

ROLLING THUNDER®



NH-1 NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

Spring is upon us and with that comes the riding weather and a ton of activities. Please check our website often for the details and any changes to events!

Since January 2008 we have added approximately eight (8) new members to our Chapter and therefore to our cause! Welcome and Thank you to our new members. I hope we will continue to add new energy and participation to our ranks this season. It is because of the current membership and your hard work that brings in new members and allows us to grow—pat yourselves on the back for all the great work you do!!

Our Mission is to promote the awareness of the POW/MIA issues and to help veterans. As our reputation grows within New Hampshire, the demands on our time will also increase. Granted we can not do it all. We certainly try but the reality is we can not do it all. So I rely on the membership to bring forth events, activities, and such to the Board so that we can review them and make decisions with our Mission in mind. The weekend of March 30th is a good example of a ton of activities all of which are important and worthy of our participation. Not everyone could attend all events. I know based on direct observation of the events I went to and feedback I received for the event I could not make that you all did an exceptional job in representing our Chapter and therefore Rolling Thunder, Inc. with the respect and dignity our Mission requires—Thank You!!

Speaking of the Board and with the new members and a reminder for the "old" ones, the Board of Directors is charged with the responsibility to ensure that the long term goals and activities of this Chapter coincide with our Mission. The Executive Officers are charged with the daily operations of the Chapter. The Board and Executive Officers are elected by you to fulfill these tasks. If you have an issue, please bring it up with a Board Member and get in on the table. If we allow issues to fester or go unaddressed then we only hurt our Mission and the overall longevity of this Chapter. If we don't *open the can, we can not address the worms* — so to speak.

A couple of other business related items—Ann Nassiff has stepped down from the Secretary's position due to work and school de-

mands. Thank you Ann for your efforts with this position. The Board and I discussed the opening and we asked the Membership at the April General Meeting for input/volunteers. I am pleased to announce that Marsha Bailey—aka Munchkin has agreed to fulfill the Secretary's position for the remainder of the term. Thank you Munchkin! I received and distributed to the Chapter through E-mail an information sheet regarding Rolling Thunder, Inc. for any media that you may come across in Washington, DC. Yes consider this a "talking points" sheet. There should also be a copy of this in the newsletter. Please take a moment and review it. Also I was reminded by Artie Muller, Executive Director of Rolling Thunder, Inc. that we should not be wearing any Patriot Guard Rider patches or mission rockers on our Rolling Thunder Vests. Artie did put this out at the National Convention in November 2007. We discussed it at our General Meeting in December and January. But as the riding weather approaches so does our exposure and we want to be cognizant of what we are wearing. So a general reminder was requested. If you have changed your email or standard mailing address since you joined RT NH Chpt 1 please contact Marsha or myself so that we can update our records. I know that I do not have everyone's email addresses so if you want to receive notices and such from me regarding RT NH Chpt 1 please get me your updated information. For example, I am doing a 1st Aid/CPR class for our Chapter on Saturday April 19th at my office in Chelsea, Mass. I am doing 2 sessions, 1 at 0830 hr. and 1 at 1300 hr. cost is \$15.00 including book, completion certificate and patch. Call/email me if interested. I have a few more open seats and like I put out to the Chapter, if there is a financial concern, please just speak to me about it., I'd rather have folks trained than not

Be Safe & Healthy

Jeffrey "Doc" Stewart
President RT NH Chpt. 1



Rolling Thunder XXI Media Message Points

The National Media Committee has developed the following Message Points that represent the primary focus of Rolling Thunder XXI. These points should be followed when speaking with anyone in the media, to maintain focus and message consistency.

Definition and purpose of Rolling Thunder and Rolling Thunder XXI: Rolling Thunder, Ince is a veteran's based organization dedicated to working on issues for current and future veterans and for POWs and MIAs. We are NOT a motorcycle club and this is not a motorcycle event—this is an organized demonstration.

