

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!



November 2024 Newsletter

**ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.**

**Indiana Chapter #1**

*“POW-MIA – You are not Forgotten”*

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*Chapter Officers*



**President:** Michael Clark

**Vice President:** Darryle Swartzlander

**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 November birthday members. I wish you all a happy birthday and hope you have many more.

On October 9th, the Chapter dedicated its 17th POW\*MIA Chair of Honor at the Rushville Elks Lodge #1307 in Rushville Indiana. The Elks Lodge did a great job preparing the location where the chair is located. After the Chair of Honor dedication ceremony, we did a POW/MIA Flag raising for the Elks Lodge. On November 27th, the Chapter will dedicate our 18th POW\*MIA Chair of Honor at the Rushville High School Gym. Please monitor your email for additional details.

Chapter members attended the Rolling Thunder® Annual National Conference in Washington DC from October 31st to November 3rd. The conference was well attended by the other Chapters with a lot of good discussions. **Pages 8-9** of the newsletter is a copy of my trip report from the conference. The main topic of discussion was the changes to the National Constitution relating to the Ride for Freedom and wearing your Rolling Thunder® vest, and attire in Washington DC during the Memorial Day Weekend. This topic will be discussed at the November Chapter meeting.

I thank everyone who participated in the Veterans Day Parade. The weather was great and we had a decent showing at the parade. The parade is a great opportunity for the Chapter bring awareness of our POW/MIA mission to the public.

Pages **13-17** of the newsletter is the quarterly and annual report provided by MFRF on the income and expenditures of the funds collected for the sale of the POW/MIA license plate. As you can see from the report, the plate fund is helping a lot of Veterans.

The fund raising effort for the HVAF Fire Assistance has been great and I thank all of the members that have made donations or pledges. If you made a pledge, please bring the funds to the Chapter meeting on Sunday. The Chapter Treasurer will provide the funding to HVAF on Monday November 18th.

**The next Chapter meeting is Sunday November 17, 2024**

## November 2024 Birthday's



Julie Craig 11-4

Judy Brinkley 11-5

Barbara Clark 11-12

Steve Fulford 11-22

Leonard Enterkin 11-24

Randall Cope 11-29

Brenda Stanley 11-30

**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.

**Rushville Elks Lodge #1307  
POW\*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication  
October 9, 2024**

On October 9th, the Chapter dedicated it's 17th POW\*MIA Chair of Honor at the Rushville Elks Lodge #1307 in Rushville Indiana.



To help unveil the POW\*MIA Chair of Honor was the Exalted Ruler Gordon McGowan, the Past Exalter Ruler Marty Mahan, and the Trustee and Veterans Committee Chair, Tim Caudill.





**Rushville Elks Lodge #1307  
POW\*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication  
October 9, 2024**

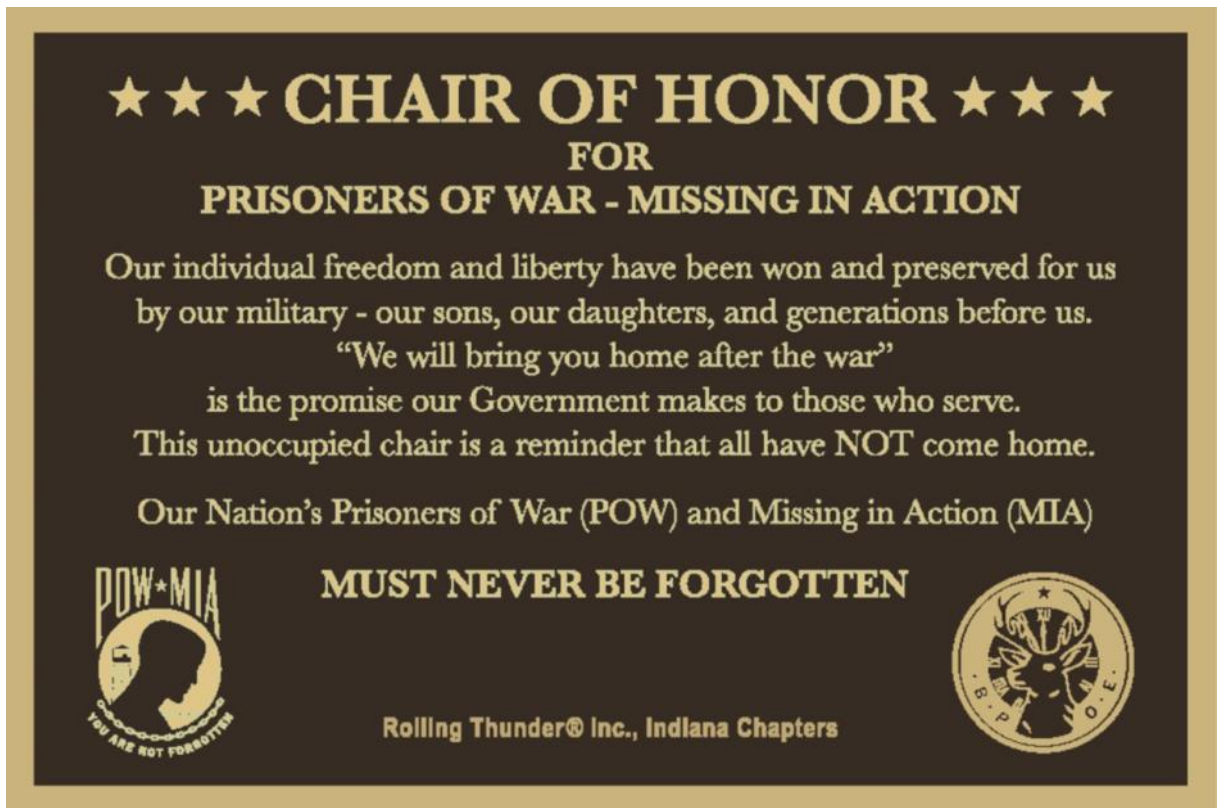


**Refurbishing the Chair**

After receiving the Chair from the Elks Lodge, Don Leasure and David Farris worked on refurbish the frame. David Farris built the stand that the plaque is mounted on to have a better presentation of the plaque. Steve of Smitty's Indy Marine did the reupholstering and Embroidery Plus embroidered the POW/MIA Logo on the material. The pictures below shows what the Chair looked like in the beginning and the finish product.



