

The Thunder Gazette

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PLEASE NOTE

**OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, January 19, 2025**

2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

**V.F.W. POST #6768
8584 Olde Eight Rd.
Northfield, OH**

***If you haven't already done so, please
pay your 2025 dues of \$40/member.***

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

Sunday, January 19, 2025 - 1:00/2:00 p.m. -
Board/Membership meeting.

*We seek accountability - the return of living
POW's and when that is not possible - the
repatriation of their remains. We further
advocate the same for all MIA.*



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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.

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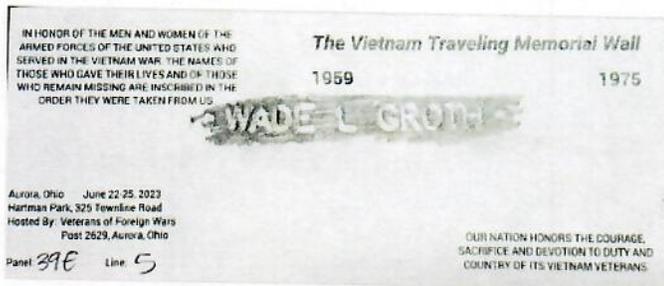
Our Adopted MIA/POW - Wade Groth



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 -

With the new Congress being in session, new bills need to be introduced. Stay tuned.

"UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME"

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

Remains Identified

WWII

U.S. Army Air Forces SSgt. John H. Danneker
U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert T. McCollum
U.S. Army Pvt. Leonard R. Jackson
U.S. Army Air Forces Pvt. Herbert E. McLaughlin
U.S. Army Air Forces SSgt. John H. Mann
U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. George F. Bradbury
U.S. Army TSgt. Joseph R. Moore

Korean War

U.S. Army M/Sgt. Luther Grace

Viet Nam War

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Donald William Downing

Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

Inspiration

Faith is not an on-and-off action. It's not something we do today, and forget tomorrow. Faith, for the believer, is a lifestyle. It determines our actions and motives. Our faith in Christ is what defines our very beings. Every day requires faith because of the world in which we live. We live in a world that constantly tries to challenge our belief in God and His promises. Our lives can only be affirmed and assured by Christ, and Christ alone. In Christ we have peace, assurance and confidence to take on every day. Faith can be seen as the gateway through which we receive it.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I just want to thank you for all you've done in my life. Father, I know I cannot live this life of faith on my own. I pray that I may always be conscious of your assurance for my life with every day that passes. May I always be conscious of your faithfulness, Lord, and may it always be the source of my confidence. In Jesus' name. Amen.