

Rolling Thunder[®]

Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello everyone,

We are going to have a very busy month of May. MJ will be sending out a lot of notices on events that are coming up. It looks like we are going to have a few more cold days before we finally get to the good weather. I want to thank everyone who help out with the motorcycle raffle from national. I am really going to think about next year before I bring bike tickets back to sale. We only sold 145 tickets this year and without your help as members we will have a hard time getting the tickets sold.

Don't forget that you have a chance to get a meeting and two events in at our next meeting on May 6. We will have our meeting and the river run and helping Honor Flight.

Again MJ will send out more information as we get closer to the date. If anyone has any Rolling Thunder pictures they would like to put in the new letter, please send them to Warren Montgomery.

If you have any questions, you can talk to any officer and you can also call me at [812-453-0799](tel:812-453-0799).

HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SPRING/SUMMER

Thanks,
Jerry Blake

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Membership Meeting
**Saturday,
May 6th
5:15 am**

**KEEP
CALM
AND
BE
THERE**

Chaplain's Corner

SPRING TIME

I don't know about you, but I love spring time. Winter has passed and new life begins.
The outdoors starts turning green and flowers start blooming. A New Life. A Fresh Start.
What an appropriate time to celebrate Easter. SpringTime.

(Luke 24: 1 to 8) NIV

1. On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
2. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3. But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
4. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
5. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"
6. He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:
7. The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."
8. Then they remembered his words.

HE HAS RISEN TO LIFE

(Romans 3:23 & 6:23) NIV

3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 10: 9 and 13)

10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

6:13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(John 1: 12 & 1:13)

1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

1:13 Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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

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IF EVERYBODY
IS THINKING
ALIKE, THEN
SOMEBODY
ISN'T THINKING.
”

George S. Patton

From the Editor

Rolling Thunder Members,

On April's meeting, there was some discussion around rumors that the county wanted to take back the Evansville Coliseum from the Veteran's Council who had signed a 99 year lease to manage the building in order to turn it into a museum or raze the building to make a Gateway to Evansville. A County Council meeting was held on April 4 across from Mayor Winnecke's office. 15 members from Rolling Thunder, as well as representatives from Honor Flight & Disabled Veterans and Veteran's Council members were on hand for the meeting, a lot of discussion happened, but to cut to the jist of the meeting, Mayor Winnecke & the Council both stated that there are no plans to take over the building nor to raze it.



Reminder, April 23rd is the Chapter Ride/Drive to Frankfort, KY to visit the Vietnam Memorial, Jack said that it is a truly magnificent sight to see. Hope to see a large turnout.

May is just right around the corner and it will be a busy one as we have mentioned before. Still looking for several volunteers to serve as Traffic Marshal's for the River Run on May 6th, please let MJ know if you can help, we also have Honor Flight returning that evening and will need volunteers for all different tasks that we will be fulfilling, Flag Line, Traffic Control, Security, Sales etc.. Please come out and let's give these heroes a great Welcome Home!!



During the April Meeting, Steven Witt from the Evansville Wartime Museum gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the upcoming Grand Opening on the museum on May 27th. Some interesting facts that he provided of items manufactured in Evansville during WWII.

Republic- 6,670 P-47's
Shipyard - 167 LST's
Chrysler - 1.624 Sherman Tanks (rebuilt)
4,000 Heavy Trucks (rebuilt)

Ordnance - 3.2 Billion .45 cal
.5 Billion .30 cal
1.5 Billion Repacks

Jim DeArmond (Rolling Thunder Member) came up and read a letter that he wrote in 1985 and a copy was sent to every Senator, regarding the treatment of Vietnam Soldiers when they returned home. He also wrote a poem at the bottom. Here is a copy of the letter, please take the time to read it. --