**Rushville Elks Lodge #1307  
POW\*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication  
October 9, 2024**



**The Plaque Reads:**

Our individual freedom and liberty have been won and preserved for us by our military, our sons, our daughters, and generations before us. **“We will bring you home after the war”** is the promise our Government makes to those who serve.

This unoccupied chair is a reminder that all have NOT come home.

Our Nation’s Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) **MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN**. This chair is reserved as a seat of honor that **THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN”**.

**Special thanks** goes to Gordon McGowan, Marty Mahan, and Tim Caudill for giving us the opportunity to install this special chair in the Elks Lodge, David Farris for refinishing the Chair and building the plaque stand, Steve of Smitty’s Indy Marine for reupholstering the Chair, Embroidery Plus of Indianapolis for embroidering the POW/MIA Logo, and the Rushville Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter for donating the flags, flag poles/stands, rope stanchions, and the military logo display.



## INDY Honor Flight #44

### October 26, 2024

Chapter members went to the Indianapolis Airport and the Plainfield High School to welcome home our Veterans that were on INDY Honor Flight #44. INDY Honor Flight #44 had approximately 86 Veterans that went to Washington DC to see their memorials.

The flight included WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Veterans. Several of the Veterans that we spoke with commented that they had a great time on the Honor Flight and appreciated us being there to welcome them home.

This was the first Honor Flight for new members, Matthew Bonebrake and Stephanie Raykovich and they had a great time welcoming home our Veterans.



Marine Tom Hutchinson was greeted as he debarked the plane.

## **Rolling Thunder® National Conference**

### **October 31st - November 3rd**

The Conference was well attended by other Rolling Thunder® Chapters with a lot of good discussion about different subjects. All in all, the conference was very informative and productive. The below trip report highlights some of the discussion at the conference.

### **National**

The theme of the weekend determined by the National President Carlos Ferrero was "**WE**" - highlighting the power of unity in achieving our goals.

The Chapter members in attendance was Mike Clark, Darryle Swartzlander, Jeff Thatcher, Ed Newbill, David Craig, Greg Thompson, and Alex Barile.

### **Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Thursday was a travel day to Washington DC. Mike, Jeff and Ed rode with Jeff Thatcher and David followed on his motorcycle. Darryle and Greg departed on the 30<sup>th</sup> on their motorcycles and met the group in Washington DC when we arrived in Washington. We departed the Veterans Center around 06:00 and arrived in Washington around 18:30. Upon arrival, Alex went to the local Pizza place and purchased Pizza for everyone.

### **Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Friday was the beginning of the Conference and started at 09:30 in the Washington Room. Doc Stewart, Facilitator, Carlos Ferreiro, National President, gave some opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the conference.

**National Media** – Nicole Chati and Mark Crabtree gave a briefing on the proper process to handle the media when approached by the media. They provided a guideline document with the Roles and Responsibilities. Nicole mentioned to not post pictures of other organization without their permission. She also mentioned that there have been some issues with the AMVETS taking pictures of Rolling Thunder members during the Ride to Remember and stating that Rolling Thunder is coming back to Washington DC. More details were provided at the Presidents meeting.

**POW Chair of Honor** – Elaine Martin provided information on the National POW\*MIA Chair of Honor program and provided a document with recommendations on what items to include in a dedication ceremony. Elaine asked the Chapter to share some of their Chair of Honor installations and how many Chairs each Chapter has installed. I gave a briefing on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Chair installation and mentioned that our Chapter has installed 17 Chairs and will soon be 18. The IL Chapter mentioned that they have installed 54 Chairs. The total amount of Chairs that have been installed was over 200.

**Cremains & Returned MIA Remains** – Mike Ferraro gave a briefing on finding unclaimed Veteran remains in Funeral homes and helped to coordinate a proper funeral for the Veterans. There was also some discussion between the Chapters on the escorts of MIA that they have done throughout the year.

**Camp Lejeune & Agent Orange** – Brian Amburgey of RT KY5, gave a briefing on the status of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act. This pertains to the issue with contaminated water at Camp Lejeune from 1953 to 1987. The Camp Lejeune Justice Act was signed into law in August of 2022 as part of the PACT Act to offer a federal solution for thousands of Veterans and their families who suffered illnesses caused by toxic water contamination while stationed at Camp Lejeune. Brian provided copies of Bills S.5257 and H.R 8545.



## **Rolling Thunder® National Conference**

### **October 31st - November 3rd**

**Wreath Across America** – Joe Weaver from National briefed the Wreath Across America program. A few Chapters shared their experiences with the program and recommended that Chapters purchase their Wreaths from the Wreath Across America to ensure that you get a real wreath instead of a plastic wreath. One of the Chapters mentioned that the Wreaths Across America will donate back \$5.00 to the organization for each wreath that they purchase. The Chapter saves the \$5.00 return for the next year's purchase. They also have fund raisers to purchase all of the wreaths that they need.

### **Presidents Meeting**

Friday evening National scheduled a meeting for Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Liaisons. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Constitution change section G, **Annual Memorial Day Weekend Event**. The Constitutional change will be discussed at the November Chapter Meeting.

### **Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order and started out with the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Mission Statement, Flame of freedom, Missing Man Table ceremony, Welcome Comments, Minutes of 2023m National treasure's report, and Tribute to Artie Muller.

**Tribute to Artie Muller** – National showed a video with DOC Stewart interviewing Artie. DOC and Artie went through the history of Rolling Thunder from the beginning to the end. Artie gave the history of Rolling Thunder that all members should review. DOC is still working on editing the video and will provide the final video to the Chapters when completed.

