

The Thunder Gazette

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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 19, 2017

2:00 p.m.

There is no Board meeting

**Events calendar meeting immediately
following the membership meeting—all are
encouraged to attend**

To be a member in good standing, one must:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 19, 2017 -Membership
Meeting - 2:00 p.m.** - Events calendar meeting
immediately following the membership meeting.

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - Chair of Honor
placement/ceremony - Ohio Veterans Home -**
Sandusky, OH 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - TR Home -
Details will be given at the meeting

Saturday, December 16, 2017 - Wreaths

Across America - Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery,
Rittman, OH. 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - Membership

Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Pot luck immediately
following the meeting.

***I was prepared to fight, prepared to die. But
I was not prepared for my country to leave
me behind.***



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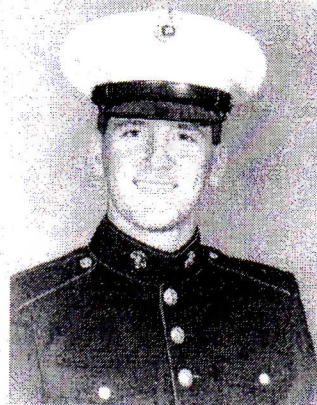
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MISSION STATEMENT

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



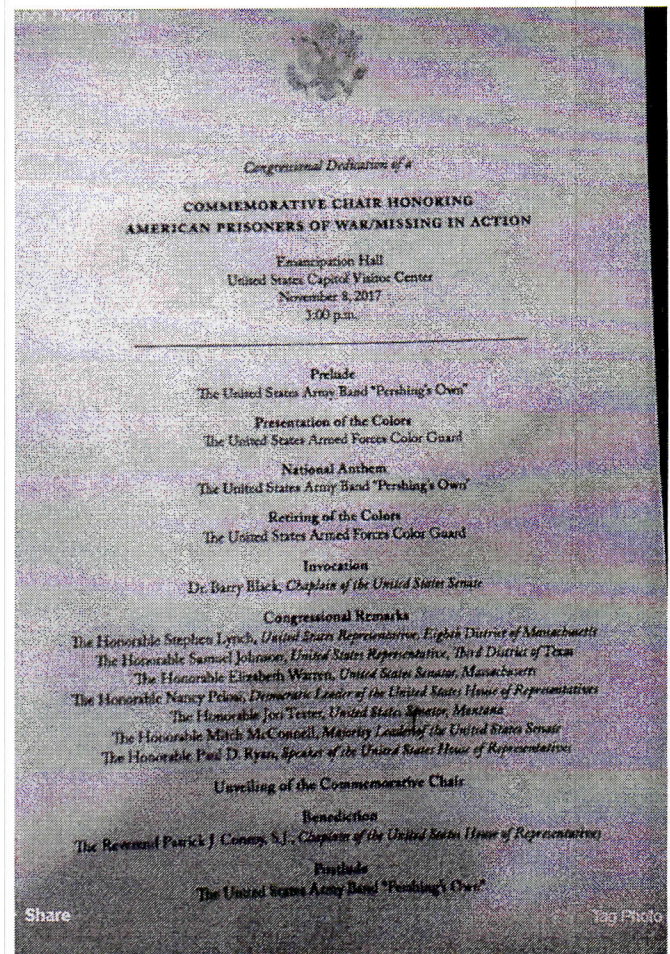
Remains Identified

WWII Remains Identified:


USMC Pfc. Francis E. Drake, Jr.
USMC Reserves Pfc. Albert Strange
USMC Cpl. John V. McNichol
USMC Sgt. Elden W. Grimm
USMC Pfc. Arnold J. Harrison
USMC Pvt. Edwin W. Jordan
USMC Reserves Cpl. Raymond A. Barker
U.S. Navy Seamn 2nd Class Harold L. Head
U.S. Navy Reserve Pharmacist's Mater
2nd Class Thomas J. Murphy
U.S. Navy Signalman 3rd Class Charles E. Nix
U.S. Navy Shopfitter 3rd Class Francis L. Hannon
U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class Edward F. Slapikas

Korean War Remains Identified:

USMC Reserve Pfc. Donald E. Eichschlag
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Harry E. Harkness



Government Affairs by Gus Dante (Federal Legislative & Government Affairs for National chapter) - UPDATE



THANK YOU Joe D'Entremont

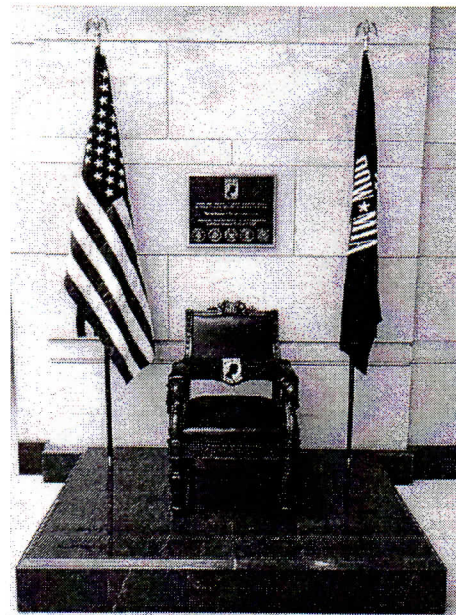
A few years back Joe D'Entremont and I were talking he asked me "what do you think about getting a POW/MIA Chair in the United States Capitol"? I told him, "knowing you, that can be a reality and that I would help him in any way I could".

