

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!



September 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: David Craig

Secretary: Jessica Clark

Treasurer: Terry “Flash” Sanderson

President News

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

It's that time of the year again for the Chapter membership to choose its officers for the next two years. The July Chapter meeting was the first round of nominations for officers, and the August Chapter meeting was the last opportunity to make nominations for Chapter officers. The results of the July and August nominations are listed on page 4. Based on the results of the nominations, the September Chapter election will be between Greg Thompson and Darryle Swartzlander for Vice President. The Board gained a new member. Victor Gonzalez was nominated as Board member and accepted the nominations. Welcome to the Board Victor.

We had several events this month to include the Andrew Ray Memorial Ride, the Wall That Heals Escort, the Veterans Ride, and the Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser. We also had some members that took awesome trips this month and were generous enough to share some picture of their trip's.

At the August Chapter meeting, we were pleasantly surprised to see Bill and Debbie Bailey at the Chapter meeting. In June, Bill and Debbie was ridding their motorcycle on the Blue Ridge Parkway and hit a deer. Fortunately, Debbie wasn't hurt, but Bill spent 51 days in the Roanoke memorial hospital in Roanoke, VA. Debbie presented the Chapter with a nice card and thanked the membership for their prayers and monetary gift. It was great to see Debbie and Bill at the meeting after what they have been through.

Also at the August Chapter meeting, new members were introduced. Dave Thomas, Stephanie Raykovich, Matthew Bonebrake and their children, Aaron and Vivian. Welcome to the Chapter.

I want to thank everyone that helped to put the Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser together. The attendance at the event wasn't as great as we hoped for, but we were still able to collect some funds for the Veterans Center.

We have an important election at our September Chapter meeting and we need all members that are able to come to be there. Hope to see many of you at the next Chapter meeting.

The next Chapter meeting is Sunday September 15, 2024

September 2024 Birthday's



Shawn Utterback 9-6

Stephanie Raykovich 9-10

David Craig 9-12

David Begala 9-19

Patrick Hatcher 9-20

Greg Thompson 9-21

Jessica Clark 9-22

Penny Crowder 9-24

Terry Sanderson 9-26

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

The first round of nominations was taken at the July 21st Chapter meeting and the final round of nominations were taken at the August 18th Chapter meeting. Based on the August nominations, the Chapter Treasurer will remain Terry Sanderson, the Chairman of the Board will remain Jeff Thatcher, and the Board members will be Ed Newbill and Victor Gonzalez. The third Board position was not filled.

At the September 15th Chapter meeting, the membership will be voting for the Vice President position between Greg Thompson and Darryle Swartzlander.

Vice President



Greg Thompson



Darryle Swartzlander



**Chapter Treasurer
Terry "Flash" Sanderson
Uncontested**



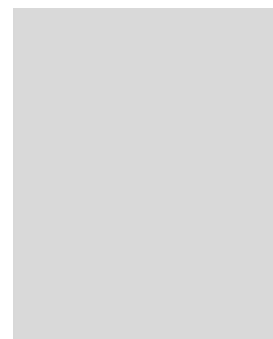
**Chairman of the Board
Jeff "Fuzzy" Thatcher
Uncontested**



**Board Member
Ed Newbill**



**Board Member
Victor Gonzalez**



**Board Member
Vacant**

Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial Ride, Rockville Indiana August 10th

On August 10th, Chapter members participated in the Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial Ride that was hosted by CentreBank and the Paul Taylor VFW Post 1752. The purpose of this ride was to honor our fallen, those who have served, and those who are still Missing in Action (MIA). Monies raised from this ride will be presented to the Town of Rockville as part of the Bicentennial celebration on behalf of CentreBank and Paul Taylor VFW Post 1752 exclusively for future upkeep of the Andrew Ray Veterans Memorial, located at Beechwood Park in Historic Rockville, IN. Below is a couple pictures from the event.



