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November 1-2, 2024 Hyatt Regency Crystal City VA 703-418-1234

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7/18 - Lyons VA Nursing Home Visit 7PM

7/21 - National: Regular monthly meeting, Manville, VFW, 1PM



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### **Mission Statement**

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Every Chapter must have an agenda to run a meeting. Everyone must get their turn to talk about any issue that concerns Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. and its members

The Constitution and By-Laws of Rolling Thunder<sup>®</sup>, Inc. will not be changed or altered by any Chapter and everyone must abide by this constitution.

Meetings are held on:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 1:00PM

Meeting Location: VFW 600 Washington St. Manville, NJ

(unless otherwise indicated in the events section)

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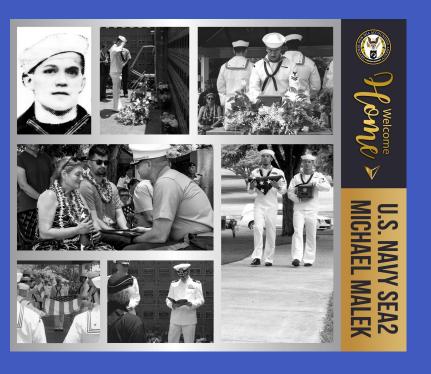
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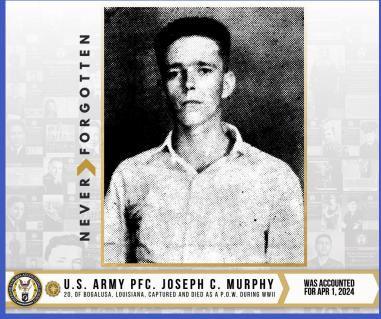
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### IN MEMORY OF

Betty De-De Daniels 76, passed away May 3, 2024. De De was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 NY & moved Florida where she joined Chapter 8 FL. She was a Board Member, V. Pres., and voted into the office as President. DE DE was a member of Rolling Thunder for over 14 years. She was a good leader and did whatever had to get done. She will be missed by everyone. May she rest in peace and may she ride free in the Heavens above.

Trung M. Dao 74, Passed away June 10. Trung a was Vietnam Veteran serving in the V.N.A.F. as a chopper pilot for 5 years. He was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Fl. for 3 years. He was a good member and helped with whatever he could. He will be missed by all. May he rest in neace and ride free in the Heavens above.

Roger D. Chason 71/ passed away June 18, 2024. Roger was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 N. Carolina for 15 years. Dale served as the Chapter Vice President for 2 terms and also served on the Board of Directors. He was a Board member when he passed away. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace and may he ride free in the Heavens above.

Kirk Steketee 74 / passed away June 28, 2024. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S.A. for 3 years. He was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 4 Michigan for over 19 years. He was a past Chairman of the Board. Kirk was very active and will be missed by all. May he rest in peace and may he ride free in the Heavens above.

Our respect to all family & friends. May our Brothers and Sisters be at peace with the Lord. May those who served Honorably Rest in Peace in the soil they fought for Freedom for all. Those who remain Prisoners of War/Missing in action, body not recoverable, we will never forget you.

Let us remember those who have given their lives for our Freedom in the War against Terrorist and Operation Iraq Freedom (Gulf War II). May God Keep our Troops safe.

When one American is not worth the effort to be found,
We as Americans have lost.

Remember our Troops Killed in action and those serving.



# Never Forget and...Go Find them!

By Rolling Thunder, Inc, Chapter 2-Illinois



Good friends, a good drink, and a good campfire can generate great things. So was the case in 2012 when a couple of members of Chapter 2 – IL sat around a campfire and talked about a void in our MIA repatriations. Why do we still have Americans, who have been identified, still buried in cemeteries in foreign lands?



Many months later, two of our members, Juergen and Oliver Lutz, searched for, and found, four WWII Americans buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery near Durnbach, Germany. They took on the task of ensuring that those four American graves were brought up to a clean appearance, maintained properly and, each year they visit the Durnbach Cemetery to plant American Flags at the headstones of those four American airmen assuring that their graves are properly maintained.

Six years later, another campfire with Rolling Thunder, Chapter IL-2 members and another great idea....let's get as many Chapter 2-IL members as we can to go to Germany to visit, and honor, those four Americans buried in Durnbach. Thus the trek began...



Over a five-year period of saving, (NO Chapter funds were used in this mission) planning, coordinating and solving many challenges like work schedules, costs, covid, travel restrictions, etc, our 2019 idea of visiting Durnbach came alive in 2024 as Operation Adler 24 (Adler is German for Eagle).