Key Message Points

- ♦ **Return of POWs**—We continue to introduce and support legislation to protect and demand accountability for all live and potentially live POWs from Iraq and Afghanistan, along with previous and future wars. Our most recent POW/MIAs are: Capt. Michael Scott Speicher, captured 1/17/1991; SPC Ahmed Al-taie, captured 10/23/2006, PVT Byron W. Fouty and SGT Alex R. Jimenez both captured 5/12/2007. Staff SGT Matt Maupin, captured 4/9/2004—remains identified 3/2008.
- ♦ **House Resolution 111** –Establishing a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. The select committee shall conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam Era, the Korean conflict, WWII, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, which include POWs and MIAs.
- ♦ **VA Benefits** –We continue to identify and support legislation that improves healthcare and retirement benefits for active military, as well as reservists, who now serve in ways not originally intended. This new

Tax Rebate

*Jim Chisholm
Legislative Liaison, Rolling Thunder NH*

If you receive veterans disability payments or social security (and have earnings and benefits that add up to at least \$3000) but don't usually file taxes **you will need to file a simple tax return this year to get a TAX REBATE CHECK.** These checks are going out in mid-May, so please make plans to do a simplified version of the 1040-A tax form to receive a \$600 tax rebate check (if single) and \$1200 if married, with \$300 for each child.

You don't have to fill out the form completely to receive the rebate; only a few lines need to be filled in, along with writing something across the top of the form to show that

generation of returning veterans portrays physical and mental symptoms unique to this conflict with over 28,000 wrongly discharged under the heading

“Immature Personality Disorder.”

- ♦ **Classification of “POW/MIA” Status**—We continue to pressure the U.S. Congress and the Department of Defense to restore the “POW/MIA” designation and cease using the “Missing/Captured” classification, which does not ensure that captured soldiers are given full protection under the Geneva Convention.

- ♦ **Use of Legislation to Obtain Information About Live POWs**—We continue to press for the United States to use and communicate to Middle East countries and their citizens the existence of The Persian Gulf War POW/MIA Accountability Act of 2002. This Act provides refugee status in the United States to any Middle Eastern citizen and their immediate family who provide information leading to the rescue of a live POW.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding these points or anything else involving media, feel free to contact us. Thanks in advance for your help and we look forward to seeing you in DC.

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Rolling Thunder, Inc. National Media Committee

it is being filed to receive the tax rebate.

There are libraries that do taxes for free and the government has also made arrangements for people to be able to file tax returns under \$54,000 for free online Here's the link for some free online filing sites:

<http://ftp.irs.gov/efile/lists/0..id=179739.00.html>

If you have any questions let me know; it would be crazy not to receive one of these tax rebate checks if you are eligible for it. Please let any vets you believe are receiving disability benefits or social security and who may not need to file a tax return as a result.



**SSG Matt Maupin's remains found in Iraq
Memorial services for Matt will be held
April 26 and 27.**

**The family is planning a 24-hour
visitation and vigil for their son at Union
Township Civic Center in Eastgate, OH
on April 26.**

**Funeral Services will be held on April 27,
at a downtown Cincinnati location that is**

**yet to be determined. The family is
looking for a venue large enough to hold
the thousands of people who are expected
to pay their respects to the fallen
Clermont County soldier.**

**Keith Maupin said that he family was in
talks with officials at Great American Ball
Park about possibly holding the services
there.**

**"We just don't know of any other place
that will be big enough." he said.**

**Services will be followed by a burial at
the Gate of Heaven in Montgomery**

Matt rest in peace, brother.

Gulf War ills tied to chemical exposure

Pesticides at root of some veterans afflictions

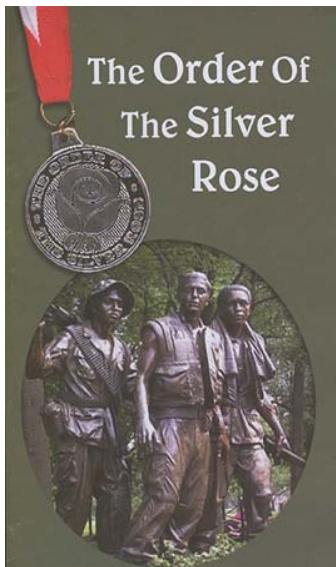
Washington—Increasing evidence ties pesticides and other chemicals to some, not all, of the Gulf War illnesses that afflict thousands of veterans of the 1991 war, says an analysis published.

