

# 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, September 16, 2018**

**2:00 p.m.**

**There is no Board meeting**

**Pot luck meal after the meeting. Please bring  
a dish to share.**

**Our veterans need white socks. We will be  
collecting white socks at each meeting.**

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**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.**

**Sunday, October 14, 2018 - Board/Chapter Meeting** - 1:00/2:00 p.m. - Northfield VFW. Please note that this is one week earlier than normal due to a scheduling conflict with the Post.

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Below are the current nominees for the positions of president, secretary, and 3 board positions (Mike Neilan, Ted Pilny & Chuck Kettler are the 3 board members whose positions are up for nominations). Below are the current nominees:

**President: Winston Bailey (accepted)**

**Dave Bush (accepted)**

**Secretary: Cheryl Pilny (accepted)**

**Board Positions: Ted Pilny (accepted)**

**Chuck Kettler (accepted)**

**Larry Felean (accepted)**

**Ron Dinger (accepted)**

**Mike Neilan (accepted)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 16, 2018 -Chapter Meeting** -2:00 p.m. - Northfield VFW - Pot luck meal after the meeting.

**Saturday, September 22, 2018** - Table ceremony at Western Reserve National Cemetery

**Sunday, September 30, 2018** -Middlefield Walmart



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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.

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**Our Adopted MIA/POW – Gregory Harris**



# National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 21, 2018



In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action. This day was established by an Act of Congress by the passage of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act. It is one of six days that the POW/MIA flag can be flown. The POW/MIA flag was first recognized by Public Law 101-355 in 1990.

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## Remains Identified

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### Viet Nam War Remains Identified:

U.S. Air Force Col. Richard A. Kibbey  
U.S. Navy Commander James B. Mills

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## Legislation We Are Working On

### From Gus Dante:

*H.R. 504-Sponsor: Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ-7) - To fly the POW/MIA flag ALL DAYS that the American flag is displayed over the U.S. Capitol and the White House. This legislation has been held up in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice for the last two Congresses. H.R. 504 has no CBO (Congressional Budget Office) which makes decisions on monies used for legislation. This does not apply to H.R. 504. I would like you to take some time to call members of the Judiciary and ask them to move H.R. 504 out of committee to the floor for a vote. If your representative is not on the Judiciary, ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 504 and to call John Byers at Rep. Lance's office at 202-225-5361 to sign on. Attached is a list of representatives that serve on the Judiciary and Subcommittee, and a sample letter.*

*At the end of the year 2018, H.R. 504 and all legislation will have to be reintroduced to the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress 2019. It would be great if Rolling Thunder® members would put pressure on their representatives to get the POW/MIA flag to fly ALL DAYS over the U.S. Capitol and U.S. White House.*

We must continue to "press" forward by doing our part to keep our concerns/issues on the "doorstep" of our MOC's as well as continue to seek support with getting the Bills/Legislation we support to the "floor" for a vote! This is very important for our American POW/MIA's, Veterans' and our organization! Please keep in mind that these Bills/Legislation will "die" at the conclusion of the 115th Congress which will cause these Bills/Legislation to have to be reintroduced during the 116th Congress! Please continue to make contact with your MOC's by visiting their offices and writing letter requesting for the support (if they are not already a cosponsor), or request they request that the Bills/Legislation are taken to the "floor" for a vote! Might I suggest that you contact and or send letters to Representative Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, Senator Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader as well as members (preferable Ranking, Majority and Minority Leaders) who "sit" on a Committee where these Bills/Legislation currently "sit" stagnate! Please continue to follow the Bills/Legislation that we currently support and check for any updates.

We are continuing to "push" the following pieces of legislation:

**H. Res. 129** - Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3] (Introduced 02/15/2017) Cosponsors: (120) Committees: House - Foreign Affairs, Armed Services Latest Action: House - 02/14/2018 Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection. NOTE: This Bill has PASSED in the House.

**S. Res. 61** - Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States. Sponsor: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ] (Introduced 02/15/2017) Cosponsors: (10) Committees: Senate -

Foreign Relations Latest Action: Senate - 02/15/2017 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**H. Res. 219** - Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs. Sponsor: Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6] (Introduced 03/21/2017) Cosponsors: (8) Committees: House - Rules Latest Action: House - 03/21/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Rules.