I have watched the effects of the Viet Nam War since I saw friends of the family leave to "liberate the Vietnamese people". What I saw when soldiers returned was beyond belief. America sent all of these men and women to a place where their morals and beliefs are not the same as ours. It was as if we forced our soldiers to do things their own beliefs told them were wrong. Still, they did it to survive. We as a nation, turned our backs on these brave men and women after they did things we at home felt were immoral. Due to the press coverage of the war, the American public saw some of what our sons, fathers, brothers, mothers, daughters and sisters had to do to survive. This was actually unfair due to the majority of the American public never seeing a war atmosphere other than in the movies. However, the people of America turned on the soldier returning from Viet Nam. If the American soldier was not totally bewildered in Viet Nam, he quickly became that way when he returned home. Being called, "Baby Killer" and "Murderer", as well as being spat on was too much for a lot of veterans to bear. We as a nation have caused the Viet Nam Veteran to feel as if they are abandoned by our nation and it's people. We have to change this. These men and women didn't just decide to get a bunch of guns and a boat to go over and see if they could persuade the North Viet Nam Government to stop it's attack on the south. These men and women were taken to Viet Nam, (sometimes against their will via the draft), dropped off with a couple hundred thousand other scared Americans and told to survive. But they weren't prepared for the way the Vietnamese people were going to "defend" their country from what some saw as an unwanted invasion by the American Government. The soldiers did what they had to do to come home alive. The press relayed the vivid images of war for the first time through television. Once the people back home saw what was happening, they couldn't believe war was this final and not glamorous as portrayed in the movies. They were mad that they sent their sons and daughters to such a place and they needed someone to blame. It wasn't the government who received the hateful treatment, it was the soldier. I wish, as many others do, that we could turn back the clock and make it as if it had never happened, but we can't. But we can treat these men and women who went to Viet Nam with all of the respect and love that we show every other soldier who has ever served for this country. My feelings for these men and women are displayed in the poem below that I wrote while in the Navy in 1982. It cannot make up for the years of abuse and maltreatment that these men and women have endured, but it is my attempt to let everyone know that we do love you. The country can and should fulfill it's obligation to the Viet Nam Veterans still in captivity. We know they exist and we as a country want them back. I believe that due to the way the returning soldiers were treated by the American public, (like criminals), that the government thought it was fine to leave the other "criminals" in captivity. WELL, WE AS A NATION DON'T ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN AND DEMAND THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO BRING THEM HOME WHERE THEY BELONG.

*To those who served in Viet Nam,
we salute you.
To those who lost friends and family,
we feel your pain.*

*To those who lost their lives,
we miss and pray for you.
To those who are still missing
we will not give up hope.*

*To those who returned to a country
of hate, resentment, and disbelief.
We ask for your forgiveness,
We love you!*

WELCOME HOME!

Jim DeArmond
Evansville, In

Thank you

Warren Montgomery



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



Rolling Thunder[®] IN Chapter 6 Calendar of Events 2017

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
April	4 st	Membership Meeting (6pm)	
	9	Biker Sunday at New Day	Missing Man Table Performance
	23 rd	Chapter 6 Group Ride / Drive to Frankfort, KY	Vietnam Memorial
	28 To Be Confirmed	Vet Center Cookout (VFW Post 114)	Volunteers needed
May	4 th	Honor Flight (Meet & Greet)	Volunteers Needed
	5 th	Board Meeting	
	6 th	Honor Flight (Welcome Home)	Volunteers Needed
	6 th	Evansville River Run & (Membership Meeting 5:15 am)	75 Volunteers Needed (Traffic Marshalls)
	6 th	CMA Run for the Son	(Not a Chapter Event)
	7 th	Abate Bike Blessing	(Not a Chapter Event)
	20 th & 21 st	Chapter 6 Group Ride / Drive (Freedom Run Marsailles, IL)	Overnight Stay
	To Be Announced	ESGR Military Night @ Bosse Field	
	25 th thru 29 th	Ride For Freedom (Ride to Wall in DC)	Leave Evv on 25 th , Demonstration on 28 th , Depart DC on 29 th
June	2 nd	Board Meeting	
	3 rd	Membership Meeting (6pm)	
	4 th	Chapter 6 Benefit Ride	Volunteers Needed
	TBA	Vet Center Cookout (VFW Post 114)	Volunteers Needed
	29 th	ESGR Golf Outing Setup	Volunteers Needed
	30 th	ESGR Golf Outing	Volunteers Needed

For anyone wanting to share pictures or events please send information to

RTnewsletter6@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 [Rolling Thunder Chapter 6](#)

UPDATES TO THE WEBSITE ARE COMING SOON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

April Patch Recipients Congratulations!!