Nine Rolling Thunder, Chapter 2-IL members and seven guests departed for Germany in late June 24, rented motorcycles and had the humbling opportunity to visit and honor the graves of:

Tech Sgt James J. Hannon, U.S. Army Air Forces, 24 y/o, Died 21 Feb 1944

- † 1LT Stanley W. Penner, U.S. Army Air Forces, 23 y/o, Died 25 Feb 1944
- **† 1LT Eric G. Roberts**, U.S. Army Air Forces, 23 y/o, Died 8 Oct 1943
- **♦ FO William G. Shearer**, U.S. Army Air Forces, 26 y/o, Died 25 Jul 1944

Chapter 2-IL was proud to be joined on this mission by former IL-2 members, now the President and Secretary of TN-6.

Chapter 2-IL members returned safely with a proud feeling of establishing the presence of Rolling Thunder, Inc on foreign battlefields and cemeteries, as well as honoring those four American airmen who appear to have been forgotten.



We are still researching the history and background of their burial in Durnbach, alone, in a foreign land, in a foreign cemetery, vs their return home. We will NEVER FORGET.

### Homeless Veterans In Middlesex To Get Emergency Hotel Stays

Veterans can now stay for three days at the hotel, while they are connected to case management service.



Sarah Salvadore, Patch Staff

Posted Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 12:33 pm ET

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – Beginning July 4, homeless veterans in New Jersey will be able to stay at a local hotel until more permanent arrangements are made.

The announcement was made by <u>NJ SOS Veterans Stakeholder Group</u> (NJSOSVETS), an organization dedicated to supporting homeless veterans in New Jersey. The organization works in partnership with the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The expansion of the program also extends to Somerset and Warren Counties.

It will provide essential support to veterans in need, ensuring that no veteran should be homeless and living on the streets, the organization said.

NJSOSVETS currently provides emergency hotel stays to veterans in seven counties across the state. The initiative places homeless veterans immediately in a hotel for three days and connects the veteran with an SSVF Provider for case management services within the three-day window period.

"We are thrilled to be able to extend our services to Middlesex, Warren, and Somerset Counties," said David Pearson Co-Chair of NJSOSVETS.

"Our mission is to ensure that every veteran has access to the support and resources they need to thrive. By expanding our emergency hotel stays, we are taking a significant step towards achieving that goal."

Building on statewide efforts to uplift New Jersey's veterans, the Murphy Administration has worked alongside stakeholders and community partners to deliver timely services to veterans.

The State has also made \$250,000 available to the NJSOSVETS in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

This funding has supported efforts to connect veterans and their families with emergency housing across New Jersey.

Homeless veterans in Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties can reach out to NJSOSVETS for assistance.

They can contact Ariel Jacob Luna, Co-Founder/U.S. Army Veteran NJ SOS Veteran Stakeholders Phone: 1-201-431-6240 Email: njsosvets@gmail.com

# SUNDAY JULY 28TH, 2024 ROLLING THUNDER

CHAPTER 2 NEW YORK

PRESENTING OUR.



POLICE ESCORTED RUN TO SUPPORT LOCAL D.A.V & VETERANS VENUE

WEST SHORE LITTLE LEAGUE 340 WALKER ST. SI, NY 10303

### REGISTRATION

\$20.00 BIKE - \$10.00 PASSENGER - \$10.00 WALK-IN

KICKSTANDS UP @ 11AM

### DONATION INCLUDES

BREAKFAST AND ENTRY TO OUR
FAMILY FRIENDLY AFTER PARTY FROM 1-6PM
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE RIDE
50/50 \* RAFFLES \* MUSIC \* GAMES
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WITH SPECIAL GUESTS...

