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PLEASE NOTE

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT

V.F.W. POST #6768
8584 Olde Eight Rd.
Northfield, OH

SUNDAY, November 20, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
November 20, 2016
1:00 p.m.

To be a member in good standing, one must:

- Attend at least 3 meetings & 3 events per year;
- Pay the annual membership dues of \$30/yr;
- Abide by the Membership Patch rules;
- Remain loyal to Rolling Thunder® in word, deed and action;
- Conduct him/herself in a professional and courteous manner at all times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. -
Dinner at Mama Roberto's, 8658 Mentor Ave.,
Mentor, OH, with veterans from Wade Park hospital
& Domiciliary. Dinner for the vets is compliments of
Mama Roberto's. All others must pay for their own
meal.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. -
Breakfast at Ruko's, 9385 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH

Saturday, November 19, 2016 - State Run - Chair
of Honor Dedication - Meet at Century HD at 10:00
a.m. Roll out at 10:30 a.m. to go to State House.
Program starts at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2016 - Board
Meeting/Membership Meeting - 1:00/2:00 p.m.

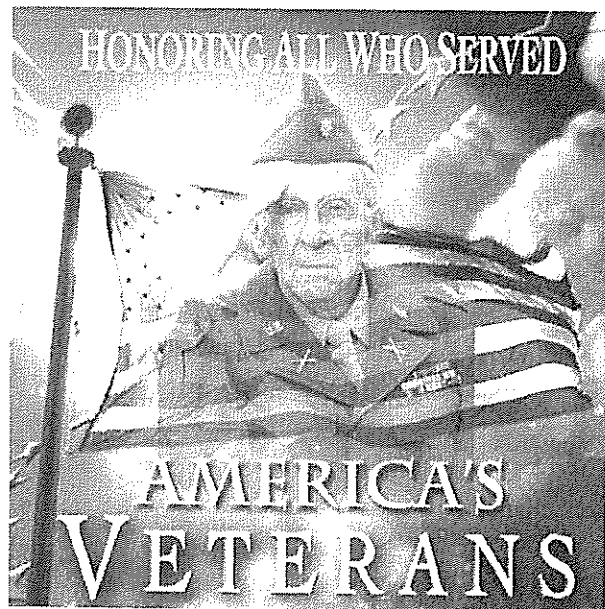
Sunday, November 27, 2016 - Calendar meeting at
Winston Bailey's house - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - Celebration of
Life for TJ Farris to be held at the VFW Post 9340,
25742 Roylton Rd, Columbian Station, Lorain, OH

Sunday, December 11, 2016 - Christmas dinner
for veterans in the Domiciliary at Wade Park.
Setup 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 - Wreaths Across
America - Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery, Rittman,
OH. Meet at the flag pole at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 18, 2016 - Board Meeting/
Membership Meeting - 1:00/2:00 p.m. - Pot luck
meal to follow meeting.



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MISSION STATEMENT

THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF ROLLING THUNDER® INC. IS TO PUBLICIZE THE POW-MIA ISSUE: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THAT MANY AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE LEFT BEHIND AFTER ALL PREVIOUS WARS, AND TO HELP CORRECT THE PAST AND TO PROTECT FUTURE VETERANS FROM BEING LEFT BEHIND SHOULD THEY BECOME PRISONERS OF WAR-MISSING IN ACTION. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO HELPING AMERICAN VETERANS FROM ALL WARS.

EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL DONATES HIS OR HER TIME BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN THE ISSUES AT HAND.

Our Adopted MIA/POW – Gregory Harris



OUR VETERANS NEED STUFF

We are collecting items for the inpatients at the VA Hospital at every meeting. Please help our veterans who have served our country honorably. Here is the monthly list (socks are always welcome):

January	Body wash
February	Deodorant
March	Toothpaste/Brush
April	Shaving Cream
May	Denture cleaner
June	Shampoo/conditioner
July	Body wash
August	Deodorant
September	Toothpaste/Brush
October	Shaving Cream
November	Lotion
December	Shampoo/conditioner

Thank you to all veterans!

