



ROLLING THUNDER

CHAPTER 1 COLORADO



Quarterly Newsletter * March 2017

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.

President's Commentary...

Hello Chapter 1... March is the “gateway” month for 2017 for our Chapter. The prospects of working with old friends, new organizations, new people with the same mission and goal this year is exciting. Our chapter members stepped up last year and made 2016 one of most productive years ever for CO 1 and for that reason, and a hundred more, I give them all a standing ovation along with a huge *THANK YOU*. Our Executive and Board Member teams work hard throughout the year to ensure we maintain focus and direction as we’ve become more and more visible within our Rocky Mountain Community.



Last December we, Chapter 1, looked at our 2017 Chapter Calendar hoping to trim it down some however, we’ve actually added a couple events in 2017 that will include our new friends at HorsePower Equestrian Ranch and the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. We will also be joining forces with other Veteran support groups such as Wings & Warriors and the Vietnam Veterans of America. Aligning our groups and organizations help to educate our community in the needs of the Veteran, returning Military from deployment and the families of both who need a hand up.

Saying “thanks” to those who support us throughout the year is highly important to our Chapter. Recently we celebrated our 5th Annual Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Appreciation Brunch. It was a fun event and I am already thinking about the 6th!!

And lastly, the Honor Bell Organization is needing Veterans to volunteer for ceremonies at Fort Logan National Cemetery. The Honor Bell tolls a final salute to our fallen comrades. While this is a short program for us, it gives a lasting memory for the family and friends. Please go out to www.honorbell.org and sign up to help. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Mike

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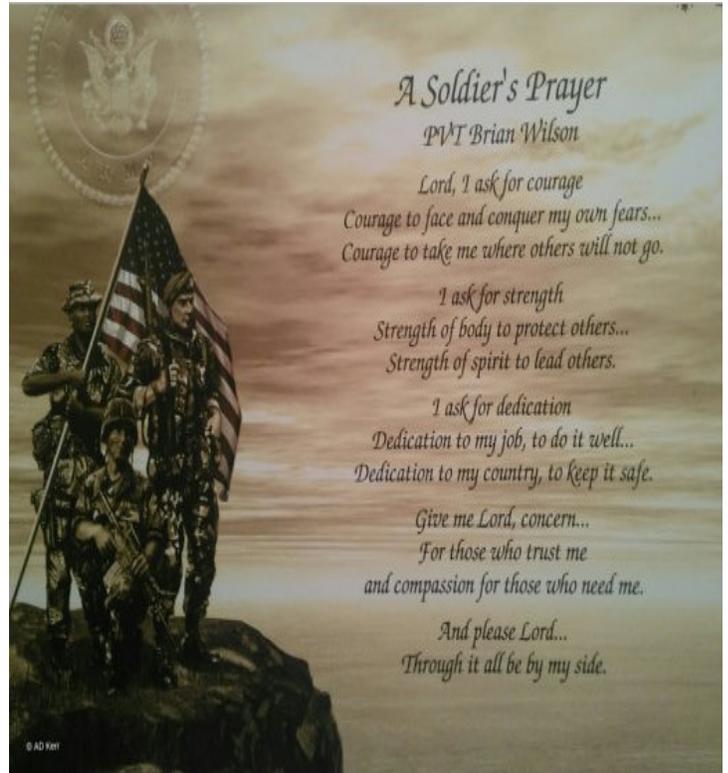
Randy Taylor, Vice President

When this newsletter is posted, I will have started a new chapter in this journey with my retirement.

With this new start I can now devote more of my time to my passion and purpose of joining Rolling Thunder; to help veterans when and where I can.

With such a diverse group of members in our chapter, I've found we all share a common goal within our mission and that unites us as the best membership that has ever been in Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Colorado.

With the Calendar and Events we have set for 2017, it appears we are going to have a bigger and better year. And yes, *WE ARE CONNECTED.*



The COB Web...

Happy New Year!!

This is a New Year for us to make a difference and once again help our Veterans and achieve our Mission of Publicizing the POW/MIA's. A New Year... a Year of Renewal, another year to start fresh and we can make it better for ALL.



Pat Taylor

As we meet and support in 2017 to make a difference in our community and for the Veterans.

This can be obtained with our members unity. A rope is strong because of its threads are united, it cannot be broken unless its strands of threads are separated. Unity is needed in helping to strengthen a groups relationship in achieving a common goal at the end.

Unity means" All for One and One for All". The ultimate success always depends on the members of OUR GROUP!

Here's to a Year of meeting our Common Goals as ONE!



WHEN ONE AMERICAN IS NOT WORTH THE EFFORT TO BE FOUND, WE AS AMERICANS HAVE LOST.





Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 1 Colorado

To all VETERANS, past and present, we say...



"Welcome Home and Thank You

<http://rollingthunderchapter1co.com>

Rolling Thunder
Chapter 1 CO
Salutes...

PATCHED



Gary & Karen Myers

Congratulations to...

Gary and Karen Myers have been working feverishly on our POW*MIA Chair of Honor project for Security Services Field and Colorado Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs. There has been no hesitation in gathering data and procuring our first POW*MIA Chair of Honor. We are ready to roll!

...YOUR NAME HERE...

Thank you for your dedication to making this an exciting event and your HIGH ENERGY in getting the job done.

Join Rolling Thunder
Chapter 1 Colorado.

I would also like to salute and thank **Ed & Cheryl Bradley** and **Mountain Dental** for their generous donations towards our POW*MIA Chair of Honor.



The POW*MIA Chair of Honor...

The Journey from North Berwick, Maine to Colorado Springs.

By Karen Myers, Honor Chair Committee

What a journey we've had so far from conception to taking receipt of our first POW*MIA Chair of Honor. On Friday, May 26th, we will complete, what we hope to be, is the first of a longer journey that will begin with the installation and dedication of our first POW*MIA Chair of Honor at Security Service Field in Colorado Springs.

We have been working diligently since last November to find a home for our first Chair of Honor in Colorado and after many letters to our local sports teams and parks, the Sky Sox stepped up to the plate. *Please pardon the pun!!*

Some of us may remember the Sky Sox were once the Triple A farm team for the Colorado Rockies. And as nothing stands still in the MLB, in recent years they became the Triple A farm team for the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Sky Sox administration and staff have been very gracious and are excited to have this Chair of Honor installed in their facility. Colorado Springs is a great "military" town and it will be an honor and privilege for our group to have our first Chair installed there. The final leg of *this* journey will end with a dedication ceremony and formal installation of our first Chair on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. I can't think of a better way to begin a weekend that remembers those who serve and have served. This event exemplifies everything Rolling Thunder is about.

A HUGE "Thank You" to our Rolling Thunder Chapter Supporters at our 5th Annual Appreciation Brunch

By Mike Messenger

We in Chapter 1 are so fortunate to have so many supporters both inside and outside of our chapter. We try to thank them every year by hosting an appreciation, dinner, brunch or breakfast. This year we had an awesome brunch comprised of homemade quiches, egg casseroles, green and red chili, potatoes, etc.. I can't thank my chapter enough for what they do and literally what they bring to the table.

Our invited guests this year included Louis and Kim Bravo from the Mountain Dental, Kay and Wix Howard from the Englewood Military Monument Foundation, and many of our friends who continue to support our chapter. Individual awards and plaques were given to those in attendance and 6 for those supports who could be there.

I need to recognize our Chapter and members who are generous not only with their volunteer time but with their wallets. The monetary contributions given by many of us in chapter 1 allow us to stay afloat, operational and moving forward. We dedicate most weekends for Veteran outreach programs and for those veterans who need a hand up. I am personally proud of each member and Chapter 1 Colorado.



Welcome Home....

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of U.S. servicemen, unaccounted for since World War II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors;

Army Maj. **Jack D. Griffiths**, 31, of San Diego, was buried January 11 in San Diego. On Nov. 30, 1950, Griffiths was a member of Headquarters, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, when he was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Somin-dong, North Korea.

Army Cpl. **Luis P. Torres**, 20, of Eagle Pass Texas, was buried January 13 in San Antonio. On Sept. 1, 1950, Torres was member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when his battalion had its position overrun by enemy forces along the east bank of the Naktong River, South Korea. During this attack, Torres was reported missing in action near Changyong, South Korea

Army Cpl. **Melvin R. Hill**, 19, of Pomona, California, was buried February 4 in Alex, Oklahoma. In late November 1950, Hill was one of 2,500 U.S. and 700 Republic of Korea soldiers assembled into the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River. On the night of Nov. 27, the Chinese People's Volunteer Force surrounded the 31st RCT and attacked. Continued attacks over subsequent days forced Americans to withdraw. By Dec. 6, 1950, approximately 1,500 wounded soldiers were evacuated, and the remaining had been either captured or killed. Hill was reported missing in action as a result of the battles.

Army Master Sgt. **Ira V. Miss, Jr.**, 23, of Frederick, Maryland, was buried February 8 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. On February 5, 1951, Miss was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, supporting South Korea against units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in the area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea. The CPVF launched a counterattack with overwhelming numbers, forcing South Korean units to withdraw, and leaving U.S. Army units behind enemy lines. Miss was reported missing in action on Feb. 13, 1951, after Chinese Communist Forces overran the roadblock he was manning.

Navy Water Tender 1st Class **Walter H. Sollie**, 37, of Myrtlewood, Alabama, was buried Jan. 6, 2017, in Pensacola, Florida. On Dec. 7, 1941, Sollie was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Sollie. No single vessel at Pearl Harbor, with the exception of the USS Arizona, suffered as many fatalities.

<http://www.dpaa.mil/>

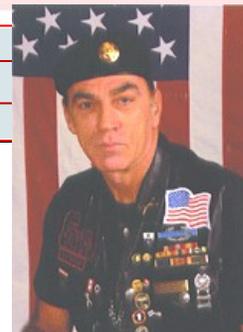
ETCHINGS from THE WALL

“Our purpose in Vietnam is to prevent the success of aggression. It is not conquest, it is not empire, it is not foreign bases, it is not domination. It is, simply put, just to prevent the forceful conquest of South Vietnam by North Vietnam”.

Lyndon B Johnson, President.



NATIONAL NEWS



Joe Bean

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Artie's Message...

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VISIT



Vietnam War Veterans: This is a good resource to reference dates, times and locations of events that occurred in country. An amazing web site with more information at one place.

<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~tpilsch/Vietnam.html>

**It is written on
the wall...**

REMEMBER



PVT CHARLES R BEARD

ON THE WALL: Panel W38 Line 23

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PERSONAL DATA:

Home of Record: Denver, CO

Date of birth: 12/29/1945

MILITARY DATA:

Service Branch: Army of the United States

Grade at loss: E2

Rank: Private

Promotion Note: None

ID No: 67150786

MOS or Specialty: 76A10: Supplyman

Length Service: 01

Unit: 134TH QM CO, 240TH QM BN, ARMY SPT CMD
QUI NHON, 1ST LOG CMD, USARV

CASUALTY DATA:

Start Tour: 01/15/1968

Incident Date: 11/21/1968

Casualty Date: 11/21/1968

Age at Loss: 22

Location: Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam

Remains: Body recovered

Casualty Type: Non-hostile, died of other causes

Casualty Reason: Ground casualty

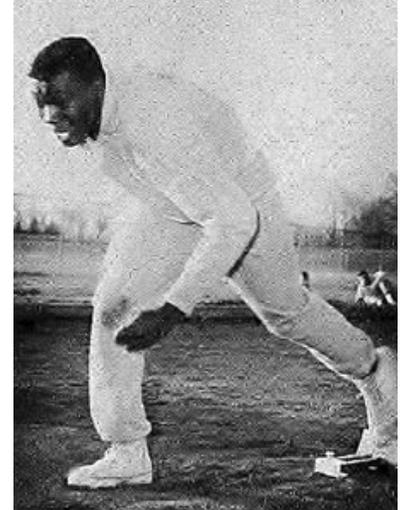
Casualty Detail: Accidental homicide

Status Date: Not Applicable; was not MIA

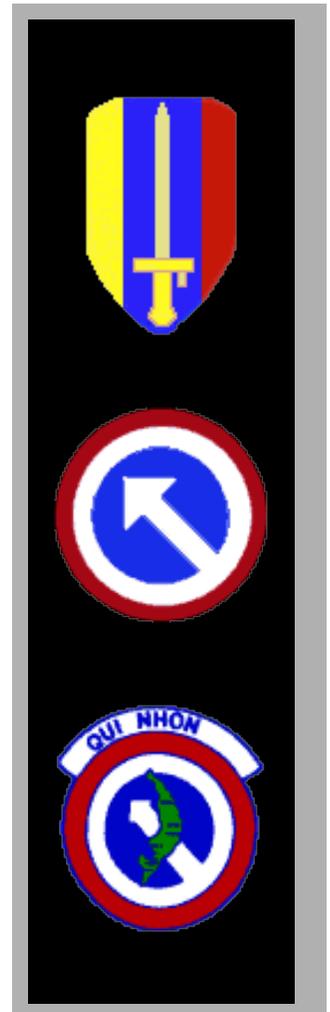
Status Change: Not Applicable; was not MIA

