

Rolling Thunder[®]

Indiana Chapter 6



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Jerry Blake- President

Rolling Thunder, Inc.'s major function is to publicize the POW-MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. To help correct the past and to protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action. We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA issue.

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Letter from the President...

Hi Everyone,

I think the warm weather is starting to arrive and with the nice weather comes more activities for us to get outside and help our veterans and to help our community. I want to take this time and thank all of you for being a part of this great organization.

The things we do in our community take a lot of help sometimes and we always get your support for the events that we accept from callers. I hope each of you have the same feeling I do when we do something for a family that has lost someone special or watching over a walk or race to keep people safe.

We have the Washing D.C. trip coming up soon, so I hope a lot of us will be making that trip.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW

Jerry



Returning POW/MIA Bracelets

<http://www.oldglorytraditions.com/returningbracelets.htm>



If your POW/MIAs remains have been returned to US soil, you may continue to wear the bracelet until all POW/MIAs have returned home.

Also, some people have gotten their bracelets engraved with a star to symbolize that the remains of their POW/MIA has been returned, or some have simply pasted a star on the bracelet.

Broken or worn bracelets can be left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall or a memorial when replaced with a new one.

In any case, if you would still like to return the bracelet to the families the first thing you need to do is to:

1. Check the status of your POW/MIA. If your POW/MIA has not returned, then it is considered an insult to send it back. *The bracelet is worn with the vow that it will not be removed until the day that his real status is determined or that he returns home*
2. Send your letter/bracelet in a properly stamped envelope to the appropriate branch of service with a cover letter from you asking them to forward your letter to the name on your bracelet. Because of the privacy act, the Casualty Officers are unable to give out addresses. However, they are willing to forward mail upon request.

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Chaplain's Corner

Rolling Thunder® is known for helping and supporting our Veterans.

If you drive in Evansville just about every day you see someone standing on a street corner saying they're homeless. Sometimes we see a Homeless Vet asking for money, food, or sometimes a job.

But we're never sure if their homeless or if they're a Veteran? If we give them money, we're never sure how they will use it. If we give them money, you've done what you felt was right. If they use it for drugs or alcohol they will answer to God for their deceit.

I saw on TV a young girl was taking large ziploc bags and putting food items in them to pass out. Some people in our Church are going to do this and we can too. Just take a large ziploc bag and put protein bars, granola bars, bags of dried fruit, cheese and cracker's, a juice pack, even a food gift card, hand those out to someone, if their hungry you've fed them .

Women are especially concerned about rolling a car window down, these you can pass out without rolling a window all the way down. Keep a couple filled bags in your vehicle and when you see someone, hand them out.

Psalms 107: 8 & 9

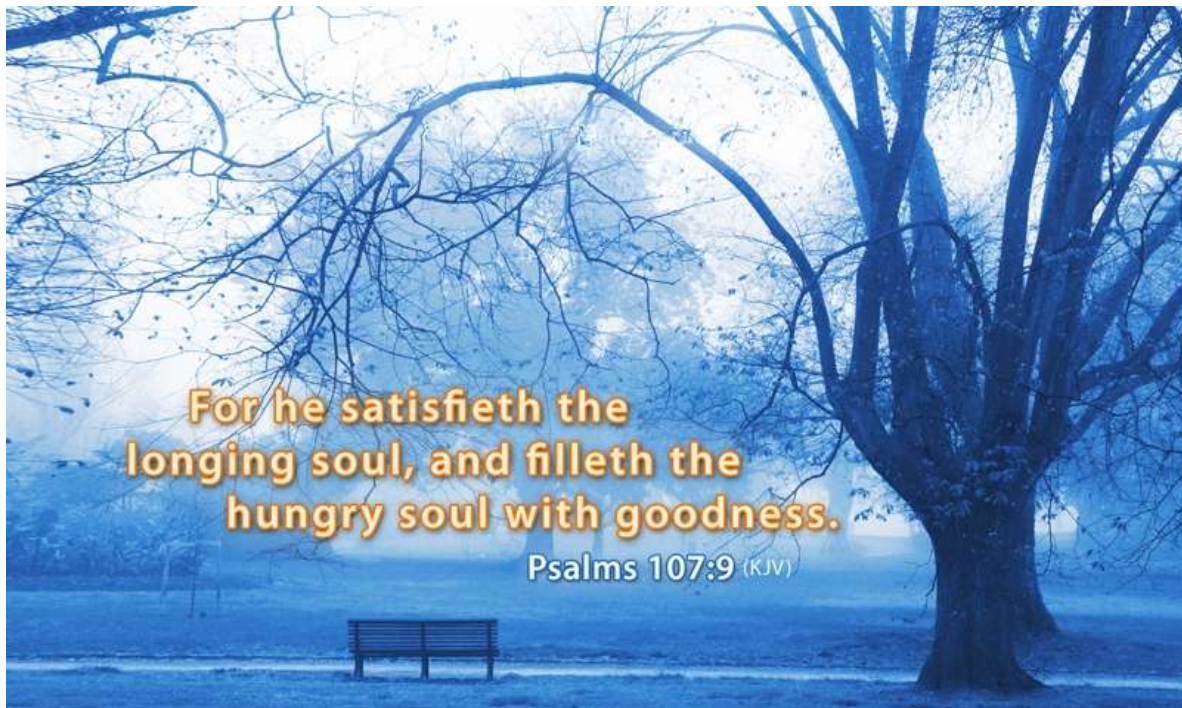
8. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