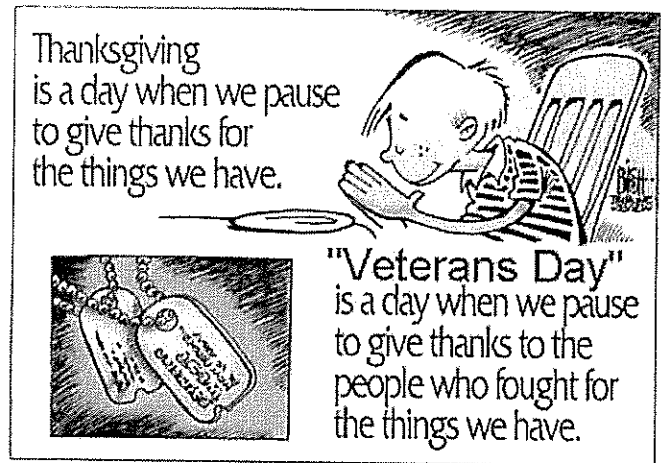
World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and **Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be

commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.



Remains Identified

Korean War Remains Identified:

- U.S. Army Cpl. Melvin R. Hill
- U.S. Army Sgt. James E. Martin
- U.S. Army Cpl. Donald E. Matney
- U.S. Army Maj. Jack D. Griffiths
- U.S. Army Pfc. Lavern C. Ullmer
- U.S. Army Pfc. Daniel Hunt

As we continue to move forward through the 114th Congress, we are making significant progress. With the recent introduction of H. Res. 590: Establishing a Select Committee on

POW and MIA Affairs, a committee that will conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation Enduring Freedom, including MIAs and POWs missing and captured, we as an organization need to do our part with contacting our representatives in the House and seek their support and co-sponsorship. Please contact your Reps. by phone, e-mail, letters and or personal visit. We are seeking 100% compliance!

To date, there are **63** co-sponsors for this bill, still only one Ohio representative.

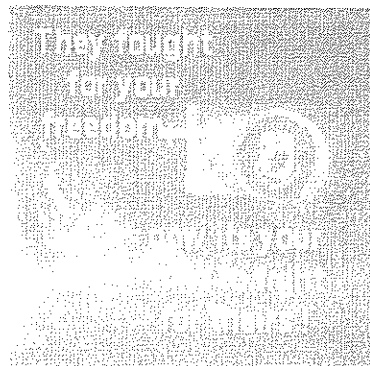
Remember: You are the voice of our POW and MIAs.

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9	Kaptur, Marcy	2186 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-4146
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13	Ryan, Tim	1421 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-5261
14	Joyce, David	1124 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-5731
15	Stivers, Steve	1022 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-2015
16	Renacci, Jim	328 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-3876

The original Toxic Exposure Act of 2016 (H.R. 1769 / S-901) went from 19 pages to 331 pages when it was merged with a number of other Veteran related legislation.

The new H.R. 5286 was pulled from the floor by the VFW and DAV shortly before it was to be voted on. If this legislation is not voted on and passed this summer we will have to start over again in January with the new congress. See the attached flyer with information regarding this legislation.



Ohio State Honors Prisoners of War and Missing in Action With New Addition to Ohio Stadium



COLUMBUS (WCMH)-There's a new addition at Ohio Stadium . A special POW-MIA chair was unveiled and dedicated Thursday, September 1, 2016. It was placed in the Horseshoe in honor of the sacrifices of those who have served in the military but have not yet returned home.

Mike Carrell, director of the Office of Military and Veterans' Services at The Ohio State University, said 2,300 OSU students are connected to the military in some way.

He says this chair means a lot not only to the OSU community, but to everyone. "It's a chair that nobody will ever sit in until the last POW comes home," said Carrell.

Brianne Szymanski is the OSU student who came up with the entire idea. "It was midnight and I just decided to scratch up an email to Gene Smith and President Drake," said Szymanski. Two years later, her idea became a reality

"I started thinking, how could we as a university community better honor those who served but never, never made it home?" she said.

"It's pretty amazing. It's really...it's really humbling. You know, to be in a stadium with 105,000 seats or whatever it is and to know that all those seats will be filled, but there's always going to be one here right in front of the ROTC in the heart of the student section that will remain empty."

Carrell said the chair will be "front and center," as it is right where the band comes in to the stadium. "From a veteran perspective, I can guarantee you it has an impact on us. Every time we see one of those we know what it means and it's important to us. But I think for everyone else it will start a conversation," explained Carrell.

