

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### June 7, 2023

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (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
No	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Director
Yes	Knute Weick (Knute)	Director
Yes	Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)	Director
Yes	Greg Messler (Rooster)	Director
No	Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)	Director

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

## Reports from the Board

President Gary “Names” Vandenbos thanked the chapter for their involvement in the Memorial Day run and the activities staged at Cantigny. He also thanked everyone for their involvement in our POW/MIA presentation at the Kankakee Museum. The table ceremony was one of our best. Names asked if there were guest in the audience and three people introduced themselves and said that they were interested in joining our chapter. Their names are **Tom Butrovich, Chris Graham and Dave Skinner**. After the meeting all three joined. Be sure and introduce yourselves at our July meeting and welcome them to our chapter. A Chapter pin was awarded to Spitfire for taking over our Facebook page and one was also awarded to Rooster for his continued contributions and efforts to our fundraisers and our POW/MIA events as well as being a director of the chapter.



**V**ice-President Al “Shadow” Miller asked LT to see if we would have enough members to present a Remembrance Table Ceremony at the POW/MIA monument dedication on July 1<sup>st</sup> to be held at the VFW in Northlake. The result from membership was less than what the ceremony required so Shadow will work with the VFW on an abbreviated dedication.

**T**reasurer Rick “Cosmo” Herr presented our account balance for the beginning of June. Contact Cos if you need more info. Also to date, we have 259 tickets for the GunBash turned in. We have only the July meeting to reconcile the tickets held by membership. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) to the July meeting. If you do not plan on attending please contact a member who could bring them in for you.

**D**irector Knute “Knute” Weick passed out flyers for our up and coming PIG-GIG at the end of August. Pass them out on any runs that you may be on or to stores that you may visit. This is our second fund raiser of the year and monies made will be shared with four other organizations.

**D**irector Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord will lead riders to the Freedom Run in Marseilles while Names and Popeye will be setting up our booth downtown. Watch for email from Stone Cold as to where to meet up. Stone Cold will also assist on the upcoming Honors Flight – June 14<sup>th</sup>. Honor Flight is looking for additional volunteers to assist with upcoming flights. If interested you would have to go to a training session. Contact SC if this is of interest to you.

**C**haplain Philip “Chappy” Ferrer talked to the chapter regarding additional information on Veteran suicides. An investigation into deaths by “accident” when only a Veteran was involved. It is felt that the real number of Veteran Suicides may be more that 22 per month. Please contact Chappy if you or someone you know needs to talk.

## Reports from the Floor

**M**ember Dennis “LT” Reiter thanked the chapter for the showing and table presentation at the Kankakee Museum on May 21. He was very satisfied with the ceremony. LT also asked who could be available for a ceremony at the Northlake VFW for the presentation of their POW/MIA monument on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There were not enough members available on that night to make it happen.

June and July events:

June 17 – Freedom Run

June 24 – Craig and Dan Price Memorial Ride

June 25 – Chapter Two’s Ride, Rock and Rumble – see chapter calendar for details

July 1 – Northlake VFW POW/MIA monument dedication

July 8 – Annual fallen’ members ride

July 29 – Annual Chapter GunBash

Jim “Snipe” Murray – Secretary

*“Don’t just join. Be involved.”*