

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!



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

It’s hard to believe that October is here again. As in every year, September is always the busiest month for the Chapter with a lot of events. The following pages of the newsletter highlights most of the events that we had in September and October.

The POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony was special this year. This year, we were honored to have family members of Seaman First Class Eldridge Wayne Bowles, 1st LT. Forrest Steel Burns, Tech-5 William Hurley Miller, Chief Warrant Officer John William Frederick, Jr, Ensign Ralph Atz, CPL Fred Meyers, PFC Ernest G. Sarles, SGT Willard Mathew Gipson, CPL Joseph Ransdell, Joseph B. Holland, SPC Michael Lautzenheiser, Richard W Thomas, and PVT Ephraim Carnes included in our escort to the Indiana War Memorial for their POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony. The families shared some stories about their loved ones that really made the meeting special.

We had several other events in September and October to include the trip to Evansville Indiana for the DPAA briefing, INDY Honor Flight #43, All Veterans Reunion, Saluting Branches, Watch Fire ceremony, WWII MIA PFC Clossie Brown procession and funeral services, Taylor Kiland briefing, Pets Healing Vets fundraiser, and the Rushville Elks Lodge POW*MIA Chair of Honor dedication. All of these events were important and I appreciate all of the members that came and supported the Chapter.

We also had our election for Chapter Officers for the next two years. I want to congratulate Darryle Swartzlander for being voted in as Vice President, Terry Sanderson as Treasurer, Jeff Thatcher as Chairman of the Board, Ed Newbill, Victor Gonzales, and Greg Thompson as Board members. Thank you all for willing to take on more responsibility within the Chapter. I’m looking forward to working with you all for the next two years.

I also want to thank David Craig for serving the Chapter as Vice President for the last four years. The Chapter is truly blessed to have members willing to serve in leadership positions.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday October 20, 2024

October 2024 Birthday's



Mike Clark 10-11

Karen Smith 10-12

Jackie Griffith 10-14

Francis Bean 10-19

Steve Wiederkehr 10-21

Alex Barile 10-24

Victor Gonzalez 10-24

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

Based on the September 15th Chapter Election, the Vice President is Darryle Swartzlander, the Chapter Treasurer will remain Terry Sanderson, the Chairman of the Board will remain Jeff Thatcher, and the Board members will be Ed Newbill, Victor Gonzalez, and William “Greg” Thompson.

I thank these members for willing to step up and take on more responsibility within the Chapter. I also want to thank David Craig for serving as the Chapters Vice President for the last four years.



**Vice President
Darryle Swartzlander**



**Chapter Treasurer
Terry “Flash” Sanderson**



**Chairman of the Board
Jeff “Fuzzy” Thatcher**



**Board Member
Ed Newbill**



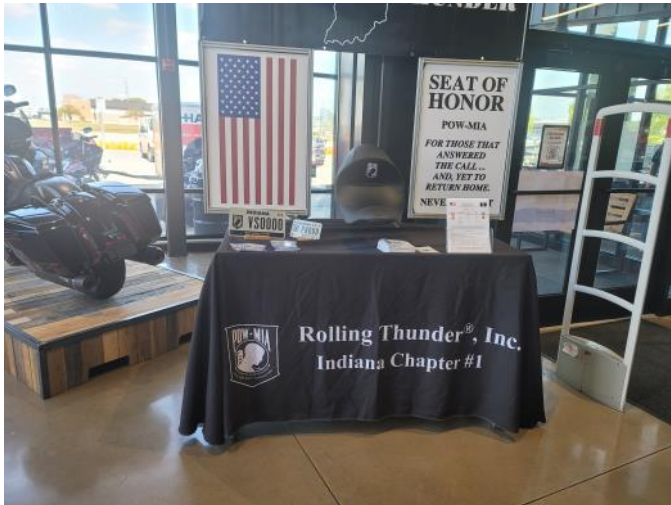
**Board Member
Victor Gonzalez**



**Board Member
Greg Thompson**

Salute to Service September 14th

On September 14th Harley-Davidson hosted a Nationwide Salute to Service to honor all Military Service Members and First Responders past and present. All Harley-Davidson shops Nationwide hosted their own Salute to Service event. The Chapter participated in the Salute to Service at Indianapolis Harley-Davidson and Southside Harley Davidson. We setup our mobile display unit at Northside Harley-Davidson and performed a POW/MIA Flag raising ceremony at Southside Harley-Davidson.