Nearly 30 percent of troops who took part in the brief war have reported symptoms, the Institute of Medicine in 2006 declared there is no single Gulf War syndrome, although troops who served in the Persian Gulf were sicker than those who didn't.

Multiple chemical exposures have long been chief suspects. So Dr. Beatrice Golomb of the University of California, San Diego, reviewed 115 studies of neurological symptoms and veterans' exposure to three related chemicals: the anti-nerve gas pyridostigmine bromide, or PB, given to troops at the time; pesticides used aggressively to control sand flies; and the nerve gas sarin.

Those chemicals belong to a family known as acetyl cholinesterase inhibitors that work the same way in the body, she wrote in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Among the evidence Golomb cites: Veterans who are genetically less able to clear this type of chemical from their bodies had a higher chance of suffering symptoms, which mirror problems reported by pesticide-exposed agriculture workers.



Agent Orange: *The Last Battle*

“Agent Orange: The Last Battle” is a 40 minute documentary that takes a first hand look at how and why defoliants were used in Vietnam and the debilitating effects it had on soldiers who were exposed to it. It lends great use of archived photos and video of that period in order to put you up close and personal with the defoliants

use and its effects on the land. Those images provided in the film were very powerful and helped lend great credibility to the life-long physiological and psychological effects the defoliant agents had on soldiers who were exposed to the harmful chemicals.

The documentary illustrates the plight of two American Vietnam Veterans who are dealing with life after being exposed to Agent Orange. The Veterans recount stories of being sprayed on and how they survived one war and now are fighting on last battle **The Battle with Agent Orange**.

This was presented at the Epping NH American Legion Post 51 March 30, 2008.

This is a very powerful and informational documentary. If you would like to hear this compelling documentary and learn more about Agent Orange and its affects please contact Mr. Joseph Armstrong, State Maine Director, The Order of the Silver Rose. He has the information and contacts that can help you get the care that you so deserve.

Phone 1-207-490-2094 or
Email cwomaine@verizon.net



The New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers Memorial Association was created to honor New Hampshire mothers whose sons and daughters made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

A committee of volunteers has formed the New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers Memorial Association with plans to erect a statue, designed by renowned artist Andrew Chernak, in Stanton Park across Elm Street from Veterans Park in Manchester NH.

The committee is seeking to raise \$150,000 to cover the cost of the statue. The fund raising is running through Aug. 1, 2008.

The ground breaking for this monument was on Mar. 30, 2008, it was very moving and I was proud to be a part of it.

It was with great pride and honor that I accepted an offer to read the names of the sons of the New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers at the installation of their officers that followed the ground breaking at the Manchester Armory.

There is still time for you to make donations in honor of these very Strong and Loving Mothers. Please send to NHGSMMA, PO Box 10455, Bedford, NH 03110-0455

Thank you. Marsha Bailey, Editor of RTNH1 Newsletter

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The Director's Corner

Patrick McGhie

NE States Director

Many of us are starting to ride. As always, be safe but also early on be extra cautious fro "rider rust" and also for the sand etc. that is still on the road.

I heard that the Silver Rose presentation went well. I hope those in attendance felt it was worthwhile and a special thanks to Joe Armstrong of Maine for coming down and doing the presentation.

I am still waiting for details but want to remind everyone that Saturday, May 10th is the run in Honor of Alex Jimenez from Lawrence MA. He is a POW/MIA in Iraq and being from New England we all should try and support this. RT MA is the contact and coordinator for this.

Memorial weekend is getting close now and with it, Rolling Thunder XXI. It's only about 6 more weeks and I hope to see many of you down there this year. It is the one biggest event to get our message out of the year! For those unable to go to DC this year, the Moving Wall will be in Ossipee, NH that weekend. There will be many activities that weekend where you can honor those who paid the ultimate price.