One of the scheduled stops was at the VFW in Covington Indiana where they had a Missing Man Table on display in honor of SFC Ronald Eugene Smith, the brother of Jim Smith, and Uncle of Crystal Smith.

That Wall that Heals Escort August 13, 2024

On August 13th, the Wall That Heals came to Martinsville Indiana. Several motorcycles and automobiles gathered at the Mooresville Town Center in Mooresville Indiana to stage for the escort to the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Martinsville Indiana. The police escort left Mooresville around 11:30 traveled down IN-67 to the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

On August 14th the wall was assembled and on display until it's closing ceremony on Sunday August 18th.



Morgan County Fairgrounds

August Chapter Meeting August 18, 2024

At the August Chapter meeting, we had the pleasant surprise of Bill and Debbie Bailey coming to the meeting. In June, Bill and Debbie was ridding their motorcycle on the Blue Ridge Parkway and hit a deer. Fortunately, Debbie didn't get hurt, but Bill spent 51 days in the Roanoke memorial hospital in Roanoke, VA

The Chapter was also privileged in introduce new members Dave Thomas, Stephanie Raykovich, Matthew Bonebrake, Aaron and Vivian.



Bill and Debbie Bailey



Dave Thomas



Stephanie and Matthew



Aaron



Vivian



Darryle Swartzlander

Meeting members sometimes only once a month makes it difficult to really get to know the member.

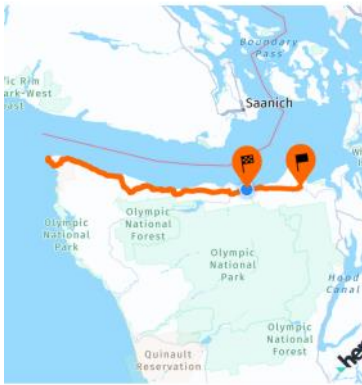
At the August Chapter meeting, Darryle briefed the membership on his military and civilian background.

Knowing a little bit more about a member helps with future conversations with the member.

Chuck and Carla Vacation

Chuck and Carla went on a Nationwide trip and rode through several states from Indiana all the way to California. The below map of the Olympic National Park is in Washington State. According to the map, the route they took was 173 miles and took 5.8 hours.

Chuck and Carla was kind enough to share some pictures of their trip. They went through several states and probably have many more pictures to show. Thank you Chuck and Carla for sharing.



Flash and Barbara's Vacation

Flash and Barbara also went on vacation this month that was a bit longer trip than Chuck and Carla. Flash and Barbara went on vacation to Italy and was kind enough to share a few pictures.



Flash on a train reading something.



Flash and Barbara taking a cooking lessons in Italy. Looks like they are making some pastries. Now that they are certified Italian cooks, they should bring some good stuff to the September Chapter meeting.

Better yet, since we have other Italian cooks in the Chapter i.e., Alex, Nick, we should have a cook-off to see which one can make the best Italian dish.

I think having a Spaghetti and meatballs cook-off would be awesome.

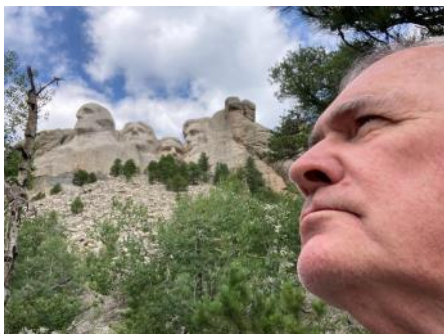
Veterans Ride Muncie Indiana August 17, 2024

Jeff, ED, and Don went on the Veterans Ride in Muncie Indiana. The ride was first scheduled for June 29th, but was rained out and rescheduled for August 17th. The benefit ride was hosted by Benson Motorcycles of Muncie Indiana. The proceeds from the ride went to **Dog Tags & Go Bags** and **Pets Healing Vets**.



Darryle and Greg Trip to Sturgis

Greg and Darryle made their journey to Sturgis to see all of the sites that Sturgis had to offer. Darryle provided some pictures that were decent enough to put in the newsletter. I'm sure Greg and Darryle have additional pictures stashed away that they might show you if you asked.



