

Rolling Thunder[®]

Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is making time to get out in this great weather before it goes away. We had a very good meeting in February and don't forget that the March meeting is the absolute deadline to get your dues paid before we have to send them to national.

Before you know it spring will be here and we will have a chance to get back outside and do some good things for our veterans and our community. We have some good Rolling Thunder chapter rides coming up in April and May so I hope everyone will take part and you can ride or drive, it makes no difference, because these are chapter rides and we want everyone to come out and enjoy each other's company and see some good sights.

Again if you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask them. You can talk to any officer and you can also call me at [812-453-0799](tel:812-453-0799).

Thanks,

Jerry Blake

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Membership Meeting

Saturday,

March 4th

9:00am



Chaplain's Corner

As we look forward to a new year for Rolling Thunder we think of what can we do?
There's a story in "Our Daily Bread" about "People Power".

When a man's foot got caught in the gap between a train car and station platform, dozens of passengers quickly came to his rescue.

They used sheer might to tilt the train away from the platform and the trapped man was freed.

It was people power that saved someone from possibly serious injury.

That's how Rolling Thunder Family work's together.

When we work together with our gifts and abilities this past year we accomplished a lot, living up to our Mission Statement. Unity in our Rolling Thunder family accomplishes our Mission.

You know that is the way it is in the family of God.

Eph: 4:4-7

4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling,
5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6. One God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.
7. But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

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.



It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us
freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us
freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has
given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us
the right to a fair trial.
It is the soldier who salutes the flag,
serves under the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

From the Editor

Greetings Rolling Thunder Members,

As was brought up in February's Membership Meeting, We will have another busy year with events involving Veterans; Chapter Fundraisers, Community, as well as Non-Chapter Related Events. May 6 will be one of our busiest and longest days. To start the day off, we will have our monthly Membership Meeting @ 5:15am at the Marathon Station just over the bridge in Henderson, KY, following the meeting, we will need at least 75 Volunteers to be Traffic Marshals for the River Run Race from Henderson to Evansville, This is one of our Chapter Fundraiser's as they will make a \$1000.00 donation to the Chapter. If you have not done this race, The Runners are very appreciative of the service that we provide to help ensure their safety and many will thank you along the way!

That evening, Honor Flight will be returning back from DC, This is another awesome event to attend and help out with the Flag Line, Traffic, Security, etc... Please make sure to come out and support these HERO's returning back from DC, the smiles that you will see are priceless.

We are going to update the members section on the webpage, if you like to be added, send the following information to RTnewsletter6@gmail.com

Name:

Nickname (if you have one)

Picture: If you need help taking a pic, please see me or my wife Tammy at one of the meetings and we will take your pic.

New for this year are planned Chapter 6 ride/drives, the first one being April 23rd to the Vietnam Memorial in Frankfort, KY and May 20th and 21st Freedom Run to Marsailles, IL. This will be an overnight trip. Hope to see you all there.

We still have some Bike Raffle tickets to sell, we are encouraging each member to purchase at least 1 ticket, this is a good fundraiser for our Chapter. Would like to finish up with the sales by the March Membership Meeting as the remaining Tickets will be returned to National. Here are some pictures of the bike.



Thank you

Warren Montgomery



Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Indiana Chapter 6



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

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
March	3 rd	Board Meeting	
	4 th	Membership Meeting (9am)	Road Captain Training Following Meeting
	8 th	New Member Orientation Meeting 6:00 pm	Need 10 Volunteers
	12 th	Logan's Promise Walk to Remember	Need 10 Volunteers Traffic Marshalls
	26 th	IN Military Museum WWI 100 th Anniversary	
	31 st	Board Meeting (April)	
April	1 st	Membership Meeting (9pm)	
	9 To Be Confirmed	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 29th

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

February Patch Recipients Congratulations!!



Tasha Davis
Boot Patch



Brian Davis Sr.
Bootpatch



Kim Mercer
Boot Patch



Shawn Mason
Boot Patch & Eagle / Rocker

U.S. Unaccounted-For from the Vietnam War

Report for: **Indiana**

Prisoners of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action/Body not Recovered

