

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### April 05, 2023

| Attended | Name                        | Position              |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes      | Gary Vandebos (Names)       | President             |
| Yes      | Al Miller (Shadow)          | Vice-President        |
| Yes      | Rick Herr (Cosmo)           | Treasurer             |
| Yes      | Jim Murray (Snipe)          | Secretary             |
| Yes      | Richard Montgomery (Popeye) | Chairman of the Board |
| Yes      | Kandice Jacobs (PG)         | Director              |
| Yes      | Knute Weick (Knute)         | Director              |
| No       | Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)    | Director              |
| Yes      | Greg Messler (Rooster)      | Director              |
| Yes      | Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)      | Director              |
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The meeting was called to order at 1945. President Vandebos began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of April from the Viet Nam and Korean Wars. Chappy gave an opening prayer.

## Reports from the Board

President Gary “Names” Vandebos introduced Paul Schiffer of the CVMA (Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association) to the chapter. Paul is working on a fundraiser and approached the chapter to see if we would be interested in joining forces. There would be a total of five groups involved with each putting in an equal amount of cash and effort, then splitting the profits equally. Discussion ensued regarding responsibility of functions. Those responsibilities should come from the strength of each group involved. With the absence of BTR, this fundraiser could help our chapter. The chapter voted to work with it. Two members of our board will form a ten person committee to begin working out the details. First meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently there is a challenge to name this proposed event. Get back to a board member by the end of the month if you have a suggestion.

Vice-President Al “Shadow” Miller has been working on a new grant from the state. We are looking forward to it being approved for the next fiscal year.

COB Rick “Popeye” Montgomery reported on mail received. Recycle is the word of the day.

Treasurer Rick “Cosmo” Herr presented our account balance for the beginning of April. Contact Cos if you need more info.

Director Knute “Knute” Weick completed the purchase of POW/MIA items to update our Remembrance Table with.

**D**irector Kandice “PG” Jacobs brought us up to date on the POW/MIA event in Kankakee on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please check the chapter calendar for more information. Final details will be presented at the May meeting. Practice for the Remembrance Table Ceremony has been and will be held at our chapter meetings. The month of May will be our last opportunity to work the bugs out for the Kankakee ceremony. Kandice also got our raffle permit for the gun bash.

**C**haplain Philip “Chappy” Ferrer is available for guidance and counseling and his organization “Stand-By-Me-Heroes” has councilors available as well. His contact information is [cnocferrer@gmail.com](mailto:cnocferrer@gmail.com) or (224) 434-9207.

## Reports from the Floor

**M**ember Dennis “LT” Reiter directed a practice of our Remembrance Table. We only have one more practice available prior to the May 21<sup>st</sup> festival in Kankakee. LT will be doing a guest spot on a broadcast from the Kankakee County Museum talking about the Remembrance Table and the POW/MIA issue. Tickets are for sale for the Gun Bash. This year there are only 500 tickets available. Remember to pick some up at the May meeting.

**S**ecretary Jim “Snipe” Murray is asking all members to pay attention to the chapter calendar. Cos ensures that it is up to date regarding rides and events that the chapter is involved with. If you cannot get to the online calendar, let me know and we will work something out. If you would like to see more in these minutes, let me know that as well. We have five events on our May calendar.

Jim “Snipe” Murray – Secretary

*“Don't just join, Be involved.”*