**H. R. 299** - Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 Sponsor: Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21] (Introduced 01/05/2017) Cosponsors: (330) Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs Latest Actions: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 382 - 0 (Roll no. 289). Explanation: This Bill "PASSED" in the House on June 25th, 2018 and received by the Senate June 26th, 2018 for consideration. 06/28/18 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. House - 05/18/18 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H. Rept. 115-680**. Action By: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 523. Action By: House of Representatives. S. 422 - Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 Sponsor: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] (Introduced 02/16/2017) Cosponsors: (50) Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs Latest Action: Senate - 02/16/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**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. Sponsor: Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7] (Introduced 01/12/2017) Cosponsors: (8) Committees: House - Judiciary Latest Action: House - 02/06/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

For information in reference to these and other POW/MIA and Veterans' legislation as well as current cosponsors and bill status, committee assignments, etc. please visit: <https://www.congress.gov>. Information in reference to "talking points" for our current bills of top priority can be found on the "Government Affairs" page on the National website. Please feel free to use any of

this information when speaking, corresponding and or meeting with your MOC's.

**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 only EIGHT co-sponsors to this bill—none from OHIO.*

*Get those letters sent!*

Below is a listing of the Ohio representatives.

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More information may be found on the Rolling Thunder, Inc. National's website under the heading "Government Affairs" [www.rollingthunder1.com](http://www.rollingthunder1.com)

**September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

Every day is suicide prevention day throughout the Department of Veteran Affairs. Roughly 22 veterans per day commit suicide in the U.S.

Laura Kuntzleben is the suicide prevention educator with the St. Cloud VA and says one way to bring those numbers down is to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health.

"It's not any different than someone having diabetes or cancer, and it's not contagious. People do need to talk."

Kuntzleben adds if you know someone who is feeling suicidal, they may be feeling like they're the only ones suffering, and it's important to encourage them to talk about it.

"A lot of people go through it, maybe a little different version of it, but the person they start talking to generally will have a story that they can relate to. And really, the person just needs someone to listen to them, not solve all their problems."

**This Is How To Respond To A Veteran Contemplating Suicide**

By DUANE K. L. FRANCE on February 12, 2017

Hopefully you'll never need it. Sadly many do. Here's what to say to a veteran considering suicide.

I'll never forget him. Or his voice. That southern drawl made him sound sleepy, but there was more to it. He was weary, frustrated. He wanted to kill himself.

It was a story as old as war: He made it home. His buddies didn't. He was a cavalry scout, an Iraq war veteran. Somewhere in Baghdad, one of the 15-month tours during the surge. He swapped with someone on patrol, the other guy didn't make it. "Should've been me." That kind of thing.

I was coming to the end of my career, and volunteering with a local organization as a veteran peer mentor. I wasn't a mental health counselor yet, just trying help other vets. Someone in the program

thought he was thinking of hurting himself. So I called him and asked him.

That's the first step: Get them on the phone. It doesn't matter that you're not a medic, or a therapist, or a first responder. It doesn't matter to your friend, and it shouldn't matter to you: The fact is, you are now the one connection to life that they have. Intimidating? You better believe it. That veteran's life is in your hands in a very real and critical way.

You have to view suicide like any other kind of danger. You would do literally everything you could to save your friend, whether it's from a burning building, a car accident, or a heart attack. Suicide calls for the same kind of immediate action.

I asked him how he would kill himself.

"I've got a gun here at the house," he told me. "I've tried before."

You have to ask it directly. No messing around. No, "are you in danger?" or "are you going to hurt yourself?" or "you're not thinking of doing something stupid, are you?" All of these questions can be denied. Don't mince words. If they are far enough along in their thoughts, they think the danger lies in living, not dying. People struggling with depression view death as peace, not pain.

"Once, I got drunk and put a round in the chamber," he told me. "I was so wasted, I forgot it had a magazine disconnect. It wouldn't fire."

Don't judge them. That's the first thing to remember: It's not about you. It's not about how you feel, what you think, what you did this morning, what you're doing tomorrow. It's not about how shocked, or betrayed, or sad, or scared you feel. Your total and complete focus is on your friend, on the other end of the phone, holding onto you, holding on to life.

Once you ask directly, and get a positive answer, then you can move on, because you know what you're dealing with — a life-and-death situation.

Maybe you think you're done at that point: "Now I know, I can call 9-1-1, it's out of my hands." Nothing could be further from the truth. Settle in, because it gets real from here. Listen to their story. Tell them

you want to hear about it, hear about what's going on. You can be clear with one thing, though: are they in a place, head-wise, to talk? If they've already taken some pills, or they've got some other means, and they are literally seconds away from taking their own life, then 9-1-1 is absolutely one to call. You can even tell them that: "Now that I know what's going on, if you hang up, I'm calling 9-1-1 immediately. If you don't want that to happen, then keep talking to me."