**Guest Speaker USAF Captain David Drummond.** – Captain Drummond was an Air Force pilot of a B-52D plane who was shot down in December 1972 and was a POW until operation Home Coming in March 1973. Captain Drummond showed some pictures of his plane and went over the details when his plane was hit by a missile, ejected, and was taken prisoner by the Vietnamese. Captain Drummond also showed some pictures of the Hanoi Hilton prison camp and the cell that he spent time in. At the conclusion, Captain Drummond showed some pictures of Vietnam when he returned and how modernized they have become.

Captain Drummond's wife Jill Drummond, was also present and wrote a book called "Allies in Healing". The book is about couple's toolkit of resources for recovering from Combat PTSD. The book can be purchased on eBay for \$9.00.

**Guest Speaker Steven Goris, Veterans Consular** – Mr. Goris is Veteran who did two tours in Afghanistan. Mr. Goris has a private pro411 consulting company that helps Veterans to understand their benefits and guides them through the process of filing for their benefits. Mr. Goris brief the membership on how he helped Veterans. His contact information is 813-235-2669, email [pro411consulting@gmail.com](mailto:pro411consulting@gmail.com), website: <https://www.ratingincrease.com/contact>.

### **Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Travel day back to Indianapolis .

## Rolling Thunder® National Conference October 31st - November 3rd



DOC Stewart was the facilitator of the meetings and did a great job,



National President Carlos Ferreiro, brief's the membership on issues and changes to the National constitution.



The National Conference ended Saturday evening with the annual banquet. The banquet had the option of a Beef or Chicken meal with some good Cheese Cake dessert. They also had drawings for some nice prizes and a 50/50 drawing with the winner taking home over \$1,400 in cash. Greg Thompson, our National conference FNG, thought the Conference was very informative and enjoyed it. Darryle took Greg under his wing and guided him through the conference.



## Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2024

On Veterans Day, 14 Chapter members went downtown to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. We ended up with 10 motorcycles and 3 vehicles. Tom and Donna led the Chapter with their new Jeep that had a Large American and a POW/MIA Flag mounted on the back of the jeep.

The weather was perfect for the Parade. The Veterans Day memorial service took place at the Indiana War Memorial. After the memorial service the 122<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne of the Indiana Air National Guard performed a two-ship F-16 flyover.

The parade kicked off around 12:00. As the Chapter passed by the grandstand, we stopped in front of the grandstand, dismounted our motorcycles and performed a present arms to the officer in charge of the parade. After the parade, some members went to Jakes Chili for lunch, and others went to other locations for a Veterans Day meal.

I thank the members that were able to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. It's always a good opportunity for the Chapter to bring awareness to the public about our POW/MIA mission..



## Marine Corps War Memorial Iwo Jima

The memorial is dedicated to all the Marines who lost their lives while fighting in the defense of the United States since 1775. The memorial is located in Arlington Ridge Park within the George Washington Memorial Parkway near the Ord-Weitzel Gate to the Arlington National Cemetery. Its unveiling was on 10 November 1954, the 179<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps.



The memorial was inspired by a photograph taken by combat photographer, Joe Rosenthal on February 23, 1945 of six Marines raising the American flag a top of Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. This flag was the second flag to be raised. It was determined that the first flag raised was not big enough to be seen by all the troops fighting on the other side of it at the south end of Iwo Jima.



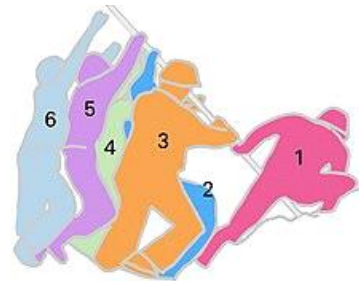
The original photograph.

Marine Sergeant Bill Genaust, a motion picture cameraman, filmed the event in color while standing next to Rosenthal. Genaust was killed by the Japanese when entering a cave on March 4, 1945. His remains have never been found.

Felix de Weldon, sculptor, conceived the idea for the memorial while serving in the Navy at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland. Weldon and Horace W. Peaslee, architect, designed the memorial and presented it to Congress. Funding was not possible during the war, however in 1947 a federal foundation was established to raise funds for the memorial. De Weldon spent 3 years making the full-size master model in plaster to be used in the bronze casting. Peaslee's base is made of black granite quarried from Sweden.

The six Marines depicted are:

- Position 1: Corporal Harlon H. Block (KIA)
- Position 2: Corporal Harold P. Keller
- Position 3: Private First Class Franklin R. Sousley (KIA)
- Position 4: Sergeant Michael Strank (KIA)
- Position 5: Private First Class Harold H. Schultz
- Position 6: Private First Class Ira H. Hayes



Dignitaries attending the dedication included President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Anderson.

*Written by Terry 'Flash' Sanderson  
November 5, 2024*





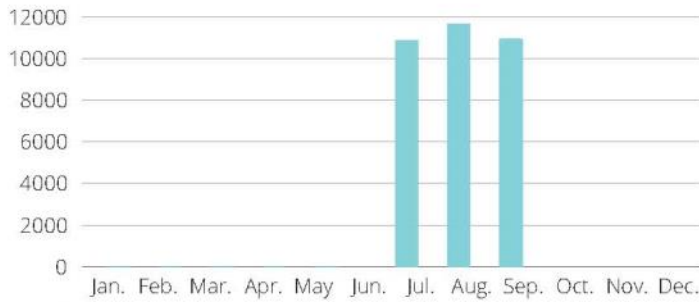
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**Q1-2024**

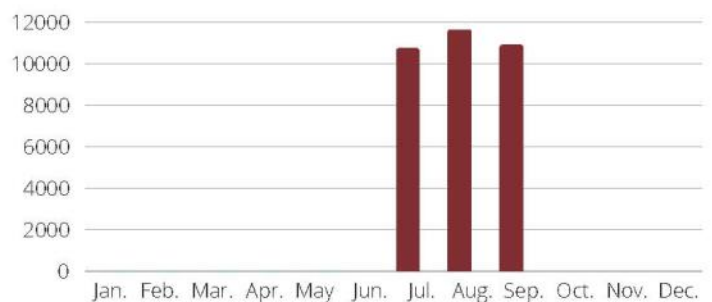
Indiana Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

