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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

December 2023

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From the President,

Our Thanksgiving dinner at the last meeting was awesome and thanks to everyone who helped make it so. We're going to do it again on December 10th at our Christmas party and meeting. Summer Cradic is once more coordinating the event. Thanks Summer, you do an awesome job. More info is below in the December events section.

I want to say thank you to all who have helped with all the fundraising events we've had these past few months. You know who you are. I know there are many who couldn't, due to work or sickness. I hope to see more of you out in the future. Hopefully we'll have some numbers from Wreaths Across America by the December meeting, but things look pretty good. Let's try and get more members to participate in meetings and events and move this chapter forward in 2024. We have a great leadership team who will work hard for this chapter I hope the rest of you will too.

Regards,

Ben Foy

FROM THE COB

Hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Wreaths Across American campaign has came to an end for 2023 season. Like to thank everyone that were able to contribute their time and effort to our cause. Want to especially Thank Pete and Jodi Headley for the many tiring hours they have put forward in making the campaign a success.

As of January 2, 2024 after 21 years of service I will officially retire from Rolling Thunder Chapter 4 TN. However I will continue ridding the highways of our Great Nation (as I have for past three years) seeking out our Veterans in rural areas to assist and to HONOR them and their families for their service to our Nation. Many of those Veterans have never been Welcomed Home or simply been told Thank You for your service. Their reaction is Priceless.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Richard Phillips COB RTTN4

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.

DECEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS (May you have many more!)

8-Kay Nave, 9-Jonathon Bacon,18-Jonnie Fanning, 19-Fred Branham, 22-Christopher Bulmahn, 26-Billy Gillenwater, 27-Summer Cradic

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

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

ROLLING THUNDER VEST IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023

3---(SUNDAY) 39TH ANNUAL BERNIE GREENE TOYS FOR TOTS RIDE. Meet at 1:00 at Freedom Hall side parking lot B and ride to Marine Corp center in Gray where refreshments will be served. In case of rain, toys will be picked up at the freedom hall Parking lot. One unwrapped toy per rider.

4---(MONDAY) Chapter Board Meeting. ICC at 6:30pm

7---(THURSDAY) PEARL HARBOR DAY

10--- (SUNDAY) RTTN 4 Christmas Party and abbreviated monthly chapter meeting at ICC 2:00PM. Don't forget that the Christmas Party is a Potluck Dinner. Meat will be provided so bring your favorite dish as you did last month. We will also be doing the Chinese gift exchange as we did last year. Suggested cost of a gift is \$20. Come on out and lets have a good time as a chapter.

15---(FRIDAY) Be at the VA Cemetery at 9:00 AM for the laying of individual wreaths.

16---(SATURDAY) Wreath placement for Wreaths Across America 12:00 PM at the VA Cemetery. If you are coming just for the wreath laying be there NLT 11:30, if you are coming to help RTTN 4 please be there earlier. Parking will be across the street.

20---(WEDNESDAY) U.S. SPACE FORCE BIRTHDAY.

25---(SUNDAY) Merry Christmas!!!

31---(SATURDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Committees 2/1/2023

Benevolent	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C) John Andes	423-754-4399 423-282-2515
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	Pete Headley(C)	423926-2233
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Homeless Vet outreach	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
	Richard Phillips	423-647-1802
Health, Wellness,	Kay Nave	423-342-1498
Goodwill and card program Coordinator		
Missing Man Chair	Ben Foy (C)	423-440-0706
5	Richard Phillips	423-647-1802
New Member Mentor	John Andes(C)	423-914-6749
	Ben Foy	423-440-0706
Sales Table	Need Someone to step up.	
VA (CLC)	Tony "Taz" Irvine(C)	423-754-439
WAÀ	Ben Foy(C)	423-440-0706
	Tim Mullins	423-817-3804
Ride for Wreaths	John Incontrera	347-236-9995
Web master/social media	Tim Mullins	423-817-3804

RTTN 4 RUN /EVENTS UPCOMING SCHEDULE 2023

As of 8/8//2023

Toys For Tots Ride

DEC 3rd 1PM Freedom Hall parking lot B. Rolling Thunder will set up tent.

ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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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 LAWRENCE (PFC/Army) RIDGEFIELD, NJ EDWIN (LCPL/Marine Corps) SEATTLE, WA E (PFC/Marine Corps) COAL CITY, IN DE (SGT/Army) CHARLESTON, W SGT/Army) TULSA, OK my) INDEPENDENCE, ENDENCE ER. GA JS. N LEROY (PFC/Ar MILTON (PFC/Army) YATE ERT LEE JR (PFC/Army) E ETER (PFC/Marine Corps) BR LAND (SP4/Army) DES NORTH HO DIAN HEA H PAUL JR (SP NNETH RAY (SPO RK OWEN (SP4/Army) NCE WILLIAM (SP4/ABA EN RICHARD (CPL/An , CULLEN JR (SGT/Army WILLIAM (SGT/Army) ST DEAN (LCPL/Ma ILLIAM HOWARD OMAS LYLE (CPL ARE HARRY JR (PFC/Ar GENE (SSG/Arm) ARD ARNOLD REYLANDENC

BANNACH, GERALD JOSEPH (SFC/Army) STEVENS BANNER, STEVE ARTHUR (PFC/Marine Corps) LOS AN BANNING, JAMES HENRY JR (LCPL/Marine Corps) EAST BANNING, TERRY LEE (1LT/Air Force) ANDALUS BANNISTER, HOWARD WILLIAM (BMC/Navy) DELBA BANNISTER, RICHARD WAYNE (PFC/Marine Corps) E BANNISTER USSELL REID (SGT/Army) LENNC Y CLIFFORD (PFC/Army) LEON EDLAKE (COL/Air Force) HUEYT V JOHN JR (SP4/Army) MILFOR OSEPH JR (CPL/Marine Corps) M BA BANS ORGE (SSG/Marine Corps) AMS SON (SP4/Army) PLEASUREVI BAN EL DEAN (PFC/Army) CORDOVA BAN ANUELOS, ALBERT A JR (SGT/Army) SAN DIEG APP, RONALD DALE (PEC/Marine Corps) CLINTC APTISTA, PAUL ALIPIO (SCT/Army) SAN LEANDF STE, MICHAEL BRADFORD (PFC/Marine Corps) BARAN, BRUNO (PFC/Army) CHICAGO, IL ANCZYK, ALBIN ANTON (CPL/Marine Corps) MEN SKI, JOHN FRANK (PFC/Marine Corps) NORTH P BANUELO BERT A JR (SGT/Army) SAN DIEG BAPP, RONAL R/A BAPTISTE. BARANCZ BARANOSKI, JO SISHOP SKIP (SP4/Army) CORTLA BARANOW ASH, LOUIS ABBEY (PFC/Marine Corps) ISL ANVILLE LAWRENCE (2LT/Army) DAYTO HILLIP JOSE (CPL/Army) WOODLAKE MES MICHAEL (CPT/Army) GREENV A, LOUIS JOSEPH (SGT/Army) NEW YOI ANTEONY ADAMS (SFC/Army) PITTSB RBEE, PRACINCEROY (PFC/Marine Corps) BARBEE, GARRY DWIGHT (CPL/Army) CC RBEE, JERRY PAUL (PFC/Army) DY BARBEE, LARRY HULAN (1LT/Army) HARR BARBEE, RICHARD LORDY (SGT/Amy) SALINA ARBEE, THOMAS JOSEPH (SP4/Army) CHELSE