

# ***Rolling Thunder***<sup>®</sup>

## **Indiana Chapter 6**



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**Jerry Blake- President**

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

Hello everyone,

Now that everybody has had a month off, we need to get back to work. Our next meeting will be Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Do not forget that Josh will be serving breakfast, so come on down and eat with us before the meeting. Don't forget we also have the Veteran's Day Parade on the same day.

As always, if anyone had any questions, do not be afraid to ask any of the officer's. That is what we are here for.

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,  
Nov 11th  
9:00 am**

## Chaplain's Corner

### Unstoppable Gospel

On Wednesday night's we're studying a book called "Unstoppable Gospel" by Gregg Matte. There's a story he tells about going to a Vietnam Veteran's Parade.

There was older soldier's carrying a very large banners like the Memorial in the Nation's capital that bore the name's of all who died in Vietnam.

A news reporter asked one soldier why he had traveled so many miles to be part of this parade. The soldier with tears running down his cheeks could hardly talk pointed to a name on the banner and said, "Because of this man right here." He gave his life for me. He gave HIS life for me.

He wasn't looking at the reporter, but at the name he kept tracing over and over again with his finger. These soldiers's couldn't get over the fact this man died for him and he was alive and home because of what someone else did for him. Many of you have been through wars and might have had someone give their life for yours.

But we ALL have had someone give their life for us. Jesus Christ.

Every day we should trace his name and thank him for our salvation, because he gave his life for us so we may have eternal life. We should be telling other's what he did for us.

EPH 2: 8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God?

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

If you have a spiritual need and are in need of someone to talk to, call Chapter 6 Chaplain Steve Suter at [812-573-8924](tel:812-573-8924) or [812-573-8857](tel:812-573-8857) or e-mail at [kspl69@wowway.com](mailto:kspl69@wowway.com).



## **From the Editor**

**Rolling Thunder Members,**

A lot has been going on my side and I apologize for not getting the Newsletter out sooner. I hope after the first of the year things will slow down and I can get back on track plus do a better job on the website with pictures and other news. I commend Tamara, for her dedication to this; it is a lot to keep up with.

Please check the calendar and watch for emails from Mary Jane for upcoming events. Volunteers and will be needed. I will update the patch recipients from the Sep in another upcoming Newsletter.

**Results of the Officer and Board elections are as follows:**

**Vice President – Jeff Meeks**

**Secretary – Mary Jane Miller**

**Chairman of the Board – Jack Miller**

**Board Members (2 openings) – Roy Holder & Donna Hohiemer**

**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
Nov	10	Board Meeting (6pm)	VFW 1114
	11	Membership Meeting (9am)	VFW 1114
	11	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Parade	
	19	Evansville Christmas Parade	
Dec	1	Board Meeting (6pm)	VFW 1114
	2	Membership Meeting (6pm)	VFW 1114
	3	Boonville Christmas Parade	
	9	Chapter 6 Christmas Party	
	11	Homeless Vet Christmas Dinner	Volunteers Needed

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](#)



# Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

August - September 2017 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
Seaman 1st Class	<a href="#">Clifford G. Goodwin</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/29/2017
Storekeeper 3rd Class	<a href="#">Eli Olsen</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/29/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Willie E. Blue</a>	U.S. Army	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	8/31/1950	South Korea	9/29/2017
SFC	<a href="#">Lester R. Walker</a>	U.S. Army	Battery B, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	9/3/1950	South Korea	9/29/2017
MAJ	<a href="#">Stephen T. Uurtamo</a>	U.S. Army	Headquarters Battery, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	9/28/2017
Cpl.	<a href="#">Donald L. Baer</a>	U.S. Army	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division	7/20/1950	South Korea	9/28/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Leroy W. Bryant</a>	U.S. Army	Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	2/6/1951	South Korea	9/27/2017
PVT	<a href="#">John M. Tillman</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	9/27/2017
2LT	<a href="#">Elwood R. Bailey</a>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Marine Fighting Squadron 223 (VMF-223), Marine Aircraft Group 23, (MAG-23)	8/24/1942	Solomon Islands	9/27/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Donald R. Tolson</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	9/27/2017
TSgt	<a href="#">John S. Bailey</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	38th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 30th Bombardment Group	1/21/1944	Tarawa Atoll	9/22/2017
1LT	<a href="#">Homer A. Spence</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	96th Fighter Squadron, 82nd Fighter Group	7/20/1944	Italy	9/21/2017
Pvt.	<a href="#">Shirley E. Bailey</a>	U.S. Army	Company G, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division	11/29/1944	Germany	9/20/2017
Seaman 2nd Class	<a href="#">George J. Wilcox</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/15/2017
Water Tender 2nd Class	<a href="#">Porter L. Rich</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/15/2017
SGT	<a href="#">Charles H. Daman</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	714th Bombardment Squadron, 448th Bombardment Group, 2nd Bombardment Division	4/4/1945	Germany	9/14/2017
Fireman 2nd Class	<a href="#">John D. Wheeler</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/11/2017

