

Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

Membership Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023

Rolling Thunder[®] Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Al “Shadow” Miller at 1835 hours at the Warrenville VFW.

Chapter Board

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Al “Shadow” Miller	President
Yes	Kandice “PG” Jacobs	Vice-President
Yes	Rick “Cosmo” Herr	Treasurer
Yes	Jim “Snipe” Murray	Secretary
Yes	Knut Weick	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach	Director
No	Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord	Director
Yes	Greg “Rooster” Messler	Director
Yes	Keith “Stretch” Stengler	Director
Yes	Dave “Roadie Dave” Skinner	Director
Yes	Sue Price	Director

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Miller. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of November.

Shadow

- After the formal opening, Shadow turned the meeting over to LT to allow for a practice of the table ceremony. More on this later in the minutes.
- Patches were handed out to our newer members. Boot patches were given to:

Tom Butkovich



Chris Graham



Dave Skinner



And the Rocker and Eagle was awarded to Bob Patterson:



- Shadow thanked those that were able to attend the repatriation ride for First Lieutenant Edward McGuire.

PG

- The chapter will be packaging and distributing Thanksgiving Day meals again this year. We will gather at the Warrenville VFW at 1000 on November 19th. We will be handing out meals to 30 Veterans identified by Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and a family we assisted via our Veterans Assistance Program. Members will then take a specific area and distribute the meals.

Cosmo

- Cosmo reported on the chapter finances. Any member who would like more detail on our chapter expenses should talk with Cosmo.
- Cosmo again reminded the membership that it was time for annual dues to be paid. Dues are \$40, with \$30 going to national and \$10 to the chapter.
- Cosmo also reported that the chapter received cash donations from friends of Jim Mahren who happen to be a childhood friend of Fallout. We also received a donation from one of our chapter members.

Dragonfly

- In concert with our Gun Raffle this coming May, Sugar Grove will also be holding a barbecue rib cook off that will bring many of their members to our event. Tickets should be available at the Christmas Party for those of you ready to buy/sell.
- The Chapter Christmas party will be held at the December meeting. (12/6). Members are asked to bring sides or desserts. Please bring utensils for use with your contribution. The meeting will start at 1800 with the party at 1900. Invited guests include Save-A-Joe, Combat Vets Org., MSHV, Sandwich Legion Riders and Kane County Coin and Currency (Gun Raffle provider).
- We will have our Veterans Day ceremony at the West Chicago American Legion Post 300. Members need to be there at 0930. We will be doing the table ceremony at this event. Those that will be in the ceremony must wear black shoes, black pants/jeans and the white long sleeve with the names of Illinois' missing on it. LT will check the trailer to see if we have some shirts that have yet to be distributed. Snipe requests that those not in the ceremony but have the shirts to please bring them just in case someone scheduled to be in the ceremony finds themselves without. The post is located at 123 Main Street, West Chicago.

Sue

- Sue will be working with Iron Gate and involved dealers to see if they will sell tickets for the Gun Raffle. They have been sent a letter to explain the purpose of the raffle and the use of it funds. That letter is attached if any member may need it.

Roadie Dave

- Reported on the repatriation ride. A cold ride ended with a funeral filled with ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Snipe - Secretary