Never forget our POW's and MIA's and keep those serving today in your thoughts and prayers.

Patrick McGhie
NE States Director

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I would like to thank Ann Nassiff for the job that she did as Secretary for Rolling Thunder New Hampshire 1. Ann, good luck to you in all your endeavors.

I am proud to step up and take over where Ann left off.

I will do my very best to meet the requirements needed to fulfill the position as Secretary of a Chapter that I am very proud to be a part of.. Thank all of you for you Congratulations and Support.

Marsha Bailey
Newsletter Editor
Secretary RTNH1

ROLLING THUNDER NH-1 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



April 1, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 1940

Pledged Allegiance—All
Mission Statement—All
Chaplain Sermon—Fred Jewell
Moment of Silence—All

Guests:
 Dale

Sick and Distressed:
 None known

Patches Received
 Boot Patches were received by
 Samantha Clough

Back Patches were received by
 None this month

Secretary's Report: Ann Nassiff
 Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Robicheau
 Accepted as read.
 Documentation is available upon request.

QM Report: Bill Niland
 Billy spoke of Everett Arena Milford swap meet Sunday the 6th.
 Set up time 8:30 done about 3:00 Pat spoke of spreading the
 POW/MIA issues at this event. Doc read the financial report.

QM financial report is available upon request.

Board of Directors: Scott Suchovsky
 Discussed opening for Secretary position being vacated by Ann
 Nassiff for work and personal reasons. See Doc if you are inter-
 ested. Doc also firmed up calendar events and dates.

New England Director: Pat McGhie
 Pat reminded us to go to the board for issues we have. Memorial
 week-end ride to the VA hospital in DC was discussed. Read an
 Email fro FL RT group that is having a Taps event supporting the
 children of Veterans and also a US Navy Memorial service at 11
 am. Please let leaders know which events you are interested in.

Legislative Report: Jim Chisholm
 The Moving Wall will be in Laconia May 23rd. Pease greeters, a
 group that greets troop flights as they arrive at the Pease Air
 Field, has a contact. Times are updated sometimes with in min-
 utes of arrivals. Him spoke of how one of the soldiers on an incom-
 ing flight was truly touched by the people who do this.

Old Business

New Business

Washing Information was available on the table. Order forms
 for patches, pins and other items.

Asked for someone to be the contact person for the Hospital visit
 in DC.

Skip Rollins, father of SPC Justin Rollins, talked of a
 Memorial Ride to honor POW/MIA's, Veterans and Gold Star
 Mothers. The event will be August 24th and will be a Chapter
 event. The ride will travel to Boscawen for a brief ceremony and
 then back to Newport for a cookout. Information can be found on
 the web site www.rollinsride.com Doc is looking for a liaison from
 the Chapter to coordinate the event with the members. Donna
 Fontaine volunteered to handle it.

Jay spoke of Maureen Dunne's response to RTNH1 and how
 we must be aware of the fact that at anytime someone could be
 watching us and we must always do our best to represent the or-
 ganization.

Diane Lloyd spoke of items being gathered to give to Liberty
 House, she will have more information at the next meeting. She
 also mentioned the opportunity for members to see off the bus of
 soldiers leaving for Iraq in the near future. She will provide more
 information as the date draws near.

George "Spidah" Walsh is looking for a ride to Washington DC.
 He is willing to share expenses for the trip. Anyone who may be
 able to assist him please let him know.

Gerry spoke of how much his son and fellow soldiers appreci-
 ated the items they received in the box sent over seas last month.
Pat spoke of the Cross Border Run on August 1 and 2. A re-
 minder that passports will be needed this year. The event is al-
 ways a great time. It is our way of saying Thank you to those who
 volunteered to serve in Vietnam from Canada.

Do will hold a CPR class April 19th. 2 sessions—on in the am
 and on in the afternoon. To be held at Cataldo Ambulance service.
 There will be a \$15 charge for books and use of materials.