**Q1 2024 Total Income to MFRF from  
Rolling Thunder: \$33,500.00**

**Q1 2024 Total Rolling Thunder/MFRF  
Expenditures: \$33,280.27**



**Jul. \$10,875.00 - Aug. \$11,675.00 - Sep. \$10,950.00**



**Jul. \$10,734.00 - Aug. \$11,644.00 - Sep. \$10,901.00**

**INDIANA VETERANS SERVED**

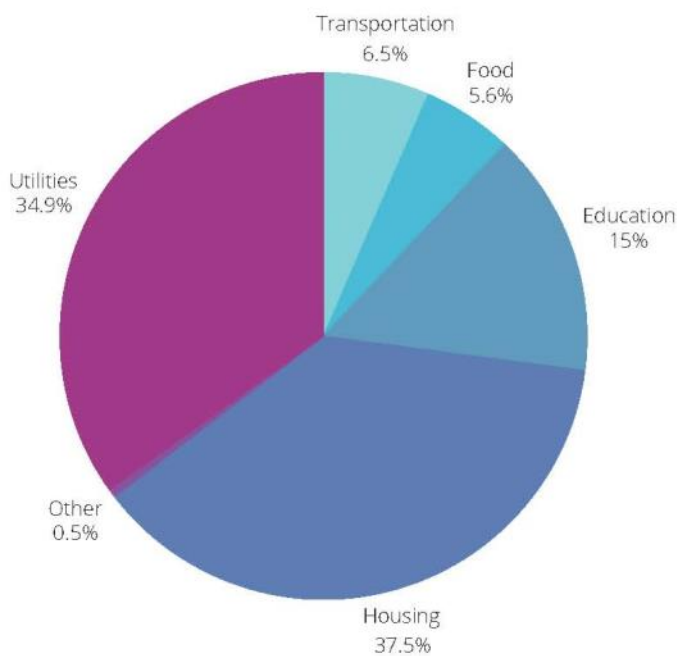
JULY	5
AUGUST	6
SEPTEMBER	6



**17 TOTAL INDIANA  
VETERANS SERVED  
Q1**



**\$33,280.27 in MFRF Expenditure by Need Q1**



**13 INDIANA  
COUNTIES  
SERVED**



**Average Assistance Per Veteran:**

**\$1,957.56**



**Rolling  
Thunder**

**Q2-2024**

Indiana Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

**Q2 2024 Total Income to MFRF from  
Rolling Thunder: \$21,675.00**

**Q2 2024 Total Rolling Thunder/MFRF  
Expenditures: \$21,614.46**



**Oct. \$9,550.00 - Nov. \$6,800.00 - Dec. \$5,325.00**



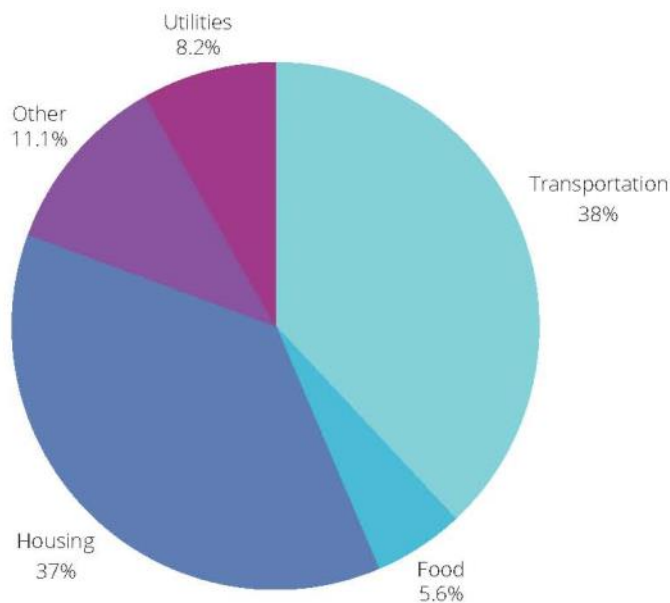
**Oct. \$9,499.79 - Nov. \$6,829.20 - Dec. \$5,285.47**

**INDIANA VETERANS SERVED**

OCTOBER	5
NOVEMBER	4
DECEMBER	3



**\$21,614.46 in MFRF Expenditure by Need Q2**



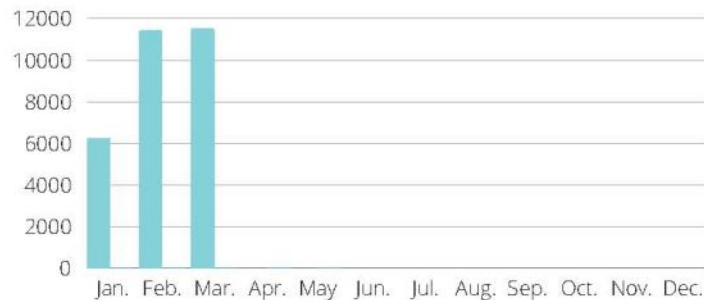


**Rolling  
Thunder**

**Q3-2024**

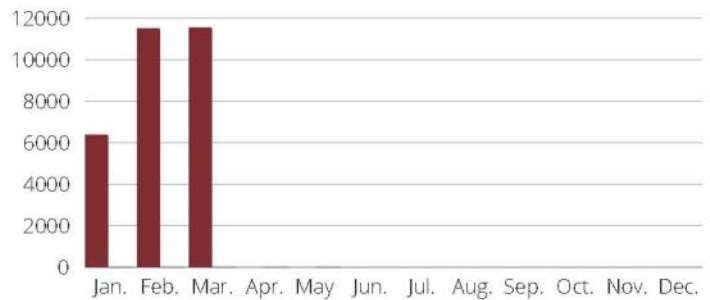
Indiana Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

