



ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. CHAPTER 4 TENNESSEE

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“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

FEBRUARY 2023

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FEBRUARY 2023, NEWSLETTER

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From the President,
Hello all,

We hope everyone is staying warm, safe, and healthy during these cold winter months. Spring will be here soon.

Thank you to all that came out for the WAA retrieval this year is went very fast and was extremely smooth. Thank you! We could not have done it without you.

The tentative 2023 ride/events schedule is out, and in the newsletter, remember, this is tentative and there could be changes

As a reminder according to our constitution February is when we are supposed to pay our \$40 dues. I only ask that you remember “If it’s not in your heart—Don’t put it on your back” when you consider your 2023 membership.

Everyone please remember to check on each other and stay safe.

Respectfully
David Ritenour

FROM THE COB

Hope everyone is well. I know some of us have had our challenges this past month. Please keep each other in prayer.

First of all, the price of a wreath has gone up to \$17 as of February 1st so as you are soliciting for WAA keep this in mind. We will need to change some of our promotional material so anyone with a talent in designing such things, I could sure use the help. Last month we had a committal service at MHNC and the president and I were the only 2 that showed up from Rolling Thunder. We do need more participation if possible. Keep check on your emails as things pop up with short notice at times. Thanks to all those who do make an effort when possible. We have a lot of people who truly wish they were able.

Ben Foy

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (May you have many more!)

5-Kim Incontrera,17-Barry Lane

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 FOR ALL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2023

1---(WEDNESDAY) BLUE STAR MOTHERS DAY

2---(THURSDAY) DAV CHAPT 39 FOOD BANK

Food pick up at Second Harvest, Jericho Dr. Kingsport at 9:00 am.

Distribution will be from 2:30 -5:30 pm

3---(FRIDAY) FUNERAL FOR W.C. SLIGER. We have been asked to participate in the funeral for Viet Nam veteran and Purple heart recipient W.C. Sliger. Mr. Sliger was a member of the 4 th I.D. while serving in Viet Nam. His service will be at MHNC on Friday 3 February at 1:00. Please be there NLT 12:30.

3-5--- (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) TENNESSEE STATE PRESIDENT'S MEETING Murfreesboro Tn.

6--- (MONDAY) Chapter Board Meeting at 6:30 pm, ICC Board meeting room

10--- (FRIDAY) CLC PIZZA DELIVERY 1:15

10---(FRIDAY) ETSU Athletics Veteran/Military Appreciation Game. ETSU Athletics is proud to sponsor a Veteran / Military Appreciation game on "Freedom Friday" the 10th of February. The Men's Basketball team will face down the Keydets of Virginia Military Institute at Freedom Hall. Tip Off is at 7pm / 1900. Show your military / retiree ID card, VA medical card, TN License with Veteran designation at the ticket window for entry. If you don't have any of those proof of service options, please contact Dan Bishop at bishopds@etsu.edu to work something else out.

13--- (MONDAY) CHAPTER MEETING at the Impact Community Center (ICC) 337 Carter St. Bluff City TN 37618 at 7 pm. Please remember annual Dues (\$40).

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR ADDED EVENTS OR ANY CHANGES

Committees 2/1/2022

Benevolent	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-4399
	John Andes	423-282-2515
	Kim Incontrera	347-236-8224
Chaplain	Richard Fleming(C)	423-367-3962
	Pete Headley(C)	423-926-2233
Color Guard Captain	Will Hardy(C)	423-440-1870
Event scheduler/coordinator	David Ritenour	423-571-4561
	Louise Ritenour	423-306-0320
Flag inventory/coordinator	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-4399
	Johnathon Bacon	423-579-0612
Funeral Honor Guard	Wes Johnson(C)	423-328-0493
	David Ritenour	423-571-4561
GSM	Louise Ritenour(C)	423-306-0320
	Lacenda Phillips	423-833-1919
Homeless Vet outreach	David Ritenour(C)	423-571-4561
	Tony "Taz" Irvine	423-754-4399
	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
	Bob Phillips	423-647-4250
Health, Wellness, Goodwill and card program Coordinator	Kay Nave	423-342-1498
Marketing/Photographer	Summer Cradic	423-292-7337
Missing Man Chair	David Ritenour(C)	423-571-4561
	Tony "Taz" Irvine	423-754-4399
	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
New Member Mentor	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-4399
	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
Official Media Relations	Louise Ritenour	423-306-0320
Parliamentarian	Bob Phillips	423-647-4250
Sales Table	Lacenda Phillips	423-833-1919
Thunder Run schedule	Rodney Dye	423-408-9986
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Travel Accommodation's VA (CLC)	Kay Nave	423-342-1498
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	Rodney Dye	423-408-9986
	Johnathon Bacon	423-579-0612
WAA	Ben Foy(C)	423-440-0706
	Tom Kellum	423-930-7055
	Jeff Story	423-948-8487
Ride for Wreaths	John Incontrera	347-236-9995
Web master/social media	Tim Mullins(C)	423-817-3804
	Earl Leonard	423-341-5371
Wheels of Honor	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-4399
	David Ritenour	423-571-4561

RTTN 4 RUN /EVENTS SCHEDULE 2023

<i>As of 1/30/2023</i>		
APRIL	TBD 21-23 21-23	WJ's Bike Show New Freedom Farm Freedom Fest Honor Flight Escort
MAY	5-7 5-7 26-28	Waypoint Vets ride Nashville Tn. Honor Flight Escort TN State Ride for Freedom Murfreesboro
JUNE	4 24	NYC 3 Borough Ride RTTN 4 Ride to Boone NC – lunch @ Come- Back Shack and ride Blue Ridge parkway
JULY	21-23	RTTN 4 Run to the ARK Williamstown Ky.
AUG	19	High Knob music festival Norton Va.
SEP	TBD 9	WJ's Bike Show RTTN 4 Bill Hampton Memorial Ride for Wreaths
DEC	TBD	Toys For Tots Ride