This is a special picture where Greg Thompson is posing for his place on Mount Rushmore. Greg is hoping that one day he will be President and his face will be added to Mount Rushmore along with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

If Nancy Pelosi can get Joe Biden on Mount Rushmore, why not President Greg Thompson.

Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser

August 24, 2024

The 10th annual Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser is in the books. The weather was hot, but it was a good day to have the event. The crowd was a little lighter than what we hoped for, but the event was fun and the Chapter was able to collect some funds for the Veterans Center.

The Sea Cadets did another great job with the Car Wash, and collected some good donations for the Veterans Center. Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis was kind enough to let John Mascari bring their Jumpstart Training bike to the event so people can get the feel of riding a Harley-Davidson.

This was the first time the Chapter had a Dunk Tank at an event. For five dollars, you got three balls to try and dunk the person in the tank. The Dunk Tank wasn't a big money maker for the event, but the water felt really good on a hot day. Chapter members participated in the Dunk Tank as well as the Sea Cadets XO. The Sea Cadets got a real kick out of dunking their XO.

Chapter member Vern Rensing managed a BB Gun competition at the event, and the Sea Cadets had a good time competing with each other to see who was the best shot. The winner of the BB Gun competition came away with a nice trophy.

Chapter Members Dave and Kathy setup a Silent Auction with several nice products to give away for a small donation. Despite the small crowd, the Silent Auction was able to collect some donations for the Veterans Center. We thank Dave and Kathy for all of their hard work on the Silent Auction.

The Chapters Chief Chef's Alex and Nick, did a great job preparing lunch with juicy Hamburgers, bake beans, Coleslaw, and other good snacks for people to enjoy.

One of the highlights of the event, was the live broadcast of the event on **MIX105INDY** Internet Radio. Auston Douglas of MIX105INDY spent all day with us broadcasting the event live on radio, and playing some good music. The opening ceremony was broadcasted live on MIX105INDY. Auston also talked about the Mary T. Klinker Restoring Hope foundation in Lafayette Indiana. Towards the end of the Vietnam War, Mary was part of an operations called Operation Babylift. The goal of the operation was to evacuating over 2000 orphans from Saigon. Captain Klinker was a flight nurse assigned to care for the orphans as they were being transported.

On April 4th, 1975, the first transport flight of "Operation Babylift" took off from an Tan Son Nhut Air-base outside of Saigon. Unfortunately, shortly after takeoff, the rear loading ramp locks of the C-5A Galaxy cargo transport plane malfunctioned, causing a series of mechanical failures. The pilots attempted an emergency landing; as the plane slid across rice paddies, it broke apart, resulting in the deaths of 138 people, including Captain Klinker. You can learn more about the Mary T. Klinker Restoring Hope Foundation at their website Home - Mary T Klinker Veterans Resource Center (mtkvets.org).

All in all, the Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser was successful and we were able to collect some funds for the Veterans Center to help pay bills and keep the Veterans Center operational. We received some real generous donations that helped us over the hump. I thank all of the members, guest, and donators that helped to make this event successful.

On the next few pages are some pictures of the event.

Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser August 24, 2024

Opening Ceremony

The CA35 Sea Cadets presented the National Colors for the opening ceremony. The below row of pictures is Mike Clark of Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #1, Mike Hamm of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 295 (VVA295) and Tammy Sgro of the American Legion Post 438, and LCDR Brad Sauter of the CA35 Sea Cadets. Each individual gave some background on their organizations and mission. The Veterans Center has a total of seven different Veteran organizations in the building.



The Jumpstart Motorcycle

The Jumpstart Motorcycle was provided by Indianapolis Harley-Davidson and supervised by Chapter Member John Mascari. We thank Indianapolis Harley-Davidson and John for providing the Jumpstart.



Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser August 24, 2024

The Dunk Tank

The Dunk Tank was a popular place for some of our Chapter members. It was a hot day and the Dunk Tank felt really good.



