

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

December 01, 2021

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Gary Vandembos at 1930 hours on December 01, 2021, at Warrenville VFW.

Board Attendance:

| Attended | Name | Position |
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| Yes | Gary Vandembos (Names) | President |
| Yes | Al Miller (Shadow) | 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 | Kandice Jacobs (PG) | Board Member |
| No | Knute Weick | Board Member |
| Yes | Don Gaylord (Stone Cold) | Board Member |
| No | Joe Peterburs (Dog House) | Board Member |
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The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Gary Vandembos. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIA's lost during the month of December from the Viet Nam and, Korean Wars.

Gary "Names" Vandembos:

The missing man table was set tonight in honor of Dom "Hardcore" Ruggerio, who lost his battle with cancer this month. Jim "Snipe" Murray gave a touching and informative recap of his life and then the chapter gave a final toast. He will be greatly missed by all.

The state commander of Sav-A-Joe came to the meeting to thank our chapter for attending the pub crawl we attended. He then presented our chapter with a check for \$6,000.00 to be used to assist veterans in need. He also informed us about a bowling fundraiser they are doing that will be held the 1st Sunday in March.

A Toys for Tots representative was present to join in our Christmas party and collect the toys that were brought in tonight.

Others in attendance were the Warrenville VFW post commander and two other board members and their wives, plus guests from DuPage County Midwest Shelter.

Rick "Popeye" Montgomery:

- Dues are coming due as of now and the price has been increased to \$40.00. If you already have paid your dues and only gave Popeye \$30.00, please send in an additional \$10.00 or bring it to the next meeting.

Rick "Cosmo" Herr:

- Cosmo gave an interesting recap of all the events we attended this year and then gave some details about our chapter members. This year 3 new people joined our chapter for a total of 71 members. Six boot patches and three eagle/rocker patches were given out. He also gave a recap of the total number of donations given to our chapter this year which totaled approximately \$22,000.00.
- He also gave the budget report.

Bill “BB” Houghtaling:

- BB was at his RV meeting and a hat was passed to collect money for our chapter. Over \$250.00 was raised and presented to us tonight. Thank you BB!

Al “Shadow” Miller:

- Sandwich American Legion Riders will having their annual bowling event on January 29, 2022. This is the event where they raise money and present the money to us. This is a chapter event, and we’d like to see as many members attend as possible. Last year they presented us with \$2,000.00. We already have two teams attending so get together, get a team going and we’ll see you there!

Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:

- This year we had 30 families that we had the privilege of delivering food to. Everyone was very appreciative.
- We bought 33 wreaths to be laid on graves at the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery for Christmas. They in turn added an additional 16 for a total of 49 wreaths.
- There are no events this month, but the calendar of events that Kandice hands out each month will begin again in January.

Open Discussion:

Gun Bash – Rob Leskovar gave a recap on the vote taken as to where we will hold the Gun Bash this year. In order to remain accurate, I have attached his notes that he gave us during our meeting for you to read.

Greg and Sherry Messler, as a thank you to everyone in our chapter, presented each member with a Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 ornament with their road name on it. If you missed the meeting, there is an ornament with your name on it.

Chappy thanked our chapter for all the support we have given his organization over the years.

Meeting was adjourned at 2023 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary