

Rolling Thunder®

Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

We have a big fundraiser coming up with the Frog Follies at the 4H Center on Aug 24th, 25th, and 26th Friday, Saturday & Sunday. We will be directing car parking. At our July Meeting, the membership voted to run three 3 hour shifts on Friday & Saturday and two 3 hour shifts on Sunday. As of now, the three morning shifts are filled, we still need volunteers for the 2nd & 3rd shifts on Friday & Saturday.

I am asking each one of you to chip in and do at least 3 hours on open shifts. If we show that we can do this, we hope to get this every year and maybe back off of some the other fundraisers we do like the Benefit Ride which takes months to put together. Please give Mary Jane Miller a call or send her an email and let her know what shift you can work. As usual, if you need to talk to me, please contact me at 812-453-0799.

Thank you everyone for what they do not only for Rolling Thunder but for our local community.

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,
August 3rd
6:00 pm**

Chaplain's Corner

God's Letter The Bible

You know the Bible is God's letter to us. It has a lot to say about creation, human history, his love, man's sin, hell, being separated from God, and cast into eternal punishment.

These are verses at the beginning and ending of the Bible, read each one and how they compare.

Genesis	Revelation
1:1 Heavens and earth created	21:1 New heavens and earth
1:16 Sun created	21:23 No need of the sun
1:5 The night established	22:5 No night there
1:10 The seas created	21:1 No more seas
3:14-17 The curse announced	22:3 No more curse
3:19 Death enters history	21:4 No more death
3:24 Man driven from the tree	22:14 Man restored to paradise
3:17 Sorrow and pain begin	22:4 No more tears or pain

Some people like to read the last chapter of a book first to see how the story ends.

The last book of the Bible Revelation chapters 21 and 22 gives the ending story, please read the whole chapters.

Revelation 21:1 NIV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Revelation 22: 1 NIV

Then the angel showed me the river " of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

Revelation 22:7

Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

What began in Genesis is brought to completion in Revelation. .

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

Hello RT6 Members,

I would like to apologize for not getting June's Newsletter out before Tammy and I left for our 2-week bike trip. So this will cover June & July.

An estimated 400,000 motorcycle rider and 600,000 people attended this year's "Ride for Freedom" in DC. Chapter 6 had 8 members along with some guests attend. The "Live" feed on Facebook did not work as well as we liked because of lack of good phone signal. The weather held off for the ride this year, however for the ones who left to head back home on Sunday, we looked like some drowned rats due to running into rain from DC to Beckley. All in all though, it was another great trip. Gayle & Norris Ricketts stopped by our site at the Pentagon to say hi!!



The 2018 Rolling Thunder Benefit Ride was a moderate success, I believe that the weather kept some riders home for the day, and then there were 2 additional rides also happening that day. I would like to thank the following members who took on the challenge planning this year's ride as well as numerous other volunteers who helped. There was a lot of time and effort put into it. Also want to thank Marie Eaton (Original Chair) for her time put into the ride, she was unable to continue due to a health issue of a friend that she is a caregiver too.

Mel Mahone - 2018 Benefit Chair
Susan Stigall - 2018 Benefit Co-Chair
Sylvia Holder - 2018 Benefit Door prizes
Tim Mahone - 2018 Benefit Officer

At the July Membership Meeting, Board Member nominations were opened up for the following positions below, additional nominations will be offered at the August Meeting.

