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PLEASE NOTE

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP

MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, May 21, 2023

at the American Cruisers Car Show at the Chevy plant south parking lot on Chevy Blvd. We will meet at 11:30 in the large party center parking lot at Brookpark and Chevy Blvd. and parade in at 11:45. There will be a short ceremony by the Cruisers, then we will perform the Roll Call of the Missing. At the conclusion of the Roll Call we, Chapter 1, will hold a short meeting.

No Board Meeting

To be a member in good standing, one must:

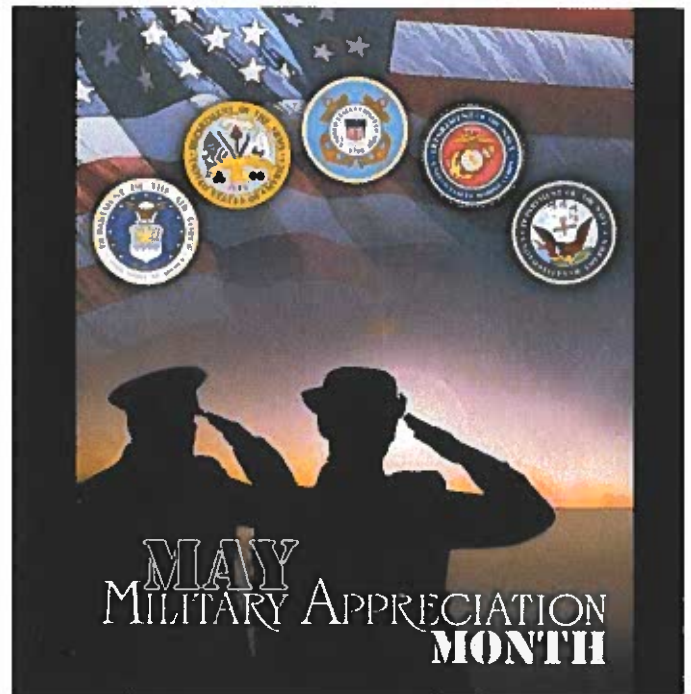
- a. Attend at least 3 meetings & 3 events per year;
- b. Pay the annual membership dues of \$40/yr;
- c. Abide by the Membership Patch rules;
- d. Remain loyal to Rolling Thunder® in word, deed and action;
- e. Conduct him/herself in a professional and courteous manner at all times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday, May 28, 2023 - Rolling Thunder Ride For Freedom - Noon - Starting at National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, OH



Thank you for your service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country. We would like to thank you very much for your service! Thank you for your time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country.

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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.

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ORGANIZATION AND EVERYONE DONATES HIS OR
HER TIME BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN THE POW-
MIA ISSUE.

Our Adopted MIA/POW – Wade Groth



GROTH, WADE LAWRENCE

Name: Wade Lawrence Groth
Rank/Branch: E4/US Army
Unit: 50th Medical Detachment, 43rd Medical Group,
44th Medical Brigade
Date of Birth: 14 May 1947
Home City of Record: Greenville MI (joined Army in
Cleveland OH)
Date of Loss: 12 February 1968
Country of Loss: South Vietnam
Loss Coordinates: 121721N 1074713E (ZU030600)
Status (in 1973): Missing In Action
Category: 4
Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: UH1H
Refno: 1046

Other Personnel In Incident: Harry W. Brown, Alan
W. Gunn, Jerry L. Roe (all
missing)

Government Affairs -

1. S.42 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): BUILD for
Veterans Act of 2023 -

To improve the management and performance of the
capital asset programs of the Department of
Veterans Affairs so as to better serve veterans,
their families, caregivers, and survivors, and for
other purposes. Has been referred to the Committee
on Veterans' Affairs

[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/senate-bill/42?s=1&r=5](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/42?s=1&r=5)

Ohio Senator Brown is a co-sponsor of this bill.
Need to get Senator Vance on board.

2. S.10 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): VA Clinician
Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion, and
Retention Support (CAREERS) Act of 2023 -

To improve the workforce of the Department of
Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/senate-bill/10/text](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/10/text)

No Ohio senators have signed onto this bill yet.

3. H.R.214 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): Veterans'
True Choice Act of 2023 -
To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide
eligibility for TRICARE Select to veterans with

service-connected disabilities, and for other
purposes.