Military Service	Country of Casualty	Name	Loss Rank	Status	Date of Incident	Home of Record
USAF	N. Vietnam	BANCROFT, WILLIAM W JR	O2	BB	1970/11/13	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	BEALS, CHARLES ELBERT	E4	BB	1970/07/07	FRENCH LICK, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	BEECHER, QUENTIN RIPPETOE	W2	XX	1967/06/11	TERRE HAUTE, IN
USMC	S. Vietnam	BREINER, STEPHEN EUGENE	E2	BB	1968/09/24	DECATUR, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	CARVER, HARRY FRANKLIN	E6	BB	1968/04/10	NEW ALBANY, IN
USMC	S. Vietnam	CHOMEL, CHARLES DENNIS	E2	BB	1967/06/11	COLUMBUS, IN
USAF	N. Vietnam	CLARK, LAWRENCE	E5	XX	1966/10/18	LOGANSPOUT, IN
USMC	N. Vietnam	CLEM, THOMAS DEAN	O2	XX	1968/05/03	NEW PARIS, IN
USAF	Laos	DAVIS, GENE EDMOND	E5	XX	1966/03/13	EVANSVILLE, IN
USMC	S. Vietnam	DUCAT, PHILLIP ALLEN	O3	BB	1966/09/25	FT WAYNE, IN
USAF	Laos	DUVALL, DEAN ARNOLD	E3	XX	1966/03/13	MONTICELLO, IN
USA	Laos	GREEN, GEORGE CURTIS JR	E5	BB	1970/12/04	ATTICA, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	HEITMAN, STEVEN W	E5	XX	1968/03/13	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	S. Vietnam	HELD, JOHN WAYNE	O3	XX	1968/04/17	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	Laos	HILLS, JOHN RUSSELL	O4	BB	1966/02/14	SOUTH BEND, IN
USAF	Laos	JOHNS, PAUL F	O4	XX	1968/06/28	LACONIA, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	JOHNSON, JAMES REED	E3	BB	1966/08/21	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	JONES, GRAYLAND (NMN)	E3	BB	1969/11/23	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	S. Vietnam	KLUTE, KARL EDWIN	O3	BB	1966/03/14	RICHMOND, IN
USN	N. Vietnam	KNOCH, CHARLES ALLEN	O3	BB	1966/09/22	LAFAYETTE, IN
USMC	S. Vietnam	KUHLMAN, ROBERT J JR	O2	XX	1969/01/17	RICHMOND, IN
USN	N. Vietnam	LAMBTON, BENNIE RICHARD	E7	BB	1966/06/13	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	LAUTZENHEISER, MICHAEL (NMI)	E5	BB	1971/10/26	MUNCIE, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	LAWSON, KARL WADE	E4	BB	1968/04/09	TERRE HAUTE, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	LYON, JAMES MICHAEL	O3	KK	1970/02/05	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	S. Vietnam	MANN, ROBERT LEE	O3	BB	1965/10/22	LAFAYETTE, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	MARTIN, JERRY DEAN	E3	BB	1970/11/03	BEDFORD, IN
USMC	N. Vietnam	MCGARVEY, JAMES MAURICE	O4	XX	1967/04/17	VALPARAISO, IN
USAF	N. Vietnam	MIDNIGHT, FRANCIS B	O2	XX	1967/08/23	GARY, IN
CIVILIAN	S. Vietnam	MILLER, GEORGE C		BB	1975/03/12	IN
USN	S. Vietnam	MITCHELL, HARRY E	E8	XX	1968/05/05	MARION, IN
USN	N. Vietnam	MONTGOMERY, RONALD WAYNE	E5	BB	1969/10/02	MOORES HILL, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	MOORE, RALPH EDWARD	E3	BB	1967/05/03	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	N. Vietnam	NELLANS, WILLIAM L	O3	XX	1967/09/17	WARSAW, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	NEWBURN, LARRY STEPHEN	E3	BB	1967/08/29	KOKOMO, IN
USN	S. Vietnam	PARKER, THOMAS AQUINAS	E6	BB	1967/04/05	OXFORD, IN
USN	S. Vietnam	POSEY, GEORGE RAY	E3	BB	1968/09/05	ANDERSON, IN
USN	N. Vietnam	ROGERS, BILLY LEE	E3	BB	1969/12/01	GARY, IN
USAF	Laos	ROGERS, CHARLES EDWARD	O4	BB	1967/05/04	GARY, IN
USN	S. Vietnam	SCHOONOVER, CHARLES DAVID	O4	BB	1966/01/16	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USA	Laos	SMITH, RONALD EUGENE	E7	BB	1970/11/28	COVINGTON, IN
USN	N. Vietnam	SOUCY, RONALD PHILIP SR	E5	BB	1967/05/23	WHITING LAKE, IN
USMC	S. Vietnam	STAEHLI, BRUCE WAYNE	E3	XX	1968/04/30	CROW POINT LAKE, IN
USAF	N. Vietnam	STONEBRAKER, KENNETH ARNOL	O3	XX	1968/10/28	HOBART, IN
USAF	N. Vietnam	STUART, JOHN F	O4	XX	1972/12/20	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	STUCKEY, JOHN STEINER JR	E2	BB	1967/11/11	CLOVERDALE, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	TRAMPSKI, DONALD JOSEPH	E2	XX	1969/09/16	CHESTERTON, IN
USAF	Cambodia	WAGNER, RAYMOND ANTHONY	E3	BB	1972/03/27	EVANSVILLE, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	WHITTLE, JUNIOR LEE	E4	BB	1966/09/24	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
USAF	Laos	WRIGHT, THOMAS T	O3	XX	1968/02/27	GARY, IN
USA	S. Vietnam	YOUNG, JEFFREY JEROME	E3	BB	1970/04/04	INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Status Codes: AR - AWOL/Deserter/Collaborator/Returnee
 BB - Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered
 BR - Body Recovered
 EE - Escapee
 KK - Died in Captivity, Remains Not Returned
 KR - Died in Captivity, Remains Returned
 MM - Missing (Civilians Only)
 NR - Remains Returned/Remains Recovered
 PP - Prisoner (Civilians Only)
 RR - POW Returnee
 XX - Presumptive Finding of Death

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

February 2017 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
2nd Lt.	John D. Mumford	U.S. Army Air Forces	318th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group, 15th Air Force	6/6/1944	Ukraine	1/17/2017
Fireman 1st Class	Robert N. Walkowiak	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	2/3/2017
Fireman 1st Class	Michael Galajdik	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	2/3/2017
SGT	Donald D. Noehren	U.S. Army	Headquarters Company, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	11/30/1950	North Korea	2/3/2017
Gunner's Mate 1st Class	Arthur C. Neuenschwander	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	2/6/2017
Fireman 1st Class	William H Kennedy	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1942	Pearl Harbor	2/7/2017
Storekeeper 2nd Class	Glenn G. Cyriack	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1943	Pearl Harbor	2/7/2017
Seaman 2nd Class	George T George	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1944	Pearl Harbor	2/8/2017
Musician 1st Class	Elliot D. Larsen	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1944	Pearl Harbor	2/8/2017





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Indiana Chapter 6

"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
Phone: (812) 453-0799

ROLLING THUNDER MISSION STATEMENT

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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:

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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,

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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

For information call: (812)453-0799