President – Jerry Blake

Treasurer – Darrin “No Neck” Maxey

Board Member – W.D. Buckner

Board Member – Lee Askins

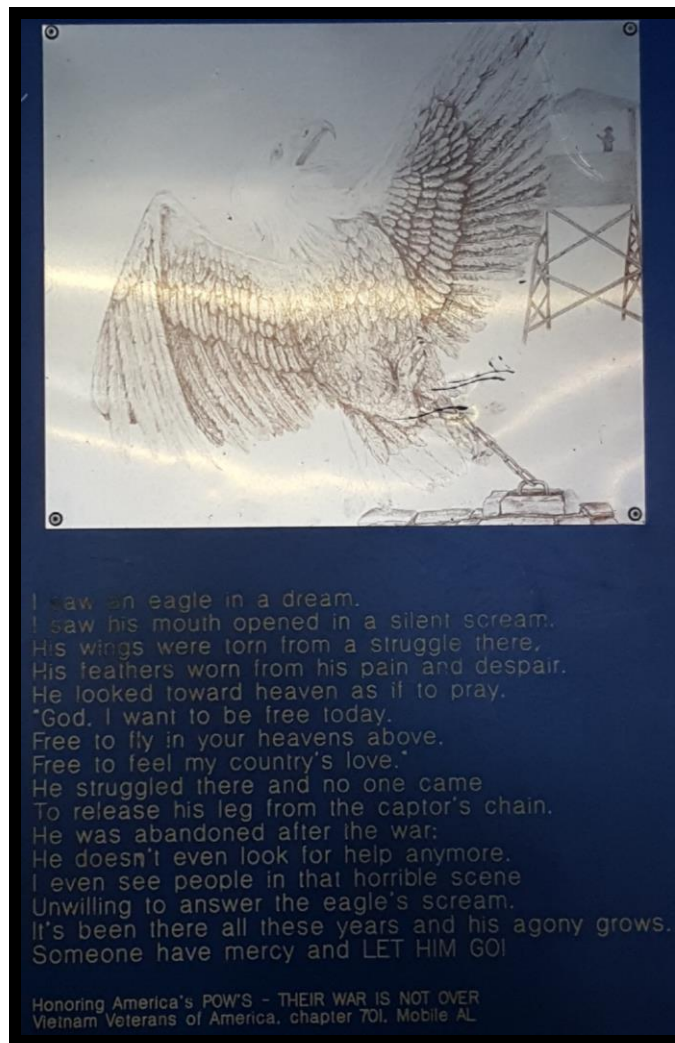
Dana & Steve Kroeger spoke at the July meeting about the “Mats for Homeless Vets” which are crocheted from plastic grocery bags, they are hygienic, water proof, easily transportable, and provide protection from the cold concrete. They're a welcome comfort to those living rough, while also keeping more plastic out of landfill and our marine systems! These mats are time consuming to make, and require a lot of plastic bags, approximately 500-700 per mat. So please save your bags and if you are at a store, talk to a manger about making a donation of new bags which work a lot better then used ones. Dana stated that they are easy to make and if anyone is interested in helping make these mats to get ahold of her, Contact MJ to get her contact information.



Congratulations to Miss Hannah Wilkison, Granddaughter of Ralph & Mary Wilkison, she is the Rolling Thunder IN Chapter 6 Scholarship winner, she will be studying medicine at Butler University!



W.D. Buckner was at Battlefront Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama, home of the USS Alabama, USS Drum Submarines, planes, helicopters, tanks etc.. and took this picture of one the plaques.



Speaking of Memorials, by chance on our way home Tammy found the WWI Memorial in Kansas City, It is a truly magnificent memorial, I have included some pictures below, we were pressed for time but we plan on going back someday and spend more time there.

Don't forget July 22nd will be the Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser, I have included a copy of the flyer below. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% back to Rolling Thunder.

Ride / Drive Safe!!!

Thank you

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

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
July	22	Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser	Dine & Donate
	27	Vet Center Cookout	Volunteers Needed
August	3	Board Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	4	Membership Meeting (6:00 pm) Board Nominations	VFW 1114
	24-25-26	Frog Follies Fundraiser (Traffic / Parking)	Volunteers Needed
	31	Board Meeting (6:00 pm) For Sept Meeting	
September	1	Membership Meeting (9:00am) Board Election	
	8	Chapter 6 Candlelight Vigil	Volunteers Needed
	16	Pink Ribbon Ride (Buds)	NOT AN EVENT
	20-21-22-23	The Ride Home to Andersonville, GA	
	30	Susan B Komen Race for the Cure (Traffic Marshalls)	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](#)



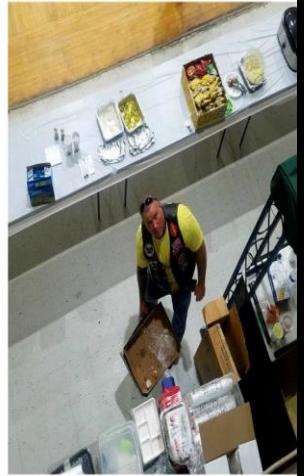
2018 RIDE for Freedom

PHOTOS BY SHERI RUSSELL & TAMMY MONTGOMERY





Thank you for your support!!



