

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!



July 2024 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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

Chapter Officers



President: Michael Clark
Craig

Vice President: David

President News

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Page 2 of the newsletter list our July 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 will be the first round of nominations for officers, and the last opportunity to make nominations is at the August Chapter meeting. 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 4-8 of the newsletter for more details on the election.

I'm happy to announce that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has identified one of our Indiana Korean War MIAs. Master Sergeant Wallace Simmons was reported killed, body not recovered on December 6, 1950. Master Sergeant Simmons of Marion County was identified on June 20, 2024. MSG Simmons is the third Hoosier who has been returned from the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. See page 9.

Page 11-14 list the upcoming events for July and 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 July and hope we 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.

Riding motorcycles is something that we all love to do for pleasure, and as part of our mission. In today's world, with cell phones and crazy drivers, motorcycle riders have to be extremely careful while riding and assume everyone is out to hit you. I think all of us that ride, realize when we put our leg over the seat of a motorcycle, we are taking a chance.

Bill and Debbie Bailey was in a motorcycle accident last month while riding the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bill sustained some substantial injuries and will have a long recovery. Debbie was driving the motorcycle and was able to hang onto the handlebars and wasn't hurt. Please keep the Bailey family in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday July 21, 2024

July 2024 Birthday's



Denise Van Brunt 7-2

Diana Jones 7-8

Fredrick (Mack) McMurray 7-12

Ellis Hinkle 7-15

Rocco Brunelle 7-18

Ed Newbill 7-18

Ralph Spangle 7-20

John Higgins 7-21

Larry Wilson 7-23

Eric Meyers 7-28

Bud Burnside 7-31

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**



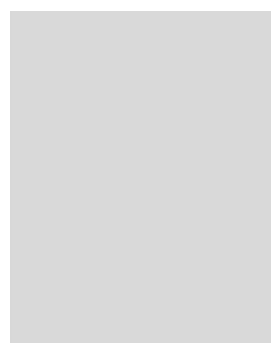
**Chairman of the Board
Jeff "Fuzzy" Thatcher**



**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.

Master Sergeant Wallace Simmons
Korean War MIA
Identified June 20, 2024

Name: Wallace Simmons Jr

From: **Marion County, Indiana**

Casualty Date: December 6, 1950

Service Branch: Army

Rank: Sergeant First Class (DPAA Reports Master Sergeant)

Specialty: Field Artillery Liaison Chief

Unit/Group: Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division

Casualty Type: MIA Missing in Action Declared Dead

Location: North Korea, Battle of Chosin Reservoir

The Battle of Chosin Reservoir, also known as the Chosin Reservoir Campaign was a decisive battle in the Korean War. On 27 November, the Chinese Army surprised UN Forces at the Chosin Reservoir area. A brutal 17-day battle in freezing weather and rough terrain soon followed. In the period between 27 November and 13 December 1950, 30,000 United Nations troops were encircled and attacked by approximately 120,000 Chinese troops.

The cold weather was accompanied by frozen ground, resulting in frostbite casualties, icy roads, and weapon malfunctions. In the end over 17,000 UN forces were killed or wounded or missing in action, or died of wounds. The Chinese suffered 3 times that amount.

Master Sergeant Simmons is the third Indiana Service Member that has been identified from the Chosin Reservoir battle.

Challenge Coin

While there are several stories as to its origin, one thing that is undeniable is that they started in the military.

In the Roman Empire, the ancient Rome Empire dating to 27 BC to the modern Roman Empire collapsing in 476 AD it is said that Roman soldiers that excelled in battle, would receive their typical day's wages along with a separate bonus coin. Those coins might have been specially minted featuring the marks of the legions from which they came. Those coins were cherished and not spent, just as the challenge coin is today, cherished and kept.

During the Renaissance (14th through the 17th century) there was a coin known as 'Portrait Medals' that were used to commemorate specific events.

The first instance of using a coin as a response to an actual challenge may come from the 17th century religious wars in France. French Protestants suffered persecution by the State for their illegal religion. While many Protestants fled France, those that stayed carried a *méreau* (meal-ho) communion coin. The coin was used to gain entry to the Protestant church and distinguished them from a spy.