**Q3 2024 Total Income to MFRF from  
Rolling Thunder: \$29,200.00**



**Jan. \$6,250.00 - Feb. \$11,425.00 - Mar. \$11,525.00**

**Q3 2024 Total Rolling Thunder/MFRF  
Expenditures: \$29,474.43**



**Jan. \$6,394.91 - Feb. \$11,517.44 - Mar. \$11,562.08**

**INDIANA VETERANS SERVED**

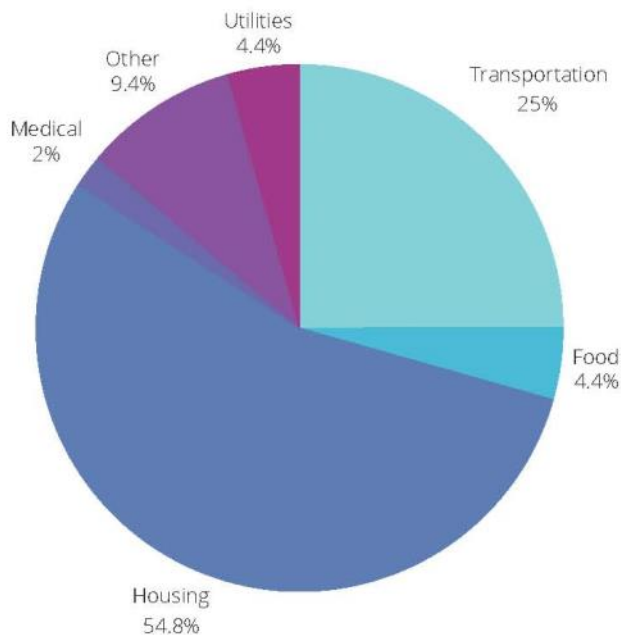
JANUARY	4
FEBRUARY	6
MARCH	7



**17 TOTAL INDIANA  
VETERANS SERVED  
Q3**



**\$29,474.43 in MFRF Expenditure by Need Q3**



**8 INDIANA  
COUNTIES  
SERVED**



**Average Assistance Per Veteran:**

**\$1,733.79**



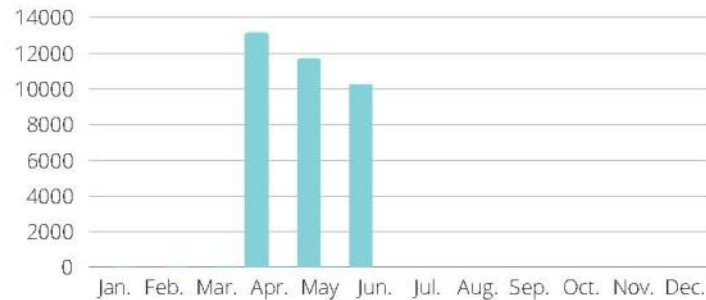


**Rolling  
Thunder**

**Q4-2024**

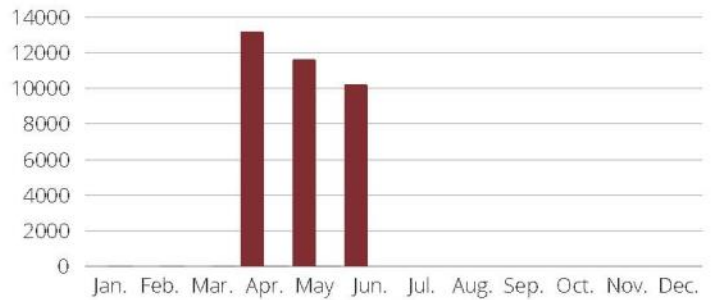
Indiana Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

**Q4 2024 Total Income to MFRF from  
Rolling Thunder: \$35,050.00**



**Apr. \$13,125.00 - May. \$11,675.00 - Jun. \$10,250.00**

**Q4 2024 Total Rolling Thunder/MFRF  
Expenditures: \$35,030.15**



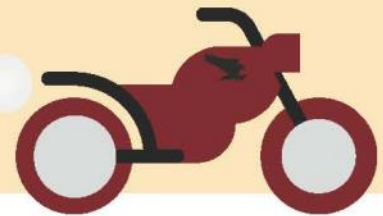
**Apr. \$13,193.52 - May. \$11,617.34 - Jun. \$10,219.29**

**INDIANA VETERANS SERVED**

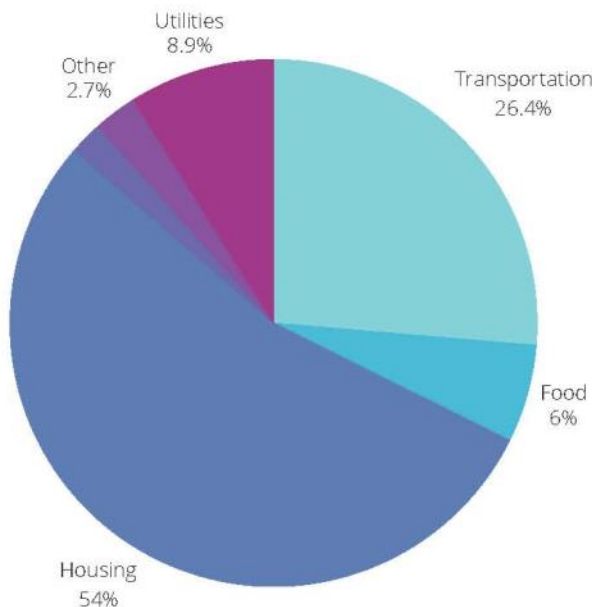
APRIL	6
MAY	6
JUNE	3



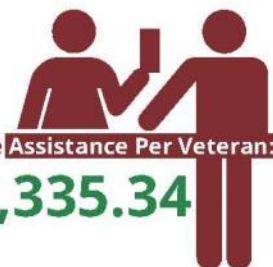
**15 TOTAL INDIANA  
VETERANS SERVED  
Q4**