The Chapter now has a POW/MIA Flag flying at Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis, Westside Harley-Davidson and Southside Harley-Davidson.



INDY Honor Flight #43

September 14th

On Saturday September 14th, the Chapter welcomed home our Veterans at the Indianapolis Airport and attended the Welcome celebration at the Plainfield High School. Before heading to the Airport and the Plainfield High school, members enjoyed a dinner at the Coachman restaurant.



September Chapter Meeting September 20th

The September Chapter meeting was an interesting meeting. Terry “Flash” Sanderson gave a briefing on our Honorary member Mark Smith who was a POW during the Vietnam War. Greg Thompson also brief the membership on his life story and his Great Great Great Uncle PVT Ephraim Carnes who was a POW in a Confederate camp during the Civil War.



Terry “Flash” Sanderson briefing on Former POW Mark Smith



Greg Thompson



Don Leasure receiving his Lieutenant Don patch.



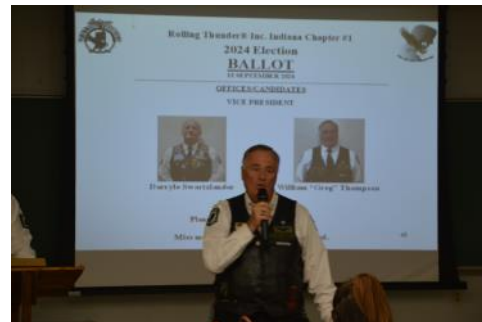
Shawn received her plaque for winning 1st place on the 2-wheeler class competition at the Veterans Center Fundraiser.



Carla briefing the membership on the Honor Flight program and encouraged our Chapter Veterans to signup for a flight. Carla also receives her PVT Harold Poulter patch for helping with escorting PVT Poulter’s remains from the Indianapolis airport to Greenup, IL. The patch was provided by Rolling Thunder IL#3.



Darryle Swartzlander and Greg Thompson were both running for Vice President. Before members voted, Darryle and Greg were asked to brief the membership on why they should vote for them. Both gentlemen gave a good briefing and the voting was tight. The Chapter is fortunate to have these two gentlemen in the Chapter.



All Veterans Reunion September 16th Thru 22nd

The annual All Veterans Reunion (Formally know as the Vietnam Veterans Reunion) took place at the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization (HCVVO) in Greentown, IN. The opening ceremony included a flag raising ceremony of a huge American Flag. The keynote speaker was General Goodwin who is the Executive Director, Indiana War Memorials Commission.



General Goodwin and Chapter Member Roger Roe take a tour of the Howard County grounds.

Saluting Branches at the Indiana Veterans Home September 18th

O 'dark early on Wednesday morning, Chapter members gathered at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana to participate in the annual Saluting Branches event. Saluting Branches is a National event that takes place throughout the United States. Their Mission is to honor American service men and women by organizing volunteer tree and landscape care for the property dedicated to our veterans. In 2024, Saluting Branches serviced over 100 properties and had over 4,500 arborists volunteers.

The Chapter was invited to come and perform the Roll Call ceremony for our 51 that are still missing from the Vietnam War. As the name of the MIA was called, an arborists would place a helmet at the base of one of the 51 trees located in the Grove of Honor.

After the opening ceremony, the arborists went to work on the grounds of the Indiana Veterans Home.



