



Rolling Thunder® Chapter 2 Florida

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 correct the past and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become 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. Members donate their time because they believe in the issues we are working on.

Our Honor Guard - another job well done!



President's Message

September's 2008 general membership meeting was election night. We now have a new President, Secretary and four new Board Members. All are listed in this newsletter.



I'll be going to Americus, Ga. to pay tribute to some POW's this weekend and will report upon my return.

We had our Never Forgotten Run this past Sunday and it was quite a success. Thanks to all who participated and helped out. Our VP Bob Seltz did a remarkable job for Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 Florida.

The Deuce is really coming along and we hope more members will give Patty Christo or me your email address so that you can get it as early as possible. The goal is to eventually eliminate the need for a mailing.

God Bless America and our Young Warriors,
Jim Zarb

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Meeting of the Minds

Long Tall Patty	239-574-6830
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The Deuce / Webmaster

Patty & George Christo	239-437-9043
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Meeting News . . .

- ▶ **Dave Schultz** showed the members a plaque received from National for Chapter 2's participation in Sales during the Memorial Day demonstration in DC. Next, Schultz thanked everyone for their contributions and participation in Chapter 2 and recapped his two years as President. As required in the by-laws, Dave then resigned his position and turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Bob Seltz.
- ▶ **Bob Seltz** introduced Dominic J. Bruno, a 36 year veteran, who joined Chapter 2 at this meeting. Dominic recently moved into a new home and Bob helped with the move and with replacing needed appliances. For his service to our country, Dominic was honored by Chapter 2 with a standing round of applause.
- ▶ **Results** of the elections held at the September 9 meeting are: President - Jim Zarb (before the election, Jim resigned his Board of Director position); Secretary - Patty Christo; Newly elected Board Members: Bill Clark (re-elected), Dan Hurley, George Christo, Dave "Schultz" Johnson (see entire Board of Directors list on previous page).
- ▶ **Jim Zarb, in his new role as President, took over the meeting.** Jim clarified a few issues as well as provided new information as follows:
 - Jim first explained how Chapter 2 will be following the constitution and by-laws as defined by National.
 - Any request for money for a worthy cause will need to be submitted to the Board of Directors.
 - He informed the members of a Cape Coral Community Foundation accepting donations to fund a statue project honoring veterans of the Iraqi War. The statue will be placed in Echo Park. Donations can be made payable to Cape Coral Community Foundation.
 - The Ride Home – contact Jim to coordinate the ride to Georgia. Could potentially meet at a Cracker Barrel. On Friday night at the Ride Home, volunteers are needed to act as ushers at the Church Ceremony.
 - Discussion around future Chapter 2 poker runs ensued with a lot of input from our members. Should we have the November run? Should we allow outside vendors to sell their product at our events? Decided that we would follow through with our current plans for this year and look at next year's events at a later time.
 - Bob Seltz needs assistance with planning and implementing our runs. Ron Best, Kurt Berkholtz and Dave Schultz volunteered to assist Bob.
- ▶ **Honor Guard:** The Honor guard will be at the last stop on our Never Forgotten Run on September 14, 3:45 at Victory Lane.
- ▶ **Patches:** Kurk Berkholtz received his Boot Patch; Pat Jablonski and Nick Poznick received their Rocker and Eagle patches. Congratulations!

And speaking of patches, attempts to recover patches from inactive members will continue. Letters will be going out once again. Next, Chapter 2 will be bringing non-respondents to Small Claims Court (cost is about ~\$80 each) to recover the patches and court costs.
- ▶ **Guest:** Sandy Jones attended our meeting as a guest. Welcome Sandy.
- ▶ **Adopt-a-Road:** Bill Schatzan reported that 5 members showed up at the Adopt-a-Road site and filled two bags.
- ▶ **Newsletter:** Patty Christo had no newsletter update but did mention that Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 Florida now has a website: www.rollingthunderfl2.com. Our new website belongs to all of us and we all need to contribute to the site. Send Patty any and all content contributions. She will bring her laptop to the next meeting to show the website to those who do not have web access. **NOTE: Let's have all members attend the next meeting so we can take a group picture of our chapter for the website!**
- ▶ **Picnic at the Mozzzzz's:** Once again, Jimmy and Judy are extending their hospitality and hosting a picnic at their home sometime in November (as soon as the rain stops and the land dries out!).
- ▶ **Holiday Party: December 6 – Save the Date!!!** Our Holiday Party committee consists of Long Tall Patty, Marcie Stirp, and Dave Schultz. More details will follow.

