

# ***Rolling Thunder***<sup>®</sup>

## **Indiana Chapter 6**



**August 2017**

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**Jerry Blake- President**

### **Executive Board**

**President**

***Jerry Blake***

**Vice President**

***Jeff Meeks***

**Secretary**

***Mary Jane Miller***

**Treasurer**

***Darrin Maxey***

**Chaplain**

***Steve Suter***

### **Board of Directors**

**Chairman of the Board**

***Jack Miller***

**Board Member**

***W.D. Buckner***

**Board Member**

***Bob Hayes***

**Board Member**

***Donna Hohiemer***

**Board Member**

***Tim Mahone***

### ***Letter from the President...***

Hello everyone,

It was great to see everyone at the August meeting. Now that the nominations are completed, you need to figure who you want on the Board of Directors. You will need to vote for the two members who you want to represent you for the next two years.

The members running for these two positions are Roy Holder, Donna Hohimer, and Trey Clark.

The voting will start at 7:30AM and close at 8:55AM on the morning of the next meeting which will be September 2nd. I also want to thank Mr. Tom Boyd, a WWII Army veteran who served in Germany and France during the war. Tom just turned 99 years young this past March and is looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday next March. We have the Candle light vigil and the Ride home coming up in September so keep an eye on your emails for more information from Mary Jane.

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).

Thanks,  
Jerry Blake

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.

### **Membership Meeting**

**Saturday,  
Sep 2nd  
9:00 am**

# Chaplain's Corner

## Placing Labels

July 18th "Our Daily Bread" had a story about labels. How we judge people and place labels.

It starts out in Romans 5:9 KJV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. It tells about a Church that has a unique welcome card that captures the love and grace of God for everyone. It say's "If you are a saint, sinner, loser, winner, alcoholic, hypocrite, cheater, fearful, misfit and many others, "You are Welcome here".

This Church reads this card aloud together in their worship service every Sunday.

They say we judge people within the first 5 seconds of meeting someone

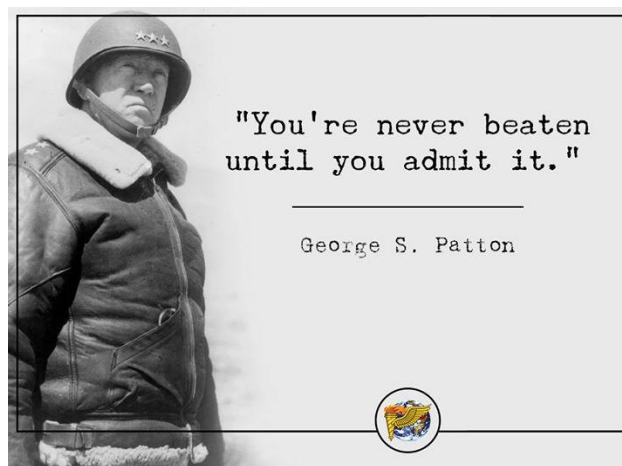
They also say if you're looking for the perfect Church, you'll never find it.

No one's perfect except for Christ.

My mother-in-law told the story of when she first moved to a new town, she visited a Church and afterwards a lady came up to her and said, "Thanks for coming, but don't come back, we have enough people. True story. A good Bible believing, preaching Church will set up extra chairs or knock walls out to make room for everyone. The Lord does not require us to change by our own power.

Instead, he invites us to come as we are to find hope, healing, freedom and love in Him. Through his love, through his power we are welcome.

**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](mailto:kspl69@wowway.com).**



## From the Editor

### Rolling Thunder Members,

If you did not attend the August meeting, we had a special guest visit us, Tom Boyd, a spry 99 year old WWII Veteran. Mr. Boyd served with the US Army in France & Germany. Jerry presented him the Rolling Thunder Challenge Coin and an open invitation to come to our meetings. Talan & Payten Davis (Children of members Brian & Tasha Davis) also thanked Tom for his service.



Nominations for Officer & Board Member openings were presented and are now closed, We will vote at the September Meeting from 7:30am to 8:55am. Here are the nominees:

Vice President – Jeff Meeks

Secretary – Mary Jane Miller

Chairman of the Board – Jack Miller

Board Members (2 openings) – Roy Holder, Donna Hohiemer, & Trey Clark

August 27<sup>th</sup> is the next Chapter Ride/Drive – Will meet at the Westside Walmart @ 7:30am and drive to the Walmart in Harrisburg, IL, there the group will meet up with Aubrey Edwards, Will depart @ 9:30 and travel to Vienna, IL, will stop for lunch the travel to Mound City National Cemetery.

Due to various commitments of several members and with the Fall Festival going on, It has been decided that there **WILL NOT** be an October Membership Meeting.

Rolling Thunder Trivia: How did Rolling Thunder get its name? From Mar 1965 through Nov 1968, Operation Rolling Thunder was a gradual and sustained aerial bombardment of North Vietnam by the US Air Force, US Navy and the Republic of Vietnam Air Force. When Ray Manzo and the other founders were planning the route through Washington DC, they were staring at the Memorial Bridge and Bob Schmitt made the comment “It will be like the sound of “Rolling Thunder” coming across the bridge.

