

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWI (104) WWII (1,498), Korean (169), Vietnam (51)

INCOMING!



August 2024 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

Indiana Chapter #1
“POW-MIA – You are not Forgotten”

<http://indianarollingthunder.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/RTINCh1>

Chapter Officers



President: Michael Clark

Vice President: David Craig

Secretary: Jessica Clark

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson

President News

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Page 2 of the newsletter list our August birthday members. I wish you all a happy birthday and hope you have many more.

It's that time of the year again for the Chapter membership to choose its officers for the next two years. The July Chapter meeting was the first round of nominations for officers, and the August Chapter meeting will be the last opportunity to make nominations for Chapter officers. The Chapter election will be held at the September Chapter meeting. The positions that will be up for election is the Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and (3) Board Members. Refer to page 4-9 of the newsletter for more details on the election. Page 9 of the newsletter, shows the members that were nominated and accepted those positions. Additional members in good standing may be nominated at the August Chapter meeting. The members being nominated must be present to accept the nomination.

Page 14 and 15 list the upcoming events for August. The Veterans Ride that was scheduled for June 29th was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for August 17th. We have other events coming up in August and would like to have good membership participation. **Please remember, to remain a member in good standing you must attend three Chapter events per year.** Otherwise, you will not be able to run for an Officer position or vote in the election.

At the July Chapter meeting, we were honored to have Ron “Chief” Flora to share some of his Rolling Thunder memories with the membership. Chief also showed year 2000 Ride to the Wall video that he put together. The video brought back some old memories of former Chapter members and the Ride for Freedom demonstration in Washington D.C on memorial weekend.

I would like to welcome to the Chapter our newest members, Stephanie Raykonvich and Matthew Bonebrake. See page 10 of the newsletter. I also congratulate Victor Gonzalez for earning his Rocker and Eagle patches.

Please keep Bill and Debbie Bailey in your prayers as Bill goes through recovery from their motorcycle accident in June. Bill is still in rehab, and doing better.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday August 18, 2024

August 2024 Birthday's



James Surd 8-4

Jim Haarbauer 8-9

Vern Rensing 8-9

William Bailey 8-17

Barbara Todd 8-18

Larry Paynter 8-24

Charles Henderson 8-29

Hope you all have many more

ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH 20 YEARS OR MORE OF SERVICE

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Remarks
Judy	Brinkley	September 1, 1998	
Sammy	Davis	September 1, 1998	Honorary
Carol	McFarland	September 1, 1998	
Don	McFarland	September 1, 1998	
Mark	Smith	September 1, 1998	Honorary
Bill	Reisa	November 19, 1998	
Terry	Sanderson	June 28, 1999	
Roger	Roe	November 19, 2000	
Donna	Ransdell	April 21, 2002	
Tom	Ransdell	April 21, 2002	
Ken	White	January 18, 2003	
David	Begala	June 1, 2003	
Alex	Barile	February 2, 2004	
Tony	Palmiero	March 1, 2004	
Larry	Paynter	March 21, 2004	

The above members are still active members in the Chapter and have 20 or more years of service starting in 2024. Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1 was chartered in September 1, 1998. The above members with Joined Date of September 1, 1998 are Charter Members.

The Chapter is fortunate to have dedicated members such as these and I thank them for their service to the Chapter. I hope all of you will continue your service for many more years. Thank You.

Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 Elections

In accordance with the National Constitution, all members will be duly notified of elections by an announcement at the June, July and August Chapter meeting. **Nominations will be taken at our July and August Chapter meetings only.** You **MUST** be present to accept the Nomination.

To be nominated and/or elected for any officer position, a member must be in good standing for a period of (1) year or longer.

The member must have their Rocker/Eagle patches and have attended six (6) Chapter meetings in the past (12) months prior to nomination.

The election will be held at our September 15th Chapter Meeting.

The positions that will be up for election is the Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and (3) Board Members.

In accordance with Chapter Rules Version 1.2, Any Chapter member in good standing wishing to run for the office of President, or Chairman of the Board, must first have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term with RTIN Chapter #1.