Repatriated: Not Applicable; was not MIA

Identified: Not Applicable; was not MIA

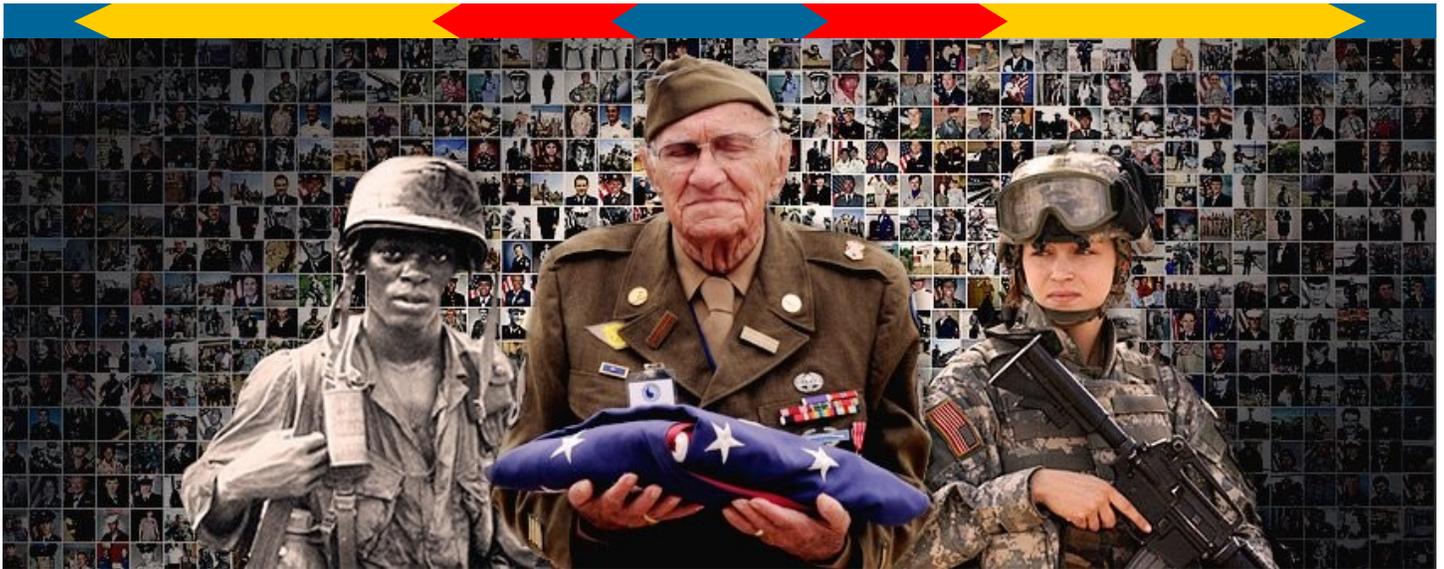


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VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

CHARLES R BEARD



COMMANDERS CALL

Chapter 1 and Family members currently serving our country



Rolling Thunder CO1 Active Duty Family Members

Family of Mike & Linda Messenger -

Alex Lane * USAF * Missouri

Brian Hagan * USAF * Italy

Family of Dan Taylor -

Elizabeth Beck * US Marine Corp * Japan

Family of Randy & Pat Taylor -

Brenda Jo Simmons * US Army * Indiana

James Simmons * US Army * Indiana

John Perry * US Army * Missouri

Dan Perry * US Army * Georgia

Family of Gary & Karen Teiken -

Spencer Teiken * US Air Force * Texas



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

ROLLING THUNDER CO CHAPTER 1: MISSING MAN TABLE CEREMONY



Click here

https://youtu.be/_k7smL9fmP4

Listen to Allen McCabe's "Wall Talk"

Allen is a Volunteer at The Vietnam Memorial Wall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWJyjHEKfcE>



Vietnam Education Center gets \$10 million grant from the Lilly Endowment

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has received a \$10 million grant for its proposed education center adjacent to its famous memorial on the Mall in Washington.

