

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### December 7, 2016

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Board Meeting was called to order by President James Murray at 1940 hours on December 7, 2016 at the Warrenville VFW.

**Board Attendance:**

Attended	Name	Position
Yes	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
Yes	Dominic Ruggerio (Hard Core)	Vice-President
Yes	Tom Woosley (Fester)	Treasurer
No	Gary Stengler	Assistant Treasurer
Yes	Dan Thomas (Cage)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
No	Bill Atkinson (Fall Out)	Board Member
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Richard Zayat (Fr. Guido)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller(Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Howard "Weebles" Bushnell	Assist. Secretary/Communications
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Assistant Secretary/Membership

**2016 Events:**

- Apr 20 DuPage Homeless Veterans Taskforce Seminar.
- Apr 21 Veterans Job Fair at Soldier Field
- Apr 30 Giving Back Poker Run
- May 7 Gun Bash
- May 28 Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom
- May 30 Essence of Freedom Run (Popeye)
- Jun 18 Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run
- Jul 2 Military Appreciation Night at Kane County Cougars
- Jul 9 Remembering Our Heroes Ride
- Jul 13 Homeless Veteran Stand Down
- Jul 13 Honor Flight
- Jul 23 Forest Park Vet Fest
- Jul 30 Welcome Home Vets (Cage)
- Jul 30-31 Turning Back Time Car and Bike Show
- Aug 10 Honor Flight
- Aug 13 Goodstock Music Festival
- Aug 20 LaSalle Chair of Honor dedication
- Aug 21 Hines VA Hospital
- Aug 27 Warrior Brotherhood Vet Fest
- Sep 11 9/11 Patriot Run - Rolling Thunder IL1
- Sep 24 Plaque Dedication, Paris, IL
- Oct 9 ABATE Run
- Nov 6 Manteno Ride
- Nov 11 Veterans Day at Concord

President Murray led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
We will have a short meeting so we may enjoy our Christmas Party

Vice President Ruggerio read the Rolling Thunder mission statement and names of MIA's for December from Illinois.

A moment of silence was observed for the MIA's.

**Guests:**

Veterans from MSHV were recognized for their attendance at our meeting.

**Popeye:**

Thank you's to Kandice and Cage for coordinating the Thanksgiving Basket project.

Shadow and I went to the Manteno ride. We are their 2<sup>nd</sup> largest donor.

Pheasant Run Jan 28/29 Swap Meet. We are not doing security this year.

**Fallout:**

New memorial stone for MIA from Wheaton lost during a rescue mission. A motion was made to move forward and a second received. The vote was unanimous. Memorial Day at Rainelle will happen. The Lodge will be reopened

**President Murray:**

We were recognized by National as being the largest charities donor. Rocker and Eagle patches were presented to Daniel Labelle.

Happy Birthday to Names!!

**BB:**

Gun Bash tickets are in.

We've had 32 applicants for the VAP this year, and helped 18 so far. We are working with a couple more.

**Names:**

We have the opportunity to get 2 Big Joe pallet jacks for free, that we can sell to raise money for the chapter. We need someone to help get and store them.

**Weebles:**

I put some Thank You's on the tables from the students at Oakview Elementary School in Indiana. RTILCH1 has donated almost ½ million dollars to help Veterans!

**Hardcore:**

Veterans Alliance is giving out pins to Vietnam Vets. I spoke with Rob Leskovar about pricing on furniture for the day room at Concord. The Chair of Honor has been ordered for the Cook County Chamber. I am working on something with the Pritzker Military Museum. They are offering grant money to put a Chair of Honor in the museum.

**Fester:**

Gave financial status. Dues are due.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Thomas  
Recording Secretary  
Rolling Thunder Illinois Chapter 1