10 Ways to Teach Your Kids About Veterans Day

Attend a parade. Find a local parade in your newspaper or online. Make it a point to meet some of the veterans afterward and let your children interact with them. Encourage your kids to be reporters for the day and have them interview veterans if they'd like to share their story. Find an interested veteran and set up a time for your children to participate in the **Veterans History Project**. Led by the Library of Congress in conjunction with the AARP, this incredible initiative is capturing countless veterans' personal accounts through crowdsourcing the interviews.

Give thanks. Have your children draw a picture or write a thank you note to give to a veteran. This simple gesture lets our veterans know that their service is not forgotten and still appreciated. If you don't know a veteran, use **Operation Gratitude** to deliver the message.

Donate. Rather than just writing a check (which is also a great option), have your children research a veterans organization to donate to, and then have them raise the money to do so. Help your little ones with a coffee or hot cocoa stand or help them bake goods for a bake sale. Or, in lieu of money, donate time. Have kids rake leaves of a neighboring veteran, shovel a walk way or do a random act of kindness.

Raise the flag. Our favorite tradition is to line the park near our house with flags and talk about the history of the day. Whether you decorate your neighborhood, walkway or just fly one in your yard, talk to your kids about what the colors mean and why it's so important to respect those who have fought and continue to fight to defend them.

Clean your house. Have your children go through their toys and clothes, and donate gently used items to your local **Disabled American Veteran's (DAV)** chapter.

Invite a Veteran. Have a veteran over for coffee, invite him or her to an outing with your family, or volunteer to bring him or her dinner one night. Have the kids design and deliver the invitation. If you're serving a meal, let your children help you prepare it, and have them play waitstaff.

Make poppies. While these signature flowers, made famous by the poem "In Flanders Field," are often associated with Memorial Day, a bouquet of **these beauties** of remembrance would brighten any hospital room. Call your local VA medical facility to see what your family can do to cheer up patients.

Sing a song. Teach your kids the words to the national anthem or "God Bless America." If they're feeling really ambitious, take them to a local VA facility to perform.

Color. Print off **Veterans Day coloring pages.** Have your budding artists color a picture and give it to a Veteran as a thank you.

Rally your community. For your community organizer, help him or her establish a "**Kids Thank a Vet**" (KTAV) Chapter in your area. Participating children think of ways to say thank you, from volunteering to writing poems.

Whether your children commit to transcribing a veteran's history or taking toys to the DAV, this year help them do more than just observe the holiday; help them honor it.

Newsletter humor....

Submitted by Chuck Kettler

On some air bases the military operates on one side of the airfield and civilian aircraft uses the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle.

One day the tower received a call from from an aircraft asking, "what time is it?"

The tower responded, "who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "what difference does it make?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference." If it's an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force jet, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army air plane, the big hand is on the 12 and the small hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps plane, it is Thursday afternoon."

Happy 241st Birthday USMC, NOVEMBER 10, 1775.
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A Legacy is Born

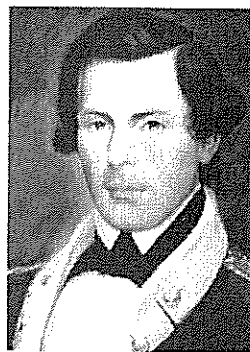
U.S. Marines - November 10, 1775

Leading up to the American Revolution, a committee of the Continental Congress met to draft a resolution calling for two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. The resolution was approved on November 10, 1775, officially forming the Continental Marines.

As the first order of business, Samuel Nicholas became captain and commanding officer of the newly formed Marines and visited numerous public inns and taverns throughout the city of Philadelphia to begin recruiting. One of his first recruits was popular patriot and tavern owner Robert Mullan. Capt Mullan owned Tun Tavern, which subsequently became part of military lore as the birthplace of the Marine Corps.

Each year, the Marine Corps marks November 10 with a celebration of the brave spirit which compelled these men and thousands since to defend our country as United States Marines.

(Photo attached is 1st commanding officer of the Marines)



No Soldier is Buried Alone Thanks to Arlington Ladies

The Arlington National Cemetery is truly sacred ground. It is the final resting place for over 400,000 of our nation's military, some of whom have been buried there since the Civil War.

