

Rolling Thunder®

Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

At our Sep 1 meeting, voting will start at 7:30 am and will close at 8:55 am. Please come and vote for who you would like to be your new officers for next year,

We also have the Candlelight Vigil coming up on Sep 8th, we will discuss the vigil at the monthly meeting as we will need a lot of help to light the bags at the end of the vigil so please make plans to attend and help out.

We also have the trip to Warner Robbins, GA to help out with the POW/MIA weekend that Moe and the rest of Rolling Thunder will be putting on. If you have never gone there before, you are missing out on a great trip, if you can, please plans to go. I know you'll like what you see and what you hear.

As usual, if any of you have anything you would like to talk about or any questions, feel free to call me at 812-453-0799. My phone is on 24hrs a day except when I am sleeping.

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,
Sep 1st
9:00 am**

Chaplain's Corner

Prayer Can Make Your Day

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome.

If we see only the problems, we will be defeated, but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory. by Warren Wiersbe

I was told one time, before you pray no matter what's going on in your life, think of three things your thankful for. It may be that you woke up that morning and your able to put your feet on the ground, a beautiful sunrise, a loving spouse, friends, just three things.

Look for what's good in your life to start your day and to start your prayers with, to be thankful for, it can change your outlook on the day and change your day.

Colossians 3: 15 NIV

15. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 4: 2 NIV

2. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-17-18 NIV

16. Be joyful always;

17. Pray continually;

18. give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus.

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.

Paula and I would like to thank all those who came out and helped thank our son-in-law Steve Brown for his 24 years of service to our Country and welcome him and our daughter and their family home for a visit. They have returned to Camp Pendleton in California. He plans on making it to 25 years. We are also proud of his love for his family.

Thank You
Steve and Paula Suter

From the Editor

Hello RT6 Members,

Board Member nominations were opened up for the following positions below, voting will take place at the September Membership Meeting. Voting will begin at 7:30am and close at 8:55 am.

President – Jerry Blake

Treasurer – Darrin “No Neck” Maxey

(2) Board Members – W.D. Buckner; Lee Askins; David Allega; Trey Clark; & Bob Hayes.

“The Ride Home” trip is fast approaching, MJ sent out hotel information, this is a very fun and rewarding experience, so if you have never been, there is still time to sign up and go, you will not regret it.

There were no patches given out last month.

Last month, several Chapter Members cleaned up the Vietnam Memorial along the riverfront, they did an outstanding job!! The memorial looks great. Thank you to the following members who participated, Jerry Blake, Jeff Meeks, Tom Ford, Roy Holder, & David Gears.



Before



During Clean-Up



After Clean-Up



After Clean-Up

Ride / Drive Safe!!!

Thank you

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MURPHY'S LAWS OF COMBAT

1. You are not Superman.
2. Suppressive fires -- won't.
3. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
4. Don't look conspicuous -- it draws fire.
5. Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you.
6. When in doubt, empty the magazine.
7. Never share a fighting hole with anyone braver than you are.
8. Never forget your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
9. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
10. No plan survives the first contact intact.
11. Try to look unimportant, because the bad guys may be low on ammo.
12. If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
13. The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
14. The important things are always simple.
15. The simple things are always hard.
16. The easy way is always mined.
17. If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in combat.
18. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
19. Incoming fire has the right-of-way.
20. No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection.
21. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
22. Friendly fire - isn't.
23. Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together.
24. Radios will fail as soon as you need fire support desperately.
25. Anything you do can get you shot -- including doing nothing.
26. Tracers work BOTH ways.
27. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
28. When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.



Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. Indiana Chapter 6



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

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
August	24-25-26	Frog Follies Fundraiser (Traffic / Parking)	Volunteers Needed
	31	Board Meeting (6:00 pm) for Sep Meeting	VFW 1114
September	1	Membership Meeting (9:00 am) Board Election	VFW 1114
	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
October	3	VFW Parking Lot Support (Fall Festival)	Volunteers Needed
	5	Board Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	6	Membership Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	6	Westside Nut Club Parade	
	13	YMCA ½ Marathon (Traffic Marshall's)	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](#)