**\$35,030.15 in MFRF Expenditure by Need Q4**



**10 INDIANA  
COUNTIES  
SERVED**



**Average Assistance Per Veteran:**

**\$2,335.34**



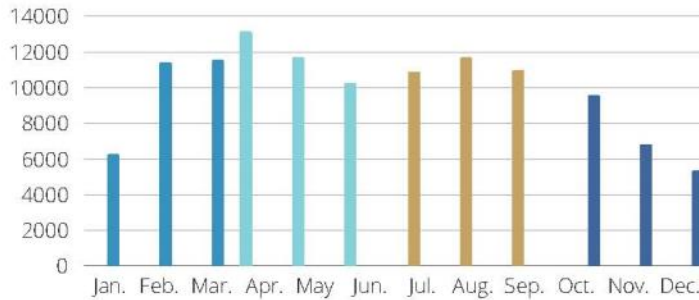


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Thunder**

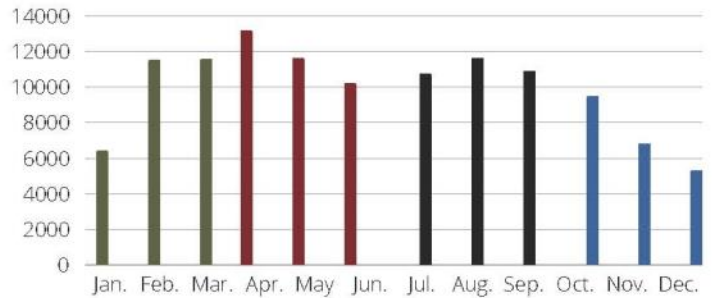
**2024**

Indiana Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

**FY 2024 Total Income to MFRF from  
Rolling Thunder: \$119,425.00**



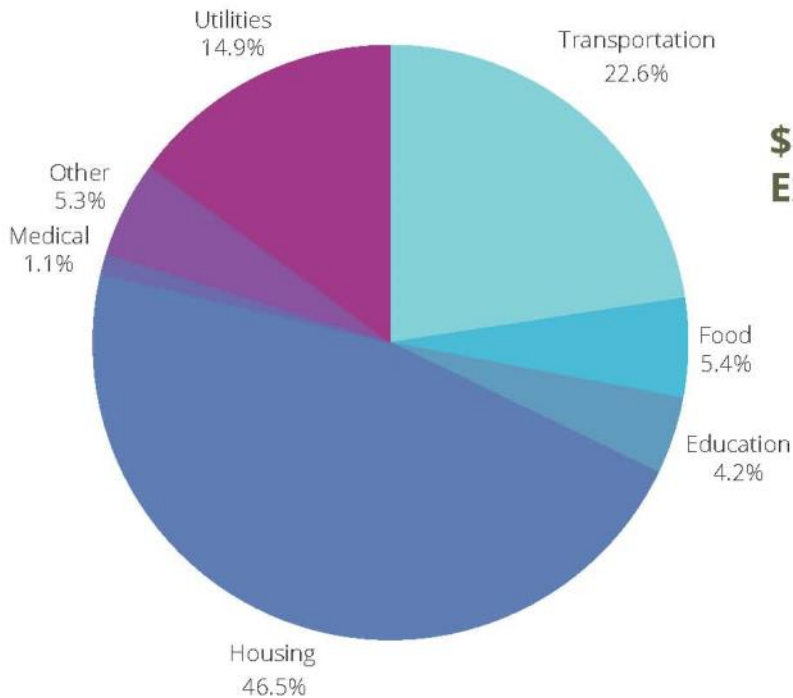
**FY 2024 Total Rolling Thunder/MFRF  
Expenditures: \$119,399.31**



**INDIANA VETERANS SERVED**

**FY 2024**

**61**



**\$119,399.31 in MFRF  
Expenditure by Need FY 2024**

**Average Assistance Per Veteran:**  
**\$1,957.37**

## **Upcoming November/December Events**

<b>November 17</b>	Board/Chapter Meeting
<b>November 27</b>	Rushville High School POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication
<b>December 3</b>	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
<b>December 7</b>	Indiana Veterans Home BINGO
<b>December 11</b>	Chapter Event Planning Committee
<b>December 14</b>	Wreath Across America
<b>December 15</b>	Chapter Meeting and Luncheon

### **Board/Chapter Meeting**

November 17th is our monthly Chapter meeting at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Board meeting is from 11:00 to 12:45 and for Board Members only. The Chapter meeting starts at 13:00 and everyone is welcome to come to the Chapter meeting. Zoom access is provided for those that can't make the meeting in person due to medical and other issues. In person is always encouraged.

### **Rushville High School POW\*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication**

The Rushville High School POW\*MIA Chair of Honor dedication is scheduled for Wednesday November 27th at 7:30pm. The dedication will take place at the High School gym located at 1110 Lions Path, Rushville, Indiana. The gym will open at 5:00pm if you wish to watch their JR basketball game.

### **Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony**

Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony is to honor our fallen police officers. The ceremony will be at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy located at 5402 Sugar Grove Road in Plainfield. The program starts at 19:30.

### **Indiana Veterans Home BINGO**

Playing BINGO with our Veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home is always a great time and they appreciate us being there to play BINGO with them. These Veterans take their BINGO games serious and will call you out if you make a mistake. The Chapter always makes sure that no Veteran will leave BINGO without some jingle in their pocket. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending.

### **Chapter Event Planning Meeting**

This is the Chapters monthly planning meeting for upcoming events. All Chapter Members are welcome and encouraged to join the event planning committee to provide input and share you ideals. The event planning meeting is a Zoom meeting and uses the same Zoom access information as our Chapter meetings.