The fund said the grant from the Lilly Endowment is the largest single cash donation in the fund's 37-year history.

The fund has been trying to raise money to build the underground Education Center at the Wall since 2003. With the Lilly donation, the fund said it now has \$42.5 million of the \$130 million it needs

to raise.

The center will be a 25,000-square-foot building displaying thousands of artifacts left at the memorial over the years, first-person accounts of veterans and citizens, and a two-story wall showing the faces of the 58,000 people whose names are etched on the memorial.

Read the whole story at:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/vietnam-education-center-gets-10-million-grant-from-the-lilly-endowment/2017/02/20/a6a248d4-f52f-11e6-a9b0-ecce7ce475fc_story.html?hpid=hp_local-news_vietnam-915am%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&utm_term=.8cd6f275f81



Extended Prayers for All Veterans and their Families during this holiday season



And for all those family and friends that need God's hand

CHAPTER C01 EVENT CALENDAR 2017

NOTE: This is a "living" document and all dates, times and activities are subject to change.

MARCH

3-4/5 -17 - Pro Promotions Swap Meet (Colorado Springs)

3-25-17 - Chapter Meeting – 10 am @ VFW Post 2461 - * Exec's Meeting – 0915 ** Mtg moved from 3rd to 4th Sat.

APRIL

4-15-17 - Chapter Meeting – 10 am @ VFW Post 2461 * Exec's Meeting – 0915 / **Board Meeting - 0915**

4-22-17 - Bus Trip to Blackhawk

4-29-17 - Chapter Garage Sale ** Weather permitted

MAY

5-14-17 - Mother's Day BBQ @ VAMC

5-20-17 - Conifer – MMT

5-20-17 – Chapter Meeting – 10 am @ VFW Post 2461 * Exec's Meeting - 0915

5-24-17 – Fairmount Cemetery – Place Flags * TBD

5-28-17 – Englewood High School MMT

5-31-17 - Fairmount Cemetery – Pick up flags * TBD

JUNE

6-17-17 - Chapter Meeting - 10:00 am @ VFW Post 2461 * Exec's Meeting – 0915

6-24-17 - Annual Car Wash – 9:00 am

6-25-17 - VAMC BBQ Sunday – Father's Day

BEGIN ELECTIONS PROCESS – COMMITTEE SELECTION

JULY

7-04-17 - Highlands Ranch Parade

7-15-17 - Chapter Picnic – Cherry Creek State Park

7-22-17 - Chapter Meeting – 10 am @ VFW Post 2461 * Exec's Meeting – 0915 / **Board Meeting - 0915**

ELECTIONS PROCESS - NOMINATIONS

***“ENTHUSIASM IS EXCITEMENT WITH INSPIRATION,
MOTIVATION AND A PINCH OF CREATIVITY”***





POW*MIA

**SPECIAL
CEREMONY
MAY 26TH
6:15PM
GAME TIME:
7:00PM**



CHAIR OF HONOR DEDICATION



Join Rolling Thunder CO 1 and the Colorado Springs Sky Sox as we HONOR our Colorado POW/MIA's with the Chair of Honor. This is a night to honor all those who serve and have served our community both in the military as well as first responders.

Discounted Tickets for the Sky Sox vs New Orleans can be purchased through Rolling Thunder at olmilehi@q.com or 303 475-5773

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the
Date



Event is Free!

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Englewood High School
Preeceremony outside 1:30 near flag poles
Program starts at 2:00 in Fisher Auditorium

3800 So Logan Englewood, Colorado 80113 face book "Englewood High School Military Memorial"
You can donate or buy a paver. kaycastlerock@comcast.net Kay 303-740-8789

Wings-And-Warriors 3rd Annual Recognition Ride

August 12th, 2017

*Remembering Our Veterans of Past, Present, and Future
to Support Those with Hidden Injuries of PTSD and TBI.*

All Proceeds will go to help veterans receive service dogs through Wings-And-Warriors

Come on out and meet some of the Veterans and their Wingmen!



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