**Chapter Vice President
David Craig**



**Chapter Treasurer
Terry "Flash" Sanderson**



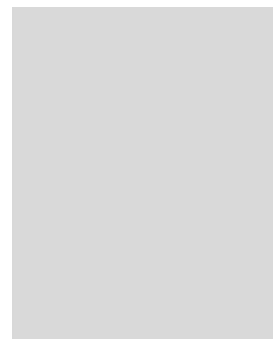
**Chairman of the Board
Jeff "Fuzzy" Thatcher**



**Board Member
Ed Newbill**



**Board Member
Greg Thompson**



**Board Member
Vacant**

Chapter Vice President Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Vice President is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Chapter Vice President enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter Vice President will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- a. Reports to the Chapter President.
- b. Takes over the Chapter President's duties in his/her absence.
- c. Assist the Chapter President in the daily operation of the Chapter.
- d. Attend all monthly Chapter meetings.
- e. Assist the Chapter President to make sure all members follow the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution.
- f. Performs any other task assigned by the Chapter President.
- g. Manages new membership applications.
- h. Recommends programs to the Chapter Board, and membership on promoting new membership.
- i. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chapter President.
- j. Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.

Chapter Treasurer Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Treasurer is an elected official with a (2) year term. He/she maintains custody of all the Chapter funds, and securities and will keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in a ledger. The Chapter Treasurer enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter Treasurer will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- a. Disbursement of the funds of the Chapter as directed by the Board of Director after approved by the Board of Directors and/or Membership in accordance with the Chapter rules, and will comply with the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution.
- b. Maintains full accountability of all finances, to include the reconciliation of all Chapter bank accounts (General Operating Account, Gaming, and PayPal).
- c. Maintains comprehensive documented audit trail: receipts etc. of all accounts receivable and payable.
- d. Assist in the preparation of annual financial report.
- e. Provides monthly financial report to the Chapter.
- f. Collects and deposits annual membership dues, patch deposits, and other funds received by the Chapter.
- g. Prepare financial analytical reports as needed for the Officers and Board of Directors.
- h. Prepare an annual budget of revenues and expenses for Board of Directors and Membership approval.
- i. Prepare Federal and State tax returns.
- j. Obtain raffle licenses from the Gaming Commission and prepare event reports and annual reports. Prepare and submit lease contracts for events supporting raffle ticket sales.
- k. Must have business background and experience, and/or education in finance and accounting. Comfortable in the use of the computer for email, internet, and accounting software.
- l. Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
- m. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chapter President.

Chapter Chairman of the Board Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chairman of the Board is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Chairman of the Board enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chairman of the Board will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- a. Runs the Board meeting and ensures they are run by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution and Roberts rules when applicable.
- b. He/she is the deciding vote should there be a deadlock on the tabled issues.
- c. Responsible to the President of the Chapter or Vice President if filling in for the President.
- d. Prepares agenda for each scheduled Board meeting and ensures that the agenda is followed by the Board members.
- e. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chapter President.
- f. Must have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term with Indiana Chapter #1.
- g. Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
- h. Have a working knowledge of the National Constitution and Chapter Rules found on the Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1 website.

Chapter Board Member Duties and Responsibilities Description

The Chapter Board Member is an elected official with a (2) year term. The Chapter Board Member enhances the organization's public standing by clearly articulating the Rolling Thunder® mission statement, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garners support from the community.

The duties of the Chapter Board Member will include, but not limited to the following duties.

- a. Reports to the Chairman of the Board.
- b. Must attend all scheduled Board meetings and special Board meetings as determined by the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- c. Must not miss (3) consecutive meetings without legitimate excuse submitted to the Chairman of the Board or Chapter President.
- d. Makes recommendations to the Board that will help promote the Chapter's mission and goals.
- e. Participates in Board discussions as presented by the Chairman of the Board or other Board Members.
- f. Votes on subject matters as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- g. Must abide by the Rolling Thunder® National Constitution Rules of Conduct at all times.
- h. Have a working knowledge of the National Constitution and Chapter Rules found on the Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 website.

Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter 1 Elections

The first round of nominations was taken at the July 21st Chapter meeting. Following are the members that were nominated and accepted the position in which they were nominated.

The last opportunity to make nominations for Chapter Officers will be at the August 18th Chapter meeting with the election at the September Chapter meeting.