Watch Fire Ceremony September 19th

The Watchfire is centuries old and had its origins in our country during the American Revolutionary War for independence. It is symbolic as a beacon, a guiding light for those service members who did not return home. It burns brightly so their spirits may see this light and know the love and respect we carry in our hearts for their sacrifice. The flame is an eternal symbol of our collective memory as a nation, born from ideals of freedom and honor. It calls us to solemn attention to the work before us on this evening of remembrance. As we reverently and proudly voice the name of each service member, let us maintain order and quiet reverence as a message of our grateful appreciation for their great personal sacrifice and devotion to the future of our nation.

The Indianapolis POW/MIA Council and Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1 conducted a Watch Fire ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial. The program included placing over 1,700 American Flags on the lawn of the Indiana War Memorial (IWM). These 1,700 flags represents the 1,700 Indiana Service Members that are still unaccounted for since WWII.

Youth groups toured the IWM and stopped at each period of War from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror. There were Docents at each station to talk about that period of war and how Indiana was involved in the war. It was a great opportunity for the youths to learn more about each war and Indiana's involvement. The names of the 1,700 Indiana MIAs were read by the youth groups to honor, and remember them so they are not forgotten.



POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony September 20th

The third Friday in September is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Chapter started the day with a special ceremony at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center for the family members of our Former POWs and those that are still Missing in Action (MIA).

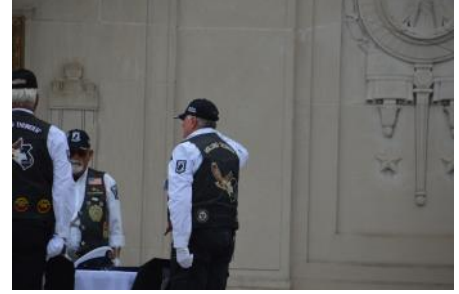
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POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony September 20th - Continued -

After the ceremony at the Fort Harrison Veterans Center, the Chapter and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) escorted the families to their POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony downtown at the Indiana War Memorial.

As part of the opening ceremony, the Chapter performed the Missing Man Table ceremony. Representing the Army was David Craig, Marine Larry Paynter, Navy Jeff Thatcher, Air Force Darryle Swartzlander, and Coast Guard Greg Thompson.



Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogset

Keynote Speaker Taylor Kiland, Ms.
Kiland is the author of books
Unwavering and **Lessons from the**
Hanoi Hilton.

Over 1,700 American Flags were placed
on the grounds of the Indiana War
Memorial to represent the 1,700 Service
Members still missing from Indiana
since WWII.

WWII MIA PFC Clossie Brown

Frankfort Indiana



On April 24, 2024, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified the remains of Private First Class Clossie D. Brown, missing from World War II. Private First Class Brown entered the U.S. Army in Indiana and served in Company F, 2nd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. On January 21, he was on the front line of an attack on an enemy position near Reipertswiller, France. PFC Brown was pinned down by heavy sniper and machine gun fire that caused his unit to pull back. When the company regrouped, PFC Brown was reported as missing, but the exact circumstances of his loss are unknown.

On September 20th, the Indiana Patriot Guard and Chapter members escorted PFC Brown's remains from the Indianapolis Airport to the Goodwin's Funeral Home in Frankfort Indiana.



WWII MIA PFC Clossie Brown Funeral Service



On September 24th, Chapter Members attended PFC Brown's funeral services at the Goodwin's Funeral Home in Frankfort Indiana. Upon the completion of the funeral services, Chapter Members, Patriot Guard, and VFW riders escorted PFC Brown to his final resting place at the Whiteman Cemetery located in Michigantown Indiana where he was buried with full Military Honors.

Indiana has 1,498 Indiana Service Members that are still unaccounted for from WWII.