Yet another story, the challenge coin originated during WWI. It is an interesting story that involved a pilot being shot down, captured by the Germans who took all of his personal identification except the bronze medallion that a wealthy lieutenant had ordered and presented to his unit. Then escaping, donning civilian clothes, and making his way to the front line and through no-man's land into friendly forces, it was the medallion that was recognized saving him from being accused and executed as a saboteur.

Today we see Challenge Coins for U.S. Presidents, NASCAR, NFL, police and fire departments, motorcycle clubs, and the list goes on and on.

Getting your hands on a challenge coin these days might feel like you're part of a covert operation, often passed through a secret handshake. While it's not a hard and fast rule, this subtle exchange adds a layer of mystique to the tradition.

Rule for Challenging. There are many.....and may vary depending on the organization. The act of challenging is called a 'coin check' and is usually loudly announced. The challenge is the most common way to ensure that members are carrying their unit's coin.

The challenge can be made at any time. The challenger drawing his/her coin and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. In the noisy environment it could be the tapping or rapping the coin on a surface to initiate the challenge. Accidentally dropping a challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.

Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged, produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group.

While most holders of challenge coins usually carry them in their pockets or in some other readily accessible place on their persons, most versions of the rules permit a challenged person 'a step and a reach' or if an individual has an extra coin to pass it off the person closest to them. However, a coin worn on a belt buckle or key chain are not acceptable for meeting the challenge, as the coin would need to be defaced in some fashion.

Our quartermaster (Spark Plug) has our own Chapter challenge coin available for you. If you don't have yours, you may be buying.

Upcoming Events for July/August

July 10	Chapter Event Planning Meeting
July 21	Board/Chapter Meeting
July 27	Thunder off the Rail (Veterans Home Fundraiser)
July 30	8th Annual USS Indianapolis Honor Watch
August 7	Chapter Event Planning Meeting

Chapter Event Planning Meeting

The Chapter event planning meeting occurs the first Wednesday of each month. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming events and what needs to be done to make it a successful event. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

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 **first opportunity** to make nominations for Chapter Officers. Ron "Chief" Flora will be our Guest speaker and has a 37 minute video to show from one of our Ride to the Wall events. **The Board meeting will be from 11:00 - 12:45. The Chapter meeting starts at 1:00PM.**

Thunder off the Rail

This is a fund raising event for the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana hosted by Avon American Legion Post 145. The event will start at the American Legion and ride to the Indiana Veterans Home and have lunch with the Veterans. After lunch, the group will head back to the American Legion for a Car Show, Silent Auction and Gaming. See flyer on page 12 of the newsletter for additional details.

8th Annual USS Indianapolis Honor Watch

The Chapter has been invited to perform the Roll Call ceremony for the **31** Indiana Hoosier heroes, who served on the USS Indianapolis, and gave the ultimate sacrifice on July 30th, 1945 when the USS Indianapolis was sunk by the Japanese Navy. We'll need Chapter Members to help with the Roll Call ceremony by reading the names of the **31** that lost their lives on that terrible day.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this special ceremony on Sunday July 30th at the USS Indianapolis Memorial.

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August 10	Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial Ride, Rockville Indiana
August 12-18	Wall that Heals Morgan County, Mooresville Indiana
August 17	Veterans Ride
August 18	Board/Chapter Meeting
August 24	Veterans Center Support Event

Rockville Indiana Ride

The Rockville Ride is hosted by CentreBank and VFW Paul Taylor Post 1752. 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 that Heals comes to Martinsville Indiana on August 12th 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 14.

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 fund raiser for the Veterans Center hosted by the Chapter. The event is still in the planning stages and details will be forthcoming. Request that you save the date and plan on helping with the event.