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PRESENTS

PRISONERS-OF-WAR MISSING-IN-ACTION RECOGNITION DAY



VFW Post # 2290: 600 Washington Ave, Manville, NJ 08835



SAT, SEPT, 21, 2024 / RAIN DATE: SUN, SEPT, 22, 2024 11 AM TO 4 PM







\$20 VEHICLE REGISTRATION

\$10 WALK-IN DONATION

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

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### ROLLING THUNDER®, INC., NATIONAL PRESENTS

"Prisoners-Of-War Missing-In-Action Recognition Day" Sat., Sept. 21, 2024 / Rain Date: Sun., Sept. 22, 2024. 11 AM to 4 PM

VFW Post # 2290: 600 Washington Ave, Manville, NJ 08835

### EVENT MISSION AND SPONSORSHIP LEVELS











Ralling Thunder ®, Inc., is collaborating with GWIZ Auto Entertainment, a respected leader in the custom Car and the Show industry with over 20 years of experience, be lost Car, Truok, and Bies drow in honce of Frienmen-Of-War Missing-In-Action Recognition Day. The major function of Rolling Thunder ®, Inc. is to publicize the POW/MIA issue. To deduce the public with namey American Prisoners of Vira verse left behind after all previous wars, and to happe correct the past and to protect future vesterant from height glot behind should they become Prisoners OVEM-Sissing in Action. We are also committed to halping American veterant from all wars.

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enthusiasts. All of our sponsorship levels amnounce your community involvement and build brand awareness. As a trophy sponsor, you can choose a category and the winning vehicle and award the trophy on event day. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and generous support for the memorable occasion.

☐ Yes, I want to be an event sponsor. Guarantee your support and participation by completing the form on Page 2

### GOLD TROPHY SPONSOR - \$50.00 PLATINUM TROPHY SPONSOR - \$125.00

- 1 Trophies
   Name displayed on
  - Name displayed on trophies
  - Brand recognition at the show. There will be a table to display your logo, business cards, and marketing materials to the show participants and attendees.

Select 1 recipient. This is a Sponsor's Choice Award to be presented with a trophy on the event day.

### BANNER SPONSOR - \$200.00

- 3x6 Banner
- SOLE Banner displayed at the show (standard size); larger banner optional.
- Brand recognition Logo on all print media and fivers throughout the event campaign.

### Trophy selection optional CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$2,500.00 & up

- 20x20 Both
- Multiple Trophies of 4 event categories.
- Present 1 Best of Show Trophy or multiple trophies.
- Brand Recognition Audience Awareness
   Display & present marketing materials at the show.
- Brand recognition Logo on all print media and flyers throughout the event campaign.

### BATMOBILE SPONSOR or Back to the Future

 Captivate the hearts of kids, young and old!

- 3 Trophies
   Brand recognition at the show. We will distribute your business cards or marketing materials to the show
- recipients and attendees.

  Select 3 recipients; this is a Sponsor's Choice Award to be presented with trophies on event day.

### EVENT GOLD SPONSOR - \$1 500.00

- 10×10 Both
  - Present 1 Best of Show trophy or multiple trophies
  - Brand recognition to help broaden your audience
     Display & present marketing materials ⊕ show
     Brand recognition Logo on all print media and flyers
  - throughout the event campaign.

### CONTINUOUS BRAND ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE SHOW

- Spotlighted time to a captivated audience to
- editorialize your Business/Corporations
   Pick multiple recipients for the Sponsors Choice Award
  - Pick multiple recipients for the Sponsors Choice Award & present the trophy during the ceremony or help the judges pick Best of Show and be the awarding Sponsor of the BEST IN SHOW trophy.

### TRANSFORMER SPONSOR - \$500.00

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young and old!



### 2024 SPONSORSHIP FORM

- ☐ YES! I want to support Rolling Thunder ®, Inc., National through Sponsorship.
  - ☐ Corporate Event Sponsor \$2,500.00
  - ☐ Event Gold Sponsor \$1,500.00
  - ☐ Banner Sponsor \$200.00
  - ☐ Platinum Trophy Sponsor \$125.00 / ☐ Gold Trophy Sponsor \$50.00
  - ☐ Superhero Character ☐ Bat Mobile or ☐ Back to the Future DeLorean Car \$600.00
  - ☐ Door Prizes (Gift Certificates, Car Supplies, or In-Kind Donations)

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Design a Sponsorship Level by donating any Monetary Amount or In-Kind Donations.

Please describe your Level of Sponsorship below:					

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For Additional Information or Questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Mr. Carlos Ferreiro: 973-902-5457 or RTnationalPresident@smail.com

Please print legibly and complete all the requested information in its entirety below:

Sponsor / Business Name:	
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Phone Number & Email:	
Sponsor Donation Amount: \$\$	







### Rolling Thunder\* Florence Chapter?

Steve Morganti and Mike Hughes started the Florence Chapter of Rolling Thunder' (RTSC4) in early 2007, and they received their charter in August 2017. There are four chapters in South Carolina and 90 chapters across the United States.

