

# Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Illinois Chapter 1

## Membership Meeting Minutes

### September 6, 2017

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Board Meeting was called to order by President Jim Murray at 1930 hours on September 6, 2017 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
No	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
No	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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Murray. A moment of silence was observed for the three Illinois MIA’s lost during the month of September during the Viet Nam War.

**Guests**

Greg Zilioli from a Call for Shoulders was present. A Call for Shoulders endeavors to find work for veterans suffering from PTSD by developing projects, work, finding employment and/or starting their own business along with selling on Etsey. Greg was referred to RTIL1 by Tut.

See <https://www.facebook.com/ACallToShoulders/>

Also in attendance were James W. and Marjorie W. (Hammer and Sunshine) who came to check out RTIL1. They will be at the BTR on Sunday.

**President James “Snipe” Murray:**

September is election month for the Chapter. A call for additional nominations was announced.

Ballots were distributed and members voted. The results are as follows:

Vice President – Gary “Names” Vandenbos

Secretary – Wendy Vach

Board of Directors – Bill “BB” Houghtaling

Board of Directors – Kandice “PG” Jacobs

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks for Fallout, Hardcore and Cage for their terms of service. Thank you to Kandice and Popeye for the ballots and tally.

We have three opportunities for Remembrance Tables over the next two months and need 10 members to perform the ceremony each time. Members signed up with LT for the BTR table. The Villa Park table and West Chicago tables are a “no go” at this time.

The National Conference will be Nov. 4 and 5 in Washington, DC. Fester and Names will be attending. Other members are welcome to attend also.

### **Treasurer Tom “Fester” Woosley**

Fester presented the Treasurer’s Report to the members present.

### **Vice President Dominic “Hardcore” Ruggerio**

Hardcore and BB are working on the IL Lotto Veterans Cash Grant. Additionally, we have another opportunity in 2018 with our anonymous granter. Projects for this grant are needed such as LaSalle Veterans Home, Manteno Veterans Home, Hines VA, etc. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Hardcore spoke about an oral history project by the Viet Nam War Commemorative unit. They are seeking VN vets to tell their story. See Hardcore’s email.

Hardcore is setting up a tour for us at the Pritzker Military Library and Museum.

### **Board Member Gary “Names” Vandebos**

All is ready for the Big Thunder Run. The band is Black Swan. WBUG Radio is doing advertising. **Bring you raffle gifts on Saturday. Turn in you 50/50 tickets on Saturday please!** Bike show ballot will be stapled on the registration form. Snipe will print ballots.

BTR Times

Saturday

7 am Breakfast at Riverview Restaurant, Montgomery (east side of the river across from the VFW)

8 am setup at the VFW (usually finishes by noon)

Sunday

7 am BTR Day at the Montgomery, IL VFW. **All hands-on deck, everyone should have a job(s) for the day!**

8:30 Registration begins

RT IL Chapter 2 will be having their POW/MIA Demonstration Ride on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Names will lead our group to the ride.

**Board Member Kandice “Playground” Jacobs**

We will be providing 25 needy veteran families with Thanksgiving baskets this year. MSHV is providing the names. Baskets will be filled and delivered on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for the date and time.

**Board Member Al “Shadow Miller:**

Shadow provided the circumstances on the eight vets we help through our Veterans Assistance Program. The chapter has spent \$18,000 so far this year assisting veterans.

**Member Dennis “LT” Reiter:**

LT has two motorized wheelchairs for free. They are in rough condition. LT also knows of an available for free handicap aluminum ramp that is 40’ long. The ramp must be dismantled to move.

**Member “Chappy” Ferrer:**

Chappy thanked the membership for the Viet Nam Moving Wall participation and provided an update on Stand By Me Heroes.

Meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Bill Houghtaling, Board Member for:

Dan Thomas  
Recording Secretary  
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