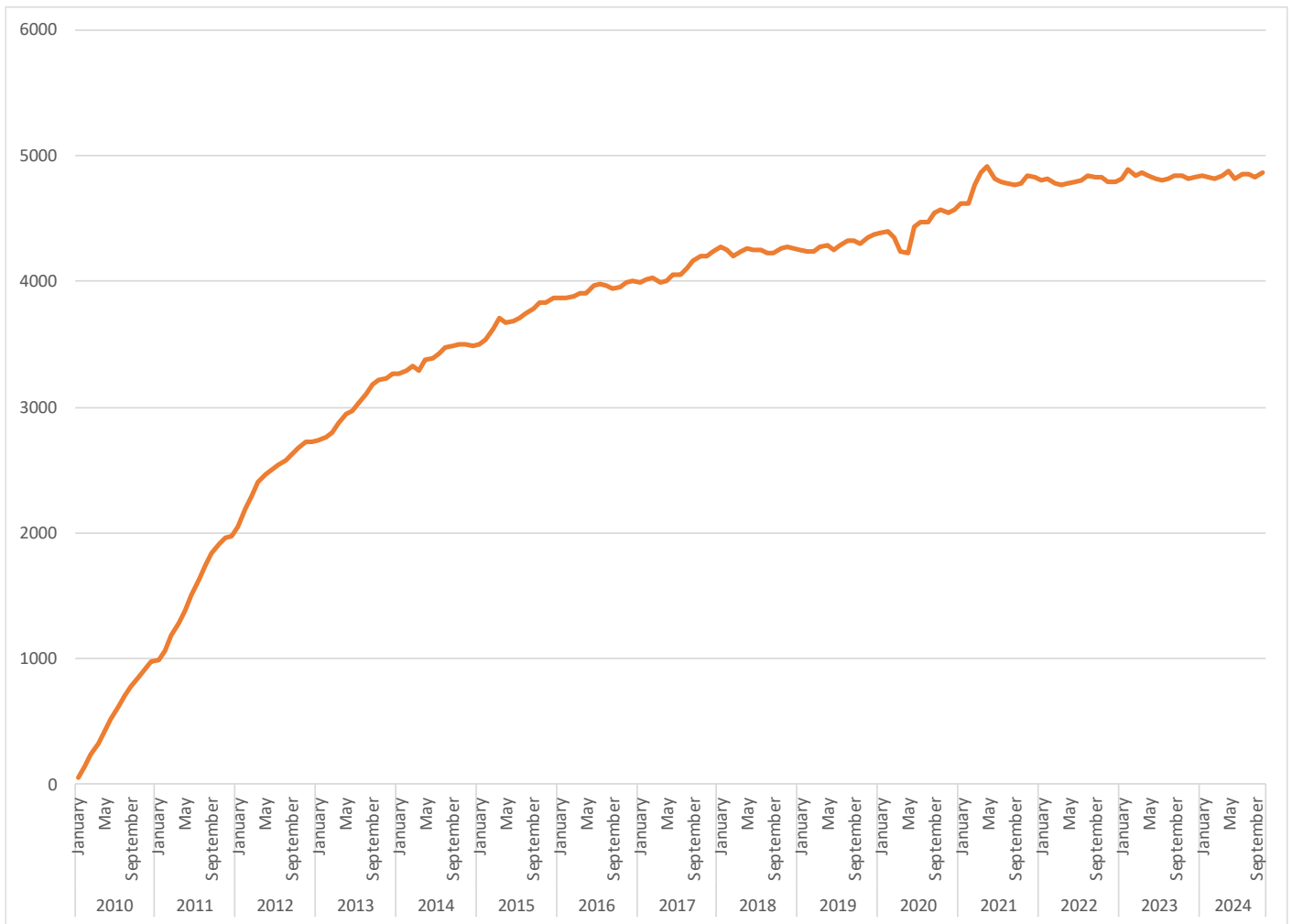
### **Wreath Across America**

The mission of the Wreath Across America is to remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This is a National event that happens every year in December. People throughout the States will visit a Veterans Cemetery to place wreaths on the headstone of the fallen. Take some time and visit your local Veterans Cemetery and participate in the Wreaths Across America program.

### **Chapter Meeting and Luncheon**

Please mark December 15th on your calendar for our December Chapter meeting. The event planning committee is still in the process of planning our December Chapter meeting. This year, the Coachman Restaurant Christmas will cater our Christmas lunch. Monitor your emails for updates on the December Chapter meeting.