Clark taken a dump.



Flash being dunked by Darryle



Jessica being dunked by her Uncle Billy and Grandma

Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser August 24, 2024

Motorcycle Contest

The event also included a motorcycle contest. The contest consisted of the two and three-wheeled class motorcycles. The winner was based on the Peoples Choice. The winner of each class would win a nice plaque.



The winner of the three-wheel class motorcycle was Darryle Swartzlander with his Cam-Am motorcycle.

The winner of the Two-Wheeled class will be announced at the Chapter meeting

Car Wash

The CA35 Sea Cadets put on a car wash to help raise funds for the Fort Harrison Veterans Center. They did an awesome job with the Car Wash and received a lot of donations for the Veterans Center. Cadets and parents jump in to help with the car wash.



Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser August 24, 2024



Auston Douglas of MIX105INDY Internet Radio station, was at the event and broadcasted the event live. Auston also talked about the Mary T. Klinker Restoring Hope foundation in Lafayette Indiana. Mary is on the Vietnam Memorial Wall located on Panel 1W, Line 122 .



Naomi and Tom was at the event with their classic car "Loretta". Loretta is a real nice looking automobile.



Marilyn holding up her 50/50 winnings which she donated back to the Chapter.



Meet the Chapters Chief Chef's Alex and Nick. These two gentlemen know how to cook a great Hamburger.



Sea Cadet receiving his BB Gun Champion Trophy.

Fort Harrison Veterans Center Fundraiser August 24, 2024

At the end of the event, we had a drawing for giveaways. The membership was able to collect some great gift certificates to include, Mama Carolla's, the Coachman Restaurant, the Grill, Chick-fil-A, Kinsey's Italian Café, Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis, Southside Harley-Davidson, and others.



I want to thank our donators, Larry Paynter, Thomas Ransdell, Beech Grove Eagles, Vern Rensing, Harriett M. Thomas, Richard Poynter, Jefferson Johanneman, Arjun Vegesana, and other cash and anonymous donators.

Your donations are appreciated and helped the event to be successful. Thank you.

Upcoming September Events

September 4th	Chapter Event Planning Committee Meeting
September 6 & 7th	Overnight trip to Evansville Indiana for DPAA briefing.
September 9th	9/11 Ride
September 14th	Indianapolis Harley-Davidson A Salute to Service
September 14th	INDY Honor Flight #43.

Chapter Event Planning Committee Meeting

The Chapter Event Planning Committee members meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 18:00 on Zoom to discuss the Chapters upcoming meetings. All Chapter members are welcome to participate in the committee meeting. The Zoom information is the same as our Chapter meetings.

Overnight trip to Evansville Indiana for DPAA briefing.

Rolling Thunder® Indiana Chapter #6 has invited the Chapter to come down to Evansville Indiana to get an update from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) representative. Members will travel down to Evansville on September 6th and attend the DPAA briefing on September 7th. After the DPAA briefing, members will return back to Indianapolis.

9/11 Ride

This is a ride that is normally hosted by Indianapolis Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter. More details on this ride will be forthcoming.

Indianapolis Harley-Davidson A Salute to Service

Harley-Davidson is hosting a Nationwide **Salute to Service** to honor all Military Service Members and First Responders past and present. All Harley-Davidson shops Nationwide will be hosting their own Salute to Service event. The Chapter has committed to participate in the Salute to Service at Indianapolis Harley-Davidson. We will put up our Mobile Display unit and leave it there until after the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony.

INDY Honor Flight #43

On September 14th, INDY Honor Flight will be flying to Washington DC with 86 Hoosier to see their memorials. Some Chapter members will meet the Hoosier heroes at the Indianapolis Airport as they debark the airplane and other will go to the Homecoming at the Plainfield High School located at 1 Red Pride Dr, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Board/Chapter Meeting and Election

The September 15th Chapter meeting will include our election for Chapter officers. Please refer to page four of the newsletter for the status of the nominations that were taken at our July and August Chapter meetings. I thank the members that have stepped up to take on more responsibility within the Chapter. The Chapter is fortunate to have members willing to serve in these important positions. The Board meeting will be from **11:00 to 12:45** and the Chapter meeting will be from **13:00 to 14:30**. The election will be between Greg Thompson and Darryle Swartzlander for Vice President.