2018 Rolling Thunder Benefit Ride

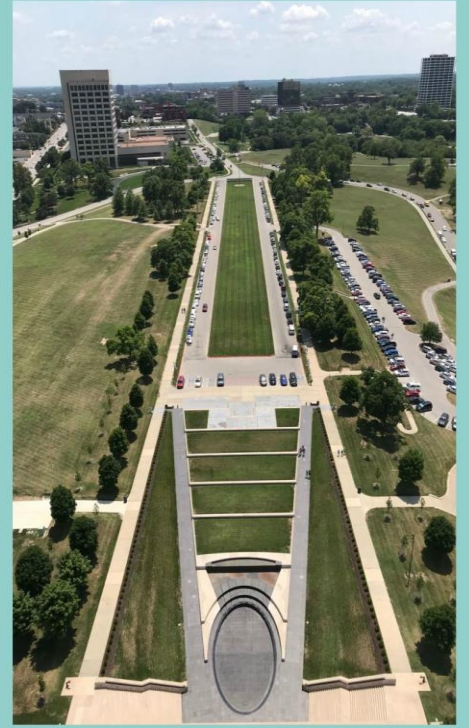


See you next year!!



WWI Memorial

Kansas City, MO

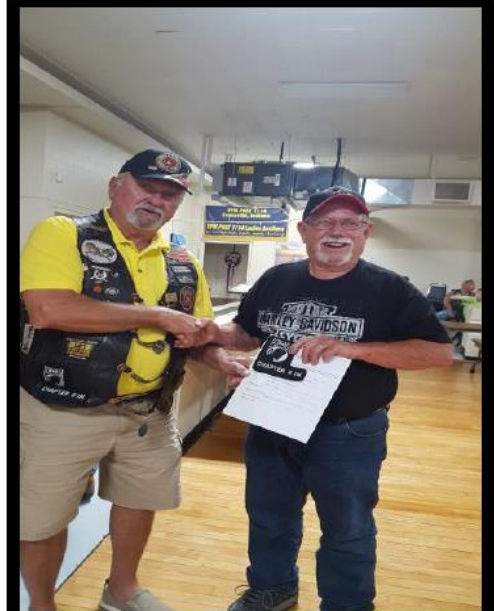


June Patch Recipients

Congratulations!!



Greg Burgess
Boot Patch



Sam Ritchie
Boot Patch

July Patch Recipients

Congratulations!!



Brandon Chambers
Boot Patch

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

May / June 2018 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
PVT	Donald E. Brown	U.S. Army	Company A, 745th Tank Battalion	7/28/1944	France	6/29/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Raymond R. Camery	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	6/28/2018
PFC	Roger Gonzales	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div	11/29/1950	North Korea	6/26/2018
SGT	James K. Park	U.S. Army	Company I, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division	11/23/1944	Germany	6/21/2018
Seaman 1st Class	Daniel L. Guisinger, Jr.	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	6/21/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Walter F. Schleiter	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	6/21/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Lewis F. Tindall	U.S. Naval Reserve	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	6/6/2018
PFC	Paul D. Gilman	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company M, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	6/5/2018
CPL	Morris Meshulam	U.S. Army	Battery D, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	6/5/2018
Musician 1st Class	Henri C. Mason	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	6/4/2018
SGT	Alfonso O. Duran	U.S. Army Air Forces	724th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 451st Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force	2/25/1941	Slovenia	5/31/2018
Lt. Cmdr.	Larry R. Kilpatrick	U.S. Naval Reserve	Attack Squadron One Hundred Five (VA-105)	6/18/1972	Vietnam	5/18/2018
SGT	John W. Hall	U.S. Army	Headquarters Battery, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	5/16/2018
Ensign	Harold P. DeMoss	U.S. Naval Reserve	Fighting Squadron 100 (VF-100)	6/23/1945	O'ahu Hawaii	5/11/2018
Cpl.	DeMaret M. Kirtley	U.S. Army	Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Div	12/6/1950	North Korea	5/11/2018
Seaman 2nd Class	William V. Campbell	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	5/10/2018
SGT	Melvin C. Anderson	U.S. Army	Company C, 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion	11/25/1944	Germany	5/10/2018
CPL	Joseph Akers	U.S. Army	Company C, 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion	11/25/1944	Germany	5/10/2018
Shopfitter 3rd Class	John M. Donald	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	5/8/2018
Fireman 2nd Class	George C. Ford	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	5/4/2018
Seaman 1st Class	Natale I. Torti	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	5/3/2018
PFC	William F. Cavin	U.S. Marine Corps	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	5/2/2018



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**Sunday
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2018**

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THE FUND

MFRF 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 MFRF 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 MFRF 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 MFRF. For 2016, **158** POW/MIA plates were sold in January and **391** in February totaling **\$13,725** deposited into the MFRF (*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 an Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$15. **The \$25 group fee will go towards the MFRF.**

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,