Events



Date	What	Info
September 19 & 20	The Ride Home	Andersonville, Georgia
September 26 - 28	The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall opens to visitors	Naples Memorial Gardens, 525 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108, (239) 597-3101
September 27	Veteran's Therapy Dog program	Sterling House, Lehigh Acres. For more information, contact Cyndie at the Sterling House, 239-368-2500
November 7 & 8	2009 Rolling Thunder® National Conference	At least one officer from Chapter 2 must attend this Washington, DC Conference.
November 23	Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 Poker Run	Save the date. Details of this event are being worked out and will appear in a future Deuce.

WWII Veterans Honored as they leave Southwest Florida Regional Airport for Washington, DC to visit the WWII Memorial September 13, 2008





Events

Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 Florida POW/MIA Never Forgotten Remembrance Poker Run September 14, 2008

Thanks to all who participated in this run - we had great membership participation and superb overall turnout which made this a very successful run. A special thanks goes to Bob Seltz for putting this run together and making sure it didn't rain!



Calendar



September 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 Al Nova
7	8 Adrian Cronauer	9 RTCh2FL Meeting 7pm Charlie Irish	10	11	12 Bill Clark	13
14 RTCh2FL Poker Run	15	16 Frank Cardona	17	18	19 ← The Ride Home → Andersonville, GA	20
21	22 Rick Dugan	23 Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Escort Kerry Nova	24	25	26	27 Veterans Therapy Dog Program
28	29	30				
October 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Gerald Kmiecik	3	4
5	6	7	8 Hans Holberg	9 Jan Garber Joanne Rockow Jim Zarb	10	11
12	13	14 RTCh2FL Meeting 7pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Minutes

ROLLING THUNDER, CHAPTER 2 FLORIDA Minutes of Meeting of September 9, 2008

The meeting was called to Order at 7:15 p.m. by President, Dave "Schultz" Johnson. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

The Chairman of the Board, Bill Schatzan, read the Mission Statement.

Ada Doering read the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting. Eddie made a Motion to accept the minutes as read and Jim Zarb seconded and the Motion carried.

Kaye Caple, gave the Treasurer's report. Jim Doering made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit and Bill Clark seconded and the Motion carried, subject to audit.

Chairman of the Board had nothing to report.

Vice President, Bob Seltz, announced:

- Bob had intended to go to Melbourne to participate in the Poker Run hosted by Chapter 4 to raise money for the Ride Home; however, he decided to help Sgt. Bruno move. Sgt. Bruno was present at the meeting and Bob introduced him.
- Bob talked to Gary Sharp from the Twin's Stadium and he will be meeting with him in December to discuss the possibility of Rolling Thunder working the concessions.

Schultz advised that he had received a plaque from National thanking our Chapter for the good job they did with the sales in D.C.

Membership Committee: Sandie Jones was a guest. Kurt received his boot patch and Nick and Pat received their Rocker and Eagle.

Schultz stated that since National's Constitution required that he resign as President before he could run for the Board, he was at that time resigning. At that time Bob Seltz took over the meeting.

Jim Zarb resigned as a Board Member so that he could run for President.

Elections: Debbie informed that there would be four (4) Board positions open since Jim Zarb had resigned.

Ada cast unanimous votes for Jim Zarb as President and Patty Christo as Secretary.

Phone Tree: Bill Clark had nothing to report.

