SEPTEMBER MEETING will begin at 1900 hours. We have much to talk about and need the extra half hour. Call friends that do not have email. This is our last meeting before BTRIV. We need everyone's support. Additionally, we need to account for all raffle tickets at this meeting.

August 3, 2005 35/92 members were in attendance

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. - Illinois Chapter 1 general membership meeting.

President Evanovich called the meeting to order at 1910 hours. A quorum was present and an official meeting was declared.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

There were no new members or guests present at this meeting.

Minutes of the July meeting were accepted.

President - Dale "Curly" Evanovich mentioned email that was received from David "Skider" Kozinski. Skider thanked us for the care package we sent (Thanks Laurie). He had mentioned that it arrived just in time and he felt somewhat like Santa passing goodies out to the rest of the unit. We are constantly sending gift boxes to Skider, so bring what you can to the next meeting and give it to Laurie. Too bad we cannot ship them air conditioners. Skider mentioned that during the day it is 118 degrees.

Curly also mentioned that he received a phone call regarding the burial of a Korean POW in Lawrenceville, II. The ceremony will be on August 20th. Lawrenceville is approximately 285 miles due south. Curly will send out a separate email with additional information.

Vice-President - Larry "Roadkill" Smith brought several runs to our attention. First was POW-MIA Recognition Day. This will be held in Waterloo, Iowa on Saturday September 17th. Larry is thinking of going and spending the weekend there. If you would like to join Larry, contact him at <u>mailto:larry_smith@hp.com</u>. Also, see attachment to this newsletter.

Larry also told us of a free concert for Fox Valley Veterans in Need. This event will be held on August 21, 2005 at the Batavia VFW. Starting time 1300.

Larry was on a roll tonight. He then told us about Bike Rally Night at Comiskey (aka White Sox, Cellular Field, the cell, etc.) park. This event will be held on September 1, 2005. For more information see the attached flier.

Lastly, Larry told us of the Flags of Freedom Celebration which will be held in Princeton, II on September 10th at 1100. For more information please visit <u>http://flagsoffreedom.org/fof/index.php</u>

Treasurer - Kriss Sedlacek- \$xxx in the bank.

Secretary - Jim "Snipe" Murray - The Illinois Chapter One Boot Patch was handed out to Kevin Piper and Wayne "Lmore" Stevens. Congratulations to Kevin and Wayne!!

Chapter members were reminded that letters and certificates of appreciation are available for individuals and business that assist us in our cause. Let me know is anyone is so deserving and why.

We had our Remembrance Ceremony at this meeting. There is some discussion regarding the ending song that we play. For this meeting we have switched from Britt Small's *Missing* to *Some Gave All* by Billy Ray Cyrus. *Missing* is about POW-MIAs in Vietnam while *Some Gave All* is more about KIAs. If you have a suggested song that would ideally cover the POW-MIA issue and be more general to a time frame, please let me know.

Chapter Elections - Nominees for President, Secretary and three chapter board members were accepted tonight. Elections for these positions will be at our September meeting. Positions are for two years. This is the time to become involved in the leadership of this organization. You can nominate any chapter member that has shown to be involved in our chapter activities. You may also nominate yourself. Out going office holders are: President - Dale "Curly" Evanovich Secretary - Jim "Snipe" Murray Board Member - Jim "Snickers" Slenk Board Member - Doug "Skippy" Mahar Board Member - Steve "Rage" Witmer

Nominees identified so far for the above positions are: President - Howard "Weebles" Bushnell and Doug "Skippy" Mahar Secretary - Bill Houghtaling and Wayne "Lmore" Stevens Board Members - Dennis "LT" Reiter, Chris Hellman, Dennis "Peabody" Shabel, Rich "Cutter" Wayne, Frank "Dewy" Battaglia.

Rick "Popeye" Montgomery will handle the election proceedings. Remember, the September meeting will firm up the nominees and we will have the elections. Good Luck to everyone.

Calendar

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| 08/07/05 | Walneck's Swap Meet - Grayslake |
| 08/20/05 | Plainfield Hog Night - Julie & Bo |
| 08/21/05 | Fox Valley Veterans in Need - Batavia VFW 1300 |
| hrs | |
| 08/28/05 | Blue Knights Poker Run - <u>www.bkilxx.com</u> |
| 09/07/05 | Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1900hrs |
| 09/10/05 | Flags of Freedom - Princeton, Il. |
| 09/16/05 | National POW/MIA Day |
| 09/17/05 | POW-MIA Recognition Day - Waterloo, Iowa |
| 10/01/05 | Setup for BTRIV - be there at 1000 |
| 10/02/05 | Big Thunder Run IV - be there at 0700 |
| 10/05/05 | Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs |
| 11/02/05 | Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs |
| 12/07/05 | Chapter Meeting - Warrenville VFW - 1930hrs |
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Committees

C.O.B. Jim "Snickers" Slenk requires that ALL tickets or money be brought in at the September meeting. This is the last meeting prior to BTRIV and we need to understand what is sold and what is not.

We will attempt to sell any remaining tickets at the run. Contact Snickers at jslenk@ameritech.net or 630 406-1421.

Doug "Skippy" Maher held a BTRIV planning meeting at the conclusion of the chapter meeting. Skippy will but out separate minutes regarding that meeting.

Julie and Bo Augello will be working Hog Nights in Plainfield again this year. Saturday August the 20th will be the next event. See our calendar for future dates.

Laurie Zimmerman is still collecting items to ship to our troops overseas. Laurie has sent 250 pounds of good to our troops overseas in the month of June. Bring any "Care Package items" to a meeting If you would like to help Laurie please contact her at Izimmerman@vanguardcommunity.com or 630.771.0458

Other Business

Rick "Popeye" Montgomery thanked us for helping make the <u>Ride</u> <u>for Kids</u> successful again this year. With individual member donations, our chapter has been credited with over \$1000.00 in donations

Meeting adjourned at 19:45 BTRIV meeting began shortly thereafter.

If you know of anyone that needs the minutes of our meeting mailed to them via snail-mail, please let me know. I do not want that list to get to long (cost and all) but I do want everyone to read about what they are missing when they miss a meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jim (Snipe) Murray, Secretary <u>Murman03@aol.com</u>

POW-MIA

Prisoner of War-Missing in Action

RECOGNITION DAY



"When one American is not worth the effort to be found, we as Americans have lost."



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Saturday September 17, 2005 1:00 - 4:00 pm

5 Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, Waterloo, Iowa 4th & Commercial Streets, Downtown Waterloo Public invitation to attend. Free Admission.

Invited guest speakers include:

*U.S. Joint POW-MIA Acountability Command, Hickam AFB. Hawaii. *Waterloo Mayor, Tim Hurley *Iowa Governor, Thomas Vilsack *Iowa Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Dennis Menefee *Evan "Curly" Hultman, Maj. Gen. Ret. *Norman Duquette, LTC. Ret. EX-POW Korea, "Missing Man Table of Honor" *La Porte City American Legion, "The 13 Folds of the U.S. Flag" *Missing man military fly over

For overnight accommodations contact the Ramada Inn at 319-233-7560. Special room rates of \$69.00/4 persons/per night are available. Mention Rolling Thunder event for special rates.

For more information call 319-232-4154 or 319-476-2649.