Vice President



Greg Thompson



Darryle Swartzlander



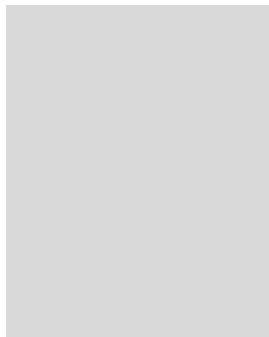
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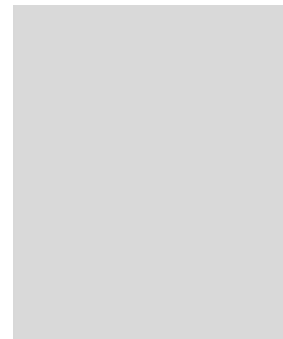
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**Chapter Meeting
July 21, 2024**



**Victor Gonzalez receives his Rocker/Eagle
Congratulation Victor**



Ron "Chief" Flora

Chief shared some stories with the membership on his days with Rolling Thunder. Chief also showed a 36 minute video that he created during the 2000 Ride to the Wall. The video brings back some memories of the Ride for Freedom demonstration in Washington D.C on Memorial weekend.



Stephanie Raykonvich

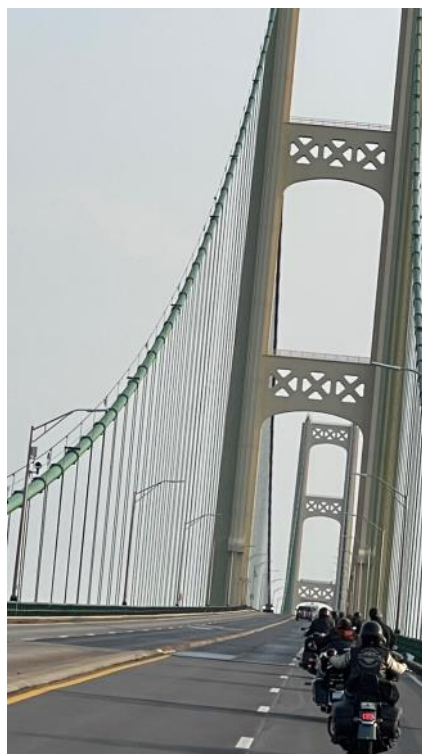


Matthew Bonebrake

I would like to welcome our newest members, Stephanie Raykonvich and Matthew Bonebrake. Stephanie was a former member of Rolling Thunder and Matthew is a Army Veteran who served during the Gulf War. Welcome to the Chapter.

Hell to Paradise PTSD Awareness Ride July 26-28, 2024

Chapter Member Randy Cope and Carol participated in the Hell to Paradise ride for PTSD awareness. This was a two day ride for Hell Michigan to Paradise Michigan. It was reported that over 400 bikes registered for the ride.



USS Indianapolis Honor Watch July 30, 2024

The Chapter participated in the 79th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis CA-35. 879 men were killed in action and lost at sea. Of the 879 men aboard the USS Indianapolis, 31 were Hoosier heroes. Chapter members read the names of the 31 Hoosier heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the precious freedoms we cherish today.



Terry Sanderson



Darryle Swartzlander



Jeff Thatcher



Ed Newbill



Jessica Clark



David Brewer



Chuck and Carla Henderson

Carla writes: While in the Rocky Mountain National Park at one of the summits, a couple pulls up next to us and said we passed you on the highway a couple of days ago. They had Indiana plates and were from Monrovia IN! They were in their twenties or early thirties. They were on their first cross country trip. They were so excited and doing an awesome job making it happen.



Upcoming Events for July/August

August 10	Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial Ride, Rockville Indiana
August 13-18	Wall that Heals Morgan County, Mooresville Indiana
August 17	Veterans Ride
August 18	Board/Chapter Meeting
August 24	Veterans Center Support Event

Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial Ride

The Rockville Ride is hosted by CentreBank and VFW Paul Taylor Post1752. The purpose of this ride is in honor of our fallen, those who have served and sacrificed, and those who are MIA/POW. Monies raised from this ride will be presented to the Town of Rockville, as part of the Bicentennial celebration on behalf of CentreBank and VFW Paul Taylor Post 1752 exclusively for future upkeep of the Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial, located at Beechwood Park in Historic Rockville, IN.

CentreBank has been a Sergeant level sponsor of the Chapter for several years. The bank has invited the Chapter to attend this special event and we need to show our support. The proceeds from this event goes to a great cause. Go to website <http://www.rockvillevetride.com> for additional details.

Wall that Heals Morgan County, Mooresville Indiana

The Wall hat Heals comes to Martinsville Indiana on August 13th through the 18th. The opening ceremony will be on August 15th at 09:00 with Medal of Honor recipient Sammy Davis. The wall will be setup at the Morgan County Fairgrounds located at 1749 Hospital Dr, Martinsville, IN 46151. Go to www.thewallthathealscomestomorgancounty.org for additional details.