Thank you

Warren Montgomery



# Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. Indiana Chapter 6



## Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup> IN Chapter 6 Calendar of Events 2017

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
August	27	Membership Meeting (9am)	VFW 1114
September	1	Chapter 6 Board Meeting 6pm	VFW 1114
	2	Chapter 6 Membership Meeting 9am	VFW 1114
	9	Chapter 6 Candlelight Vigil	
	14-15-16-17	Ride Home to Andersonville	
	17 TBC	Pink Ribbon Ride (Bud's HD)	This does not count as an event
	24	Susan B Komen Race for the Cure (Traffic Marshall)	Volunteers Needed
	29	Vet Center Cookout (VFW 1114)	Volunteers Needed
October	6	Chapter 6 Board Meeting 6pm	VFW 1114
	7	Chapter 6 Membership Meeting 6pm	Cancelled
	7	Westside Nut Club Parade	
	14	YMCA ½ Marathon (Traffic Marshall)	Volunteers Needed
	19	Honor Flight (Meet & Greet)	Volunteers Needed
	21	Honor Flight Welcome Home	Volunteers Needed
	27 (TBC)	Vet Center Cookout (VFW 1114)	Volunteers Needed
	28	Chapter 6 Group Ride/Drive – Location TBD	

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

[RTnewsletter6@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.rollingthunderin6.com) and find us on Facebook at [Rolling Thunder Chapter 6](https://www.facebook.com/RollingThunderChapter6)





## August Patch Recipients Congratulations!!



Martha Bellamy  
Eagle / Rocker



Mark Like  
Eagle / Rocker



Adam Heuck  
Eagle / Rocker

## Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

July 2017 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
Radioman 2nd Class	<a href="#">Quentin J. Gifford</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	7/31/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Lloyd J. Lobdell</a>	U.S. Army	Company A, 192nd Tank Battalion		Philippines	7/26/2017
LTJG	<a href="#">Irvin E. Rink</a>	U.S. Naval Reserve	Fighting Squadron Twenty Seven (VF-27)	8/4/1943	Solomon Islands	7/25/2017
SFC	<a href="#">Alfred G. Bensinger, Jr.</a>	U.S. Army	Company D, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	7/25/2017
CPL	<a href="#">Dow F. Worden</a>	U.S. Army	Company AS, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	9/29/1951	South Korea	7/24/2017
PVT	<a href="#">Joseph Carbone</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	7/17/2017
PVT	<a href="#">Alberic M. Blanchette</a>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/17/2017
2LT	<a href="#">Richard M. Horwitz</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	716th Bomber Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group	2/28/1945	Italy	7/11/2017
CPL	<a href="#">Anthony G. Guerriero</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/21/1943	Tarawa	7/11/2017
CPL	<a href="#">Raymond C. Snapp</a>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/11/2017
SGT	<a href="#">William A. Larkins</a>	U.S. Army	Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	7/10/2017
MAJ	<a href="#">James B. White</a>	U.S. Air Force	357th Tactical Fighter Squadron	11/24/1969	Laos	7/7/2017

Have you ever noticed that a woman's  
*"I'll be ready in five minutes"*  
 and a man's  
*"I'll be home in five minutes"*  
 are exactly the same?

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Veterans Fund & POW/MIA License Plate*



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## **THE FUND**

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.
- The applicant must currently be a permanent resident of Indiana for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years.
- 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.

### **Disbursement:**

All disbursements will be made directly to the vender, and not to the applicant.

### **Completed Forms:**

Forms must be Typed or Printed (hand written forms will not be considered).

- [Application](#) (PDF)

# **POW/MIA Awareness Plate Facts & History**

Prior to January 2015, funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Awareness Plate went toward the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF). This period saw **12,456** plates sold which equated to **\$311,400** being added to the MFRF.

In 2015, **3,866** license plates were sold, resulting in **\$96,650** being deposited into the RTIVF. For 2016, **158** POW/MIA plates were sold in January and **391** in February totaling **\$13,725** deposited into the RTIVF (*March plate sales pending*). From January to March of 2016, **\$17,439.37** has been paid out to assist our Indiana Veterans.

The POW/MIA specialty plate started as an idea of **former Rolling Thunder®, Inc Indiana Chapter 1 President, Jon Brinkley**. Brinkley wanted to find a way to raise awareness for those left behind in all wars and conflicts, and at the same time raise funds for struggling military families. The dream came to pass in May 2009 when the plate was first announced at the [North Side Harley-Davidson](#) store on 96th street with **Mayor Greg Ballard, State Senators Tom Wyss and Jim Merritt, Commissioner of the [Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles](#), Andy Miller, and Tom Applegate, Director of the [Indiana Office of Veterans Affairs](#)** in attendance. Rolling Thunder®, Inc.'s application was one of many received and reviewed. The plate was accepted, in part, **due to an uncommon level of distinction that sets the organization and its purpose for the plate apart from others.**

There are several military specialty plates, **but this one is different in several ways.** There is **no application process** to purchase a license plate; it is available to anyone with a valid registration, and it directly offers support to veterans in need.

The cost of the POW/MIA license plate includes vehicle registration fees and taxes, a group fee of \$25, and a Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$15. **The \$25 group fee will go towards the RTIVF.**

Plates are available for cars, trucks (up to 11,000 lbs), and motorcycles. RV Motor Homes as well as RV pull trailers may also be plated with the POW/MIA plate. Requests can be made for a special numbered POW/MIA plate.

**Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Andy Miller**, summed up the purpose and motivation behind this plate saying,

*"As motorists everywhere see this Indiana license plate,*