

# ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. CHAPTER 4 TENNESSEE



"When one American is not worth the effort to be found, we as Americans have lost!"

#### IF IT'S NOT IN YOUR HEART--- DON'T PUT IT ON YOUR BACK

July 2025, NEWSLETTER

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#### **RTTN-4 Officers**

**President: Ben Foy 423-440-0706** 

VP: John Andes 423-282-2515

Secretary: Debbie Frey 414-333-4546

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Chairman: John Incontrera 347-236-9995

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#### From the President,

We've had a productive 1st half of the year and the 2nd half looks bright. We've started it off with several good fund raisers for Wreaths Across America with more to come. The next one will be Saturday the 12th at Tractor Supply in Elizabethton at 210 Cherokee Park Dr. I will be there to set up at 9:45 and we will go till 4 that afternoon. If you can't come for the day, please give us a couple of hours of your time. Thanks to all who have attended the many events we've had in the past few months, your continued support is appreciated.

Elections will be in September with nominations at the July and August chapter meetings. Wanda Bennett is the Election chairperson. If she asks for your help with the election, please consider helping. Up for election are President, Secretary, Chairman of the Board and 2 board members for a 2-year term. After much debate with myself I have decided not to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. It has been an honor to lead this chapter these past 2 years. I am not leaving the chapter just stepping back. Please carefully consider who you would like as your leaders. It shouldn't be a popularity contest but those you KNOW have the skills to move this chapter forward.

Regards,

Ben Foy

#### From The Chairman of the Board,

This was sent from John before July 4th. Ben

Members.

Happy Independence Day to all my Brothers and Sisters, let us remember all who have written the blank check to freedom.

We are approaching Ride for Wreaths, Sept 6th will be upon us before we know it. Please make every attempt to bring in sponsors, the sponsor form, begging letter and flyer were sent to you via email and will be available at the July 14th membership meeting. With your help we will have a great success. Stay safe, see you on the 14th.

John Incontrera

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, AS WELL AS TO PROTECT FUTURE VETERANS FROM BEING LEFT BEHIND, SHOULD THEY BECOME PRISONERS OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO HELPING AMERICAN VETERANS FROM ALL WARS.

## July Birthdays. May you have many more

Ricky Norris – July 5<sup>th</sup>, Pete Headly – July 16<sup>th</sup>, Charles Rambo – July 27<sup>th</sup>, Gail Setzer July 29<sup>th</sup>.

# PROPER ATTIRE FOR:

**Funeral/Vigil dress:** White dress shirt, Black tie, Black pants, Black shoes, Black Rolling Thunder hat, Vest, and White gloves for vigil. \*hats optional for females

**Ceremonial Dress:** White polo, Bolo, Black Pants, Black Shoes, Vest, Black Rolling Thunder hat. \*hat optional for females \*remove hat for church

#### ROLLING THUNDER VEST IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

#### **July 2025**

10---(THURSDAY) Food Truck Rally Bike Night benefiting Wreaths Across America. 4-8pm Tri-Cities Flea Market 4571 Highway 11 E, Bluff City.

12---(SATURDAY) Tractor Supply benefiting Wreaths Across America. 10:00AM to 4:00 PM – Set up at 9:45. 210 Cherokee Park Drive, Elizabethton, TN. POC is Ben Foy 423-440-0706

14---(MONDAY) CHAPTER MEETING at the at the Impact Community Center (ICC) 337 Carter St. Bluff City TN 37618 at 7pm.

16---(WEDNESDAY) Unaccompanied Veteran Ceremony. Mountain Home National Cemetery Annex. 3:00pm

# **Committees**

Benevolent	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-4399
	John Andes	423-282-2515
	Kim Incontrera	347-236-8224
Chaplain	Pete Headley(C)	423926-2233
Funeral/Color Guard Captains	Wes Johnson(C)	423-328-0493
	Billy Gillenwater	423-948-0645
Homeless Vet outreach	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
	Jeff Allison	469-264-4869
Health, Wellness,	Need Help	
Goodwill and card program	Deb Frey	414-333-4546
Missing Man Chair	Ben Foy (C)	423-440-0706
	Mark Worth	423-302-8248
New Member Mentor	John Andes(C)	423-914-6749
	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
Sales Table	Deb Frey	441-333-4546
	Dan Frey	414-526-5662
VA (CLC)	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-439
WAA	John Incontrera(C)	347-236-9995
	Tim Mullins	423-817-3804
Ride for Wreaths	John Incontrera	347-236-9995
	Tim Mullins	423-817-3804
	John Cravener	423-948-5303
Web master/social media	Tim Mullins	423-817-3804

### RTTN 4 RUN /EVENTS UPCOMING SCHEDULE 2025

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# **August**

September

6---(Saturday) WAA Ride for Wreaths

#### **October**

**31---(FRIDAY) and November 1** Rolling Thunder® National Conference

#### **November**

11---(WEDNESDAY) Veterans Day

#### **December**

12---(FRIDAY) WAA laying of dedicated wreaths. 9am

13---(SATURDAY) WAA Wreath Laying MHNC. Noon

All EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER/ WEEK AHEAD AND EMAILS FOR THE MOST CURRENT UPDATES

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