Veterans Ride

This ride is hosted by Benson Motorcycles. The proceeds will go to Dog Tags & Go Bags and Pets Healing Vets. This will be a escorted ride by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department. Registration will be from 9:00 to 10:30 with KSU at 10:45. See flyer on page 15.

Board and Chapter Meeting

This will be the Chapters monthly meeting at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Board meeting is for Board Members only and the Chapter meeting is for everyone. This will be the **last opportunity** to make nominations for Chapter Officers. The Board meeting will be from 11:00 - 12:45. The Chapter meeting starts at 1:00PM.

Veterans Center Support Event

This will be a fundraiser for the Veterans Center hosted by the Chapter. This will be a fun event with the Harley-Davidson Jumpstart Training bike, Dunk Tank, Motorcycle Show, and Car Wash by the CA35 Sea Cadets. In addition, we will have a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction. Lunch will be provided by the Chapter. A copy of the event flyer and donation letter can be downloaded from our website www.indianarollingthunder.com. Please help the Chapter by advertising the event and collecting donations.

VETERANS RIDE

PRESENTED BY BENSON MOTORCYCLES, INC.

SATURDAY

JUNE 29, 2024

ESCORTED BY THE DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

REGISTRATION: 9AM TO 10:30AM
WITH KICK STANDS UP @ 10:45AM



2024 T-Shirt Design
Sizes S-5X for sale
at event.

Join us after the ride for live music by 5 SPEED, food from Imagine Burgers, 50/50 raffle, military vehicles on display from The National Guard, and much more!

BIKERS ON THIS RIDE WILL BE DRIVING THROUGH THE MARION NATIONAL CEMETERY.

START & END POINT:

Benson Motorcycles, Inc.
6410 W McGalliard Rd. | Muncie, IN 47304

All proceeds from the Veterans Ride will go towards two veteran-supporting charities.

Dog Tags & Go Bags
Pets Healing Vets

All Bikes Are Welcome

\$20/Bike

Save the Dates

The events listed below are important events that's coming up in September. More details on these events will be forthcoming when we get closure to September.

September 4 - Chapter Event Planning Meeting.

September 6 /7 - Overnight trip to Evansville Indiana for DPAA briefing.

September 11 - 9/11 Ride.

September 14 - INDY Honor Flight #43.

September 15 - Board/Chapter Meeting and Elections.

September 16-23 - Vietnam Veterans Reunion.

September 18 - Saluting Branches at Indiana Veterans Home.

September 19 - Watch Fire Ceremony, IWM.

September 20 - POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony.

September 21 - Taylor Kiland Visit at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center.

September 21 - Quaker Day Parade.

442nd Regimental Combat Team

The 442nd was an infantry unit that was formed in 1943 and fought (1944 to 1946) during WWII. The unit was made up mostly of Nisei (nē-sā), second generation Japanese American volunteers.

December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Empire of Japan. The next day the United States declared war on Japan.

January 5, 1942 the War Department reclassified Japanese Americans as “enemy aliens” and not eligible for the draft.

February 19, 1942 President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which gave the U.S. military the authority to exclude persons from designated areas on the Pacific Coast. Hence, internment camps were established with some 120,000 people being removed from their homes. Two thirds of which were Nisei, Japanese American citizens. The United States had a racist view that “a Jap is a Jap”, and “blood” proved loyalty not citizenship.

January 28, 1943 the War Department needing more soldiers set a goal to recruit 1,500 from the Hawaiian Islands of which Japanese Americans made up 40% of its population. 10,000 answered the call to volunteer. There was a less enthusiastic response on the mainland.

February 1, 1943 the 442nd was activated with about 4,000 volunteers that would train in Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

January 20, 1944 the United States reinstated the draft for the Nisei. They were no longer “enemy aliens”. The motto of the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd was “Go For Broke”. This was a Hawaiian gambling term where gamblers would risk everything on a roll of the dice. The members of the 442nd were willing to risk everything for their country.

April 22, 1944 the 442nd shipped out of Camp Shelby for Europe. There they joined with the 100th Battalion which was made up of mostly Nisei soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard. In June of 1944 the 100th Battalion distinguished themselves in battle in pushing back the Germans who had pinned down the 442nd at the Battle of Belvedere.

September 1944 the 100th Battalion was attached to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

October 1944 the combined units of the 442nd and 100th were called in to save the “Lost Battalion”, the 141st Texas Regiment. The outnumbered Nisei soldiers, which were treated as expendables, were pinned in fox-holes against tanks, machine gun nests, tree bursts and more suffering heavy casualties. In cases the soldiers attempted suicide charges. In all 200 Texan soldiers were rescued at the expense of 800 Nisei casualties. Fred Shiosaki described it as “Americans rescuing Americans”.