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

July 2018 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
PFC	Leslie E. Shankles	U.S. Army	Company C, 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division	10/14/1944	Germany	7/30/2018
CAPT	Lawrence E. Dickson	U.S. Army Air Forces	100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group	12/23/1944	Austria	7/27/2018
Carpenter's Mate 3rd Class	William L. Kvidera	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	7/26/2018
PFC	Merton R. Riser	USMC Reserve	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/26/2018
1LT	Ottaway B. Cornwell	U.S. Army Air Forces	4th Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Group, Twelfth (XII) Air Force	1/27/1944	France	7/25/2018
2LT	Martin F. O'Callaghan, Jr.	U.S. Army Air Forces	96th Fighter Squadron, 82nd Fighter Group	2/14/1945	Slovenia	7/24/2018
PVT	John B. Cummings	U.S. Army	Company A, 276th Infantry Regiment, 70th Infantry Division	12/31/1944	France	7/23/2018
PFC	Robert L. Zehetner	USMC Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	7/23/2018
CPL	Claire E. Goldtrap	U.S. Marine Corps	Company A, 2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/23/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Millard C. Pace	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	7/20/2018
CPL	Albert E. Mills	U.S. Army	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	7/25/1950	South Korea	7/17/2018
MSG	Leonard K. Chinn	U.S. Army	Company D, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	4/30/1951	North Korea	7/16/2018
PVT	Delbert J. Holliday	U.S. Army	Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	11/30/1950	North Korea	7/13/2018
COL	Frederic M. Mellor	U.S. Air Force Reserve	30th Tactical Squadron/ 15th Tactical Recon Forces	8/13/1965	Vietnam	7/13/2018
CPL	Francisco Ramos-Rivera	U.S. Army	Company H, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division	7/20/1950	South Korea	7/12/2018
PFC	Joe S. Elmore	U.S. Army	Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division	12/2/1950	North Korea	7/5/2018
PFC	Willard Jenkins	U.S. Army	Company C, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion (307th AEB), 82nd Airborne Division	9/20/1944	The Netherlands	7/5/2018

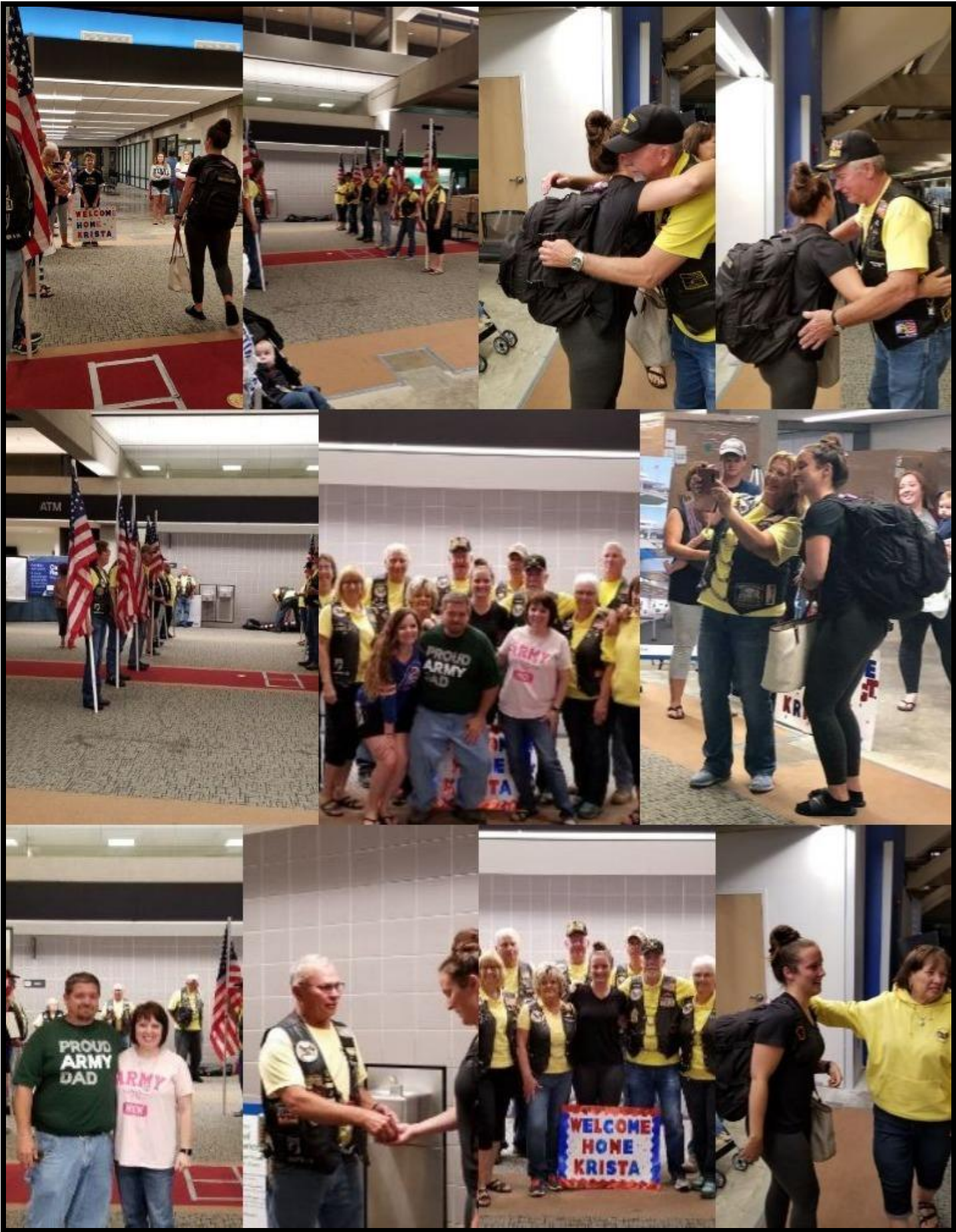
Vet Center Cook-Out July 27th 2018



Welcome Home MSgt Steven Brown 7/27/2018



Welcome Home Army Sgt Krista Jost Flagline 7/31/2018





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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,