[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-
bill/214/text?s=1&r=41](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/214/text?s=1&r=41)

No Ohio representatives have signed onto this bill
yet.

4. H.R.232 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): Real
Justice for Our Veterans Act of 2023 | Congress.gov
| Library of Congress

[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-
bill/232/text?s=1&r=29](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/232/text?s=1&r=29)

There are no co-sponsors to this bill yet.

5. H.R.236 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): To direct
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a
week as "Battle Buddy Check Week" for the purpose
of outreach and education concerning peer wellness
checks for veterans, and for other purposes. |

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[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-
bill/236/text?s=1&r=27](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/236/text?s=1&r=27)

Sponsor: Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-
18] (Introduced

There are no Ohio co-sponsors yet to this bill.

01/10/2023 - Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs
Latest Action: House - 02/08/2023 Referred to the
Subcommittee on Health. (All Actions)

6. H.R.1003 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): To direct
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a
study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on
certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain
and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other
purposes. | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-
bill/1003?overview=closed](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1003?overview=closed)

There are no Ohio co-sponsors yet to this bill.

7. H.R. 333 - To amend title 10, United States Code,
to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who
have a service-connected disability rated less than
50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both
retired pay and veterans disability compensation, to
extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter
61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of
service, and for other purposes. **Rep. Sanford

Bishop (Ga.) introduced H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act.**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/333?s=1&r=65>

(There are no co-sponsors from Ohio)

8. H.R.733 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act of 2023

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve mental health care for veterans through the establishment of a minimum requirement for the number of Vet Centers per State.

(There are no co-sponsors from Ohio yet)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/733?s=1&r=2>

9. H.R.411 - Lead by Example Act of 2023 118th Congress (2023-2024) |

BILL Sponsor: Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8] (Introduced 01/20/2023) Committees: House - House Administration; Veterans' Affairs

(a) Health Care Benefits.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning January 3, 2025, the only health care plan that the Federal Government may make available to Members of Congress and Congressional staff with respect to their service as a Member of Congress or Congressional staff shall be health care provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs, including at facilities of the Department and non-Department facilities pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, and any other provision of law authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such care to veterans, as if such Members and staff were veterans.

(I think this is a really good one. Make sure that you contact your representatives to make sure this one happens. Maybe it will lead to some major changes in the health care of veterans.)

10. S-132--Pilot Program Required.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing the module described in subsection (b) and services under subsection (c) as part of the pre-separation

transition process for members of the Armed Forces as a means of reducing the incidence of suicide among veterans.

(This bill is sponsored by Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown.)

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

"UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME"

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

Remains Identified

WWII Remains Identified:

US Navy SC1 Clarence Thompson

US Navy RM3 Frank Samuel Hoag

Korean War

US Army Cpl. Luther Herschel Story

Viet Nam War

None listed

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



Our busy lives can make it hard to keep up with loved ones and friends. Make the time today to pick up the phone and check on a buddy. You never know the positive impact one call can make

Remember this date/please share - Armed Forces Day, Sat, May 20, 2023

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

In the United States, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It falls near the end of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created on 31 August 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches, the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, United States Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard, following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense.

It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows.

This is a great day to recognize and thank our military retirees, veterans and those currently serving this great nation



Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

God's Enduring Word

At the beginning of World War II, aerial bombings flattened much of Warsaw, Poland. Cement blocks, ruptured plumbing, and shards of glass lay strewn across the great city. In the downtown area, however, most of one damaged building still stubbornly stood. It was the Polish headquarters for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Still legible on a surviving wall were these words: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

Jesus made that statement to encourage His disciples when they asked Him about the "end of the age" (v. 3). But His words also give us courage in the midst of our embattled situation today. Standing in the rubble of our shattered dreams, we can still find confidence in God's indestructible character, sovereignty, and promises.

The psalmist wrote: "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens" (Ps. 119:89). But it is more than the word of the Lord; it is His very character. That is why the psalmist could also say, "Your faithfulness continues through all generations" (v. 90).

As we face devastating experiences, we can define them either in terms of despair or of hope. Because God will not abandon us to our circumstances, we can confidently choose hope. His enduring Word assures us of His unfailing love.

*Thank You, Lord, for the gift of Your Word.
Thank You for its truth, its timelessness, and
the guidance You give us by that Word. Help us
believe and trust everything You say.*

We can trust God's unchanging Word.