March 1945 the 442nd attached to the 92nd Infantry Division, an all-African American unit, fought to break the Gothic Line in northern Italy. Finally, succeeding in April to break the line.



WWII veterans from the 442nd attending a tribute to Nisei servicemen in Washington DC, November 1, 2011.

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442nd Regimental Combat Team

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Awards and Honors: The 442nd and the 100th are recognized as the most decorated unit in United States military history considering its size and length of service.

- 18,000 Nisei soldiers served
- Over 4,000 Purple Hearts
- 21 Medals of Honor
- 29 Distinguished Service Crosses
- 560 Silver Stars
- Over 4,000 Bronze Stars
- 7 Presidential Unit Citations

Aftermath: Sadly, those Japanese Americans who fought for the United States faced racism upon their return home. They were terrorized by white Americans, not allowed in certain establishments, and threatened with bodily harm. To cope with this racism the Japanese Americans turned to education to, hopefully, be more respected.

1959 Hawaii became the 50th state of the United States. Instrumental in bringing about statehood was Daniel Inouye, a soldier of the 442nd. He then served as Hawaii's first representative to Congress. In 1963 he became a U. S. Senator serving until his death in 2012.

1962 The Governor of Texas, John Connally, awarded honorary Texan status to the 442nd.

1988 U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 as an apology to the Japanese Americans placed in internment camps and to recognize and highlight the service of the Nisei volunteers of the 442nd. This act included reparations of \$20,000 per Japanese American. Many of which did not accept as they were serving their country like other American citizens.

2021 The "Go For Broke" stamp was released by the USPS. Japanese American soldier Shirdoku "Whitey" Yamamoto who served in the 442nd is pictured on the stamp.



Written by: Terry 'Flash' Sanderson
March 9, 2024

Sources

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/442nd-Regimental-Combat-Team>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/100th_Infantry_Battalion_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/100th_Infantry_Battalion_(United_States))

Missing Man Table

What is the origin? We, as a Chapter, have been doing this ceremony for many years. We have developed an extremely disciplined and scripted ceremony, for both a single 'Missing Man Table' and a six man 'Missing Man Table'. The six-man table includes the five services plus civilians. At the inception of this ceremony the Space Force had not been conceived, nor has the Space Force experienced any missing from combat. Presumably, at such time that the Space Force has any missing, the table setting will become seven.

A look into history and the origins of this ceremony one will find little as to its 'official records'. At best fingers point to this arising organically. The POW/MIA issue gained National attention with the Vietnam War. That is the lack of accountability with those serving in Vietnam that never came home, and yet to come home.

Table setting description:

- The table is round – to show our everlasting concern.
- The cloth is white – symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.
- The single red rose reminds us of the lives of these Americans, and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, while seeking answers.
- The red ribbon symbolizes our continued determination to account for them.
- A slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.
- A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.
- The lit candle reflects our hope for their return – alive or dead.
- The Bible represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under God, to sustain those lost from our midst.
- The glass is inverted – to symbolize their inability to share a toast.
- The chairs are empty – they are missing.



The Bible on the table has become controversial to some.