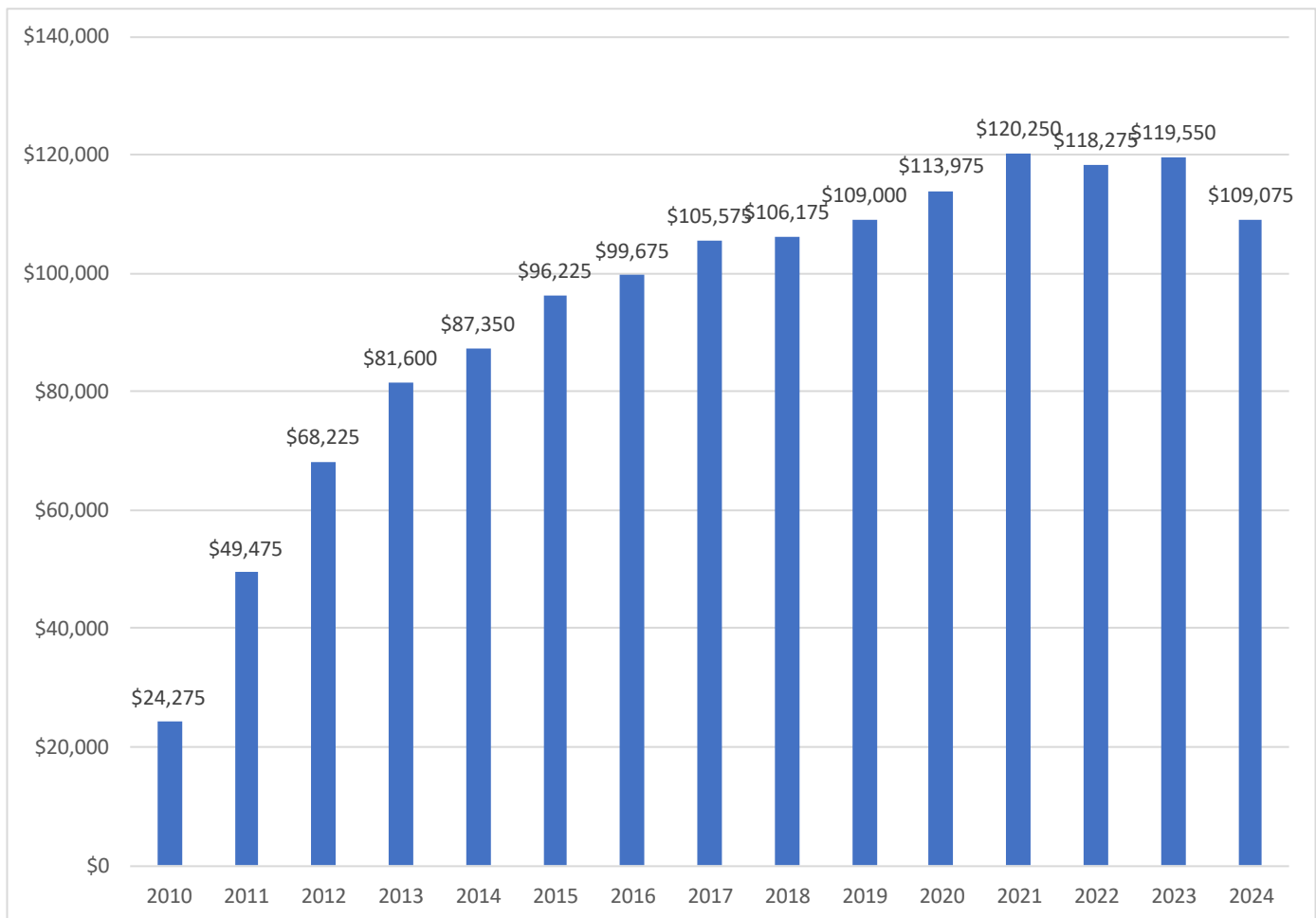
## Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets As of October 31, 2024



As of October 2024, we have **4,864** 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 22 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 **\$1,408,700** 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.**

## DPAA MIAs Accounted-For

**Total Accounted for in FY 2025: 3**

### Accounted-For by War

**WWII (2)**

**Korea (1)**

**Cold War (0)**

**Vietnam/Laos (0)**

## Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

Name	DOL	Identified	Returned	County	HOR
<b>F3C Alferd E. Livingston</b>	12-7-1941	2-1-2007	7-21-2007	USS Oklahoma	Worthington
<b>1st Class Paul A. Nash</b>	12-7-1941	4-15-2015	6-30-2016	USS Oklahoma	Carlisle
<b>1LT Robert L. McIntosh</b>	5-12-1944	8-1-2015	8-13-2016	Italy	Tipton
<b>3rd Class Francis L. Hannon</b>	12-7-1941	10-24-2017		USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
<b>PVT USMC Fred Freet</b>	11-20-1943	8-6-2018	4-18-2019	Tarawa Atoll	Marion
<b>PFC Marvin E. Dickson</b>	11-13-1944	9-27-2018	6-8-2019	Germany	Indianapolis
<b>MSG Charles H. McDaniel</b>	11-1-1950	9-12-2018	10-27-2018	Korea	Greenwood
<b>PFC Army Clifford M. Mills</b>	9-18-1944	1-29-2019	3-30-2019	Germany	Troy
<b>SEA1 Oris V. Brandt</b>	12-7-1941	2-20-2019		USS Oklahoma	Kentland
<b>TSGT Charles G. Ruble</b>	9-17-1944	5-31-2019	3-2-2020	Netherlands	Parker City
<b>PVT USMC William E. Ramboo</b>	11-20-1943	7-13-2019		Betio Island	LaPorte
<b>PFC USMC Marley R. Arthurholtz</b>	12-7-1941	9-18-2019	12-7-2019	USS Oklahoma	South Bend
<b>PFC USMC Louis Wiesshan</b>	11-21-1943	9-23-2019	6-11-2020	Tarawa Atoll	Richmond
<b>SEA1 Maurice V. Spangler</b>	12-7-1941	3-27-2020		USS Oklahoma	Ft. Wayne
<b>CPO B. James Booe</b>	12-7-1941	9-29-2020	6-1-2021	USS Oklahoma	Veedersburg
<b>2nd Class Harold F. Trapp</b>	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
<b>3Rd Class Willaim H. Trapp</b>	12-7-1941	11-24-2020		USS Oklahoma	LaPorte
<b>PFC USMC Charles D. Miller</b>	11-22-1943	5-19-2020		Tarawa Atoll	Albany
<b>SGT Stanley Lee Dewitt</b>	11-1-1950	6-5-2020	10-19-2021	Chosen Reservoir	Royal City
<b>George Gilbert</b>	12-7-941	8-24-2020	6-6-2022	USS Oklahoma	Indianapolis
<b>SFC James A. Coleman</b>	10-3-1952	5-23-2022	10-19-2022	Korea	Hillsdale
<b>SGT Charles Garrigus</b>	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
<b>Leave No Man Behind</b>	Bill Bell
<b>Why Didn't You Get Me Out</b>	Frank Aton
Kiss The Boys Goodbye	Monika Jensen-Stevenson & William Stevenson
Betrayed	Joseph D. Douglass, Jr
<b>Still Waiting</b>	Linda Cope
<b>An Enormous Crime</b>	Bill Hendon and Elizabeth A Stewart
Scars and Strips	Captain Eugene "RED" McDaniel USN Retired
Reflections on Captivity	Porter Alexander Halyburton
Unwavering	<b>Taylor Baldwin Kiland</b>
Lessons form the Hanoi Hilton	<b>Taylor Baldwin Kiland</b>

**Note: Books marked in RED are highly recommended reads.**

## Recommended Web Sites

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



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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
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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
Gary L. Porter, Charter Member, June 7, 2024	Ralph Coulter, Member July 6, 2024