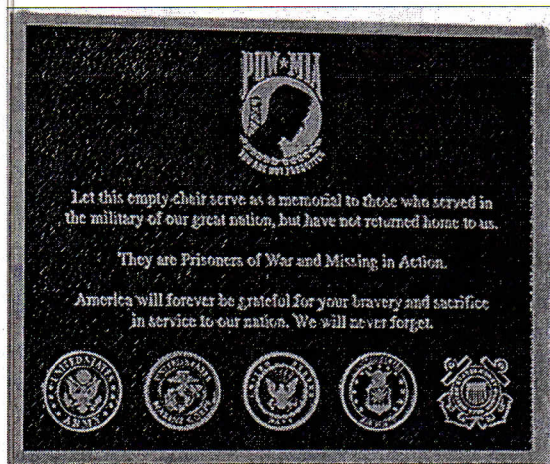
On Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM after almost four years of Joe D'Entremont's dream of placing a POW/MIA Chair in the United States Capitol it became a reality.

I and Rolling Thunder Inc. Made a commitment to speak and advocate for Joe after he suffered a stroke in 2015 and to see this through. Joe has dedicated his life to helping our military veterans and those who are POW/MIAs still unaccounted for.

This Remembrance Chair located in Emancipation Hall is dedicated to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of our Nation's Military to the men and women held Prisoner of War, Missing in Action and those 83,000 unaccounted for from all wars. God Bless our POW/MIAs "You Will Never Be Forgotten"

Gus Dante
National Government Affairs Committee





Congress to Honor American POW/MIA with Commemorative Chair

WASHINGTON—On Wednesday, November 8, leaders of the U.S. House and Senate will dedicated a commemorative chair in honor of American prisoners of war (POW) and the nearly 83,000 servicemen and women missing in action (MIA).

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) took part in the bipartisan, bicameral ceremony. The ceremony was open to credentialed media, members of Congress, and invited guests only.

Commemorative chairs have been unveiled throughout the country to serve as a reminder of America's servicemen and women held prisoner or missing in action. In accordance with Public Law 114-147, the *National POW/MIA Remembrance Act*, the chair has been placed in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol Visitor Center.

Regarding the Bill to place the POW Flag at the White House and Capitol we do not have the necessary co-sponsors as of yet. The resistance of some to the new Trump administration prevents work being done. Gus remarked that the best way to contact your elected representative is email and phone as letters get delayed in processing.

To take action: Go to <http://www.govtrack.us/>. Search and review a bill or bills of interest, go to the website listed for your US Representatives or US Senators and send letters, e-mails and or faxes requesting an action (preferably in writing) to be taken such as to cosponsor the bill or support getting the bill/resolution to the floor for a vote. Or, call their DC office and ask to speak to their Military or Veteran Affairs staffer and request that an action be taken.

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

H.R.504 - 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.

To date there are still only three co-sponsors to this bill—none from OHIO. Get those letters sent!

Below is a listing of the Ohio representatives.

District	Name	Room	Phone
1	Chabot, Steve	2371 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-2216
2	Wenstrup, Brad	2419 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-3164
3	Beatty, Joyce	133 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-4324
4	Jordan, Jim	2056 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-2676
5	Latta, Robert E.	2448 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6405
6	<u>Johnson, Bill</u>	1710 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-5705
7	Gibbs, Bob	2446 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6265
8	Davidson, Warren	1004 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6205
9	Kaptur, Marcy	2186 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-4146
10	Turner, Michael	2368 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6465
11	Fudge, Marcia L.	2344 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-7032

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12	Tiberi, Pat	1203 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-5355
13	Ryan, Tim	1126 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

Other bills that are being worked on:

H. Res. 219- Rep. Walker R-NC-6: Establishing a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs.

H. Res. 129/ S.61: Calling on the DOD, other elements of the federal Government and foreign governments to intensify effort to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted for US personnel.

H.R. 299/ S. 422: Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017.