Adopt-A-Road: Bill Schatzan stated that five people had showed up to help.

Deuce: Patty announced that the Web Site is up and running and she would have more to report next time.

Minutes



ROLLING THUNDER, CHAPTER 2 FLORIDA
Minutes of Meeting of September 9, 2008
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OLD BUSINESS:

The Never Forgotten Run was scheduled for Sunday, September 14th and Kaye was working the first stop registration. Bill and Ron were going to work the stop at the museum and Jim and Ada were handling the stop at the VA Nursing Home.

Schultz stated that he had talked to Artie about the patches situation and it was recommended that he take a couple of people to Small Claims Court in the hopes of getting the message across to others that have not returned the patches.

Elections Committee returned from counting the votes and Debbie gave the results to Bill Schatzan to read. The results were as follows: Bill Clark received 25 votes; Dan Hurley received 30 votes; Frank Milette received 7 votes; Dave Johnson received 29 votes and George Christo received 30 votes. Debbie announced that Frank would be the alternate since he had received the least amount of votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob asked for volunteers to organize the Christmas party.

Jim Zarb took over the meeting as the new President. He stated that he wants to follow Nationals' Constitution as that is the tool that sets the standards. Regarding the election, he reviewed the Constitution which states that the President will appoint the Alternate and, therefore, he named Rock as the Alternate.

Zarb read a letter from the Sterling House asking for our assistance in a benefit for Veteran Therapy Dogs in Lehigh Acres. He also read a letter from Cape Coral Community Foundation. They want to erect a statue at Echo Park in Cape Coral to honor Veterans of the Iraqi War. A contribution of \$500.00 will get your name on the plaque.

Zarb asked who was riding to Andersonville. He has to be there on the 17th for a President's meeting. Patty suggested meeting at the Port Charlotte Cracker Barrel.

Zarb advised that we were being asked for a larger donation for the Ride Home but he suggested we leave it as is because we are going to need quite a bit of money to pursue the patches that have not been returned.

The escort ride for the VP candidate was cancelled but we will get an e-mail when it is rescheduled.

A discussion was held about whether or not we wanted to eliminate one of the annual runs. Kurt suggested that perhaps we could have vendors sell their wares at the last stop and the vendors could make a donation to the organization. It was decided to leave things as they are for the Never Forgotten Run and the question would be tabled for future events.

Jimmy made Motion to keep the November 23rd Ride for Veterans on the calendar and Ada seconded. The Motion carried.

Zarb stated that Bob needs help with organizing the runs and asked for volunteers. Ron, Schultz and Kurt volunteered.

Bill made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Ron seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.




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>>> Spotlight of the Month <<<<

Have a story, news, or information you'd like to share? Submit the information to Patty Christo and it will appear in a future edition of The Deuce!

Thank You!

Rolling Thunder was conceived by proud military men during a trying time in our nation with a profound mission statement. They wrote a constitution, which I believe, was designed to be general in nature, leaving editorial room to create by-laws politically pertinent.

The by-laws committee was comprised of five members, two of which were combat veterans, one is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the other is a senior board member. Both these individuals are proud honorable men who believe in "service before self" - one of the sacred creeds of the American military. I was co-chairman, Mr. Penn, and the Vice President comprised the balance of our group. Four of us combined a total of 103 work hours to complete this noble project.

The first issue on the agenda was to protect the good faith of the Rolling Thunder's founders and formulate our by-laws to address specific operational concerns. The second issue was a posting in our monthly paper for three months prior to our first meeting requesting input from the membership. About eleven months later the proposed by-laws were unanimously approved by the board of directors. The proposed by-laws were read at three consecutive general meetings as well as published in our monthly newsletter. Only one person emailed our committee with suggestions. In total it was a seventeen month period which translates into a window of opportunity for anyone to voice their views and issue changes.

Kind regards to a noble group, **Frank Miletti**



WE
WILL
NEVER
FORGET

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



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Next Meeting:

**October 14, 2008
7:00 pm**

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