The grounds were originally the property of the family of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's wife, who was also a granddaughter of George Washington. When the Civil War broke out, the Union took the property and almost immediately, Union soldiers began being buried there.

Every day Arlington National Cemetery sees dozens of new burials and provides each fallen service member or veteran with the pomp and circumstance, the honor and dignity they are due for having honorably served this grateful nation. The beautiful tree lined boulevards and the broad green burial grounds in each section, echo regularly throughout each day with the sound of 21 gun salutes and the mournful, somber notes of taps. Over 4 million people visit this sacred place each year.

Back in 1948, General Hoyt Vandenberg, the then Chief of Staff for the Air Force, and his wife, Gladys, were in the habit of routinely attending funeral services for Air Force active duty servicemen and Air Force veterans. They noticed that some of those services only had a military chaplain present. Gladys Vandenberg was moved by the loneliness of those funerals and began to invite some other Air Force wives to attend services as well. Eventually, she organized a group of women that would regularly volunteer to attend Air Force funerals to ensure that no one would be buried alone. She called the group the Officer's Wives Club.

In 1973, Julia Abrams, the wife of Army General Creighton Abrams, founded the Army version of the Air Force group. The Navy started their own organization in 1985, and the Coast Guard formed its own group in 2006. These groups are collectively known now as "The Arlington Ladies."

The Marine Corps does not have a similar group as it sends a representative of the Marine Corps Commandant to every Marine funeral. Each of the

Arlington Ladies groups is unique to its own branch of service, but they provide similar volunteer services. All of the Arlington Ladies have some direct connection to their particular branch of military service. Most are the wives and some are the daughters of either active duty service members or military veterans. Their dedication is legendary. They attend funerals, no matter the weather, just as the military honor guards do.

Doreen Huylebroeck, whose husband, CPO Edward Huylebroeck, is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, is a Navy Arlington Lady. She began volunteering after her husband died. She never saw herself doing this, but was drawn into it by the invitation of others. She thought that she would not be able to control her own tears at the funerals but finally responded to friends invitations and began to volunteer with the Navy Arlington Ladies group about two years ago.

Huylebroeck told a *Stars and Stripes* reporter, "The military person is a hero and he deserves it. It's just a special way to honor him and be there."

On average there are about six Navy funerals a day. Huylebroeck and the other Navy Arlington Ladies volunteer regularly for half a day at a time. They schedule it so that one volunteer attends all of the Navy funerals in the morning and another takes all of the afternoon funerals. They meet with the families before the services in family rooms that Arlington National Cemetery has set aside for that purpose. They are an official part of each funeral.

Huylebroeck goes the extra mile. She reads the obits before meeting with the families so that she will be able to talk with them about familiar things. If she finds that the family is local, she offers her personal contact information to them, in case they want to talk to outside of the family. She even offers to place flowers at the grave on birthday or anniversary dates. She pays for this herself.

"It's the least I can do, I would appreciate it if someone did it for me," she told *Stars and Stripes*. That is the embodiment of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Huylebroeck estimates that she has attended over 500 funerals at Arlington. One of those she attended was for **Mark Mayo**, a sailor I wrote about for this site. Mayo was killed on duty defending his shipmates and his ship, the USS Mahan, from an armed man who had gotten aboard while it was docked at Naval Station Norfolk last year.

These Arlington Ladies who represent the Air Force, the Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard provide an incalculable service of care and comfort to the fallen and to their grieving families at Arlington. They have made it their duty to make sure someone is in attendance at every funeral, especially at those where there is no family to bury the deceased. This unique voluntary service offered by these women honors the service and the sacrifice of our military. They thank those who have served with the simple gift of their presence. In a way they are not only standing in for their particular branch of service, but for all of us.

The Veterans Site would like to offer its thanks to the Arlington Ladies for what they do out of love for our military members and their families. Your presence at the fresh graves of our fallen active duty service members and military veterans honors their service and their sacrifice and helps to bring some measure of solace to their families. We thank you for the immeasurable service you bring to all those buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

Crumbs of Time

A friend was coming to town. He is a very busy man and his schedule was tight, but after a difficult day in important meetings, he managed to see my family for half an hour for a quick and late dinner. We enjoyed his visit, but I remember looking at my plate and thinking, "We only got the crumbs of his time."