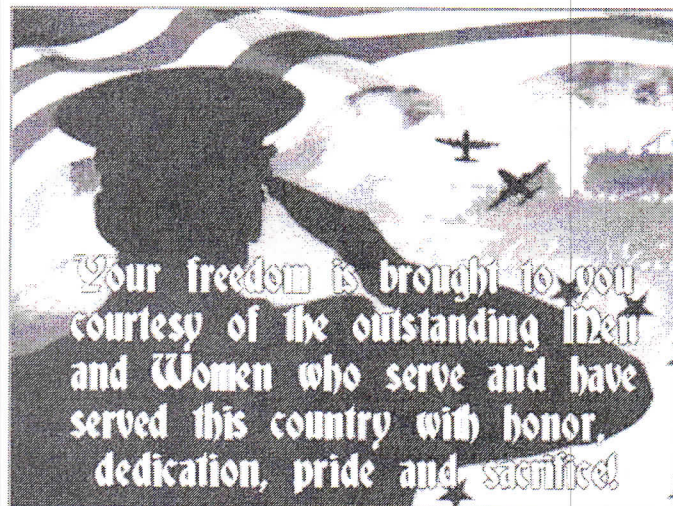
For information on these bills go to links:

<https://www.congress.gov> or <https://www.govtrack.us/accounts/login>

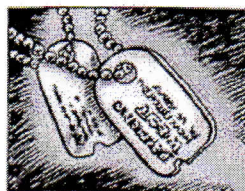
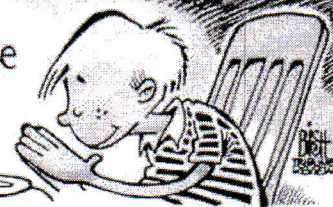
More information may be found on the Rolling Thunder, Inc. National's website under the heading "Government Affairs"
www.rollingthunder1.com

Chaplain's Corner

(See attached submitted by Chuck Kettler)



Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.



"Veterans Day" is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.



MORE LIKE HIM

Are you patriotic or are you a Patriot?

By the time you read this article, 9-11 will have passed. Monday, the 11th of September is also known as Patriots Day. Some thoughts came across my mind as I pondered the events of that fateful day and the years since. Mainly, what it means to be a Patriot versus being a patriotic person?

Both of them can love their country. Both of them can bear the colors. Both of them can go to parades and wave the American flag. "But it is the Patriot that is willing to shed their blood, sweat and tears for the country they love." Patriotic people talk... but the real patriots are the ones that put their words into ACTION! Selflessly working under the most horrific of conditions; bleeding, crying and willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to protect you, me, and their fellow person in battle. *John 15:12-13 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

At last count, there has been well over 6,000 U.S. Military that have died in the War On Terror, these are TRUE patriots! On September 11th 2001 when Islamic Jihadists flew planes into the Twin Towers in New York and elsewhere, 2,977 people were murdered by terrorists. Some of those that died that day were true patriots, such as those on Flight 93 or the First Responders, some were patriotic Americans, and others were far from either and were seeking to destroy this great nation and the freedom we enjoy. Patriots serve and Patriots are dedicated. Patriots do the hard and sometimes horrible work that must be done so that we can have the freedom we have; patriots bleed and sometimes die. Patriots do what most will NOT do, but yet reap the benefits of! I have read that 0.4% of Americans are now actively serving in the uniform of the American military and that 0.2 % of those that alive today have served in the USA military. That leaves 99.4% that have not served in the Armed Forces of America for various reasons, but are protected by these unselfish souls that do serve.

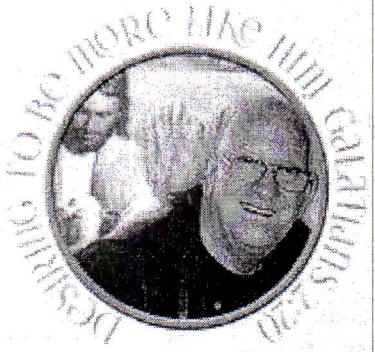
Similarly, there is also a difference between being a Christian and just being religious. Both can assemble, both can wear crosses or symbols and carry Bibles, both can attend Revivals and go to potluck dinners, both can be members of the local church or synagogue and believe in God. But it is the Christian that is willing to carry the load! They are to be warriors for the Lord, to support the church with their blood, sweat and tears and are faithful in obedience to the word of God. What is the difference? One loves their religion and may try hard to be

good, whereas the Christian loves the Lord and tries hard to be a servant of God and spread his good word and helps to change others. The person with religion will many times seek to use their religion to their benefit, but the Christian will seek to be used by God and work to further His kingdom.

The religious person talks, but the Christian soldiers put action into their words and submit to the authority of the Bible, the word of God. Real Christians serve and dedicate themselves and they do the vast majority of the work that needs to be done. They sweat and shed tears for those that are unsaved. They are persecuted for their faith, actions and love for the Lord, and sometimes die... they are called martyrs. Every day I run across many religious people trying to do the best they can, along with a few lost and wandering souls with no idea of what to do. I also run into a few true Christians that are working hard to keep the lost from going to the devil's hell. *Are you a patriotic Christian -or- are you a Christian patriot?*

A Christian patriot will put on the WHOLE armor of God as described in *Ephesians 6:11-17 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

Are you a Christian soldier? Read God's word and it's as easy as A.B.C. to join up! A - Admit you're a sinner. B - Believe that Jesus died for your sins. C - Confess your sins to Jesus.



—John Dunn