THUNDER OFF THE RAIL



JULY 27, 2024

Fundraiser for the
INDIANA VETERANS HOME
in Lafayette



Registration @ 9:00a • KSU @ 10:00a

Breakfast available for purchase 7:30 - 10:00a

\$25 Motorcycle • \$25 Auto • \$15 Passenger

*Includes lunch at the Indiana Veterans Home
shared with patients and staff*

After the ride, return to Post 145 for a **CAR SHOW,**
SILENT AUCTION, and **GAMING**

Music by **SOUTHERN BRIDGES** • 7p-11p

Food available for sale on site for an evening meal

Avon American Legion Post 145 • 4812 East Main, Avon

GAMING LICENSE#010983 • IGC#153279

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

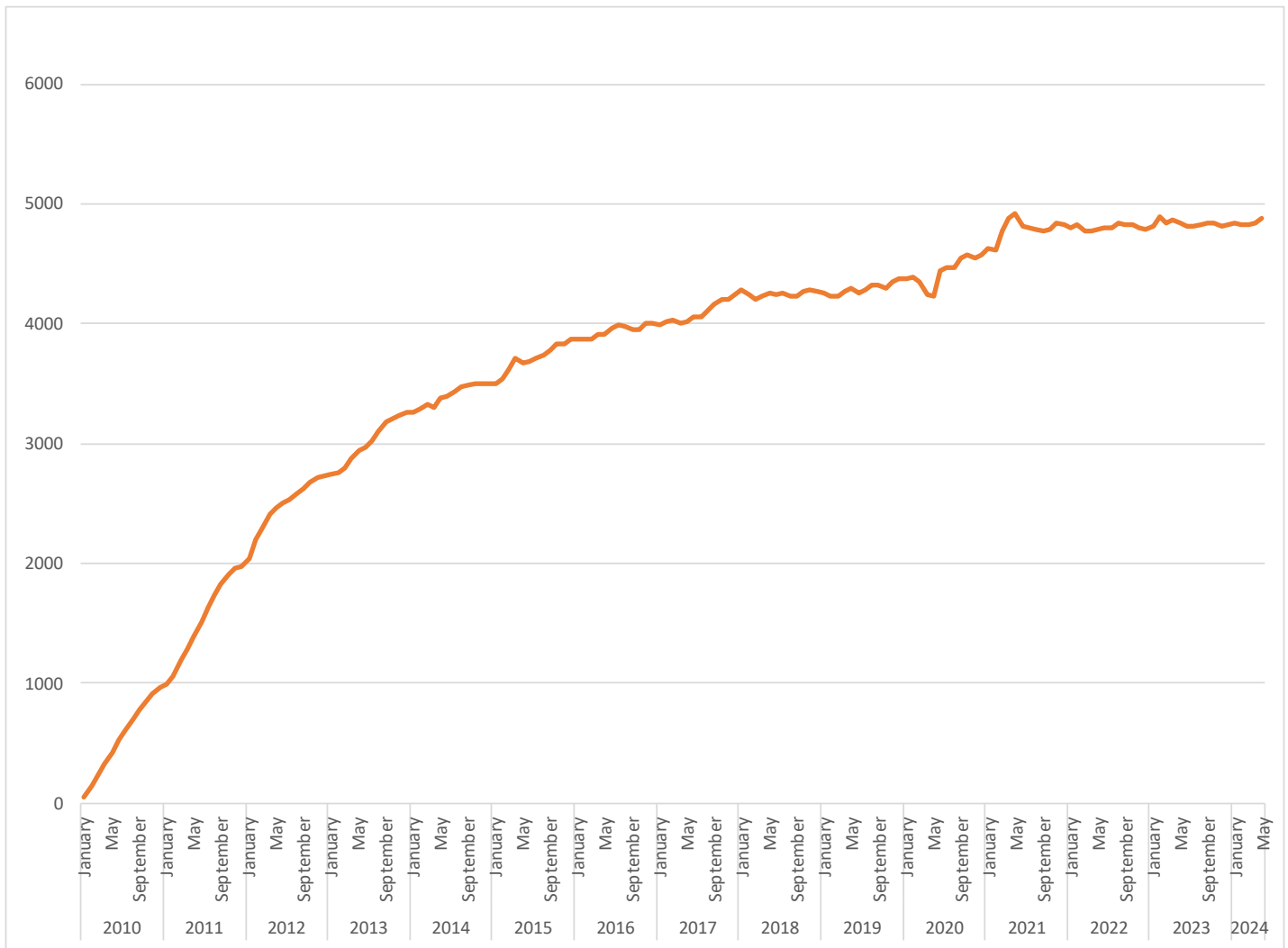
All proceeds from the Veterans Ride will go
towards two veteran-supporting charities.