Then I remembered how many times God gets the crumbs of my time—sometimes just the last minutes before I fall asleep.

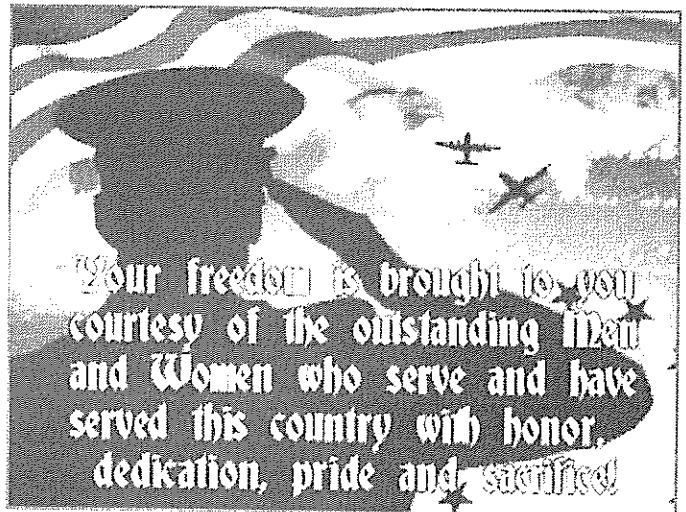
Daniel was a busy man. He held a high government position in the ancient kingdom of Babylon, and I'm

sure he had a full schedule. However, he had developed the habit of spending time with God—praying three times a day, praising God, and thanking Him. This routine helped him develop a strong faith that did not waver when he faced persecution (Dan. 6).

God desires a relationship with us. In the morning we can invite Him into our day, and then we can praise Him and ask Him for His help throughout the day. At other times we can treasure some time alone with Him and reflect on His faithfulness. As we spend time with God in prayer and in His Word, we grow in our relationship with Him and learn to become more and more like Him. As time with God becomes a priority, we enjoy His company more and more.

Dear Father, I want to have an intimate relationship with You. I invite You to be part of my entire day—from the time I awake until I go to sleep.

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31



Thank a Veteran: A veteran – whether active duty, retired or national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America & its citizenry for an amount of "up to and including my life."

The following bills can be found by going to www.govtrack.us H.R. 5286/S.2921.and H.R.4910.

H.R 5286 consisting of 74 pages. The only way that we can push for the Toxic Exposure Act which we were pushing last year, is to promote this piece of legislation which is contained within this bill and S.2921 .

Refer to: H.R. 5286-- Title III—Matters relating to toxic exposure Sec. 301-Sec.305 for information of the bill. Last Action Referred to House Armed Service.

H.R. 5286: VA Construction and Lease Authorization, Health, and Benefits Enhancement Act
Sponsor: Jeff Miller, Representative for Florida's 1st congressional district, Republican

Text: 74 pages.

Title III—Matters relating to toxic exposure

Sec. 301. Definitions.

Sec. 302. National center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to such service.

Sec. 303. Advisory Board.

Sec. 304. Declassification review by Department of Defense of certain incidents of exposure of members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances.

Sec. 305. National outreach campaign on potential long-term health effects of exposure to toxic substances by members of the Armed Forces and their descendants

S.2921 - Veterans First Act

Sponsor: John "Johnny" Isakson, Senior Senator from Georgia, Republican

Text: Last Action on this bill Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar.

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Last Updated: May 16, 2016

Length: 394 pages

Subtitle I—Research on toxic exposure

Sec. 281. Definitions.

Sec. 282. National Academy of Medicine assessment on research relating to the descendants of individuals with toxic exposure.

Sec. 283. Advisory board on research relating to health conditions of descendants of veterans with toxic exposure while serving in the Armed Forces.

Sec. 284. Research relating to health conditions of descendants of veterans with toxic exposure while serving in the Armed Forces.

H.R.4910 - To amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. 114th Congress (2015-2016) |

Sponsor: Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7] (Introduced 04/12/2016)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: 04/28/2016 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. ([All Actions](#))

Refer to message points for talking points to start your conversation about these pieces of legislation.

Thank you

Gus Dante