

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### September 07, 2022

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Gary Vandebos at 1939 hours on September 07, 2022, at Warrenville VFW.

#### **Board Attendance:**

| Attended | Name                        | Position               |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Yes      | Gary Vandebos (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  |
| No       | Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)     | Board Member           |
| Yes      | Kandice Jacobs (PG)         | Board Member           |
| Yes      | Knute Weick                 | Board Member           |
| No       | Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)    | Board Member           |
| No       | Greg Messler                | Board Member (Interim) |
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The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Gary Vandebos. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of September from the Viet Nam and Korean Wars.

#### **Gary “Names” Vandebos:**

- Names announced that there are a number of rides coming up and announced that the 9/17 DeKalb County Toy Run will be a chapter ride. Popeye will go over the rides.

#### **Rick “Popeye” Montgomery:**

- Popeye thanked everyone for showing up for BTR
- Elections are tonight for 3 board positions as it was announced that BB is stepping down as a board member. There was a nomination for Snipe to be secretary and was seconded. Kandice and Wendy were both nominated for a board position and were seconded. A hand vote was taken, and all three nominees were approved by members.
- Upcoming ride/event details are posted on the chapter calendar online:
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> – Rebel Guardians 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser Ride
  - September 16<sup>th</sup> – POW/MIA Ceremony Phillips Park
  - September 17<sup>th</sup> – DeKalb County Toy Run – Chapter Ride
  - September 18<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 2 Thunder Run
  - September 18<sup>th</sup> – Ride4Kids
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Ride
  - September 25<sup>th</sup> – Ride for The Fallen Members – This is our first annual chapter ride to honor our members that can no longer ride with us. We will meet at Warrenville VFW at 9:30am and KSU at 9:45am. Our destination will be The Bunder in Wisconsin. Members we will be riding in memory of are Peabody, Curly, Old Man, Hard Core, Gravel, Roadkill Jose Fese, Don Pugh, Side Car Jack.

#### **Rick “Cosmo” Herr:**

- Our chapter received the grant from the state of Illinois and Inland Bank
- Cosmo presented the budget to the chapter.

### **Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:**

- Kandice asked that the membership approve \$3,000.00 for our annual Thanksgiving event and the membership approved.
- Kandice and Wendy will be running the POW/MIA memorial events and will be forming a committee to help decide where and when they will be holding events. Any chapter member is invited to join the committee and LT volunteered to join.
- Shadow will be handling the memorials that have been underway since before Covid at the Warrenville VFW and the Northlake American Legion.

### **New Business:**

- LT thanked everyone who did the table ceremony at BTR. He said it was the best ceremony in a long time.
- Chappy told the chapter about 5 chaplains that took the classes for helping veterans considering suicide and they will now be using the training to help vets that in jail.
- The Patterson’s thank everyone that participated in the Chris Patterson Ride. They made the most money to date and half the funds will go to the Chris Patterson House. The house will provide a place for Gold Star siblings to go when trying to cope with the loss of their brother or sister.

Meeting was adjourned at 2019 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary