

MIA Totals: WWI (3,344), WWII (72,674), Korean (7,631), Cold War (126), Vietnam (1,594), OEF, OIF (5)
Indiana WWII (1,508), Korean (174), Vietnam (50)

INCOMING!



June 2020 Newsletter

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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

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Chapter Officers

President: Michael Clark

Secretary: Bill Bailey

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson



President News

Chapter members, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. May, which is normally our busiest month has come and gone. The June newsletter is normally filled with pictures and information about our trip to Washington DC. This year, I was hoping to have a bunch of pictures and information about our Ride for Freedom Nationwide event that the Chapter had planned for Indiana. Due to COVID-19 that didn't happen either. However, with the good Lord willing, we'll have better days ahead.

I happy to announce that another one of our Indiana hero's is finally coming home. WWII MIA Marine Corps Reserve PFC Charles D. Miller, 19 Albany Indiana was accounted for on May 19, 2020. The Chapters Family Reference Sample (FRS) program and Jennifer Morrison was instrumental in helping the Miller family in identifying their love one. On January 22, 2014, Jennifer located a family member of PFC Miller and put them in contact with the Marine Corps POW/MIA section. With the DNA sample, PFC Miller was identified and will finally come home, The Miller family will finally have some closure. See page 6 of the newsletter.

Chapter Event Calendar. The Chapter event calendar will no longer be listed in the newsletter and will be located on our website at URL <http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/events.html>. Please monitor the event calendar on the website for updates. Unfortunately, a lot of our scheduled events for 2020 have been cancelled or rescheduled.

Chapter Elections. June is the start of the Chapter election process. In accordance with the National constitution, the Chapter is to be notified in June of the election and nominations for the officers positions will be taken in **July and August only**. Please remember, to be eligible to run for an officer position or VOTE, you must be a member in good standing. Member in good standing must have paid their membership dues, attended 3 Chapter meetings, and 3 Chapter events within the membership year. There are additional requirements for members that run for an officer position. **The membership year is from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.** The Chapter election will be on Sunday September 20, 2020 at the Chapter meeting. Please refer to pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter for the requirements and available positions. Please stay well and stay safe.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday June 14, 2020

June 2020 Birthday's



Barbara French (20)

Gregory Jones(01)

Michael Kraner (16)

Don Leasure (20)

Carla Medsker (28)

Randen Miller (26)

Happy Birthday to all

Ride to Batavia Ohio

May 23, 2020

On Saturday May 23rd, (20) Chapter Members staged at the Veterans Center for our ride to Batavia Ohio. The purpose of the ride was to keep up our sendoff tradition for the Ride to the Wall. The traditional day for our sendoff to Washington DC is the third Thursday in May. However, due to the thunder storms in Ohio, the ride was moved to Saturday. We ended up with (10) motorcycles and (4) 4-Wheelers in the group. I was hoping for many more Chapter Members to participate in the ride. However, I do appreciate the members that did show to support the event.

The weather going to Batavia was great, but a little wet coming back to Indiana. All in all, it was a good ride.



The group stopped at our normal fuel stop at the Petro Gas Station in New Point, Indiana.



The group stopped at the Batavia Ohio at the Marathon Gas Station for fuel and lunch. Some of us brought our lunch and other headed over to the local restaurants to grab some lunch.

2020

Chapter Elections

- In accordance to the National Constitution, all members will be duly notified of elections by an announcement at the June, July and August meeting.
- Only Rolling Thunder® members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- To be a member in good standing, you must have attended (3) Chapter meetings and (3) Chapter events with the membership year.
- Nominations will be taken at our July and August Chapter meetings only with the elections being held at our September 20th Chapter Meeting.
- The member being nominated must have attended six (6) Chapter meetings in the last twelve (12) months.
- **Therefore, the nominee attendance requirement will be six (6) Chapter meetings and three (3) events within the membership year.**
- The membership year is from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.
- In accordance with Indiana Chapter #1, Chapter Rules, dated 19 January 2020, "Anyone wishing to run for the office of President, and Chairman of the Board, must first have held another office, i.e.: Treasure, Secretary, or Board member, for a full term, with Indiana Chapter #1.
- Any qualified patch wearing (Rocker/Eagle) Chapter Member in good standing may run for the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Board Member position.
- The election committee for the 2020 Chapter election will be announced at the July Chapter meeting.
- The election committee will be responsible for taking the nominations for officers, hand out, collect, and count the ballots after the election in September.

Chapter Election

The Positions that are up for Nomination

Vice President

Vacant

Chapter Treasurer



Terry (Flash) Sanderson



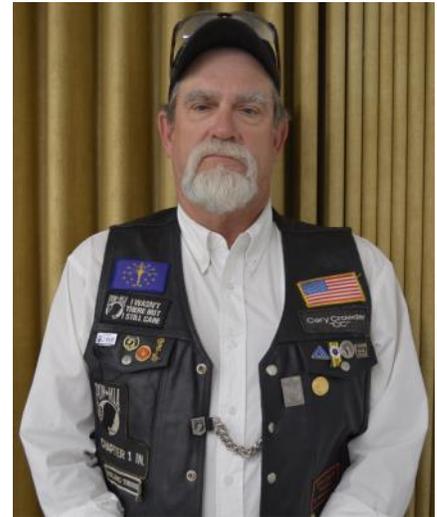
Chairman of the Board

Vern Rensing



Board Member

Shawn Utterback



Board Member

Cary Crowder

These positions will be for a two year term

WWII MIA Marine Corps Reserve PFC Charles D. Miller, 19 Albany Indiana was accounted for on May 19, 2020



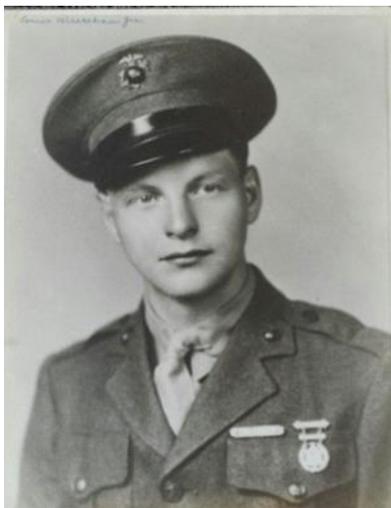
From November 20 through 23, 1943, the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy carried out Operation GALVANIC, a large-scale amphibious assault on the Japanese-held atoll of Tarawa. Located 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii, Tarawa was a crucial stepping stone in the planned U.S. offensive across the central Pacific toward Japan. The Japanese garrison on Tarawa's main island of Betio was well-entrenched with hundreds of bunkers and gun positions behind formidable beach obstacles. The first wave of Marines approaching the shore encountered lower-than-expected tides, forcing them to leave their landing craft on the reef and wade the hundreds of yards to the beach under intense enemy fire. The heaviest number of U.S. casualties were suffered during this phase of the landing.

Eventually, rising tides allowed U.S. warships to maneuver closer to shore and support the troops with effective naval gunfire. More Marines landed on the second day, launching attacks inland from the beaches and seizing the Japanese airfield on the island. However, the enemy launched vicious counterattacks and two more days of intense fighting were needed to secure Betio. The last enemy strongpoints were taken on the morning of November 23. The fighting on Betio cost the Marines nearly 3,000 casualties but enabled U.S. forces to press further across the Pacific, and yielded valuable tactical lessons that reduced U.S. losses in future amphibious landings.

Private First Class Charles Donald Miller, who entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Indiana, served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. He was killed in action during the Battle of Tarawa on November 22, 1943. He was buried on Betio Island, but subsequent investigations could not identify his remains among those recovered from the Betio burial sites. Today, Private First Class Miller is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. On January 22, 2014, Jennifer Morrison, Chair of the Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1 Family Reference Sample (FRS) Committee, found the family of PFC Miller and put them in contact with the Marine Corps POW/MIA Section. This reestablished lines of communication with Satchy's family regarding the ongoing recovery and repatriation efforts, and offered his cousin the opportunity to provide a Family Reference DNA Sample, should it be necessary for PFC Miller's identification. Thanks to the efforts of Jennifer and DPAA, the Miller Family can finally have closer.

Marine PFC Louis Wiesehan

WWII MIA



PFC Wiesehan who was accounted for on September 23, 2019 was scheduled to come home on June 11th, 2020. However, the Wiesehan family rescheduled his return for **Thursday September 17, 2020**. The Chapter will join the Indiana Patriot Guard in escorting PFC Wiesehan from the Indianapolis airport to Richmond Indiana when he arrives. The date for PFC Wiesehan funeral services will be announced when known. PFC Wiesehan will be buried at the Goshen Cemetery in Richmond, Indiana.

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

2020 MIAs Accounted-For

DPAA 2020 Accounted for: 73

As of May 31, 2020

Accounted-For by War

WWII (51)

Korea (22)

Vietnam/Laos (0)

Accounted-For By Service

U.S Army (32)

U.S Army Air Forces (2)

U.S Marine Corps (11)

U.S Marine Corps Reserves (9)

U.S Navy (18)

U.S Navy Reserves (1)

U.S Air Force (0)

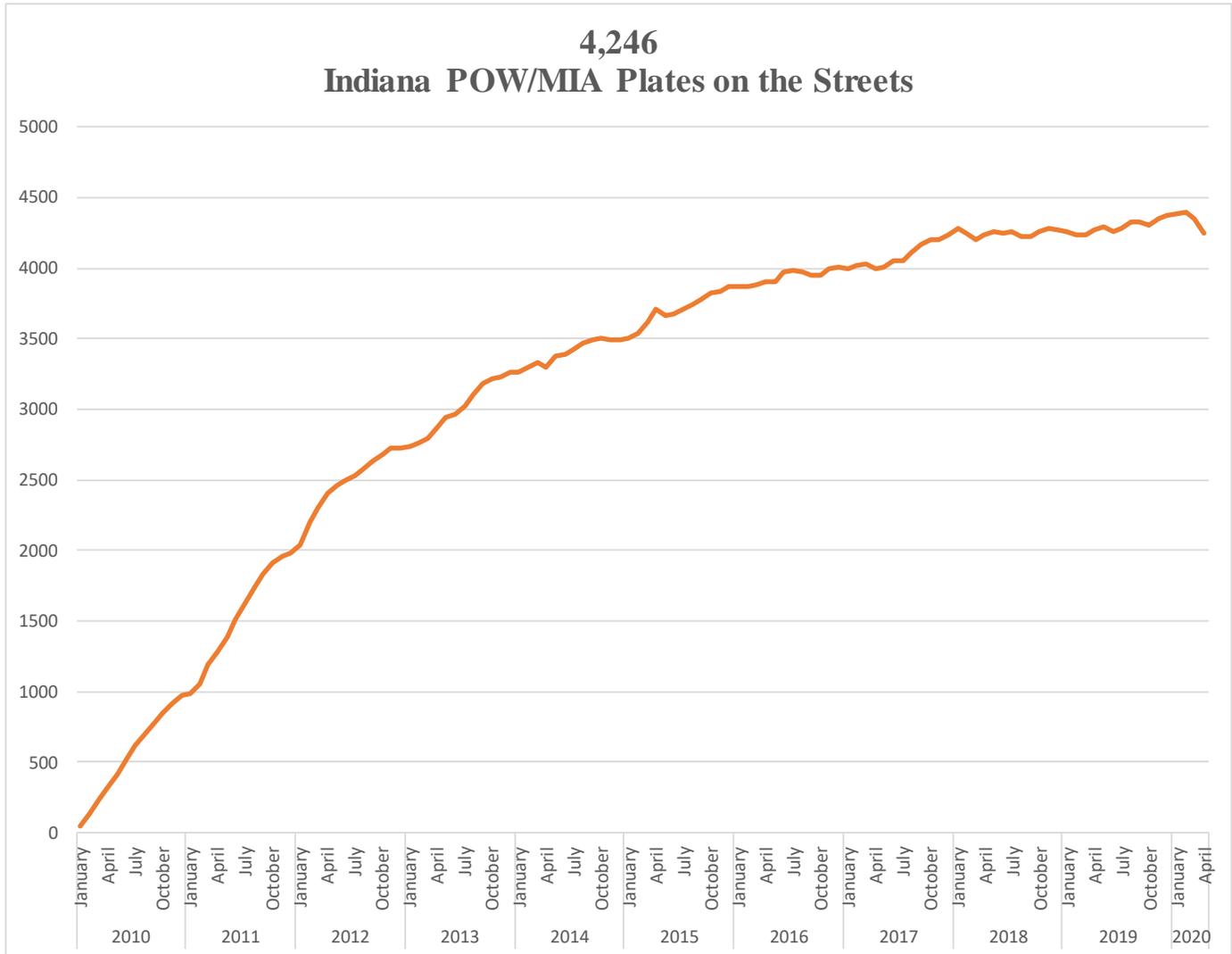
U.S Coast Guard (0)

Indiana Heroes that have been returned

| Name | DOL | Identified | Returned | County | HOR |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| PFC Army Clifford M. Mills | 9-18-1944 | 1-29-2019 | 3-30-2019 | Germany | Troy |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| PVT USMC William E. Ramboo | 11-20-1943 | 7-13-2019 | 7-20-2020 | Betio Island | LaPorte |
| SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler | 12-7-1942 | 3-27-2020 | 9-17-2020 | USS Oklahoma | Ft. Wayne |
| PFC USMC Charles D. Miller | 11-22-1943 | 5-19-2020 | | Tarawa Atoll | Albany |

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates

As of April 30, 2020

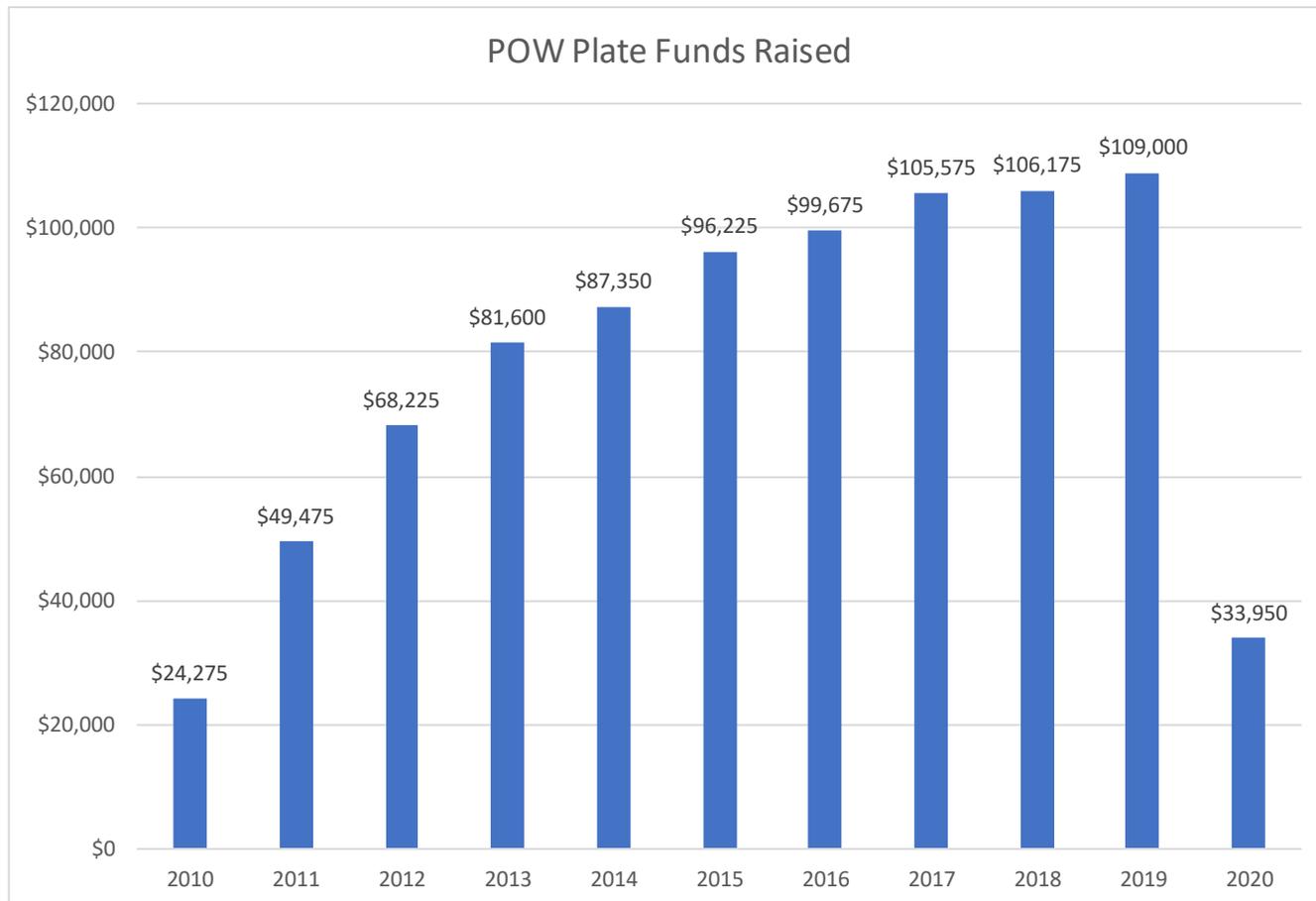


As of April 30, 2020 we have **4,246** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).

The above graph shows a slight dip in the sales/renewals of the plate in March and April. We need to make sure this dip does not continue to fall in the coming months. Please help advertise the plate as much as possible and let people know the value of the plate to our POW/MIA mission and our Indiana Veterans.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2020



Since the introduction of the Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate in January 2010, the plate has generated an estimated **\$861,525**.

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/MIAs, you will be helping our Indiana Veterans in need. **Purchase your Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Today.**

2020 INDY Honor Flight Schedule



Plainfield High School Plainfield Indiana

1 Red Pride Drive Plainfield, IN 46168

Honor Flight #33 *Cancelled*

Saturday September 12, 2020—Honor Flight #34 (**Program starts at 20:00**)

Greeting the Veterans at the Indianapolis Airport as they debark the plane is a great experience the all members should try and participate in. The Veterans appreciate us being there to welcome them home. The welcome celebration at the Plainfield and Decatur High Schools are also great experiences that you will enjoy and never forget.



State Government Affairs

Indiana House Bill: HB1086

Authored by Rep. Chuck Goodrich.

Co-Authored by Rep. Karlee Macer.

Bill Details:

Reservist tuition supplement program. Establishes the reservist tuition supplement program (program) and reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program and fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated.

Please contact Representative Tim Brown who is the House Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. Representative Brown decides what bills get a hearing.

Representative Brown's email is H41@iga.in.gov, Phone Number is 317-232-9650.

Status on bill can be tracked at <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/house/1086>

The Indiana Reservist put their lives on the line just like the Indiana National Guard and deserves the same benefits as the Indiana National Guard.

Call Representative Brown's office today and let him know that you support HB1086 and it deserves to be heard.

Federal Government Affairs

Senate Bills

S.514 - "Deborah Sampson Act “ Benefits for Women Veterans.”

S.785 - “A bill to improve mental health for Veterans”

S.1673 - Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

House Bills

H.R.326 - “Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2019

H.R.1350 – (Corey Adams) “Green Alert throughout the United States”

H.R.712 - “VA Medicinal Cannabis Research ACT OF 2019”

H.R.2201 - To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes. 116th Congress (2019-2020)

H.R.2819 - Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act

Please contact your Indiana Representatives as ask them to cosponsor the above bills. Details on the bills can be found at <https://congress.gov/> then click on **Legislation**.

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Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Rolling Thunder® Ride for Freedom Nationwide, the drawing for the above motorcycle has been extended until June 1, 2021.