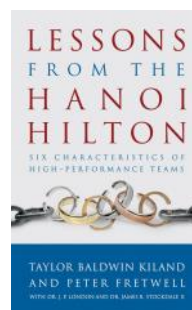
Taylor Kiland Briefing September 21st



Ms. Taylor Kiland came to the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to brief the membership on her book **‘Unwavering’**. The book is about the wives who fought to ensure no man is left behind. When some of America’s military men are captured or go missing during the Vietnam War, a small group of military wives become their champions. Never had families taken on diplomatic roles during wartime, nor had the fate of our POWs and missing men been a nationwide concern. In cinematic detail, the book will plunge you directly into the political maneuvering the women navigated, onto the international stage they shared with world leaders, and through the landmark legacy they created.

She also coauthored the book **“Lesions from the Hanoi Hilton”**. This book presents six principles practiced within the POW organizational culture that can be used to develop high-performance teams everywhere. The authors offer examples from both the POWs’ time in captivity and their later professional lives that identify, in real-life situations, the characteristics necessary for sustainable, high-performance teamwork. The book takes readers inside the mind of James Stockdale, a fighter pilot with a degree in philosophy, who was the senior ranking officer at the Hanoi prison.

The theories Stockdale practiced become readily understandable in this book. Drawing parallels between Stockdale’s guiding philosophies from the Stoic Epictetus and the principles of modern sports psychology, Peter Fretwell and Taylor Baldwin Kiland show readers how to apply these principles to their own organizations and create a culture with staying power. Originally intending their book to focus on Stockdale’s leadership style, the authors found that his approach toward completing a mission was to assure that it could be accomplished without him. Stockdale, they explain, had created a mission-centric organization, not a leader-centric organization. He had understood that a truly sustainable culture must not be dependent on a single individual. At one level, this book is a business school case study. It is also an examination of how leadership and organizational principles employed in the crucible of a Hanoi prison align with today’s sports psychology and modern psychological theories and therapies, as well as the training principles used by Olympic athletes and Navy SEALs. Any group willing to apply these principles can move their mission forward and create a culture with staying power—one that outlives individual members.

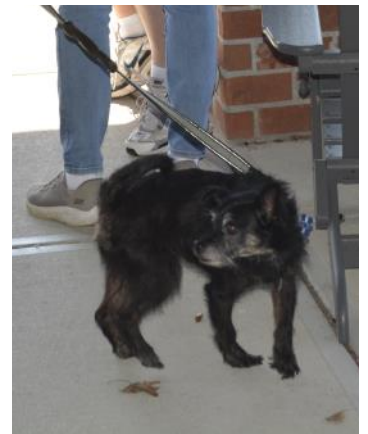


Pets Healing Vets Fundraiser October 5, 2024

The Chapter and Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis hosted a fundraiser for the Hamilton County Pets Healing Vets program. An estimated 22 veterans commit suicide each day while approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized in shelters every year. The main mission of the Pets Healing Vets program is to improve the emotional well-being of Hoosier veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) by pairing them with carefully selected shelter animals in need of homes.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will help the program to provide those Veterans in need of a pet to help them deal with their PTSD and TBI.

Special Thanks goes to Don Leasure for coordinating this special event. Don reports that the event had 39 motorcycles, 48 people in attendance, and generated over \$6,000 in donations for the Pets Healing Vets program. Great job.



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

On Wednesday October 9th, the Chapter dedicated its 17th POW*MIA Chair of Honor at the Rushville Elks Lodge #1307, 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.

The placement of the POW*MIA Chair of Honor in the Elks Lodge is a great honor to our POWs, MIAs, and their family members. The Chair will be a beacon to all that see it to remind them that freedom isn't free and to never forget the sacrifices, and hardships that our POWs and MIAs have endured in the defense of our freedom, and the sacrifices, and hardships that our Military Service Members endure every day in defense of this great Nation.



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 and Don Leasure for refinishing the Chair, 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.

I thank all of the Chapter Members that rode and drove to Rushville Indiana to participate in the special dedication ceremony. After the dedication, the membership had a great Chicken Dinner at the Elks Lodge.

