



ROLLING THUNDER

CHAPTER 1 COLORADO

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Mission Statement

The major function of Rolling Thunder, Inc. is to publicize POW-MIA issues; To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help to protect future Prisoners of War-Missing In Action. We are also committed to helping American Veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder Inc is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA Issues that we are working on.



Hello Chapter 1... I, as all of you, are greatly saddened over the loss of our Chapter Secretary, Membership Chairman, Founding Member of Chapter CO 1, and BROTHER. Gary Newkirk was the ultimate Rolling Thunder Member and his contributions were many and integrity unapproachable. Gary was a member since November 2, 2003. Gary understood the Rolling Thunder mission and Constitution and he never hesitated to challenge a decision or to speak up when it came to the betterment of the Chapter.

Somehow Gary's passing on Memorial Day was fitting as he was proud of his military service in the US Air Force. Gary was a Vietnam Veteran whose mission left him with illnesses as a reminder of his tour of duty. Still struggling to get his VA benefits, Gary knew this was going to be a tougher battle but he never gave up. Unfortunately, he would not live to receive what he felt he earned.



Both Gary and Terry have been active members and officers of this chapter since the beginning. Their combined wisdom, dedication and loyalty has keep the chapter afloat through the good and tough times. I can't imagine him not sitting at the table to my left.

I am proud to have known Gary. And while he was a little "grouchy" at times, his heart was always in the right place and because of this he was highly respected and loved. I am not going to say you are in a better place because your place is and always will be with us.

Mike

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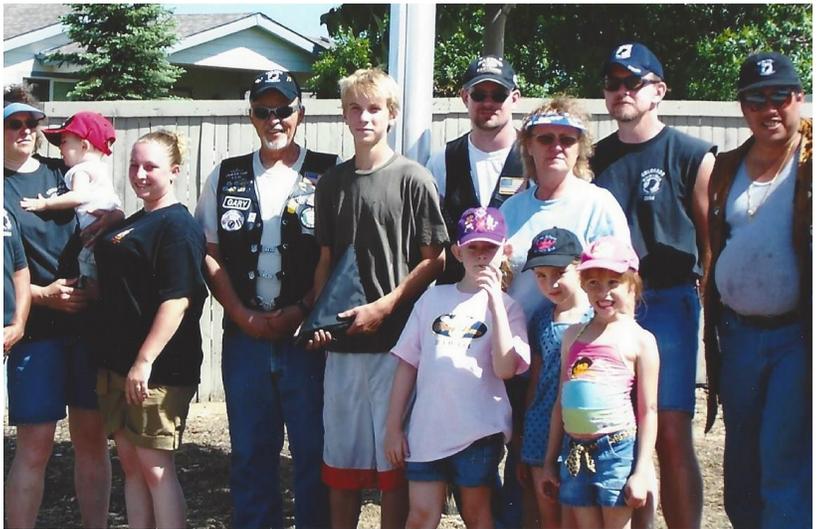
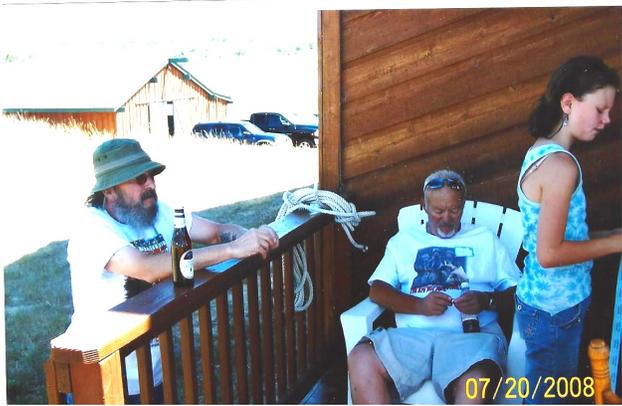
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