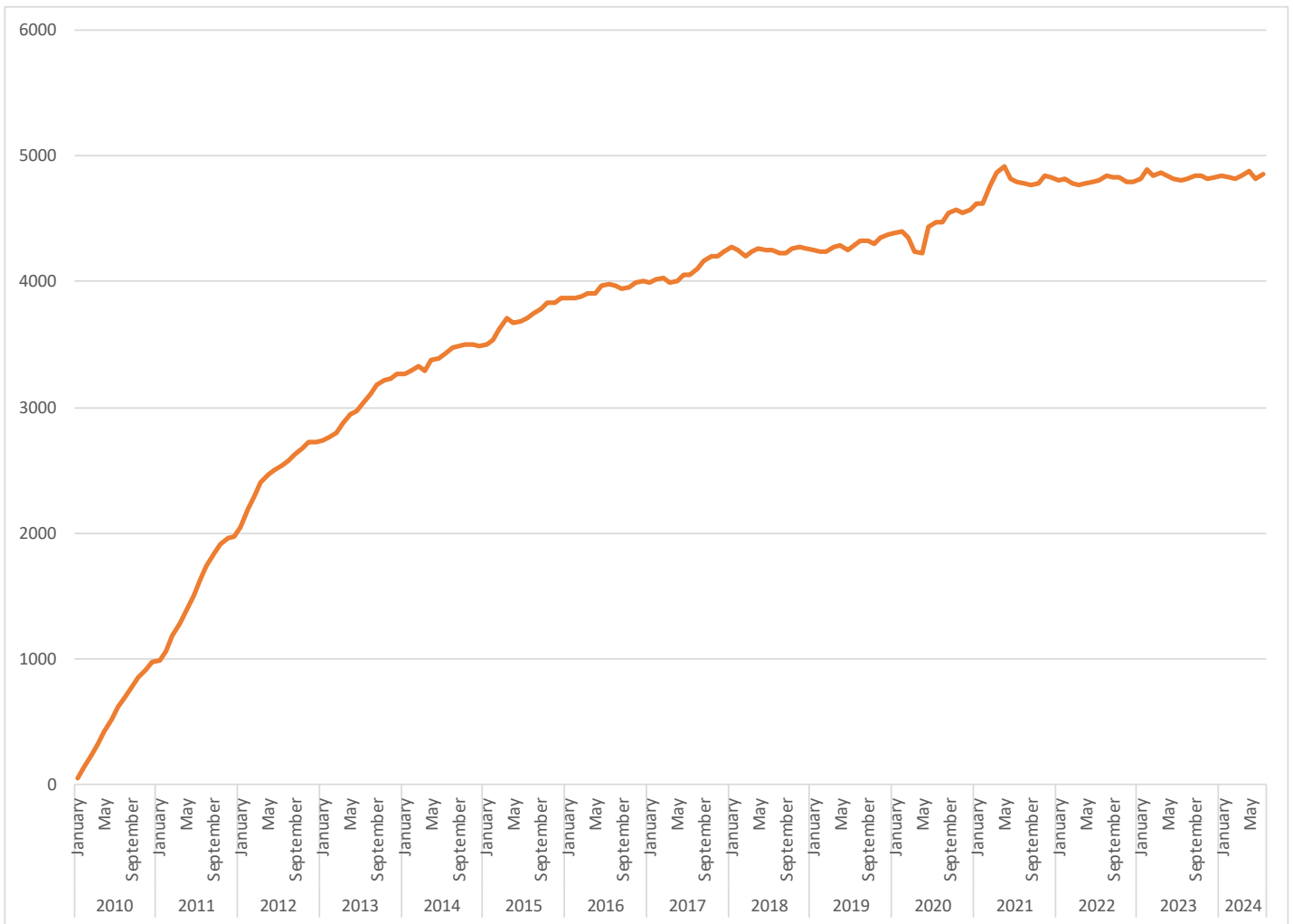
The ceremony presentation incorporates elements of military tradition and lore. This ceremony will most likely become a tradition for many years to come.

Here is a link to our Chapter performing the ceremony: [Bing Videos](#)