Sergeant Alvin York **Medal of Honor Winner**

Alvin Cullum York (December 13, 1887 – September 2, 1964), also known by his rank as **Sergeant York**, was an American soldier who was one of the most decorated United States Army soldiers of World War I. He received the Medal of Honor for leading an attack on a German machine gun nest, gathering 35 machine guns, killing at least 25 enemy soldiers and capturing 132 prisoners. York's Medal of Honor action occurred during the United States-led portion of the Meuse–Argonne offensive in France, which was intended to breach the Hindenburg line and force the Germans to surrender. He earned decorations from several allied countries during the war, including France, Italy and Montenegro.



York was born in rural Tennessee, in what is now the community of Pall Mall in Fentress County. His parents farmed, and his father also worked as a blacksmith. The eleven York children had minimal schooling because they helped provide for the family, including hunting, fishing, and working as laborers. After the death of his father, York assisted in caring for his younger siblings and found work as a blacksmith. Despite being a regular churchgoer, York also drank heavily and was prone to fistfights. After a 1914 conversion experience, he vowed to improve and became even more devoted to the Church of Christ in Christian Union. York was drafted during World War I; he initially claimed conscientious objector status on the grounds that his religious denomination forbade violence. Persuaded that his religion was not incompatible with military service, York joined the 82nd Division as an infantry private and went to France in 1918.

In October 1918, Private First Class (Acting Corporal) York was one of a group of seventeen soldiers assigned to infiltrate German lines and silence a machine gun position. After the American patrol had captured a large group of enemy soldiers, German small arms fire killed six Americans and wounded three. Several of the Americans returned fire while others guarded the prisoners.

York and the other Americans attacked the machine gun position, killing several German soldiers. The German officer responsible for the machine gun position had emptied his pistol while firing at York but failed to hit him. This officer then offered to surrender, and York accepted. York and his men marched back to their unit's command post with more than 130 prisoners.

York was later promoted to sergeant and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. An investigation resulted in the upgrading of the award to the Medal of Honor. York's feat made him a national hero and international celebrity among allied nations.

Provided by Terry “Flash” Sanderson

Upcoming November/December Events

October 26	INDY Honor Flight #44
October 31 - November 3	Rolling Thunder National Conference, Washington DC
November 6	Chapter Event Planning Committee
November 11	Veterans Day Parade
November 17	Board/Chapter Meeting
December 4	Annual Project Blue Light Ceremony
December 7	Indiana Veterans Home BINGO

INDY Honor Flight #44

INDY Honor Flight #44 will be the last honor flight for 2024. The welcome home celebration will take place at the Plainfield High School located at 1 Red Pride Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168 starting at 7:30pm.

Rolling Thunder National Conference

A few members will travel to Washington DC to attend the annual National Conference. All Rolling Thunder Chapters are required to have representatives at the conference to pass on information to the membership that was gathered at the Conference.

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.

Veterans Day Parade

This is the annual Veterans Day Parade downtown Indianapolis. The Veterans Day Parade will give the Chapter an opportunity to celebrate Veterans Day and share our POW/MIA mission with the crowd. More details will be provided when we get closure to November 11th.

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.

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.

Upcoming November/December Events
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December 11	Chapter Event Planning Committee
December 14	Wreath Across America
December 15	Board/Chapter Meeting