Upcoming September Events

September 15th - 22nd	Vietnam Veterans Reunion.
September 18th	Saluting Branches at Indiana Veterans Home.
September 19th	Watch Fire Ceremony, IWM.
September 20th	POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony.
September 21st	Taylor Kiland Visit at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center.

Vietnam Veterans Reunion

This is the annual Howard County Vietnam Veterans Reunion located in Greentown, Indiana. The 42nd Annual All Veterans Reunion; Healing Field off SR 26; Live music on Thursday 4 p.m. – Midnight and Friday- Saturday 2 p.m. – Midnight; Silent auction, 50/50 drawings, food & drink vendors, beer barn, large vendor building & more; Santa Parade & Patriotic “Welcome Home” Golf Cart Rides; Cornhole tournament competitions; Armbands for gate admission required; \$15 for full week entry; For more details go to website www.hcvvo.net.

Saluting Branches at Indiana Veterans Home

Saluting Branches is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2015 by a group of arborists in Minnesota, United States. Their mission is to honor and assist veterans by providing tree care services at national cemeteries and other veteran properties. The idea for Saluting Branches was sparked by our desire to give back to our community and to honor veterans. Saluting Branches will be at the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette Indiana to clean up the grounds to include the POW/MIA Grove of Honor that was dedicated in 2021. The Chapter normally performs the Roll Call ceremony during the opening of the Saluting Branches event. Please monitor your email for updates.

Watch Fire Ceremony, IWM

The Watch Fire is an annual event that takes place at the Indiana War Memorial. Youth organizations will place over 1700 American Flags on the grounds of the Indiana War Memorial (IWM) to represent the 1700 Indiana heroes that are still Missing In Action (MIA) since WWII. The youth’s will read the names of the 1700 MIAs and tour through each war period inside the IWM. The program starts at 7:30pm and is open to everyone.

