

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, January 20, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.



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

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, January 20, 2019 - Board/
Membership Meeting - 1:00/2:00 p.m. -
Constitutions and 2019 calendars will be handed out at the meeting. 2019 due are being collected.**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019 - Wade Park
visit - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - meet in the Atrium**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 - Board/
Membership Meeting - 1:00/2:00 p.m. - Chapter
anniversary - pot luck meal to follow meeting**

**Saturday, February 23, 2019 - Shoot &
Shoot - Point Blank, Mentor, OH - 10:00 a.m. -
Lunch afterwards**

POW/MIA

"We Will Never Forget"

WWI	3,343
WWII	72,784
Cold War	126
Korea	7,676
Vietnam	1,592



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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



Ramblings from Cheryl -

It's time to renew your membership for 2019, and Sue is collecting. The dues are still \$30/person. I've been thinking about this for awhile now, but before you renew, think about why you joined Rolling Thunder®. What I am going to say is strictly my opinion and based on my own observations. I am not pointing a finger or singling anyone out.

Rolling Thunder® is not a "club" or motorcycle group. We are an organization whose mission is to keep before the government the POW/MIA issue and to help veterans, disabled and otherwise, from all wars. If you joined because you get cool looking patches, you joined the wrong organization.

Yes, we are a volunteer organization, but there is a certain amount of commitment required, and there are minimum requirements to remain a member. You must attend a minimum of 3 meetings AND 3 events in a year. No one is expected to participate in everything, but if you can't find 6 days out of 365 to help out, then you are in the wrong organization.

Maybe you don't like how the organization is run or certain things that happen. Or you don't like how a committee is run. Then step up/speak out. If you don't, then nothing will change. We are a team, and we need to work together.

There are always some people who are more dedicated than others, or have more time to give. And that's okay. But any time anyone can contribute is always appreciated. Our veterans and POW/MIA's deserve this time. And remember, you are the voice of our POW/MIA's. This is a great organization, and we've been helping veterans since before it was cool!

Remains Identified

WWII Remains Identified:

U.S. Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Roman W. Sadlowski

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Lynn W. Hadfield

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Vernon L. Hamilton

U.S. Army Pfc. William F. Delaney

U.S. Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class George Hanson

U.S. Navy Steward 2nd Class Felicismo Florese
U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Burleigh E. Curtis

Korean War Remains Identified:

U.S. Army Cpt. John G. Krebs

U.S. Army Pfc. James C. Williams

Government Affairs, Gus Dante & Mike Wolff

Mike Wolff: The Bill H.R.299 "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" passed unanimously in the House, but the Senate version was shot down for reasons of being too costly. Mike remarked that the government sends soldiers to war, but does not seem to have or want to appropriate the funds to care for them when they return. The Blue Water Navy Veterans Act would have provided health benefits for Vietnam veterans affected by Agent Orange while exposed to the chemical on ships. The government affairs committee will also be looking at Toxic Exposure Bills regarding burn pits and chemical exposure experienced by Gulf Water veterans next year.

Gus Dante: In a few weeks the 115th Congress will end, and H.R. 504 to fly the POW/MIA Flag on all days the Stars and Stripes is displayed will have to be reintroduced in the 116th Congress. Gus thanked Michelle Hamilton, President of RT MA2 and members for meeting with Senator Elizabeth Warren during RT's annual conference in DC this past November. As a result, Senator Warren's office has introduced the Senate version of the Bill (S 3698) in the present 115th Congress. Senator Warren has assured us and has said, "mark my words" this will be reintroduced in the 116th Congress to get passed. Warren went on to say that she is working on getting a representative to introduce this legislation in the House this January (116th Congress). Gus played Senator Warren's voice mail for all to hear firsthand her remarks and promise to work on this legislation. Following is the Press Release from Senators Warren and Cotton: **PRESS RELEASE:** December 03, 2018
Senators Warren and Cotton Introduce National POW/MIA Flag Act - S3698 Bill Would Ensure POW/MIA Flag is Displayed with U.S. Flag on Prominent Federal Properties Washington, DC - United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.)

and Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) today introduced The National POW/MIA Flag Act, which would require the POW/MIA Flag to be displayed whenever the American flag is displayed on prominent federal properties, including the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, every national cemetery, the buildings containing the official offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, the office of the Director of the Selective Service System, each major military installation (as designated by the Secretary of Defense), each Department of Veterans Affairs medical center, and each United States Postal Service post office. The senators introduced this bill to honor the more than 82,000 Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts. Under current law, the POW/MIA Flag is required to be displayed by the federal government on certain prominent federal properties only six days per year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day. The National POW/MIA Flag Act will ensure that the POW/MIA Flag is displayed whenever the U.S. flag is displayed, effectively ensuring that both flags are displayed concurrently and every day at federal locations already designated under existing law. "All three of my brothers served in the military, and I understand the sacrifices our service members and their families make to keep our country safe every single day," Senator Warren said. "We must honor those who have served our nation courageously, including those who have not made it home. I am proud to introduce this bipartisan bill alongside Senator Cotton to ensure that this important symbol honoring our brave men and women is proudly displayed with the American flag." "Over 82,000 Americans, including hundreds of Arkansans, remain missing from past wars," Senator Cotton said. "They are not forgotten. It is my hope that this small gesture reminds Americans to honor those who left our shores, and never returned." "The POW/MIA flag will be a symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still imprisoned, missing and the 83,000 plus unaccounted for from all wars," said Augustus Dante, Government Affairs Liaison of the Rolling Thunder, Inc. National. "As the POW/MIA Chair of

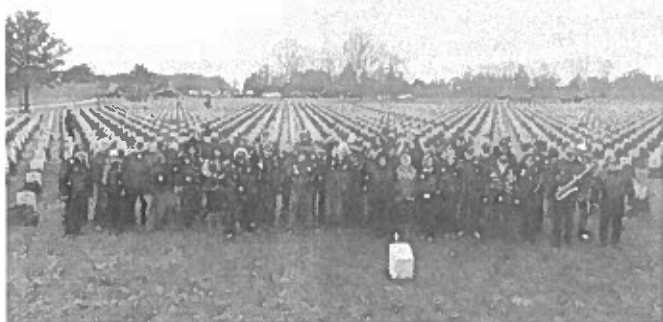
Honor in the US Capitol, the POW/MIA flag flying over the Capitol will be a reminder to the families of our missing and the public that our government has not forgotten those that did not come home." "We appreciate the bipartisan support of Senators Warren and Cotton in introducing this bill that seeks to ensure our POW/MIA flag is posted 24/7 at all locations currently required by law," said Ann Mills Griffiths, Chairman and CEO of the National League of POW/MIA Families. "Raising the symbol of America's commitment to account as fully as possible for US Veterans unreturned from past wars and conflicts signals worldwide that America stands with all who serve - past, present and future - and will pursue every reasonable effort to bring them home." "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud to support this proposal to display the POW/MIA flag prominently at all federal locations," said Patrick Murray, Deputy Director of Veterans of Foreign Wars. "We must always ensure that those who sacrificed, especially those who were captured or have yet to come home, are remembered and honored proudly and publicly." This bill is endorsed by Rolling Thunder, Inc. National, Rolling Thunder Inc. Massachusetts Chapters 1 and 2, the National League of POW/MIA Families, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and the National Alliance of Families for the Return of America's Missing Servicemen. Representative Leonard Lance (R - N.J.) introduced the original legislation in the House of Representatives on January 12, 2017.

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

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



On Saturday, December 15, 2018, members from Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Ohio chapters, along with many local supporters participated in the annual Wreaths Across America at the Western Reserve National Cemetery near Rittman, OH. A huge "THANK YOU" to all who volunteered.



Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

An Alternative to Worry

A law-abiding, honest man received a voicemail that said, "This is officer _____ from the police department. Please call me at this number." Immediately the man began to worry—afraid that

somehow he had done something wrong. He was afraid to return the call, and he even spent sleepless nights running through possible scenarios—worried that he was in some kind of trouble. The officer never called back, but it took weeks for the worry to go away.

Jesus asked an interesting question about worry: "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" (Matthew 6:27). Perhaps this can help us rethink our tendency to worry, because it suggests that it doesn't help the situation we're concerned about.

When problems are on the horizon for us, maybe we can try the following two-step approach: Take action and trust in God. If we can do something to avoid the problem, let's try that route. We can pray for God to guide us to an action we should take. But if there's nothing we can do, we can take comfort in knowing that God never finds Himself in such a predicament. He can always act on our behalf. We can always turn our situation over to Him in trust and confidence.

When it feels like time to worry, may we turn to the inspired words of King David, who faced his own share of difficulties and worries, but concluded: "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you" (Psalm 55:22). What a great alternative to worry!

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