

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes August 4, 2021

Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> Inc. Illinois Chapter 1 Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Murray at 1945 hours on August 4, 2021, at Warrenville VFW.

### **Board Attendance:**

<b>Attended</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
No	Jim Murray (Snipe)	President
No	Gary Vandenbos (Names)	Vice-President
Yes	Rick Herr (Cosmo)	Treasurer
Yes	Wendy Vach (Dragonfly)	Recording Secretary
Yes	Richard Montgomery (Popeye)	Chairman of the Board
Yes	Bill Houghtaling (B.B.)	Board Member
Yes	Al Miller (Shadow)	Board Member
Yes	Kandice Jacobs (PG)	Board Member
Yes	Knute Weick	Board Member
Yes	Don Gaylord (Stone Cold)	Board Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by COB, Richard Montgomery. A moment of silence was observed for the Illinois MIAs lost during the month of August from the Viet Nam and Korean Wars.

### **Richard “Popeye” Montgomery:**

- Nominations were taken for the current board members up for reelection and there were no further nominations. Currently the following people were nominated:
  - President – Gary “Names” Vandenbos
  - Treasurere – Rick “Cosmo” Herr
  - Chairman of the Board – Richard “Popeye” Montgomery
  - Board Member – Al “Shadow” Miller
  - Board Member – Knute Weick
  - Board Member – Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord
- We had one guest tonight and her name is Zoeie Kreiner from Support Over Stigma. More on Zoey later in the newsletter.

### **Rick “Cosmo” Herr:**

- Cosmo gave the budget report to the members.

### **Wendy “Dragonfly” Vach:**

- We have plenty of raffle prizes thanks to members who contributed and Sherry who has been pounding the pavement getting gift certificates from businesses. She was even able to get us two White Sox tickets to raffle.

### **Knute Weick:**

- Warrior’s Wishes has been cancelled for this Monday and has been removed from the calendar.

### **Al “Shadow” Miller:**

- Prior to BTR, Shadow will go over the ride route to make sure there is no construction and Knute will reissue the map with directions if there are any changes.

### **Kandice “Playground” Jacobs:**

- Kandice told the members about the feature on Amazon, Amazon Smiles, that donates money from a purchase to the organization of your choice from their list. You must sign into Amazon Smiles for the donation to be made when ordering. There are many Vet Organizations on the ordering website.

### **Don “Stone Cold” Gaylord:**

- BTR:
  - Reminder that this is a chapter event, and we need help in all areas.
  - If anyone needs anything for BTR they need to contact Gravel to make sure that he has by the Saturday before the event at set up.
  - Set up is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 900 hours. BTR is August 29<sup>th</sup> at 700 hours.
  - We may still need people for the Table Ceremony. People doing the ceremony should wear their white chapter shirt (some may be available the day of the event), black pants and black shoes or boots.

### **Open Discussion:**

Chappy and Zoey, our guest, talked about Mission Warrior H.O.P.E. which is a conference being held at the Warrenville VFW where we hold our meetings. This is a three-day conference that teaches those in attendance how to recognize someone that has PTSD, has suicidal thoughts and what to say and how to say it. For the cost of \$50.00 the attendees will get the book, 2 DVD's, 3 continental breakfasts and 3 lunches. Members from our chapter that want to go through this training should let the board know and the chapter will pay the \$50.00 fee.

Sherry told the members about a state representative from Carpentersville that she had the pleasure of meeting is Interested in gathering stories from veteran's about their experiences in the military so that their stories aren't lost. Sherry thought we may want to invite her to our membership meeting to hear what she is doing with the stories and and see if there is any interest by our group.

### **Upcoming Rides/Events:**

- 8/20/21 – IMS @Goebbert's Farm in Pingree Grove
- 8/29/21 – BTR @ Montgomery VFW
- 9/07/21 – 20 yr 9/11 Commemoration @ Hines VA Hospital
- 9/12/21 – Ride for Kids @ Northwestern Medicine Field
- 9/12/21 – Ride to Remember @ Woodstock HD
- 9/17/21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual POW/MIA Ceremony @ Sunken Gardens in Aurora
- 9/18/21 – DeKalb County Toy Run @ Barbed Wire HD
- 9/19/21 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Never Forget Thunder Run, Chapter 2, in North Chicago

For more information on these events, check the online Chapter Calendar.

Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Vach, Recording Secretary