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Rolling Thunder® XXXIII NATIONWIDE "Ride for Freedom" Sunday, May 24, 2020

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Upcoming New Jersey Events

March 2020

3/15 National: Regular monthly meeting, Manville, VFW, 1PM

3/19 National: Lyons Nursing Home Visit 7PM

April 2020

4/12 National: Regular monthly meeting, Manville, VFW, 1PM **4/16 National:** Lyons VA PTSD Ward Visit 7PM

An Irish Blessing

May Your Pockets be Heavy And Your Heart Be Light.

May Good Luck Pursue You Each Morning, Noon And Night!!!



Don't forget to pay your 2020 Membership!





Rolling Thunder® XXXIII NATIONWIDE "Ride for Freedom"

Sunday, May 24, 2020 - Looking for Local NJ/PA Vendors for Rolling Thunder®, Inc. National XXXIII Nationwide "Ride For Freedom" Sunday, May 24, 2020

Location: Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds Parking Lot 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Contact: rtnj1@att.net



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

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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.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is a non –profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW-MIA issue. All meetings must be orderly and every member must be heard. Everyone is as important as the next. Everyone has different views and we must all work together in an orderly manner.

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

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

Meetings are held on:

3rd 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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RAFFLES - 50/50 - MUSIC - CASH BAR

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IN MEMORY OF:

Craig A. Berwald 74, Vietnam Veterans, U.S.A.

WWII Remains Identified

Fireman 1st Class Rex E. Wise, U.S.N.

Korean War Remains Identified

Cpl. Arthur C. Ramirez, U.S.A.

Thomas M. Johnson 69, passed away January 25, 2019. Tom was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S.N for 6 ½ years. He was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 Wisconsin for over 13 years. He was a great member until he got sick. He will be missed by all. May he ride free in the Heavens above and may he rest in peace.

Michael P. Palo 71, passed away January 29, 2020. Mike was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S.A. He was a long time member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 New York for over 22 years. Mike was a Chapter President for at least 5 terms. He was always there to do what had to get done. He was a very strong supporter of our issues. He will be missed by everyone. May he rest in peace and may he ride free in the Heavens above.

Michael C. "HAMBONE" Douglas 70, passed away December 22, 2019. Mike is a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S.A. He was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 South Carolina for over 17 years. He was the past Chairman of the Board. He was always a meeting and events. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace and ride free in the Heavens above.

Our respect to all family and 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 Iraqi Freedom (Gulf War II). May God keep our troops safe.

WHEN ONE AMERICAN IS NOT WORTH THE EFFORT TO BE FOUND.

WE AS AMERICAN'S HAVE LOST.

Remember our troops killed in action and those serving



ROLLING THUNDER® INC. 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE

REVISED 3/5/20 Monthly National: Membership meeting 3rd Sunday monthly, Manville, NJ VFW, 1 PM 908-369-5439 **National:** Lyons VA Hospital, 3rd Thursday each month (except May, Aug, Dec) Monthly 908-369-5439 NJ3: Lyons PTSD, 2nd Thursday every odd month - Pizza Party 7:00PM Monthly Diane Malanga 908-343-9836 NJ3: Veteran Haven North, 2nd Tuesday every month-Dinner with Vets 6:30PM Diane Malanga Monthly 908-343-9836 **IN2:** Membership meeting 3rd Thursday each month, Honkers Restaurant Monthly 574-206-5023 MS1: MS Vets Home Visit, Oxford MS, 3rd Sunday monthly Monthly 662-234-1084 NC2: Bingo at Salisbury VA Hospital, Bldg 10, 1st Friday, monthly, 6:30 pm Monthly 704-929-0477 MS1: meets 1st Monday of each month @ 112 Quail Creek Dr. Oxford, Ms @ 6:00pm. Monthly MS1: MS State Veterans Home in Oxford, Ms @ 2:00pm for Bingo every 3rd Sunday. For more information contact Monthly John McKendree@ 662-607-0611. NC2: Bingo at NC State Retirement home, Salisbury, Nc Bldg 6, 2nd Friday, monthly, 6:30 pm **Monthly** Sonny Deal 704-929-0477

