

Rolling Thunder[®]

Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

I don't know about you but I am tired of the rain, but I guess it beats snow & ice. Please don't forget that we will have two meetings in March, The first meeting will be on the 3rd at 9am and the second meeting will be on the last weekend in March. It will be a 6 pm meeting to take care of the April meeting since we will not be here. It looks like Tim and Marie have a good handle on the up & coming benefit ride, if you are not involved, please get involved and give them help with door prizes.

If you have not made your reservations for the Buchanan, Virginia for the ride to the New Freedom Farm, please get with MJ and get the information that you need to get that done, we are going to have a lot of fun that weekend.

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,
Mar 3rd
9:00 am**

Chaplain's Corner

POWER OF PRAYER

I don't know who wrote this, but it gives you something to think about.

"Sometimes the power of prayer is the power to carry on.

It doesn't always change your circumstances, but it gives you the strength to walk through them."

We all walk through things in this life we don't understand.

Why it's happening to us, why we have to go through unpleasant things?

But God is with us, and knowing he hears our prayers, can give us the strength to go on, if we believe in him.

JAMES 4:3 NIV

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

JOHN 9:31 NIV

We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.

HEBREWS 4:16 NIV

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

I PETER 5:7 NIV

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you

There's an old saying, "All I have to do is live, die and pay taxes."

Well you do have to pay taxes, or the Government will find you.

You will live, as long as God allows you to.

You will die, unless Jesus returns before then.

Be ready, he will return.

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



From the Editor

Rolling Thunder Members,

Well hopefully this deluge of rain will go away and we will get some sunshine and warmer weather to get ready for the first of several events coming up starting with Mar 11th Logan's Promise 5K to Remember (Traffic Marshall's); then the New Freedom Farm Trip on Apr 5th thru 9th in Buchanan, VA; Which looks like it is going to be a great time. As we roll into May the events will pick up so please watch the calendar as well as the information that MJ sends out. I have included several links below of different organizations that help and or honor Veterans. Please take the time to look at their websites and see all of the terrific things they do.



www.theridehome.com



www.mission22.com



www.newfreedomfarm.net



www.honorflightsi.org




www.esgr.mil

Ride / Drive Safe!!!

Thank you

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POW-MIA
Missing But Not Forgotten

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 the 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.

Author unknown



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

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
Mar	2	Board Meeting (6:00pm)	VFW 1114
	3	Membership Meeting (9:00am)	VFW 1114
	11	Logan's Promise 5K to Remember (Traffic Marshall's)	Volunteers Needed
	30	Board Meeting (For April) 6:00pm	VFW 1114
	31	Membership Meeting (For April) 6:00pm	VFW 1114
Apr	5,6,7,8,9	New Freedom Farm Trip	Buchanan, VA
	5,6,7,8,9	New Freedom Farm Trip	
	TBA	Vet Center Cookout	
May	3	Honor Flight (Meet & Greet)	Volunteers Needed
	4	Board Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	4	Abate Bike Blessing	Not an Event
	5	Membership Meeting (9:00 am)	VFW 1114
	5	Honor Flight Welcome Home	Volunteers Needed
	TBA	CMA Run for The Son	Not an Event
	TBA	ESGR Military Night @ Bosse Field	
	24-25-26-27-28	Ride for Freedom (Ride to Wall in DC)	
	TBA	National Guard Red Hawk 5K (Provide Flag Line)	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](#)

February Patch Recipients Congratulations!!



Ed Rister
Boot Patch



Mark Alterman
Rocker / Eagle



Jan Ayers
Rocker / Eagle

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

January 2018 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
PFC	Jack H. Krieger	U.S. Marine Corps	Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	1/31/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Leonard R. Geller	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/31/2018
Seaman 1st Class	Donald G. Keller	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/26/2018
Fireman 2nd Class	Lowell E. Valley	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/19/2018
Fireman 3rd Class	Warren H. Crim	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/19/2018
SFC	Pete W. Simon	U.S. Army	Company G, 8th Cavalry Regiment	9/5/1950	South Korea	1/19/2018
PFC	Lamar E. Newman	U.S. Army	Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	11/27/1950	North Korea	1/19/2018
1LT	Eugene P. Ford	U.S. Army Air Forces	765th Bombardment Squadron, 461st Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force	12/17/1944	Croatia	1/19/2018
CPL	William C. McDowell	U.S. Army	Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division	12/2/1950	North Korea	1/17/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Chester E. Seaton	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/17/2018
Seaman 1st Class	Willard H. Aldridge	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	1/8/2018



[THE FUND](#) | [THE PLATE](#)

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,