So, if they're not in immediate danger, take it slow and listen to their story. Something happened today, or yesterday, or this past week, to get your friend to this place. It is certainly going to be an accumulation of things, leading back to and possibly beyond their time in the service, but the chance is that there is something very specific that happened to get to this point. That's the story you need to listen to. Without judgment. Is it because something happened with that dude or chick they've been messing with, the one you don't like? Again, not about you. It's about your friend, and their pain, their story.

At some point, something is going to come up that makes them move back toward life. A reason to live, a reason they want to live. Their kids. Their spouse. You, because you're important to them too, if there's nothing else. Don't throw guilt, don't throw shame, no "how do you think they'll feel when you're gone?" Just listen, and when they start talking about things that could happen in the future, then you may have started to turn a corner.

After talking for a period of time, they got some stuff off their chest, they might have gotten a reminder that there is some stuff to live for anyway. Here's where you can start asking questions. What was your plan? What were you going to do? Because we need to figure out how to disable that particular plan. Pills? Let me have them, or give them to someone to keep safe. Guns? Rope? Let's figure out how to keep them out of the way. Not forever, just for now, until we can make sure you're safe. Probably best not to get drunk or high right now, because that keeps us from being focused. The best plan is one that you and your buddy come up with together, and then you confirm that plan.

Next step: Where are we going? Who are we going to tell next? Because we want to stay alive, right? If we're not in the same town, who do you want me to

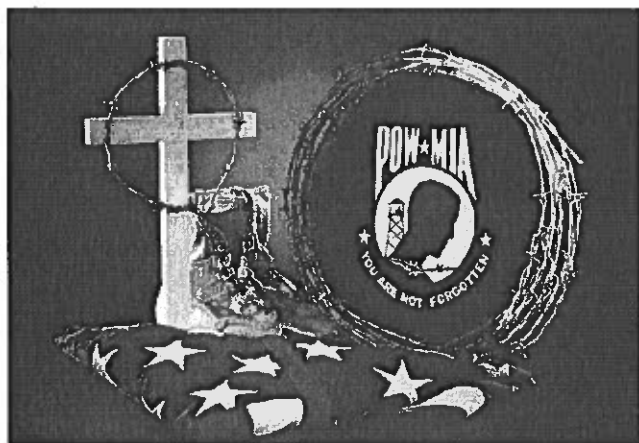
call that will be safe to hang out with you until you can get in to see your doctor, or get into the vet center, or to see a therapist?

Once they're safe — once you know they're safe — tell them you love them like a brother or a sister, and how thankful you are that they chose you to connect with. Trust and believe me, it is an unparalleled honor to be the one who your buddy reaches out to in their darkest moment, and it will do you good to let them know that. Once you're 100% sure they are in a better place and have someone safe near them, you can hang up the phone.

Then you can focus on you. It will be one of the most draining and intense experiences of your life, but know this: You just saved a veteran's life, and that is no small thing.

*If you or a veteran you know is in crisis, you can call the Veterans Crisis Line, call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.*

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### Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

### Random Acts of Kindness

Some say that the American writer Anne Herbert scribbled the phrase "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty" on a placemat at a restaurant in 1982. The sentiment has since been popularized through film and literature and has become a part of our vocabulary.

The question is "Why?" Why should we show kindness? For those who follow Jesus, the answer is clear: To show the tender mercy and kindness of God.

There's an Old Testament example of that principle in the story of Ruth, the emigrant from Moab. She was a foreigner, living in a strange land whose language and culture she did not understand. Furthermore, she was desperately poor, utterly dependent on the charity of a people who took little notice of her.

