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PLEASE NOTE

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP

MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY

July 19, 2025

We will be meeting at the VA Hospital at 10:00 a.m. to set up for the picnic. There will be a very short meeting.

To be a member in good standing, one must:

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

Nominations will begin in July at the membership meeting for the positions of president (currently held by Lew Ballard), secretary (currently held by Cheryl Pilny), and 3 board positions (Bill Street, Ted Pilny & Dan Hubbard). Nominations will be taken at the July and August meetings.

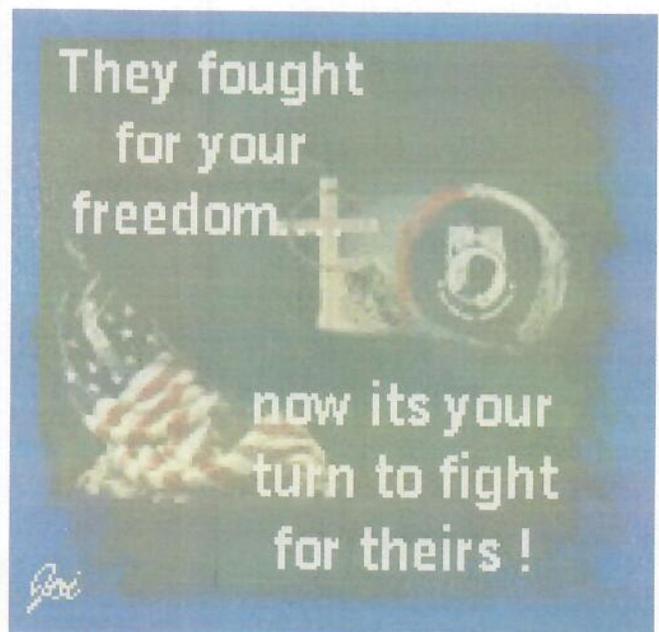
To be eligible for the position of chapter president, a member must have held a chapter executive officer position or been a member of the Board of Directors for 12 months prior to being nominated. To be nominated and/or elected for any other officer position, a Chapter member must be a member in good standing for a period of one (1) year or longer. The person must be a full member at the time of the

nomination and have earned their patches. The member must also have attended six (6) meetings prior to nominations in the past twelve (12) months. You must be present at time of nomination to accept the nomination. Elections will be held at the September membership meeting. If you have someone in mind to nominate for any of these positions, please discuss with that person before nominating them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 19, 2025 - Short meeting/Picnic at the Wade Park VA hospital. **ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Be there at 10:00 a.m. to help set up.

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - Streetsboro Walmart - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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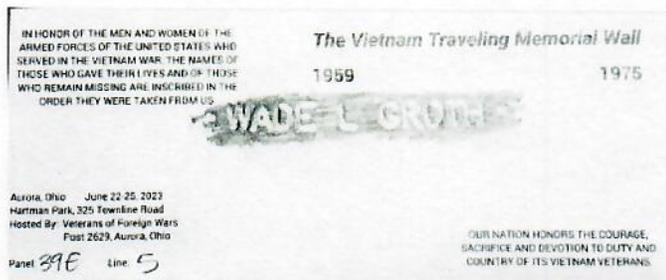
Our Adopted MIA/POW - Wade Groth



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.

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.

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

Remains Identified

WWII

U.S. Army PFC Ell T. Simantz
U.S. Army Tec 4 Reuben Smiddy
U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Charles S. Atterberry
U.S. Army Pvt. Henry J. Smith
U.S. Navy Ens Howard A. Holding
U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Joseph L. Burke
U.S. Navy Lt.(jg) Ralph Cornelius DuPont
U.S. Army Air Forces Cpl. Lester H. Libolt
U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Morton Sher
U.S. Army Pvt. Ira Warren
U.S. Army Air Forces Cpl. John J. Ginzi
U.S. Army Air Forces Pfc. Reuben E. Habecker
U.S. Army Air Forces SSgt Clifford E. Keeney
U.S. Army Air Forces TSgt John M. Larkins
U.S. Army Air Forces Pvt. Bennett H. Waters
U.S. Navy Ens Delbert L. Martin
U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Dwight M. Holmes
U.S. Navy CM2C William R. Burns

Korean War

U.S. Army PFC Harold Beryl Dulyea
U.S. Army PFC John Henry Moore
U.S. Army PFC John Robert Stovall
U.S. Army Cpl. Donald Edward Nickel

Viet Nam War

U.S. Air Force TSgt Donald Kennebunk Springsteadah
U.S. Air Force SSgt Henry Gerald Gish
U.S. Air Force TSgt Willis Rozelle Hall
U.S. Air Force Walter Alfred Renelt

Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

Panic In A Cave

They were three adrenaline-fueled teenage boys, unleashed in the immense underground system connecting to Mammoth Cave. With them was their Uncle Frank, a veteran caver familiar with these parts. He knew the drop-offs and danger spots and continually called to the three, "Guys, this way!" Still, they ventured ever farther from him.

Dimming his headlamp, Uncle Frank decided to remain silent. Soon, the boys realized they'd lost their guide. Panic-stricken, they yelled his name. No response. Finally, they saw his headlamp flicker to life in the distance. Instant relief and peace! Now they were ready to follow their guide

This true story makes an apt parable for how we can treat the gift of the Holy Spirit. Detours lure us away from the voice that calls us to follow the one who said, "Follow me" (Matthew 16:24). That voice is the Holy Spirit, who dwells inside each child of God (Acts 2:38-39).

God's Spirit will never abandon us, but we can ignore Him. The apostle Paul warns, "Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19). Instead, "Rejoice always, pray continually," and "give thanks in all circumstances" (vv. 16-18). By doing so, we stay close to our guide, "the God of peace," who can keep us "blameless" (v. 23). It's not our work that does it. It's His. As Paul reminds us, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it" (v. 24).

In this series of exhortations, Paul first urges us to "rejoice always" (1 Thessalonians 5:16). How are we to rejoice when our situation is dire? Paul wasn't naive; he faced constant difficulties with more challenges than most of us will ever

experience. He knew that continual prayer was key (v. 17). This doesn't mean that we pray literally every moment, but rather that we pray through all our circumstances, for the Spirit will never abandon us. Prayer becomes as natural as breathing. Connected closely to these vital concepts is gratitude (v. 18). When our hearts are inclined toward thankfulness, joy naturally follows. This pattern foreshadows a similar theme the apostle emphasizes in his letter to the Philippians, written several years later: "Rejoice in the Lord always. . . . In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:4-6). The inevitable result is the peace of God ruling in our hearts.



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



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