Wendy Gee
Eagle / Rocker



Rodney Lawson
Eagle / Rocker



**THE STRONGEST
WEAPON IN THE UNITED
STATES IS A PATRIOTIC
AMERICAN**

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

March/April 2017 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
SFC	Richard G Cushman	U.S. Army	Company A, 72nd Medium Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/5/1950	North Korea	4/12/2017
Electrician's Mate 3rd Class	Don O Neher	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	4/10/2017
Technician 4th Grade	John Kovach, Jr	U.S. Army	Company C, 192nd Tank Battalion	11/19/1942	Phillppines	4/7/2017
Ensign	William M Thompson	U.S. Navy Reserve	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	4/6/2017
Seaman 1st Class	George A. Coke	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	4/6/2017
Machinist's Mate 1st Class	Fred M. Jones	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	4/6/2017
1st LT	Ewart T. Sconiers	U.S. Army Air Forces	414th Bombardment Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group	1/24/1944	Germany	4/5/2017
CPL	Freddie L. Henson	U.S. Army	Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division	12/6/1950	North Korea	4/3/2017
PFC	Reece Gass	U.S. Army	Company E, 33rd Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division	1/14/1945	Belgium	3/30/2017
CPL	William R. Sadewasser	U.S. Army	Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division	11/28/1950	North Korea	3/23/2017
Seaman 1st Class	Monroe Temple	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	3/22/2017
Cpl.	Daniel F. Kelly	U.S. Army	Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	11/26/1950	North Korea	3/22/2017
PFC	Jack J. Fox	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company L, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/22/1943	Tarawa Atoll	3/21/2017
PVT	Donald S. Spayd	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	3/16/2017
Fireman 1st Class	Charles R Castro	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	3/15/2017
PFC	Robert E Mitchell	U.S. Army	Company F 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	9/6/1950	South Korea	3/13/2017
LCPL	John D Killen III	U.S. Marine Corps	Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division	6/30/1967	Vietnam	3/9/2017
CPL	Glyn L Runnels, Jr	U.S. Marine Corps	Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division	6/30/1968	Vietnam	3/9/2018
CAPT	John A House	U.S. Marine Corps	Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 16	6/30/1967	Vietnam	3/6/2017
CAPT	James W. Boyden	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron 233, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force	2/14/1944	Papua New Guinea	3/3/2017



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"To Correct the Past and Protect the Future"



Rolling Thunder, Inc. Indiana Chapter 6
Founder Command Sergeant Major, U S Army Retired Jerry Blake
\$500 Merit based Scholarship Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Rolling Thunder Inc. Indiana Chapter 6 will award a \$500.00 scholarship for post high school education to one student for the fall semester of 2017 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, 2017.

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.

Thank you,

Mr. Jerry Blake
Command Sergeant Major
U. S. Army Retired
President Rolling Thunder, INC.
Indiana Chapter 6
1738 Glenmoor Rd.
Evansville, IN 47715
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1. Name of Applicant _____
2. Address _____ DOB _____
3. Name of Rolling Thunder Member _____
4. Name of College or School applicant desires to attend and course work you plan to pursue. _____
5. Include evidence of acceptance to that school.
6. Include High School Transcript or equivalent.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Rolling Thunder Member or related by a Parent, Grandparent, Brother, Sister, Aunt or Uncle and current paid member in good standing per by-laws of Rolling Thunder Inc. Indiana Chapter 6.
2. Proof of GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. Age 18-25
4. Must register as Full time student or Part time if working Full time job. If working Full time proof of employment must be provided.
5. Submit proof of verifiable 20 hours of community service (preferred) Veteran oriented during senior year.
6. Include two references: One from an academic teacher or Guidance Counselor, the other from a professional person other than a relative.
7. An original 500 word essay on "What Rolling Thunder's Mission Statement means to me."

I verify that all statements and information contained in this application are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit the completed application no later than March 30, 2016 to:

Mr. Jerry Blake
Command Sergeant Major
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ROLLING THUNDER IN CH. 6 GUN RAFFLE



7th Annual Benefit Ride/Drive for Veterans

Drawing Sunday June 4, 2017 @ 4pm

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COLISEUM
(DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE @ 307 MARKET ST.)
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

Glock 19 G4 9mm



Alpine Compound Bow



Browning GPS 12ga



ATI AR15 Dark Earth 223



Tickets are \$10.00 each

RAFFLE LICENSE # 134196

All proceeds benefit Tri-state Veterans
For information call: (812) 779-1814

ROLLING THUNDER IN CH. 6

9th Annual Benefit Ride for Veterans

Sunday June 04, 2017



Ride starts at:
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COLISEUM
(DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE @ 307 MARKET ST.)

Grand Prize
32" FLAT SCREEN TV
(CHAPTER 6 MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!)

Sign in	9:00 - 11:00 am
First bike out	10:00 am
Last bike out	11:00 am
Last bike in	3:00 pm
Live Auction & Drawings begin @	3:30 pm

\$ 15.00 per card or \$25.00 for 2

(MEAL, GRAND PRIZE TICKET, DOOR PRIZE, & BEST/WORST HAND)

**Gun Raffle Tickets are being sold and the drawing will be held @
Benefit Ride**

All proceeds benefit Tri-state Veterans

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