9. for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 46: 10

10. Be still and know that I am God. Amen

If you have a spiritual need or need someone to talk to, call Chapter 6 Chaplain Steve Suter at [812-925-3627](tel:812-925-3627) or kspl69@wowway.com





Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. *Indiana Chapter 6*



Rolling Thunder[®] IN Chapter 6 Calendar of Events

Revised 3-10-2016

Month	Date	Event
March	4	Board Meeting - 6pm
	5	Membership Meeting – 9am
	13	Logan's Promise Walk to Remember
April	1	Board Meeting - 6pm
	2	Membership Meeting – 6pm
	TBA	Biker Sunday
	14	Honor Flight Meet and Greet
	16	Honor Flight Welcome Home
	23	Veteran's Coliseum 100 th Anniversary
	29	Vet Center Cookout
May	1	CMA Run for the Son
	6	Board Meeting - 6pm
	7	Membership Meeting – 9am
	8	Abate Blessing
	15	2016 River Run
	25-26-27	Ride For Freedom to DC
June	3	Board Meeting
	4	Membership Meeting – 6pm
	26	Chapter 6 Benefit Ride

For anyone wanting to share pictures or events please send information to perkeme@gmail.com.
We will do our best to include all information.

Don't forget to check out the Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 6 Website as well,
www.rollingthunderin6.com and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Rolling-Thunder-Indiana-Chapter-6

March Patch Recipients



Tim Tanner
Boot Patch



Michelle Tanner
Boot Patch



Tom Pfingston
Boot Patch



Kevin Craig
Rocker and Eagle



Justin Scott
Rocker and Eagle

2016 Scholarship

Rolling Thunder Inc. Indiana Chapter 6 membership voted to approve a \$500.00 scholarship for post high school education to one student for the fall semester of 2016 to assist with tuition, fees and books.

Applicants will be judged on several criteria as listed on the Scholarship Application. All applications must be postmarked no later than **March 30, 2016**.

Selection of recipient is based on an evaluation of your GPA, Community service, recommendations, and an essay.

No Rolling Thunder member is involved in the selection process. A Scholarship Committee will select the winner of this scholarship from all eligible applications.

All efforts will be made to present the scholarship at the recipient's school award ceremony. The award will be made payable to the institution that the recipient is attending and will be sent directly to the institution.

The application and letter were emailed to the membership. Please email Mary Jane Miller if you need them emailed again. If you have any questions concerning the application or requirements (listed on application) please contact Bonnie Waelde @ [812-459-4959](tel:812-459-4959).



Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Veterans Fund & POW/MIA License Plate



363 plates were sold in May 2015.

Year-to-date, \$45,350 has been contributed to the RTIVF.

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RTIVF is open to all honorably discharged Veterans, effective July 1, 2015. Financial assistance may be used by the veteran/family for needs such as housing, utilities, medical services, transportation, and other essential family support expenses which have become difficult to manage. Assistance may be requested once per running year, with a maximum of up to \$2,500.00 may be approved. (exclusions, auto loans, cable, satellite, cell, internet services, all insurance, dental care, credit cards, child support, attorneys, debt collectors, storage fees, and funeral expenses, some others may apply) Assistance will be considered by the RTIVF State Committee, and the applicant will be notified of their decision.

There may be an emergency waiver granted in some cases, only upon written request indicating the circumstances justifying such a waiver.

Assistance will also be considered by the RTIVF State Committee for Group Housing, Veterans Homeless Shelters etc.

Requirements:

- The applicant must have received an "Honorable Discharge". (DD 214, DD 256, NGB-22)
- The applicant must have served a minimum of 30 continuous days of active duty.
- Applicant must be a permanent resident of Indiana, with a two (2) year minimum residency.
- The applicant must sign & date their application, provide all required proofs, and documentation requested.
- Documentation of need is required to apply for the needed assistance.

THE LICENSE PLATE

Effective January 1, 2015, when you purchase a Prisoner of War - Missing in Action plate from an Indiana BMV branch, all funds will be going into the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Veterans Fund (RTIVF, above). 100% of the funds go to helping our Hoosier Veterans.

There is an additional one time \$30 charge (BMV admin. fee) above the regular license fees.

REMINDER: When at the BMV, be sure to clarify that you want the POW/MIA Awareness Plate, NOT the Ex-POW plate. They are NOT the same plate.

Guess What?

**Our website has finished a long and amazing transformation!
We now have a responsive site which means it is compatible on all devices;
computers, tablets, and smart phones.**

**We will continue updating the site and adding to it now that it is
easier to update and maintain.**

<http://www.rollingthunderin6.com/>

**A HUGE thank you to Brian Bennett, owner of Social Life Marketing, for donating his time
and expertise in creating our wonderful new site. If you need help with a website, graphic
design, or social media marketing, Brian is your guy!**



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