

# 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, February 9, 2020  
2:00 p.m.**

**There is NO Board meeting.**

**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.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 9, 2020 (week early) -**  
**Membership Meeting - 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020 - Noon - Valor**  
**Home, Lorain, OH - Rescheduled Christmas**  
**luncheon**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. -**  
**Shoot & Scoot - First Strike Shooting Range -**  
**12375 Kinsman Rd., Bldg. G-2, Newbury OH**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020 - VOA Pizza Party**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020 - Board/Membership**  
**Meeting - 1:00/2:00 p.m. - Pot luck meal to**  
**follow the meeting.**

**Thursday, March 12 - Sunday, March 15,**  
**2020 - Piston & Power Show -**

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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.

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. IS A NON -PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND EVERYONE DONATES HIS OR HER TIME BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN THE POW-MIA ISSUE.

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



## **Remains Identified**

### **WWII Remains Identified:**

U.S. Army Pvt. Pearl F. Barrow  
U.S. Army Cpl. Arthur C. Ramirez  
U.S. Navy Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Joseph W. Carroll  
U.S. Navy Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dan E. Reagan  
U.S. Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joe R. Nightingale  
U.S. Navy Hospital Apprentice 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
John M. Mulick  
U.S. Navy Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class William P. Kubinec  
U.S. Navy Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Martin D. Young  
U.S. Navy Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Cecil H. Thornton  
U.S. Navy Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Warren C. Gillette

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### **Government Affairs**

Listed below are items of legislation that members of the Rolling Thunder® Inc. National Government and Veterans' Affairs Committee are working on. They are committed to working with members of Congress, Veterans and other organizations to discuss and work on legislation that directly and indirectly affects our POW/MIA's and Veterans.

A recap of all current legislation being worked on:

**S.693 - National POW/MIA Flag Act - LAW**  
11/07/2019 Became Public Law No: 116-67.

**S.1790 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 - LAW**

**H.R. 1019. Full Military Honors Act of 2019** was incorporated into S.1790 National Defense Authorization Act 2020 and was signed into Law 12/20/2019 by President Trump. No. 116-92.

Bills we are still tracking:

**H.R.712/S.179 - VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes. Senate Veteran's Affairs - 8 cosponsors House Veteran's subcommittee on Health - 102 cosponsors

**S.785 - Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019** A bill to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Senate Veterans' Affairs - 42 Cosponsors

Related Bills:

**H.R.5024** To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care coverage provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs during the transition of members of the Armed Forces from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life, and for other purposes.

**H.R.5030 VA Suicide Prevention Services Accountability Act**

**H.R.2201 -** To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes. House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs - 70 Cosponsors.

Related News:

January 6th Military Times article stating "Study results on new Agent Orange diseases not expected until 'late 2020' says VA secretary." The day President Donald Trump signed a funding bill including a provision ordering VA to announce its plans to add four conditions to the list of Agent Orange-linked diseases within 30 days, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said the decision wasn't likely to come until at least "late 2020."

**S.1673/H.R.2819 Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act** - This bill extends through January 2, 2027, the authority of the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of Gold Star families.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources 1 - cosponsor  
Keep in mind that this year is critical to push these passing of the bills introduced in the 116th congress. If they are not passed by the end of 2020, they will have to be re-introduced in the 117th congress.

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)

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4	Jordan, Jim	2056 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-2676
5	Latta, Robert E.	2467 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6405
6	<u>Johnson, Bill</u>	2336 Rayburn 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	1107 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	2082 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
12	Balderson, Troy	1221 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	2234 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515	202-225-2015
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"UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME"

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

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### Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!" "But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened:

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

"When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So, no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've sav

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**RIDE FOR FREEDOM  
NATION WIDE**

MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2020

**COME JOIN US MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
IN COLUMBUS, OHIO**

**May 22, 23 & 24**

**TO HONOR OUR FALLEN & REMIND OUR NATION OF OUR POW/MIAs.**

**programs to be held on the grounds of**



**NATIONAL  
VETERANS  
MEMORIAL  
AND MUSEUM**

TO RIDE AS A GROUP  
STAGING FRIDAY 5/22/2020  
9:00 AM KSU 10:00 AM  
STINGER HARLEY DAVIDSON  
3053 EAST POINTE DR. MEDINA, OH