Dog Tags & Go Bags
Pets Healing Vets

All Bikes Are Welcome

\$20/Bike

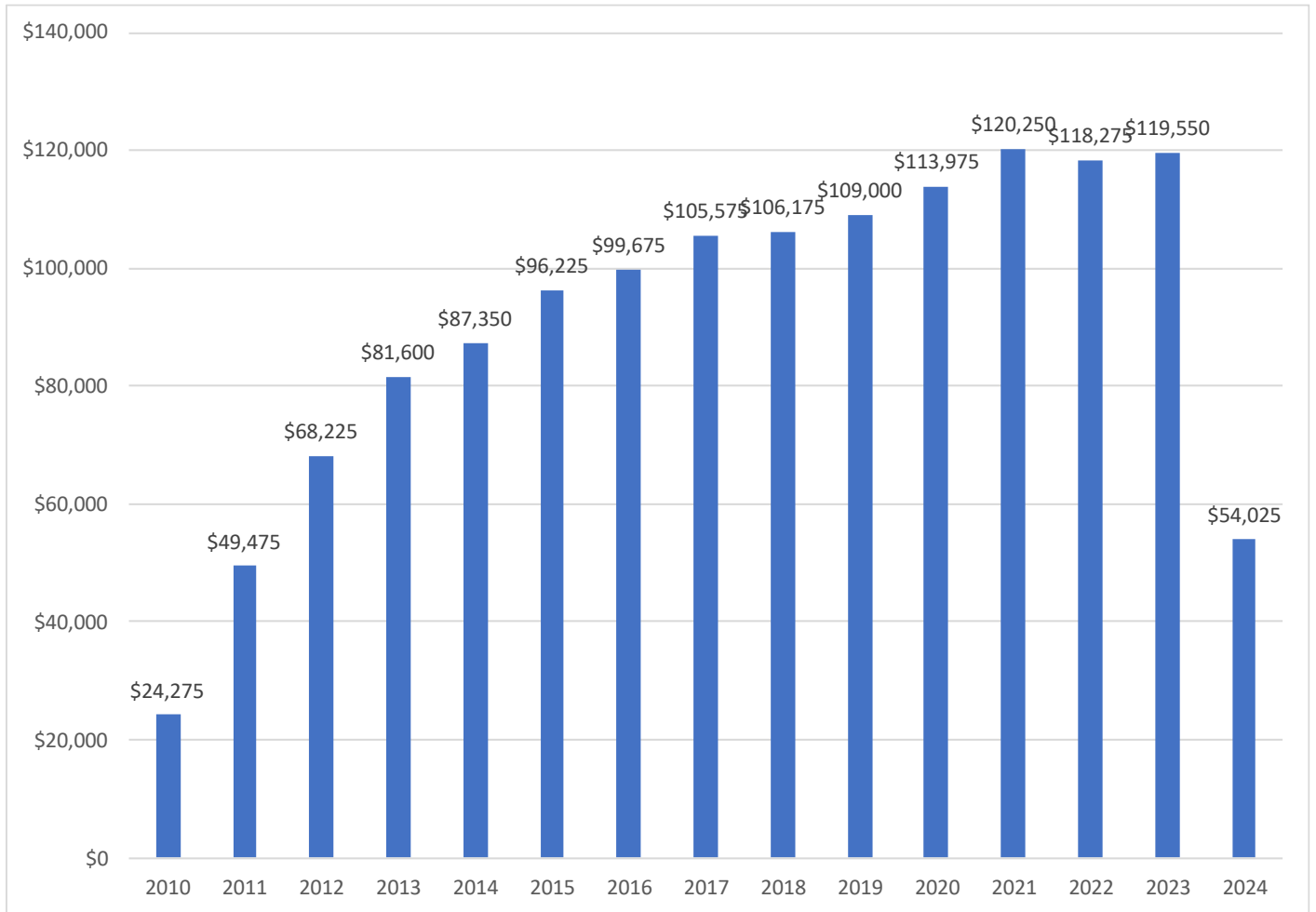
Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets As of May 31, 2024