10/13/2020	US NAVY BIRTHDAY (10/13/1775)
11/10/2020	US MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY (11/10/1775)
11/11/2020	VETERANS DAY

2020 Chapter Events Calendar Form

Publication in the National Newsletter, please allow at least Three (3) months prior notice to the event and/or flyer. The following information is require, either by Form, E-mail or to be Faxed to Joe Bean, Rolling Thunder® Inc., P.O. Box 216 Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. If you prefer this form to be e-mailed to you for completion, contact rtnj1@att.net

Chapter State & #:		
Event Contact Person:		
Telephone #:		
Event Name:		
Day/Date of Event:	Time of Event:	
Event Location:		
Other Pertinent Information:		

POW Biography

PURRINGTON, FREDERICK RAYMOND

Name: Frederick Raymond Purrington Rank/Branch: O2/United States Navy, pilot

Unit: VA 172 Date of Birth:

Home City of Record: North Dartmouth MA

Date of Loss: 20 October 1966 Country of Loss: North Vietnam

Loss Coordinates: 194400N 1055400E

Status (in 1973): Returnee

Category:

Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: A4C

Missions: 29

Other Personnel in Incident: none

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FREDERICK R. PURRINGTON

Lieutenant Commander - United States Navy

Shot Down: October 20, 1966 Released: February 18, 1973

Lcdr. Purrington was a POW in North Vietnam for six years.

He and Margaret Cashman, a Delta Airlines stewardess, had met for the first time 10 years ago, and after his release from captivity they became reacquainted. Several months later they were married with Captain Ralph T. Browning, a fellow former POW, serving as his best man.

With an ultimate goal of earning an MBA, Lcdr. Purrington has returned to college at Southeastern Massachusetts University. Then, he and his wife, Maggie, are looking forward to a future in the Navy.

He says, "I wish to extend my thanks to all who kept faith with us and ask you to keep those listed as M.I.A. in your thoughts and prayers."

Frederick Purrington retired from the United States Navy as a Captain. He and his wife Maggie reside in Massachusetts.

ROLLING Thunder®, INCORPORATED NATIONAL MEETING MINUTES – February 16, 2020

The Rolling Thunder® National meeting of February 16, 2020 was called to order at 1:10pm at the VFW in Manville, New Jersey. The invocation was given by National Chaplain Ed Crabtree. The membership had a moment of silence for those still Missing in Action and for those who gave their lives for our Country. The membership pledged allegiance to the American Flag. The POW/MIA Candle Lighting Ceremony was presented by Joseph Kotch and Elaine Martin. All officers and board members were in attendance with the exception of board members: Gus Dante, Nancy Regg, and Mike Wolff. There were 80 adult members, and 7 guests present.

TED ZABOHONSKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Ted read the Mission Statement of Rolling Thunder®, Inc.

<u>JANUARY, 2020 MINUTES:</u> The abbreviated minutes for the January, 2020 meeting was read by Elaine Martin, National Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Joe Mc Ilvaine and seconded by Tom McAtee. None opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Bottrel, National Treasurer read the balances in the accounts. Anyone wishing to review account activity may see Nancy during the break. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Al Gashler, seconded by Ben Caropresco. None opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Affairs:

No report as Mike Wolff and Gus Dante were absent.

Public Relations/Media, Nancy Regg: No report. Nancy absent.

VA Hospital Committee, Lucy Walsh & Tom McAtee:

Tom: Our next visit will be on Thursday, February 20th at the PTSD unit at 7pm. Please bring a dessert to share.

<u>Diane Malagna, RTNJ3:</u> On Tuesday RT NJ Chapter 3 will be hosting a sub sandwich dinner at Veterans Havens North, 200 Sanatorium Rd, Glen Gardner, NJ. All are welcome to attend, and help serve dinner to the veterans.