Visit website [rollingthunderohio.com](http://rollingthunderohio.com) for Freedom Ride 2020  
More info Contact any Ohio Chapter of Rolling Thunder® Inc. on Rolling Thunder® National site  
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# **FREEDOM RIDE OUT LINE**

**MAY 22, 23 & 24**

## **FRIDAY MAY 22, 2020**

**Bike Blessing at Historic Church in Columbus**

**Candle light Vigil (Full Scale Traveling Wall) National Veterans Memorial & Museum**

**Tomb of Unknown Soldier Memorial**

**Ohio Flags of Honor**

## **SATURDAY MAY 23, 2020**

**Program at Harley Shops**

**Laying Wreaths at Historic Cemetery in Columbus**

**Chair of Honor Placement (Wright Patterson, Dayton Ohio)  
tour museum**

**Meetings for Sales, Parking**

## **SUNDAY MAY 24, 2020**

**Demonstration Ride**

**Program at National Veterans Memorial & Museum**

**Times to be determined and events for any day subject  
to change**

Hotel Name	Contract signed?	Booking Deadline	Friday 8/23/20	Saturday 8/24/20	Sunday 8/25/20	Monday 8/26/20	Double Room	Single Room	Double Room	Size	Double on Peak	parking	Hotel Contact	URL for booking	Comments
Apex Agency (Residence Inn Convention Center)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/20	300	400	200	200	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	20% off parking at Convention Center Garage	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	*Parking is NOT included in hotel reservation. However, please receive 20% off their parking fee at the Convention Center Central Parking Garage.
HOST HOTEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/24/20	25	25	25	25	1125.00	1125.00	1125.00	90.00	10	20% off parking at Convention Center Garage	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	*Parking is NOT included in hotel reservation. However, please receive 20% off their parking fee at the Convention Center Central Parking Garage.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Airport East)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/23/20	10	10	10	10	1129.00	1129.00	1129.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, airport shuttle
Springfield Suites Columbus Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	20	20	20	20	1114.00	1114.00	1114.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Waiting Station, desk of use for motorcycle parking. Rooms include: motorcycle parking (1st floor), indoor pool, guest laundry, fitness room, free parking, complimentary shuttle to airport and downtown
Best Western Port Columbus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6/1/20	20	20	20	20	1115.00	1115.00	1115.00	80.00	35 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free parking, wifi, free motorcycle valet service
Columbus Airport Marriott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	20	20	20	20	1118.00	1118.00	1118.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free motorcycle valet service
Courtyard Inn & Suites Columbus Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	20	20	20	20	1136.00	1136.00	1136.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Springfield Suites Columbus Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/23/20	10	10	10	10	1129.00	1129.00	1129.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
TownPlace Suites Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/8/20	30	30	30	30	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	50	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Days Inn Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/8/20	30	30	30	30	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Courtyard By Hilton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/21/20	20	30	30	20	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Graduate Columbus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/21/20	20	30	30	20	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Homes2 Suites Downtown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/8/20	25	25	25	25	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Hilton Garden Inn University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/21/20	20	30	30	20	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Hampton Inn University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/21/20	20	30	30	20	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Red Roof Plus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/8/20	25	25	25	25	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Fairfield by Marriott OSU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	30	30	30	30	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Residence Inn by Marriott OSU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/23/20	10	10	10	10	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Courtyard Columbus Westfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/22/20	50	50	50	50	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Residence Inn Columbus Downtown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/22/20	2	15	15	2	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Embassy Suites Columbus Downtown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	10	10	10	10	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Nationwide Hotel & Suites Columbus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/22/20	10	10	10	10	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Springfield Suites Columbus Pearlman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	15	15	15	15	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Courtyard By Marriott Columbus Downtown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/24/20	5	10	10	5	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle
Apex Place Downtown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/1/20	15	25	25	10	1160.00	1160.00	1160.00	80.00	0 included	855-440-3239	HOST HOTEL	HOST HOTEL	Free breakfast, wifi, parking, shuttle