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Wreath Across America

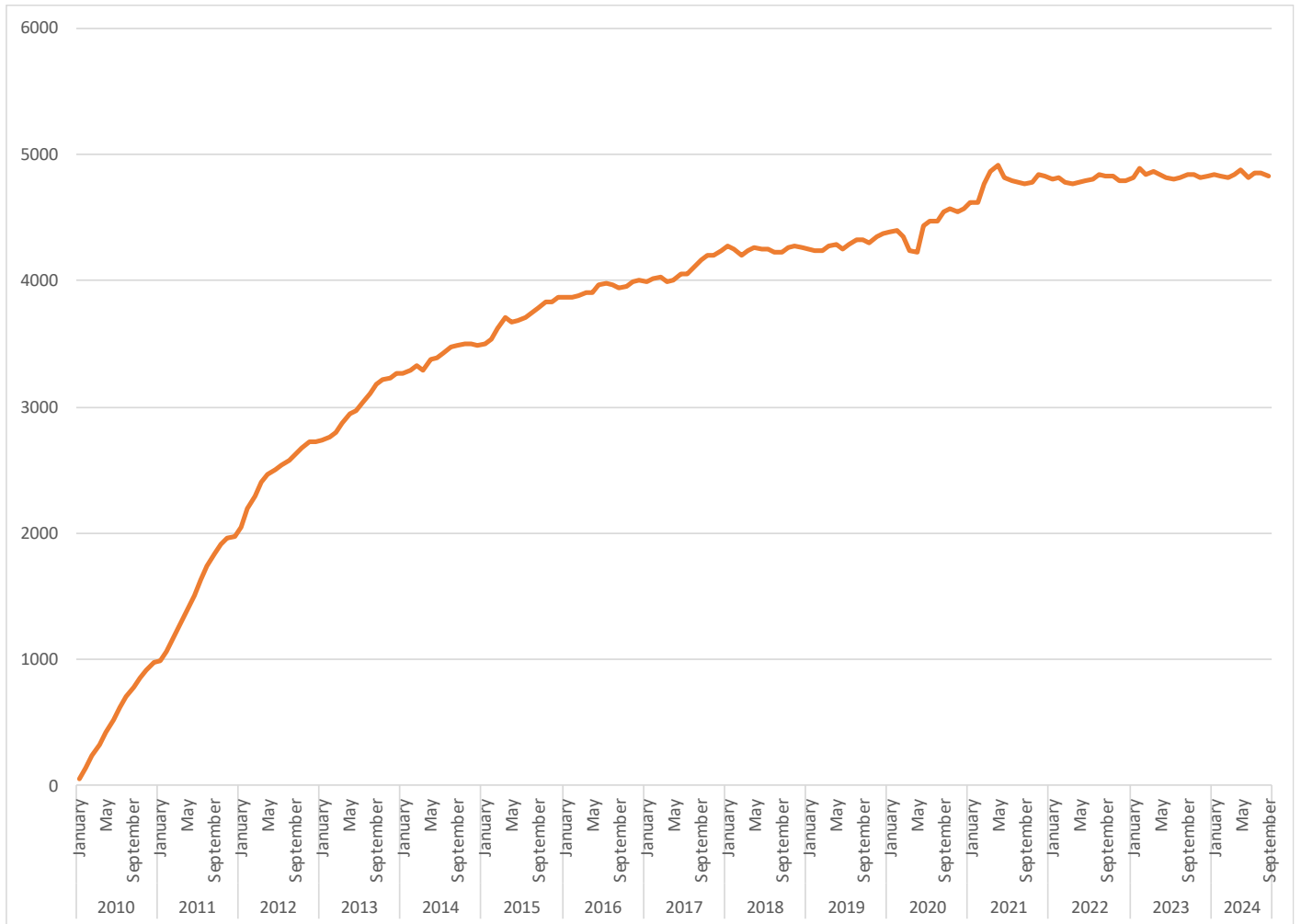
The mission of the Wreath Across America is Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This is a National event that happens every year in December. People throughout the States will visit a Veterans Cemetery to place wreaths on the headstone of the fallen.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

Board/Chapter Meeting

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. Last year, we had a Christmas luncheon that was catered by the Coachman Restaurant and invited Veterans from HVAF. Monitor your emails for updates on the December Chapter meeting.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plates on the Streets

