

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 06, 2023

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Gary Vandebos
At 1940 hours at Warrenville VFW.

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

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” Vanderbos – President

President Names and COB Popeye presented Dee Thoss with her Boot patch.



Names also reminded the chapter that we would hold chapter elections after the board reports have been given.

Al “Shadow” Miller – Vice President

- Shadow reminded the chapter that we will be dedicating the VFWs POW/MIA Memorial on September 15 at 1800 (6pm). We would like to see as many members as possible to be there for the dedication.
- September 17 is Chapter 2s annual ride. We support this ride en masse. Tank will be leading this ride. We will gather at gas station at 59 and 64. KSU 0800. Chapter 2 always has supported our events.

Rick “Cosmo” Herr - Treasurer

- Cosmo gave the monthly financial report and also reported that the chapter made ~\$970 on the PIG-GIG.

Rick “Popeye” Montgomery - COB

- Popeye shared with the group a plaque received from the Chicagoland Roy Hobbs Baseball Disabled American Veterans Charity Event. They were very appreciative of our attendance. Special thanks to RoadieDave for bringing the flags.
- Popeye also mentioned the “Rebel Guardian's 2nd Annual Shoe Store Ride” on 9/9. See chapter calendar for details.
- September 16 is the Sandwich Armed Forces ride. The Sandwich Legion Riders are very supportive of our efforts. We will gather at 47 & 34 with KSU @ 0900.

Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach - Director

- The POW/MIA committee is making arrangements with the Village of Aurora to name a street in honor of the POW/MIA from their town. Chapter member Tug gave a follow up report on this issue. We have identified 4 POW/MIAs from Aurora. Many Aurora officials are interested perhaps making this a bigger event than originally thought.

General Election Results:

The results of tonight’s general elections are as follows:

President – Al “Shadow” Miller

Vice President – Kandice “PG” Jacobs – Appointed

Treasurer – Rick “Cosmo” Herr

Chairman of the Board – Knute Weick

Director – Keith “Stretch” Stengler

Director – David “Roadie Dave” Skinner – Appointed

Director – Sue Price – Appointed

Not up for election this year:

Secretary – Jim “Snipe” Murray

Director – Greg “Rooster” Messler

Director – Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord

Director – Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach

New Business:

Chuck "Boatsides" Kimber requested the chapter attend Veteran's Day ceremonies at the West Chicago VFW. Agreed to by the POW/MIA committee.

Nathan Klapatch let the chapter know of the upcoming 37th Annual DuKane ABATE TFTs & Food Run. The run will be held on October 8th and will start off at Knuckleheads in Elburn. KSU at 1230. See chapter calendar for more info.

Snipe asked the chapter for feedback on the PIG-GIG event in preparation for a feedback session on the 9/9.

Respectfully - Snipe