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Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

Like I stated before, winter is finally here and it looks like we are slowing down a little bit, but we still have things going on, make sure sure you keep an eyes on the emails and the calendar to keep in touch with what we are doing and the dates and times.

We ended up with 35 bags that we passed out at our homeless vet dinner. I want to thank everyone for coming out and helping, hopefully you had a good time.

We had a flag line set up for a WWII Navy Veteran that was killed on the USS Oklahoma Dec 7, 1941, One of the things that I did see while the flag line was set up was people walking through the flag line instead of walking around it, be sure when you take part in a flag line or just visiting and helping as a Rolling Thunder member that you always walk through the length of the flag line and not cut through the flags.

If you have any questions or ideas, you can talk to any officer and you can also call me at [812-453-0799](tel:812-453-0799). Thank you for being a part of Rolling Thunder IN Chap 6

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,
Jan 6
9:00 am**

Chaplain's Corner

Thanksgiving No Matter the Holiday

Psalm 100:4 and 5 NIV

4. Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
5. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

We've just had Thanksgiving and I believe most of us have a lot to be thankful for. Now Christmas is coming and a lot of people make themselves crazy trying to find the perfect gift and running from store to store or they get depressed.

Holiday's can be hard for some people. It feels good to give back lots of times instead of receiving.

SWIRCA has an Angel Christmas Tree with names of many Seniors who need help, and many businesses, Nursing Homes and Churches put up Angel Trees. Our food Banks are always in need of food.

Evansville Rescue Mission, I'm sure has many needs. Think of others and the smile you can put on a child or seniors face by buying a gift, sometimes just a pair of socks or a small toy. Think of others this Holiday Season.

But number one, remember Jesus Christ who gave his life for us.
As Christmas approaches receive Christ and receive the best present of all.

Acts 20:35 NIV

35. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

If you have a spiritual need or are in need of someone to talk to, call Chapter 6 Chaplain Steve Suter at [812-573-8924](tel:812-573-8924) or email him at kspl69@wowway.com.



From the Editor

Rolling Thunder Members,

I am sure that several of you have already seen this before but here is a poem written by LTC Bruce Lovely in 1993 while stationed in Korea.

THE SOLDIERS NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
I soon understood this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I watched him for hours, so silent and still,
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
And I covered this Soldier from his toes to his head.
And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,
With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.
I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!

Please take the time to remember those who cannot be home for Christmas and are still in harm's way!!

From Tammy, Jessie, Zach & myself, Merry Christmas and wishing a Happy New Year to you and your family!!!

Thank you

Warren Montgomery





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Rolling Thunder[®] IN Chapter 6 Calendar of Events 2018

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
Jan	1	New Year's Day Ride/Drive	TBA
	6	Board Meeting	VFW 1114
	3	Membership Meeting	VFW 1114

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](#)



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

November 2017 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
PVT	Emil F. Ragucci	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company E, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	11/30/2017
PFC	Lyle E. Charpillouz	U.S. Marine Corps	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	11/29/2017
2LT	Robert R. Keown	U.S. Army Air Forces	36th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group	4/16/1944	Papua New Guinea	11/28/2017
1SG	David H. Quinn	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company C, 2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 2nd Marine Division	11/21/1943	Tarawa Atoll	11/22/2017
Radioman 2nd Class	Julius H.O. Pieper	U.S. Navy Reserve	Landing Ship Tank Number 523 (LST-523)	6/19/1944	France	11/20/2017
SGT	Ollie E. Shepard	U.S. Army	Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division	12/3/1950	North Korea	11/17/2017
Fireman 2nd Class	Martin A. Gara	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	11/8/2017
2LT	William H. Harth, Jr.	U.S. Army Air Forces	329th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 93rd Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force	8/1/1943	Romania	11/8/2017