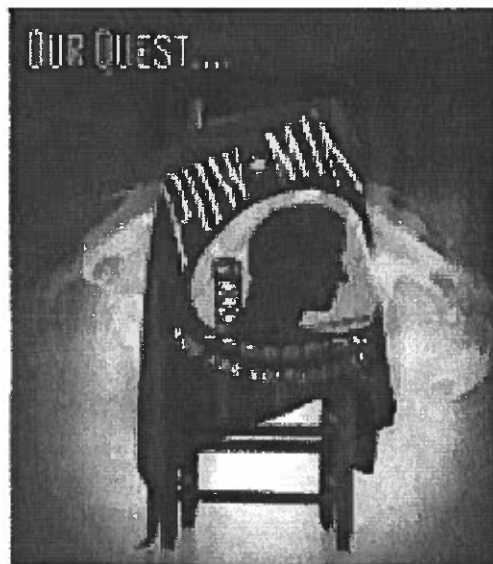
There was one Israelite, however, who showed Ruth grace and spoke to her heart (Ruth 2:13). He allowed her to glean in his fields, but more than simple charity, he showed her by his compassion the tender mercy of God, the One under whose wings she could take refuge. She became Boaz's bride, part of the family of God, and one in a line of ancestors that led to Jesus, who brought salvation to the world (see Matt. 1:1-16).

We never know what one act of kindness, done in Jesus's name, will do.

*Lord, what do You want me to do for another today?  
Lead me. And may that person see a glimmer of You.*

**It's never too soon to be kind.**

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





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June 13, 2018

The Honorable Robert W Goodlatte  
United States House of Representatives  
2210 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Sample Letter

REF: H.R. 504

Dear Representative Goodlatte


Rolling Thunder Inc. National and its members throughout the US would respectfully like to request that you as Chairman of the Judiciary that you bring H.R. 504 to the floor for a vote.

This bill sponsored by Rep. Leonard Lance, (R-7-NJ).....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, especially at the US Capitol and White House.

There has been some progress on the POW/MIA awareness initiative with the Chair of Honor being dedicated in the Emancipation Hall on Nov. 8, 2017 but we need to further respect and honor those who did not come home from all previous wars by flying the POW/MIA flag over the U.S. Capitol and White House on ALL DAYS that the American flag is displayed. Flying the POW/MIA flag will serve as a reminder to the families of our missing, the American public, our Veterans and active duty military that our government must never forget those that did not return.

Please move H.R. 504 to the floor for a vote.

Respectfully yours,

  
Gus Dante  
Government Affairs  
National Board Member

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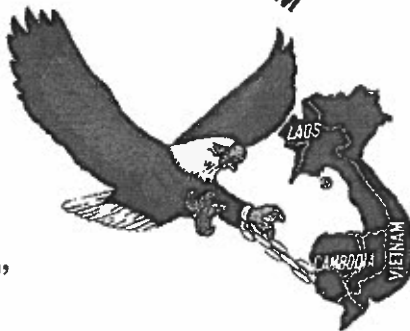
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## Letter to be sent to Pentagon

To Whom It May Concern,

Rolling Thunder® XXXI was held on Sunday, May 27, 2018 in Washington, DC. Rolling Thunder® Inc. held the required permits to use the North Pentagon Parking Lot, South Pentagon Parking Lot and Boundary Channel Parking Lot for participants attending our annual event to park their motorcycles.

Lt. Reggie Kim was in charge of this event. Lt. Kim and his officers were very disrespectful to our organization and as far as I am concerned broke the law. Participants were turned away from entering the South Pentagon Parking Lot and Boundary Channel Parking Lot, causing our supporters to ride in circles and thus resulting in them leaving in disgust. Members of Rolling Thunder National Security have always directed and parked all the motorcycles for 15-20 years with no problems and then Pentagon greed had their Security force take charge of what we did.

We had the required permits to assemble and demonstrate, Lt. Kim and his officers took that Right away from us. The Veterans and our supporters were treated with disrespected by Lt. Kim. In the South Pentagon Parking Lot, over \$900.00 in portable toilets were provided and unused. Peapod (Giant Foods) our sponsor donated \$6,000.00 of food, fresh fruit and bottled water for the supporters. Much of the food products had to be thrown out, what a waste! Our organization paid Pentagon Security and Management some \$49,000.00 for what? So we can be discriminated against and our Constitutional Rights disregarded. Our organization lost over \$20,000 in Registration Fees, as a result of the South Pentagon Lot and Boundary Channel Lot supporters being diverted away, leaving both lots completely empty.

I feel that Rolling Thunder should be reimbursed for our payment to the U.S. Treasury for Security which we really do not require and some serious discipline should be taken against those in charge who took away our Constitutional Rights. We are a Veteran orientated non-profit organization. All our Officers/Members donate their time to work on the POW/MIA Issue, help Veterans, our Troops and their Families that are in need of assistance.

Remember our POW/MIAs, our Troops serving and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

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