*Written by: Flash
August 4, 2024*

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets

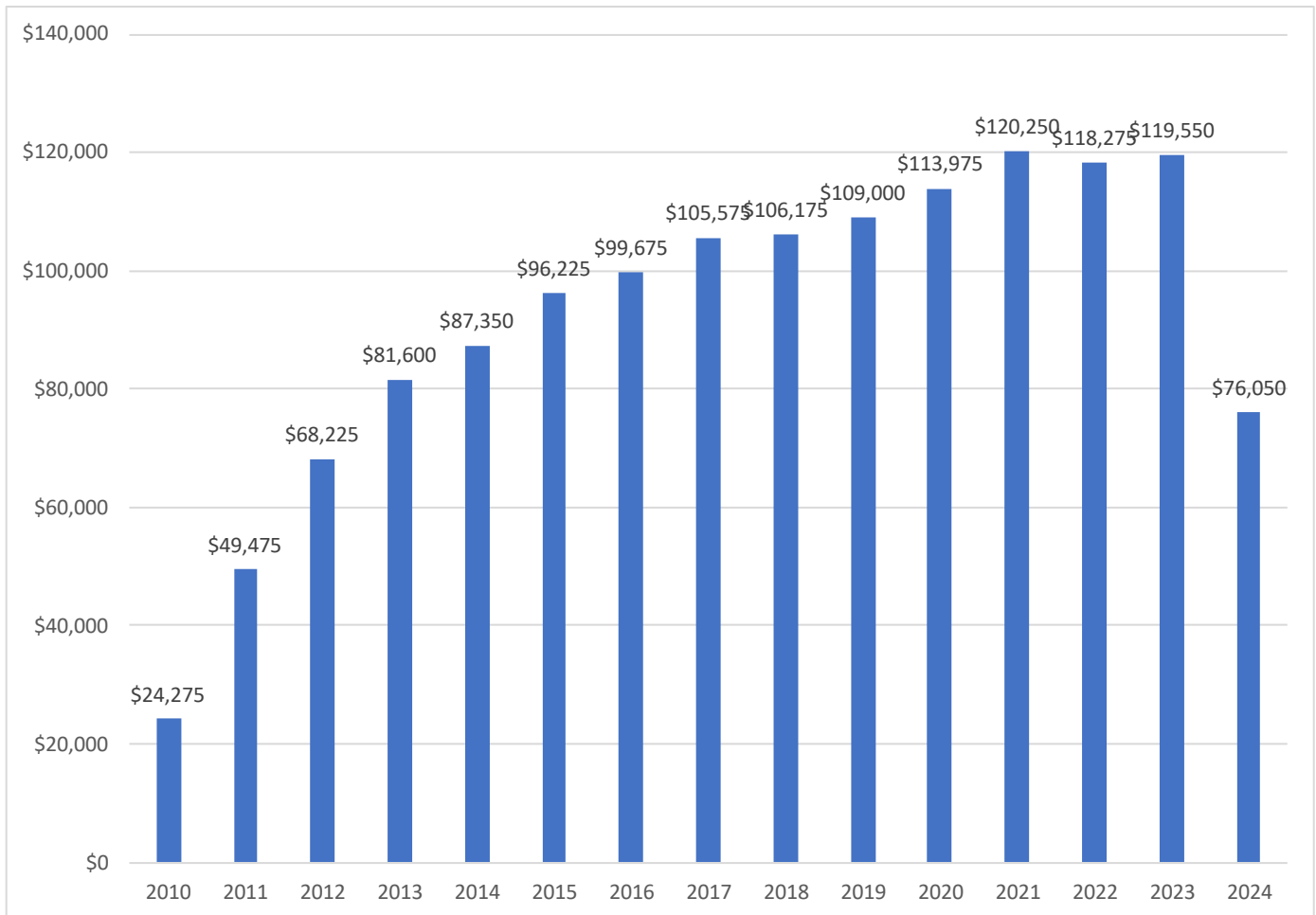
As of July 31, 2024



As of May, 2024, we have **4,855** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF). **We are 44 plates up from this time last year.**

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2024



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$1,375,675** 100% of the proceeds generated from the sales of the POW/MIA specialty plate goes to the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) to help our Indiana Veterans in need.

If you don't have a Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate on your vehicle, please let the Bureau Motor Vehicle (BMV) know that you would like to purchase a Rolling Thunder® sponsored POW/MIA specialty plate on your next renewal or new purchase.

With the purchase of a Indiana POW/MIA specialty plate, not only will you be instrumental in helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs and MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need.

Rolling Thunder® , Inc. Membership Patches and Obligations

National Constitution

The Rolling Thunder® patches are items that members strive to obtain. The Boot patch represents the members Chapter, and the Rocker and Eagle represents Rolling Thunder® National. These patches should be worn proudly and with respect. When a member is issued these patches, they have an obligation to take care of them and turn them in if they decide to quit Rolling Thunder® for whatever reason. Below is an abstract from the National Constitution on the members obligations that they agree to when they receive these patches.



The Chapter Boot Patch. All members will receive a Rolling Thunder® Membership Boot patch when they become a full member at the end of a 120-day period. If a member meets his/her obligations before the 120 days are up they are entitled to receive their Boot patch no earlier than 90 days, provided they meet all other (loyalty and conduct) requirements. A new member must make 3 meetings or events, or a combination thereof, during the 120-day trial period to become a full member. **A \$50.00 patch deposit is required before National will issue the Boot Patch.**



The Rocker and Eagle Patches. After a member completes his/her first year (from the day they receive their boot patch) as a member in good standing ,they will be issued the Eagle & Rocker patches, **which is the property of National.** **A \$100.00 patch deposit is required before National will issue the Rocker and Eagle Patches.**

Membership Obligations

Retrieve Patches: It's the Chapters responsibility to retrieve all patches. If a member does not renew dues in a reasonable time, thirty days from the end of February the Chapter President or his appointed representative will collect their patches. Any Chapter that does not retrieve the members patches will be held liable for their cost. Any problems from a delinquent member to collect our property, if needed have a lawyer send a letter and take them to court (quote the constitution) that a member will pay all court and lawyers fees. **The Chapter will pay National \$150.00 per set lost and members deposit will not be refunded.**

If you mail your patches to the Chapter, make sure you send the package CERTIFIED or PRIORITY mail for tracking purposes and insure the package for \$150.00.