Scott spoke of New Hampshire Motor Speedway event this
 year. It is a great money raising event fro the Chapter. This
 years events will be the end of June and September. Dave will be
 coordinating this again this year.

For the Good of the Chapter

The National Guard sent a Thank you to recent funeral
 attendees

Top did profiles on Becky and Teacher Jim.

Billy handed out cookies for Agent Orange and for the Gold
 Star Mothers events.

Too Tall talked of how the Legion generously donates the hall
 for our meetings and we give them a minimal check at Patriotic
 night. The legion is now holding breakfast every first Sunday of
 the month and Scott suggested whenever possible we should try to
 attend this to support the Legion.

Vigil— 7pm, Veterans Park, Manchester first Wednesday of the
 month

50/50-Billy
 won by Robin

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2100



Never Forget!!

Always Remember

Join us on a mission that lasts all year...
 ...are you ready to give some time
 to *your* veterans?

New Hampshire Korean War MIA/POWs

Philip Warren Ackley	Francis Adams Ashly	Phillip Kendall Balgh
Philip Albert Botsford	John Charles Brennan	Arthur Delbert Buckley, Jr.
Madison Freeman Charles	George A. Curley, Jr.	Joseph Adelard Demers
Myron Gracian Dick	Gerald Leo Joseph Dubay	Leland Rockwood Dunham
Henry C. Flanders	Frederick E. Fleming	Robert S. Fletcher
Reginald E. Frazier	Benjamin W. Griggs, Jr.	Elmer Rix Hamlin
Robert Shurben Hedman	Richard C. Henson	Herbert A. Hesseltine, Jr.
George Norman Hill	Paul Herbert Jordon	John Murray Kelley
Warren O. Kendall	Arthur Raymond Labonte	Roland L. Leblanc
Theodore W. Ledoux	Robert Hugh Malloy	James Joseph Mayo
Albert Anthony McCarthy	Bruce Robert Mills	Fernand Aime Morin
Edward Joseph Morse, Jr.	Joseph Norman Pelletier	Elmer Powers Richard
Wallace F. Ritter	Joseph A. Robillard	Ernest F. Russell
Leo Paul Savard	Alfred Harry Sidney	Harry Sparrow Smith
Mark A. Wentworth		

New Hampshire Vietnam War MIA/POWs

Clyde Douglas Alloway	Frank Neil Badolati	Robert Joseph Sullivan
Gerald Robert Helmich	Quinten Emile Mulleavey	Albert L. Page, Jr.

OUR MISSION

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 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.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

7:30 P.M AT AMERICAN LEGION, EPPING NH



Rolling Thunder® New Hampshire Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Legend	Event/Function
Apr 19	Sat		RT Maine Buffet Supper
Apr 26	Sat	CS	Boscawen Cemetery Cleanup
Apr 26	Sat		RT MA Spring Fling
May 10	Sat	CF	Memorial Ride POW Alex Jiminez
May 25	Sun	CF	RT XXI DC
Jun 19	Thu	CF	Freedom Ride, Meredith NH
Jun 21	Sat	CS	NH Fallen Member Ride
Jun 21	Sat		RT ME Ride for Biddeford Veterans Home
Jun 22	Sun		RTMA Run for Veterans
Jul 19	Sat	CS	NH Thunder Run
Aug 9	Sat	CS	Tilton Vets Home Barbecue
Aug 10	Sun		RTMA Freedom Ride
Aug 16	Sat	CS	Liberty House
Aug 24	Sun	CS	Justin Rollins Memorial Ride for POW/MIA, Veterans, & Gold Star Mothers

CS = Chapter Sponsored (We are putting it on) - **CF**= Chapter Designated Function (All should try an attend)

Blank = Informational for dates on other events This is a tentative list as developed by the Board. As we firm it up, we will add items and details to our Web Event Calendar. If you have suggestions or items, please feel free to write them down and give them to any board member. As other events and functions of interest become known, we will publish them.