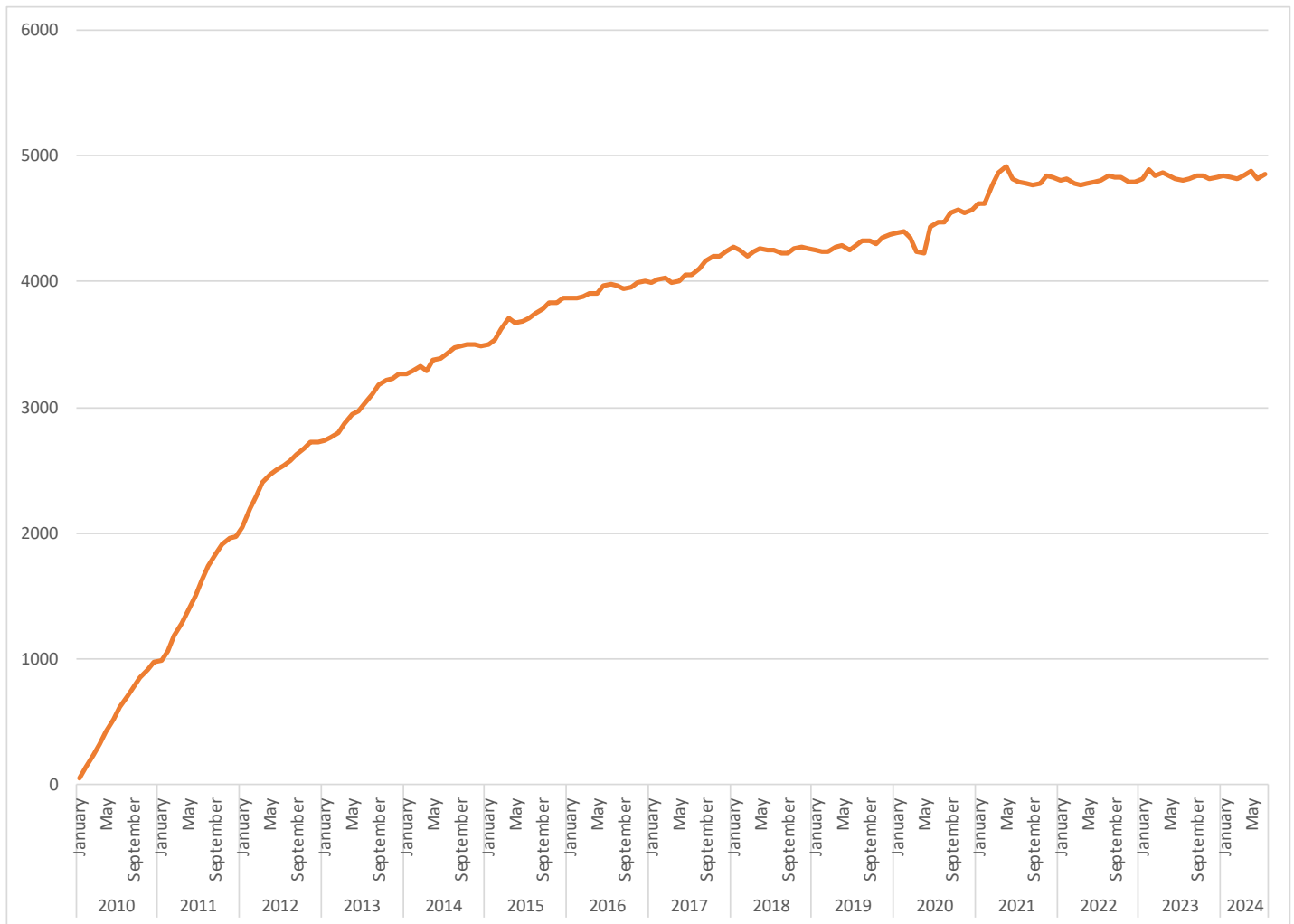
POW/MIA Recognition Day Escort and Ceremony

The Chapter will escort former POWs and family members of those that are still Missing In Action (MIA) for the Fort Harrison Veterans Center to the Indiana War Memorial for their POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony. There will be a short ceremony at the Veterans Center to recognize the former POWs and MIA families. After the ceremony, the group will be escorted by IMPD to the Indiana War Memorial. Please go to www.indianarollingthunder.com for more details on the event.

Taylor Kiland Visit at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center

This year’s keynote speaker at the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony is Taylor Baldwin Kiland. Ms. Kiland has authored the 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. Mrs. Kiland will be at the Veterans Center to brief the membership and everyone is welcome to come. The times will be forthcoming.