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE CHECK
THE NEWSLETTER/ WEEK AHEAD FOR THE
MOST CURRENT UPDATES**

YOUR CHAPTER IN ACTION

UNACCOMPANIED VETERANS CEREMONY



WAA WREATH RETRIEVAL



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RD CLEVELAND (SGT/Army) MADISON, FL
K LAMAR (MAJ/Army) WAYCROSS, GA
AROLD (PFC/Marine Corps) PORTLAND, OR
DLBY (LCPL/Marine Corps) PARK RIDGE, NJ
Y LAWRENCE (PFC/Army) RIDGEFIELD, NJ
EDWIN (LCPL/Marine Corps) SEATTLE, WA
WAYNE (PFC/Marine Corps) COAL CITY, IN
H MONROE (SGT/Army) CHARLESTON, WV
ARRY DALE (SGT/Army) TULSA, OK
Y LEE (CPL/Army) INDEPENDENCE, MO
DSCAR JR (SP4/Army) MATTER, GA
L LEROY (PFC/Army) SOUTH PARIS, ME
Y MILTON (PFC/Army) YATESBORO, PA
BERT LEE JR (PFC/Army) ESPARTO, CA
PETER (PFC/Marine Corps) BREMERTON,
M GAYLAND (SP4/Army) DES MOINES, IA
WILLIAM (SP4/Army) NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA
L DUANE (SGT/Army) INDIAN HEAD, PA
E LOUIS (PFC/Marine Corps) CHICAGO, IL
TH PAUL JR (SP4/Army) JIMBE, MO
ENNETH RAY (SP4/Army) ELLIOTT, OH
RK OWEN (SP4/Army) ELLIOTT, OH
NCE WILLIAM (SP4/Army) ELLIOTT, OH
HEN RICHARD (CPL/Army) NORVA, CA
E, CULLEN JR (SGT/Army) GARY, IN
S WILLIAM (SGT/Army) ST PETERSBURG, FL
Y DEAN (LCPL/Marine Corps) BERTYTON, KS
WILLIAM HOWARD (SGT/Army) WYOMING, AL
THOMAS LYLE (CPL/Army) WYOMING, AL
HARRY JR (PFC/Army) WYOMING, AL
GENE (SSG/Army) SOUTH GLEN, VA
YARD ARNOLD (SP5/Army) HEBBORN, KY
REY LAWRENCE (SP4/Army) LANSING, MI
SSIE LEE (SSG/Army) COLUMBUS, GA
S OWEN (CWO/Army) SAN BENITO, TX

BANNACH, GERALD JOSEPH (SFC/Army) STEVENS, MO
BANNER, STEVE ARTHUR (PFC/Marine Corps) LOS ANGELES, CA
BANNING, JAMES HENRY JR (LCPL/Marine Corps) EAST HAVEN, CT
BANNING, TERRY LEE (1LT/Air Force) ANDALUSIA, FL
BANNISTER, HOWARD WILLIAM (BMC/Navy) DELBAFFLE, VA
BANNISTER, RICHARD WAYNE (PFC/Marine Corps) ELLIOTT, OH
BANNISTER, RUSSELL REID (SGT/Army) LENNEX, VA
BANNON, GARY CLIFFORD (PFC/Army) LEON, VA
BANNON, PAUL WEDLAKE (COL/Air Force) HUEYTOWN, NC
BANNON, WILLIAM JOHN JR (SP4/Army) MILFORD, VA
BANOVEZ, MICHAEL JOSEPH JR (CPL/Marine Corps) MILFORD, VA
BANSAVAGE, JOHN GEORGE (SSG/Marine Corps) AMSTERDAM, VA
BANTA, LANNY WILSON (SP4/Army) PLEASUREVILLE, VA
BANTA, MICHAEL DEAN (PFC/Army) CORDOVA, VA
BANUELOS, ALBERTA JR (SGT/Army) SAN DIEGO, CA
BAPP, RONALD DALE (PFC/Marine Corps) CLINTON, VA
BAPTISTA, PAUL ALIPIO (SGT/Army) SAN LEANDRO, CA
BAPTISTE, MICHAEL BRADFORD (PFC/Marine Corps) WASHINGTON, DC
BARAN, BRUNO (PFC/Army) CHICAGO, IL
BARANCZYK, ALBIN ANTON (CPL/Marine Corps) MENA, VA
BARANOSKI, JOHN FRANK (PFC/Marine Corps) NORTH PLANTATION, VA
BARANOWSKI, BISHOP SKIP (SP4/Army) CORTLANDT, VA
BARASH, LOUIS ABBEY (PFC/Marine Corps) ISLIP, VA
BARB, MANVILLE LAWRENCE (2LT/Army) DAYTON, VA
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BARBARE, JAMES MICHAEL (CPT/Army) GREENVILLE, VA
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BARBEE, GARRY DWIGHT (CPL/Army) CONCORD, VA
BARBEE, JERRY PAUL (PFC/Army) DYERSBURG, VA
BARBEE, JOHN WESLEY (SGT/Marine Corps) NASHVILLE, VA
BARBEE, LARRY HULAN (1LT/Army) HARROLD, VA
BARBEE, RICHARD LORDY (SGT/Army) SALINAS, VA
BARBEE, THOMAS JOSEPH (SP4/Army) CHELSEA, VA