

ROLLING THUNDER NH CHAPTER 1

JUNIOR MEMBERS NEWS LETTER

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Letter from the President

Hello junior members,

1/13/2018

I would first like to say welcome and how proud I am of all of you for becoming a part of our growing chapter. You represent our future leaders and voice for Veterans. When I first heard of Rolling Thunder® Inc. and their mission I was very interested in seeing what this organization did for Veterans. My father was an Army Veteran and he served in Europe during WWII fighting the Germans. He never spoke of his experience during the war. It is a horrible thing, war. I hope that your generation and future generations will never have to experience that. After attending my first meeting and learning what Rolling Thunder® Inc. stood for I decided that this organization was exactly what I wanted to be a part of. So I joined January of 2011. As a member, attending meetings and going to events I got to learn a lot about what our Veterans did for our country and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. I met a lot of great people and I'm proud to call them all my friends. For as the years went by I wanted to learn more about the workings of this organization. So an opportunity opened up for me as I was appointed Sargent at Arms by Janice Miramaldi . President at that time. From there I ran for an officer position on the board of directors and was elected. As a board member my job was to help with the daily function of our chapter. During my term and with Dan Pendleton as the newly elected President he appointed me as Chairman of the Board. That title meant that now I am now the leader of the board of directors. Time went on and I felt that running for President was a way I could contribute more to helping Veterans and educating the public of the POW/MIA issue. September of 2017 I was elected as President and it's an honor to have such a fantastic group of members and junior members as yourself. I look forward to seeing you grow with our Rolling Thunder® Inc. family. Be proud of who you are and carry on.

Sincerely,

Jon Dion

President

Rolling Thunder® Inc.

New Hampshire Chapter One

"You are not forgotten"



Letter from the Junior Members Director,

Hello all,

I am George “Jorge” Thompson and I am the director of the Junior Members for Rolling Thunder® Inc. New Hampshire Chapter One. I have been a proud member of Rolling Thunder for going on nine years and have enjoyed every minute. I have been the director for the Junior Members five years.

I became the director when I daughter Miranda became interested in joining the organization and there wasn’t a director at the time. Our first meeting was at the American Legion in Epping were Miranda Thompson and Jon Reagan were the two members in attendance. We have since added two other Junior members, Nick Chase on March 7, 2017 and Julia Iannuzzi on December 6,2017.

To become a Junior Member all children must be sponsored by an active member of Rolling Thunder in good standing. The child/children must be 6 years old to 18 years old. At the age of 18 the Junior Member is eligible to become a full patched member once the deposits for the boot and back patches are received and excepted by National. We have had two ex-Junior Members become full patched members, Kyrra Robicheau and Miranda Thompson; hopefully we will have many more.

Our next meeting will be in March sometime and I will keep everyone posted as to when and where.

God bless,

George “Jorge” Thompson

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NH Chapter One

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“We will never forget”

What is our mission statement?

The major function of Rolling Thunder® Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue, 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

Why do we ask for a DD214 to prove veteran status?

We want to make sure that the money we provide to a person was or is going to a person that was in the military.

What is a DD214?

The DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, generally referred to as a "DD 214", is a document of the United States Department of Defense, issued upon a military service member's retirement, separation, or discharge from active duty in the Armed

Forces of the United States, e.g., U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force or U.S. Coast Guard.

Why do we help veterans that go through Easterseals?

Veterans can use Easterseals for help with finances, Job search, and other resources. When Easterseals reaches out to us for help a veteran we know that they have been confirmed/vetted as a veteran so we do not have to do any research into their status.

How much do we donate to a veteran in need?

When a veteran asks for financial assistance the Board of Director can ask/suggest the general population of Rolling Thunder for up to \$500 per an occurrence/month and \$1000 per a life time.

On Saturday, the 20th a few Rolling Thunder members including two Junior members went to Birch Heights in Derry were Quinn lives and had lunch with some veterans. Rolling Thunder was also presented a certificate of acknowledgement as their number one volunteer organization in the region.



Above is new Junior member Julia Iannuzzi, myself and longtime Junior member Jon Reagan.