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

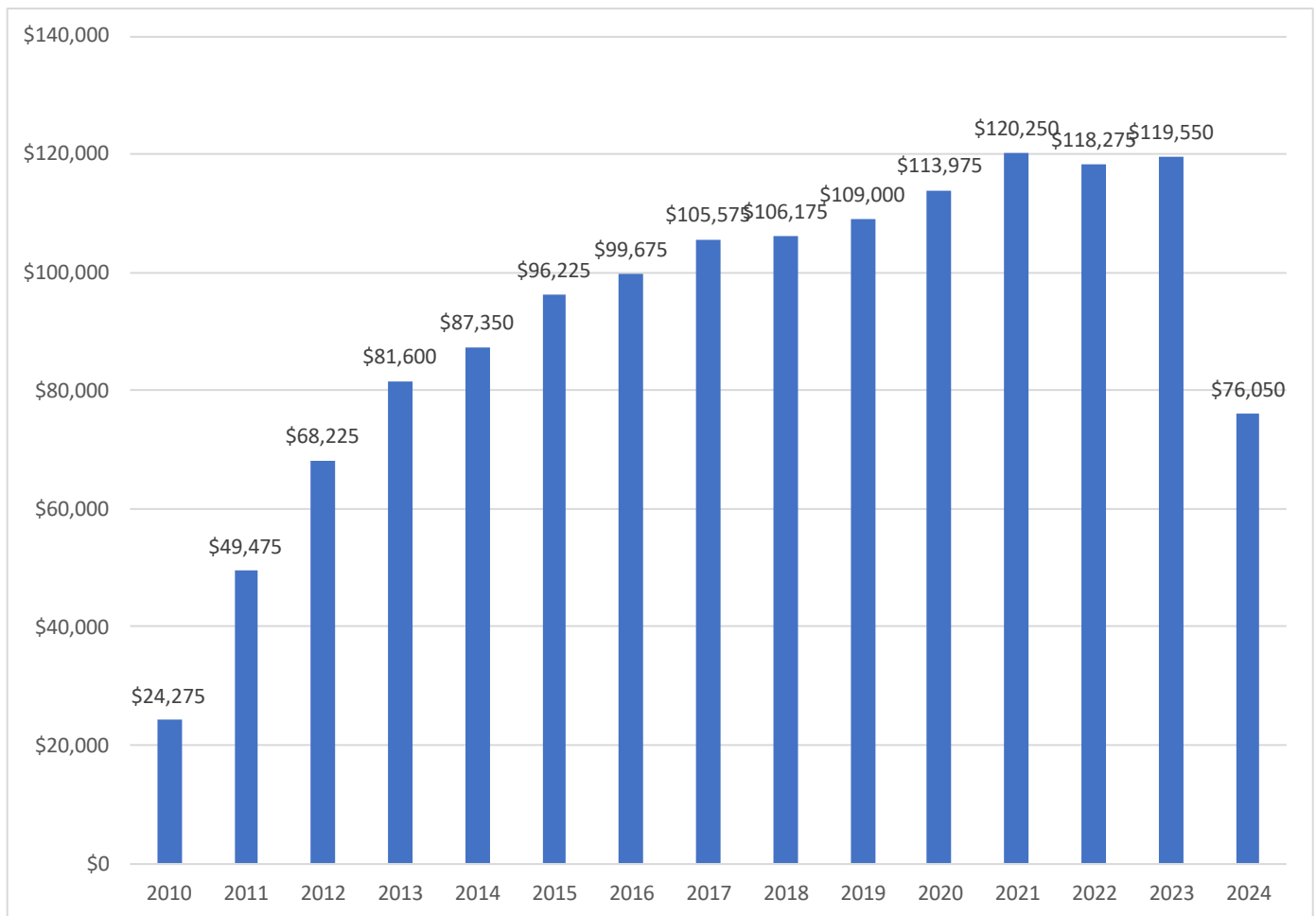


As of May, 2024, we have **4,855** POW/MIA specialty plates on the streets of Indiana helping to bring awareness to the public about our POWs, and MIAs. The funds generated from the sale of the POW/MIA Specialty plate goes towards helping our Indiana Veterans in need through the Indiana Military Family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

The August 2024 report will be provided at the September Chapter meeting.

Indiana POW/MIA Specialty Plate Fund

From 2010 to 2024



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

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

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

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Membership Patches and Obligations

National Constitution

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



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



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

Membership Obligations

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

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

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

2024 DPAA MIAs Accounted-For

Total Accounted for in FY 2024: 135

As of August 31, 2024

Accounted-For by War

WWII (106)

Korea (26)

Cold War (0)

Vietnam/Laos (3)

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

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

POW/MIA Affairs Committee

Continue

Indiana Heroes that have been Identified

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

POW/MIA Education Reading And Websites

Recommended Books

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

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.vsemc.com/
Veterans Events	http://www.veteranevents.org/
American Ex-Prisoners of War	http://www.axpow.org/default.htm

The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge



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

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

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

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

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



The Coachman Restaurant and Lounge

10% discount with this coupon

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Always remember our American POWs and MIAs





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