets and many were handed out at our meeting. If you need tickets to sell, BB will be on vacation, so you can contact: Names, Popeye or Snipe. Please turn in tickets as soon as they’re sold if possible so we can accurately monitor sales.

Knute Weick:

- Knute thanked everyone who made the Honor Chair Dedication a success at Fox River Harley Davidson. We had approx. 100 people in attendance.

Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:

- Everyone who hasn’t already needs to get their dues in, preferable at the next meeting.
- The annual swap meet, usually held at Pheasant Run, is going to be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st.
- **Since New Year’s Day is our next meeting day, it is cancelled, but we will be holding our Membership meeting on Wed. Jan. 15th at 7:30.**

Rick “Cosmo” Herr:

- Cosmo gave the financial report.

Our meeting ended with our Annual Christmas Party and everyone had a good time.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

Jan 15th – Membership meeting

Jan 31st & Feb 1st – Swap Meet

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

Meeting was adjourned at 20:08 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