

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023

Attended	Name	Position
No	Gary Vandembos (Names)	President
Yes	Al Miller (Shadow)	Vice-President
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Treasurer
Yes	Jim “Snipe” Murray	Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Director
Yes	Knute Weick	Director
Yes	Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)	Director
Yes	Greg Messler	Director
Yes	Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach	Director

The meeting was called to order at 1940. Vice President Miller began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of January from the Viet Nam and Korean Wars. Chappy gave an opening prayer.

Reports from the Board

Vice President Al “Shadow” Miller thanked everyone for coming. Names and Shadow will be going down to Springfield on 3/10 to talk with Chapters 2 and 3 regarding the planning of the Memorial Day Ride. The bowling event with the Sandwich Legion Riders went well. Names, Shadow and Snipe will go there and collect their donation. Also, put the date of 6/17 on your calendars. We will be joining Freedom Run in Marseilles as well as setting up a booth. The Remembrance Table Ceremony continues to be practiced at the beginning of the meeting to improve on our presentation skills.

COB Rick “Popeye” Montgomery reported on mail received. He thanked everyone for getting their dues in on time. However there were still three members that have yet to send in dues.

Treasurer Rick “Cosmo” Herr presented our account balance as of the beginning of the month. We have sufficient funds to support both our POW/MIA and our VAP programs and still support any fundraisers we have during the year. The future will depend upon our GunBash results and future state grants.

Director Knute Weick along with Shadow presented 10 chapter coins to 10 members of the chapter that have contributed to the chapter by either taking the responsibility of a chapter officer or stepping up to run chapter activities. Those rewarded for their efforts were Hawk, Fallout, LT, Skippy, Bad Santa, Moe, Fr. Guido, Boatsides, Manny, and Stone Cold. Knute also reminded the chapter of the upcoming Save A Joe Bowling event for Veterans. See the chapter calendar for more information.

Director Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord welcomed Sue Price to our meeting. Sue is the widow of Veteran Craig Price and had asked that friends of Craig donate to our Chapter. She felt that the work we do in supporting Veterans was where Craig would have wanted the donations to go to. Sue shared her story of life with Craig. The chapter felt her loss and offered our condolences. SC also has access to a donation of Bombas Socks that the chapter, through Chaplain Chappy, could make use of.

Chaplain Philip “Chappy” Ferrer is asking that members go to YouTube and click on his Military OutReach and Stand-By-Me-Heroes training videos – [youtube.com/@sbmh](https://www.youtube.com/@sbmh) for more information on PTSD and their Fox Hole Soul Counselors program. Chappy’s contact information is cnocferrer@gmail.com or (224) 434-9207.

Reports from the Floor

Member Boatsides let us know that the GunBash will be held at the American Legion Post in Sugar Grove on 7/29. Be sure you put the date on your calendar.

Secretary Note: Our chapter calendar is always up to date. Look at it at the beginning of each month so you can plan to be involved in chapter activities. "rollingthunderill.com" select calendar events

Jim “Snipe” Murray – Secretary

“Don’t just join, Be involved”