Please DO NOT Glue your patches on your vest. National will NOT accept damaged patches and you may lose your patch refund.

2024 DPAA MIAs Accounted-For

Total Accounted for in FY 2024: 117

As of July 31, 2024

Accounted-For by War

WWII (93)

Korea (21)

Cold War (0)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
F3C Alferd E. Livingston	12-7-1941	2-1-2007	7-21-2007	USS Oklahoma	Worthington
1st Class Paul A. Nash	12-7-1941	4-15-2015	6-30-2016	USS Oklahoma	Carlisle
1LT Robert L. McIntosh	5-12-1944	8-1-2015	8-13-2016	Italy	Tipton
3rd Class Francis L. Hannon	12-7-1941	10-24-2017		USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
PVT USMC Fred Freet	11-20-1943	8-6-2018	4-18-2019	Tarawa Atoll	Marion
PFC Marvin E. Dickson	11-13-1944	9-27-2018	6-8-2019	Germany	Indianapolis
MSG Charles H. McDaniel	11-1-1950	9-12-2018	10-27-2018	Korea	Greenwood
PFC Army Clifford M. Mills	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
SEA1 Oris V. Brandt	12-7-1941	2-20-2019		USS Oklahoma	Kentland
TSGT Charles G. Ruble	9-17-1944	5-31-2019	3-2-2020	Netherlands	Parker City
PVT USMC William E. Ramboo	11-20-1943	7-13-2019		Betio Island	LaPorte
PFC USMC Marley R. Arthurholtz	12-7-1941	9-18-2019	12-7-2019	USS Oklahoma	South Bend
PFC USMC Louis Wiesshan	11-21-1943	9-23-2019	6-11-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond
SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler	12-7-1941	3-27-2020		USS Oklahoma	Ft. Wayne
CPO B. James Booe	12-7-1941	9-29-2020	6-1-2021	USS Oklahoma	Veedersburg
2nd Class Harold F. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
3Rd Class Willaim H. Trapp	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
PFC USMC Charles D. Miller	11-22-1943	5-19-2020		Tarawa Atoll	Albany
SGT Stanley Lee Dewitt	11-1-1950	6-5-2020	10-19-2021	Chosen Reservoir	Royal City
George Gilbert	12-7-941	8-24-2020	6-6-2022	USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
SFC James A. Coleman	10-3-1952	5-23-2022	10-19-2022	Korea	Hillsdale
SGT Charles Garrigus	12-1-1950	8-2-2022	3-7-2023	Chosen Reservoir	Terre Haute

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

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Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
PFC Leonard E. Adams	1-21-1945	7-20-2022	6-13-2023	France	Dana
2LT Gene F. Walker	11-24-1944	7-21-2023		Germany	Richmond
PFC Clossie D. Brown	1-21-1945	4-25-2024		France	Kirkin
MSG Wallace Simmons JR	12-6-1950	6-20-2024		Chosin Reservoir	Marion, CO

POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

Title	Author
Leave No Man Behind	Bill Bell
Why Didn't You Get Me Out	Frank Aton
Kiss The Boys Goodbye	Monika Jensen-Stevenson & William Stevenson
Betrayed	Joseph D. Douglass, Jr
Still Waiting	Linda Cope
An Enormous Crime	Bill Hendon and Elizabeth A Stewart
Scars and Strips	Captain Eugene "RED" McDaniel USN Retired
Reflections on Captivity	Porter Alexander Halyburton

Note: Books marked in RED are highly recommended reads.

Recommended Web Sites

Title	URL
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)	http://www.dpaa.mil/
Biographies on Prisoners of War and Missing in Action	http://www.pownetwork.org/bios.htm
Rolling Thunder National	http://www.rollingthunder1.com/
National League of POW/MIA Families	http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/
Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1	http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	http://esgr.mil/in
Veterans Support Council of Marion County	http://www.vscmc.com/
Veterans Events	http://www.veteranevents.org/
American Ex-Prisoners of War	http://www.axpow.org/default.htm

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