POW*MIA Chair of Honor

2020 Venue Goals

The POW*MIA Chairs of Honor are important tools for the Chapter to help remind the public that we have over 82,000 service members still listed as unaccounted for Nation wide since WWII, and they must **NOT BE FORGOTTEN**. To date, we have **(12)** POW*MIA Chairs of Honor installed in venues throughout Indiana. Our first COH was installed at the Lucas Oil Stadium on November 2, 2014 and the latest one at the Plainfield High School on September 19, 2019.

These special chairs will remind thousands of people of the men that fought for our freedom and still need to come home, live or dead.

The placement of these special chairs in High Schools is specialty important to remind the younger generations of the cost of war and the price of freedom.

Listed below are the POW*MIA Chair of Honor venues that the Chapter will focus on in 2020.

TBD - INDY 500 Festival

The upholstery of the chair is complete and working on the display.

TBD - Indiana Disable American Veterans (IDAV)

The upholstery shop has the chair and working on it.

TBD - Purdue University - The Chair is done and in the Veterans Center until the University can resume classes and accept the chair. Special thanks to David (Duke) Wooldridge for the great job on the chair.

Chapter Sponsorship

Funding is necessary for the Chapter to continue on with its mission of bringing awareness to the public about our Service Members that are still unaccounted for and haven't come home. Tools like the POW*MIA Chairs of Honor is an important tool to help us accomplish that mission. These special Chairs require funds to make them possible.

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on donations from our Members, Supporters, and Sponsors. With the COVID-19 virus still an issue, our sponsorship drive will be a real challenge this year.

Listed below are the benefits that the Chapter offers at each level. Sponsors that require 501 (c)(3) tax exempt can make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities as described on the next page.

**Download Sponsorship information from our website with the following URL
<http://www.indianarollingthunder.com/sponsorRTIN1.html>**



Sergeant Sponsorship – Donation of \$800 and over

- Plaque to display at your home or business as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



Corporal Sponsorship – Donation of \$500 to \$800

- Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.
- POW/MIA Flag to fly at your home or place of business.
- You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.



Private Sponsorship – Donation of \$200 - \$500

Certificate of Appreciation to display as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

You or your business will be posted on the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 website for 1 year as a proud sponsor of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

Note: In-Kind donations less than \$200 will receive a thank you letter for your support of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 and our POW/MIA Mission. No matter how small or large the donation, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 appreciates and welcomes all donations.

Chapter Sponsorship Continue

Donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc.

Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) entity of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. National. Donations made through Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. is tax deductible. Sponsors that require a tax deduction will need to make their donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities. When the sponsor makes a donation through Rolling Thunder® Charities, they must specify to direct the donation to **Indiana Chapter 1**. The sponsor can mail the check directly to Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc, or to the Chapter and we'll send the check to Charities.

Make Check payable to **Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc.**

Ask the sponsor to add comment on the check to direct this donation to **Indiana Chapter 1**

Mail your donation check to the following address:

Rolling Thunder Charities, Inc.

P.O Box 327

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

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In stock Red and White Polo Shirts
All sizes
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POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

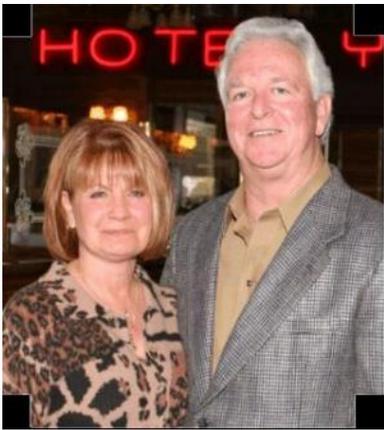
| Title | Author |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Leave No Man Behind | Bill Bell |
| Why Didn't You Get Me Out | Frank Aton |
| Kiss The Boys Goodbye | Monika Jensen-Stevenson & William Stevenson |
| Betrayed | Joseph D. Douglass, Jr |
| Still Waiting | Linda Cope |
| An Enormous Crime | Bill Hendon and Elizabeth A Stewart |

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.

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Mr. Paynter with his wife
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Marine could make such a catch

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The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge

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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.

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

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

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

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| 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, 2018 | Linda Cope, Past Secretary June 2019 |
| Walter “Wally” J. Dudek, Member November 2019 | |