"Our passion for riding motorcycles and helping veterans led us to become part of this large and remarkable organization," saild Morganti. "We had no idea we were becoming part of such a huge and amazing organization."

Every dollar raised by the Roiling Thunder' organization indexity impacts the lives of veterans and their families. No one within the organization receives any compensation, In comparation, and the received of the received



The Florence Chapter currently has 22 members. There are about 200 members across the four chapters in South Carolina.

How You Can Help

Locals can support the Rolling Thunder<sup>6</sup> organization by attending events and supporting troops.

For any questions, please contact Steve Morganti at (843) 495-2911.







### Their Mission

The goal of Rolling Thunder is to publicize the POW/MIA issue, to educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars, and to help protect past and future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or missing in action. They also help all veterans in need.

### Their Efforts

- RTSC4 have helped veterans with rent, utilities, and Christmas gifts for their children.
- They visit veterans at VA hospitals and nursing homes.
- They once paid to have a Vietnam vet buried because his family had no money.
- They have escorted veterans' funerals and welcomed veterans returning home from deployment.
- RTSC4 has been a part of veterans lives at The Veterans Village in Florence. They help veterans decrence for Christmas as well as Super Bowl parties at the Village.
- RTSC4 places wreaths at the National Cemetary with Wreaths Across America during the Christmas season.
- They escort bicyclists during the Ride Like A Nut during the Pecan Festival in Florence
- They donate flags for the VFW, Elks Lodge, and American Legion.

RTSC4 members wear red during events to represent the blood of soldiers.

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### "Christmas" IN

### **AUGUST FOOD DRIVE**

PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS TO THE AUGUST 18, 2024 MEETING
(at the VFW Manville, New Jersey)
The food banks need the following items

CANNED MEATS (stews, corned beef, spam, chicken, turkey)
PARMALAT MILK, CEREAL (hot & cold), PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP
CANNED FRUIT (regular & no sugar)
CANNED VEGETABLES (regular & no salt)
SPAGHETTI SAUCE, RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS, PASTA (boxes, mixes)
TUNA, MACARONI & CHEESE, WHITE OR BROWN RICE (regular & mixes)
CANNED SOUP, CANNED TOMATDES, CANNED GRAVY
CEREAL (hot & cold), SNACKS (bars, pudding, Jell-O)
Also hand soap, diapers/wipes, dish & laundry detergent
Paper towels, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant

ALSO NEEDED IS - "BACK PACK FOOD"

BEEF STEW (small cans), VIENNA SAUAGES (small cans)

TUNA (3 oz. pull-top cans & bags), CHEF BOYARDEE CANNED PASTA (7 oz.)

JUICE BOXES, PUDDING CUPS, FRUIT CUPS, JELL-0 CUPS

RAMEN NOODLES, CEREAL (small boxes)

SNACKS - (individual packs, pretzels, cookies, bars)

MAC & CHEESE (microwaveable packets)

"Please no glass containers"

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE AUGUST MEETING
ASK YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, LOCAL FOOD MARKETS TO HELP

All items collected will be donated to the Community Food Banks of New Jersey

# 2024 Rolling Thunder® National Inc. Lyons VA Hospital Visits

### 6:30 pm~Community Living Center ~ 2nd Fl.

January 18
March 21
May (none)
July 18
September 19
November 21

7:00 pm ~ PTSD Ward
Bldg. 143~ 2nd Fl.
(Please bring a dessert)

February 15
April 18
June 20
August 25, Sunday (VA Picnic) 11:00am
October 17
December 4, Wednesday (Holiday party)

Recreation Dept. (908) 647-0180 Ext. 4327(Days)
Please obey speed limits on VA grounds

## Directions

### From Route 78:

Exit 33, head North to Valley Road (Approx 1 mi) Right on Valley Road. Go approx. 3 miles. Hospital entrance on left.

### From Route 22:

At Bound Brook, take Warrenville Road north. Approx. 8 mi. take Valley Road **left.** Hospital ½ mi. on right.

### To CLC (Nursing Home):

Pass thru security gate. Follow signs for Community Living Center. Take next left. Nursing Home is a free-standing building on the right just beyond the parking lot.

### To PTSD:

Pass thru security gate. Take second right, then quick left. Bldg. 143 is directly ahead, use parking lot to the right.

Speed limit on hospital grounds strictly enforced!

# ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. NEWSLETTER



# POW/MIA "We Will Never Forget" WWI 3,343 WWII 72,254 Cold War 126 Korea 7,514 Vietnam 1,581

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