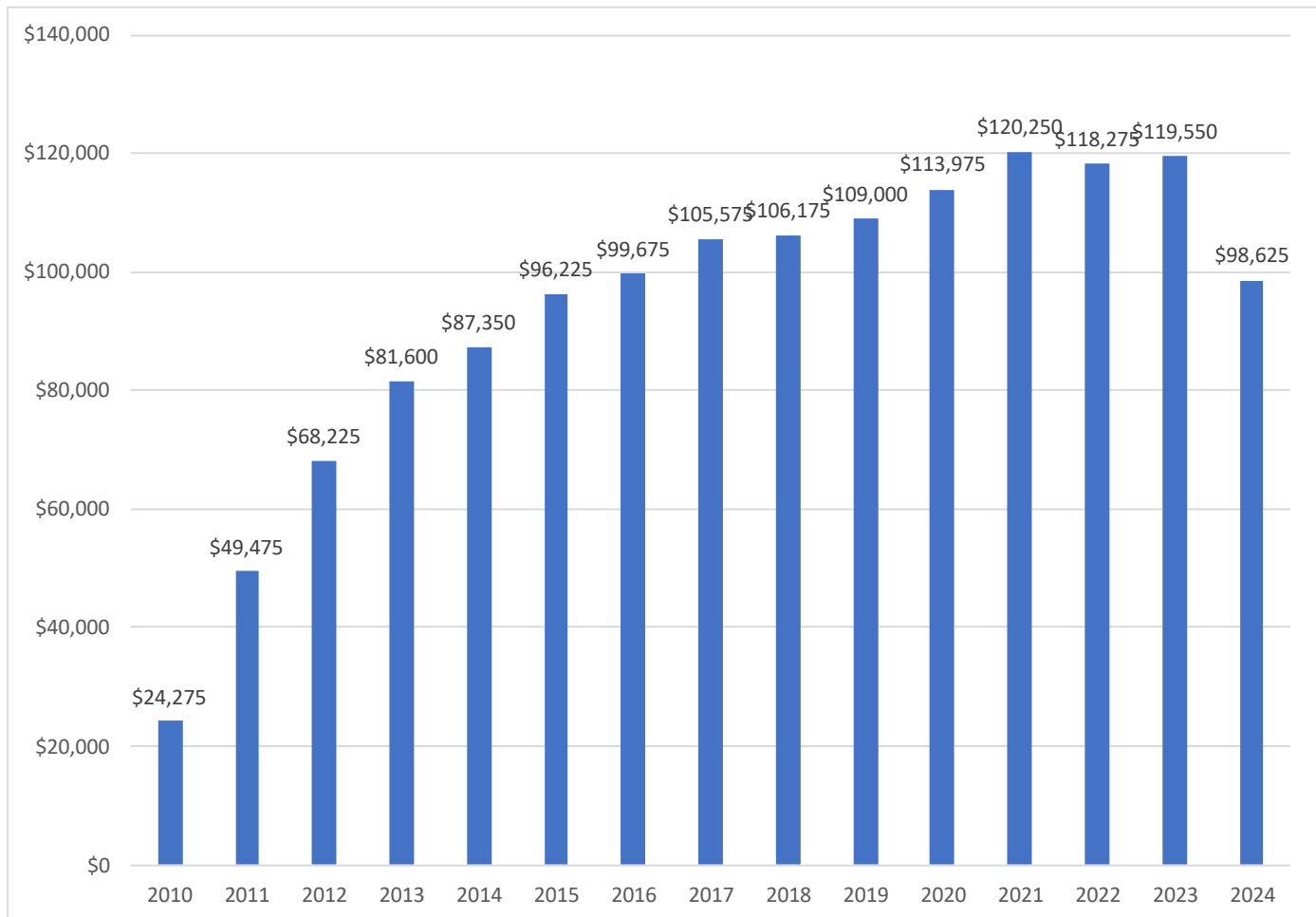
As of September 30, 2024



As of September 2024, we have **4,826** 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 18 plates down 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 **\$1,398,250**. 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
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
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An Enormous Crime	Bill Hendon and Elizabeth A Stewart
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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.vsemc.com/
Veterans Events	http://www.veteranevents.org/
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