

The Thunder Gazette

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PLEASE NOTE

**OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON**

SUNDAY,

April 27, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

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

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, April 27, 2025 - 1:00/2:00 p.m. -
Board/Membership meeting

Saturday, May 10, 2025 - Walmart - 10:00
a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 - Western Reserve
National Cemetery service - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 2:00 p.m. - Membership
meeting

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - Memorial Day Ride -
Details at meeting.

In memory of Andy Klush, Sr.



Andy passed away on April 7, 2025

Andy was a Mechanical Engineer for BWXT and retired in 2016 after 31 years of service. He was a member of Rolling Thunder and the Northfield VFW. Andy enjoyed working with veterans, Harley Davidson motorcycles, restoring cars and loved spending time with the family most.

Andy joined Chapter 1 in May, 2003, served as our president from 2006 – 2010. From that time on, he served as our treasurer.

Rest easy, Andy. We will certainly miss you.

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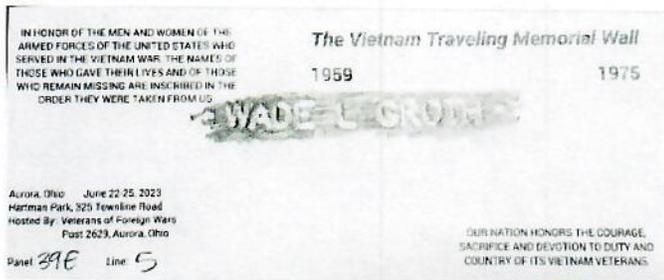
Our Adopted MIA/POW - Wade Groth



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)



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.



TED ROOD WANTS TO KNOW WHY KAMIKAZE PILOTS WORE HEADGEAR..

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 CWO Charles G. Benthien
U.S. Army 2nd Lt. William B. Bucey
U.S. Army Air Forces Russell O. Chitwood
U.S. Navy Ens. Eugene E. Mandeberg
U.S. Navy S2c Jerome Martin Mullaney
U.S. Army Air Forces Lee I. Clendenning
U.S. Army Pvt. Blanchard E. Pruitt
U.S. Army Air Forces John A. Pagliuso
U.S. Army Capt. Ralph L. Rowland
U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Charles Arnao
U.S. Army Cpl. Jams M. Walker
U.S. Army Air Forces TSgt. Clarence E. Gibbs
USMC Cpl. John Wesley Ruark
U.S. Army Cpl. Bruce H. Penny
USMC PFC John Henry Newstrom
U.S. Navy Flc Edward Daniel Bowden
U.S. Army 1st Lt. Robert P. Aikman
U.S. Army Air Forces Truman G. Causey

Korean War

U.S. Army Pfc. George Armand Curley
U.S. Army Cpl. Lester William Bauer
U.S. Army Sgt. Elwyn Dean Nordyke
U.S. Army CPL Joshua Corruth
U.S. Army M/Sgt. George Carey Manning
U.S. Army Capt. Charles Graham Gibson
U.S. Army 1st Lt. William Harold Hott
U.S. Army Cpl. Delmer Ray Grissom

U.S. Army Pfc. Roland Lee Bowser
U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Lee Brewster
U.S. Army SFC Leslie Hamilton Solomon
U.S. Army Pfc. Andrew Edgar Hathaway

Viet Nam War

None listed

In April 1862, an Ohioan was the first American to risk his life so far above and beyond the call of duty that President Lincoln awarded him the first-ever Medal of Honor.

Army Pvt. Jacob Parrott was born on July 17, 1843, in Fairfield County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army as part of Company K, 33rd Ohio Voluntary Infantry, during the Civil War.

In April 1862, Parrott and the "Andrews Raiders" were given orders to go deep into enemy territory and destroy bridges and railroad tracks between Chattanooga, Tenn., and Atlanta. Once they reached the Atlanta area, the Union soldiers hopped on a train heading north.

April 12, 1862, that train stopped at Big Shanty, Ga., and when the passengers and crew got off for breakfast, Parrott and his raiders stayed on, uncoupled the engine, fuel car and three boxcars, and stole the train. As they steamed off, they were able to damage a few bridges before Confederate soldiers used another train to catch up with them when they ran out of fuel near the Georgia-Tennessee border.

Parrott and the rest of the Union soldiers tried to get away on foot, but were all captured. Parrott eventually was returned to the Union in a prisoner exchange in March 1863. For his part in the raid, he was

awarded the very first Medal of Honor that same month, with five of his comrades receiving the same distinction shortly thereafter.

Jacob Parrott



Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

As Jesus hung on the cross, He made several statements that are now referred to as "The Seven Last Words (Sayings) from the Cross." Three are found in Luke 23: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (v. 34); "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" (v. 43); "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (v. 46). The other four sayings are found in Matthew 27:46 and John 19:26-27, 28, 30.

Jesus didn't lose perspective during His distress, pain, and agony. He remained focused on His Father and His mission. Though the voices around the cross were many, including the criminals crucified with Him (Luke 23:39-42), Christ's words were clear, focused, and intentional. His conduct under duress remains the standard for those called to endure suffering. "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,

that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Several legends surround the naming of the beautiful five-petaled flower the forget-me-not. Among those stories is one from a German legend. According to the story, as God named all the plants He'd created, one little flower worried that it would be overlooked. So the flower called out, "Forget-me-not, O Lord." And that's the name God gave to it.

Though this is only a story, the forget-me-not has become a symbol of love and remembrance. Yet all of us have experienced what it feels like to be forgotten. To be remembered—especially to be remembered by our God—is our heart's true desire. We find just such a story in the account of the crucifixion of Jesus. Luke tells us, "Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with [Jesus] to be executed" (23:32). As they were being crucified, one criminal next to Christ suddenly understood. He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v. 42). Christ's response was unforgettable: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" (v. 43).

What an amazing moment! In his darkest hour, that criminal learned what it meant to be remembered by the Son of God.

We too are remembered in our hour of need. The God who loved us enough to die for us will never forget us.