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Fireman 1st Class	<a href="#">Charles R. Ogle</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/11/2017
2LT	<a href="#">Donald E. Underwood</a>	Army Air Forces	38th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 30th Bombardment Group	1/21/1944	Tarawa Atoll	9/9/2017
Fireman 1st Class	<a href="#">Gerald H. Pirtle</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/8/2017
Capt.	<a href="#">James R. Bauder</a>	U.S. Navy	Fighter Squadron Twenty One, USS Coral	9/21/1966	Vietnam	9/8/2017
Seaman 2nd Class	<a href="#">Frank Wood</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/7/2017
1LT	<a href="#">Robert L. Mains</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	714th Bombardment Squadron, 448th Bombardment Group, 2nd Bombardment Division	4/4/1945	Germany	9/4/2017
Pvt.	<a href="#">George F. Patrick</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	9/1/2017
Chief Water Tender	<a href="#">Paul R. Wright</a>	U.S. Navy Reserve	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/1/2017
Seaman 1st Class	<a href="#">John E. Savidge</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	9/1/2017
Fireman 1st Class	<a href="#">Elmer D. Nail</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/31/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Harold V. Thomas</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	8/31/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Billy R. Ball</a>	U.S. Army	Headquarters Detachment Philippines Department	12/8/1941	Philippines	8/31/2017
TSgt	<a href="#">John F. Brady</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	323rd Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force	11/2/1944	Germany	8/31/2017
Fireman 1st Class	<a href="#">Samuel W. Crowder</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/30/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Manuel Menendez</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	8/30/2017
Assistant Cook	<a href="#">Frank L. Masoni</a>	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Headquarters Company, 2nd	11/21/1943	Tarawa Atoll	8/29/2017
SFC	<a href="#">Elmore B. Goodwin</a>	U.S. Army	Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division	11/27/1950	North Korea	8/29/2017



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Chief Master Sgt.	<a href="#">Donald J. Hall</a>	U.S. Air Force	Detachment 5, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron	2/6/1967	Vietnam	8/25/2017
Hospital Corpsman 1st Class	<a href="#">William G. Payne</a>	U.S. Navy	7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division	12/1/1951	North Korea	8/25/2017
TSgt	<a href="#">Allen A. Chandler, Jr.</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	323rd Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force	11/2/1944	Germany	8/25/2017
PVT	<a href="#">Raymond Sinowitz</a>	U.S. Army	454th Ordnance Company, 27th Bombardment Group, the Far East Air Force	9/26/1942	Philippines	8/24/2017
PVT	<a href="#">Vernon P. Keaton</a>	U.S. Marine Corps	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/24/2017
SSG	<a href="#">Robert O. Shoemaker</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	323rd Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force	11/2/1944	Germany	8/24/2017
SSG	<a href="#">Thomas M. McGraw</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	716th Bomber Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group	2/28/1945	Italy	8/18/2017
PFC	<a href="#">James J. Leonard</a>	U.S. Army	Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	7/25/1950	South Korea	8/18/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Felipe A. Champion</a>	U.S. Army	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment	2/12/1951	South Korea	8/17/2017
SSG	<a href="#">Bobby J. Younger</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	323rd Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (Heavy), Eighth Air Force	11/2/1944	Germany	8/17/2017
2LT	<a href="#">Stanley F. Stegnerski</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	370th Fighter Squadron, 359th Fighter Group, 8th Fighter Command	11/21/1944	Germany	8/16/2017
Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class	<a href="#">John H. Schoonover</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/15/2017
Aviation Radioman 2nd Class	<a href="#">Albert P. Rybarczyk</a>	U.S. Navy Reserve	Navy Torpedo Squadron Eighteen (VT-18), USS Intrepid	9/8/1944	Palau	8/14/2017
Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class	<a href="#">Ora H. Sharninghouse</a>	U.S. Navy Reserve	Navy Torpedo Squadron Eighteen (VT-18), USS Intrepid	9/8/1944	Palau	8/14/2017
Gunner's Mate 1st Class	<a href="#">George Herbert</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/14/2017
COL	<a href="#">Martin R. Scott</a>	U.S. Air Force	Headquarters, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing	3/15/1966	Vietnam	8/13/2017
Cpl.	<a href="#">Ernest L.R. Heilman</a>	U.S. Army	Battery B, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	2/13/1951	South Korea	8/11/2017
MSG	<a href="#">Finley J. Davis</a>	U.S. Army	Company D, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	8/11/2017

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PVT	<a href="#">Rudolph Johnson</a>	U.S. Army	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 365th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division	2/21/1945	Italy	8/10/2017
PFC	<a href="#">James P. Shaw</a>	U.S. Army	Company G, 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division	12/3/1950	North Korea	8/10/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Walter W. Green</a>	U.S. Army	Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	11/2/1950	North Korea	8/10/2017
TSgt	<a href="#">Earl P. Gorman</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	718th Bombardment Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group	4/23/1944	Yugoslavia	8/9/2017
SGT	<a href="#">Philip J. Iyotte</a>	U.S. Army	Company E, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division	2/9/1951	North Korea	8/8/2017
1LT	<a href="#">Frank A. Fazekas</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	22nd Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group	5/27/1944	France	8/8/2017
Cpl.	<a href="#">Roy J. Hopper</a>	U.S. Army	Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment	7/31/1950	South Korea	8/7/2017
Technician 4th Grade	<a href="#">Pete M. Counter</a>	U.S. Army	Company C, 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division	12/5/1942	Papua New Guinea	8/7/2017
1LT	<a href="#">David T. Dinan, III</a>	U.S. Air Force Reserve	34th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 7th Air Force	3/19/1969	Laos	8/7/2017
Radioman 2nd Class	<a href="#">Walter H. Backman</a>	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	8/4/2017
SGT	<a href="#">Gerald J. Mueller</a>	U.S. Army	Battery D, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (Automatic Weapons,) 2nd Infantry Division	2/13/1951	South Korea	8/4/2017
PFC	<a href="#">Walter C. Hackenberg</a>	U.S. Army	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division	4/25/1951	South Korea	8/3/2017
2LT	<a href="#">Clarence E. Allen</a>	U.S. Army Air Forces	395th Fighter Squadron, 368th Fighter Group	10/12/1944	Germany	8/1/2017



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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,*