As of May, 2024, we have **4,879** 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 39 plates up from this time last year.**

Please Note: The June plate sales will be announced at the July Chapter Meeting.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$1,353.650** 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 2024: 99

As of June 30, 2024

Accounted-For by War

WWII (76)

Korea (20)

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

The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge



Larry Paynter is a proud Marine, Chapter Member, and along with his wife Becky, own and operate the Coachman Restaurant & Lounge in Plainfield, IN. The Coachman is famous for mouthwatering Prime Rib, Fresh cut steaks, large seafood selection, and the best Pork Tenderloin sandwich anywhere.

The Coachman offers daily lunch, and dinner food specials, with discount on appetizers, desserts, wine, liquor, and beer.

Join us for great food, and service along with our beautiful Patio for outside dining and entertainment (weather permitting). The Coachman is located at 6112 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168

Mr. Paynter with his wife
Becky. Hard to believe that a
Marine could make such a catch

Visit the Coachman at <http://www.thecoachmanrestaurant.com>



The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge

10% discount with this coupon

Not available with any other discounts

Always remember our American POWs and MIAs





Ed Duam is a long time Rolling Thunder Chapter Member, and owner of the Do it Best Hardware store in Plainfield, IN. Ed has a great selection of hardware products for you do-it-yourselfers. If you are in a need of an American, POW-MIA, or State flag, see Ed. His flags are top American quality at a reasonable price.

Ed offers 10% discount to Veterans.

Web site: <http://www.plainfelddoitbest.com/>

Store Address: 1001 East Main Street, Plainfield, IN 46168 (317) 839-2353

Ed will love to see yea



This page is dedicated to our brothers and sisters that have gone on to ride the heavens

NEVER FORGET

Tookolo, Allen, Member, November 2002	Booth, Frank, Member, 2004
Walker, Bruce, Member, October 2004	Parish, Bruce "Buz", Past President, Sept 2008
Brinkley, Jon Past President, January 2009	Leck, Lou, Member, September 2009
Hall, Bruce, Member, March 2010	Gigle, Gene, Member, August 2011
Jolly, Ron Past Vice President, December 2011	Kaler, Steve, Past President, June 2012
Wilson, John, US Army WWII POW, July 2012	Loffredo, Nicholas, Member, August 2012
Freeman, James, Past Board, August 2012	Fulmer, Kenneth, Member, August 2012
Huelskamp, Glenn, Member, February 2013	Hillis, George "Sam", May 2013
Winters, Steve, Member, September 2013	Meyerrose, Timothy, Member, May 2014
Richard (Dick) Forrey, Member June 2015	Hutchinson, James Alt Board Member, Dec 2015
Mary Brodrick, Member April 2016	Van Brunt, Craig, May 2016
Gary Stanley, Member October 2017	Jimmie Earl Brown , Member August 2018
Ruth Smith, Member September 2018	Damon Gastineau , Member December 2018
Joseph Smith, Member April 2018	Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019
Walter "Wally" J. Dudek, Member November 2019	Joe Kernan, USN Vietnam War POW, July 2020
Melanie Bailey, Member November 25, 2021	Katherina Bean, Member December 14, 2021
Donald Leffler, Member December 20, 2021	Richard Harrington, Past COB, January 17, 2022
John Byers, Member August 27, 2022	Kaler, Shirley, Member October 13, 2022
James "Jim" Weaver, Member December 14, 2022	Joseph B. Stuart, Member July 20, 2023