KIA Report, Deb Teall: For the month from January 17 through February 15, 2020, I am sad to report the death of six American soldiers: Spc. Branden Tyme Kimball, 21, from Central Point, Oregon, a soldier supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel, died February 12 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, from a non-combat-related incident. Two soldiers supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel died February 8 in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, as a result of wounds sustained while engaged in combat operations. The deceased are: Sgt. 1st Class Javier Jaguar Gutierrez, 28, of San Antonio, Texas, and Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Rey Rodriguez, 28, of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Two Airmen supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel died January 27 in the crash of a Bombardier E-11A aircraft in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. Killed were: Lt. Col. Paul K. Voss, 46, of Yigo, Guam, and Capt. Ryan S. Phaneuf, 30, of Hudson, New Hampshire. Spc. Antonio I. Moore, 22, from Wilmington, North Carolina, a soldier supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, died January 24 in Deir ez Zor Province, Syria, during a rollover accident while conducting route-clearing operations.

<u>POW/MIA Chair of Honor Committee</u>, <u>Elaine Martin</u>: No confirmed dates as yet for future Chairs, but we are working on a couple areas. If anyone is interested in working on the Chair Committee please contact Elaine.

<u>Membership</u>, <u>Mike Bottrel:</u> Membership Dues are due for 2020. Please see Mike at the break to pay your dues and to sign in for attendance.

Gerry Franke, Ride Coordinator:

Sunday, March 22nd RTNY2, "Pasta with a Purpose", 3pm-7pm at Moonlight Caterers, 3948 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY. \$20 per person, includes dinner and pin. Proceeds to benefit Father Capodanno Memorial Statue Fund. 50/50's, Music, Cash Bar. Saturday, April 18th RTNJ2, "Vigil/Celebration of Life Honoring NJ's Fallen Heroes & Their Families". 2pm at the Bordentown Armory, 1048 US RT 206, Bordentown, NJ.

<u>Gary Domanski, Education:</u> RT has good relationship with the Principal of Montgomery Middle School through Mike Maloney. And, the principal has expressed an interest in a veteran program. There have been some changes in the history department at Somerville High School. History teacher Mike Skomba has accepted another position in the school, and we will be working with someone else. We have worked with Mr. Skomba for the past 7 years. The National Honor Society at Somerville High School has provided Holiday Cards for our Veterans at the VA hospital.

Dan Heulitt, Sergeant at Arms: All Security Personnel please be in contact with your Team Leaders.

Andy Kerr, Food Drive and Junior Members:

Food Drive: Our next donation is in March. Please pick up a sale item or two from now until then to donate. The recent fire in Bound Brook has left several families displaced, and in need.

Junior Members: Key chains have been made for the PTSD ward.

<u>Gold Star Mothers, Mike Matelski:</u> Regarding Gold Star Mothers at RTXXXIII we have a confirmed total of 19 attending. So far, the Pennsylvania mothers will not be attending. Drivers and navigators are needed for this year's transportation from the hotel. Please see Mike at the break if you wish to serve in this area.

President Joe Bean remarked if more vans are needed, he will arrange for that.

NJ Mission of Honor, Al Gashler:

Al spoke on the following letter he received from Judy Kapp, NJ Mission of Honor Manager.

First, thank you for your organization's support for our abandoned and orphaned veterans. Your assistance is appreciated and let me explain how you can provide support. NJMOH is an all-volunteer organization, having a protocol to ensure communication with funeral directors is consistent with our Mission. Our procedure has been developed to ensure any volunteer contacting funeral directors follow specific guidelines that do not conflict with funeral directors' procedures and policies within their own funeral home. Any volunteer directly contacting funeral homes is seen as a NJMOH representative or in the case of a Rolling Thunder Member who is a personal friend of a funeral director and becomes aware of NJMOH Mission. Our organization has been diligent in the last 10 years to adhere to a strict protocol for contacting and communicating with funeral directors. I maintain a listing of more than 700 NJ funeral homes, along with the status of each communication with that funeral home by myself or NJMOH county coordinators throughout New Jersey. Our experience has shown making contact with a funeral home via phone, letter or email is easy. But the challenge is getting a funeral director to invite you to discuss the NJMOH process and alleviate any of their concerns. Therefore, should any of your Rolling Thunder Members personally know a funeral director, the Member may support our Mission by providing the attached trifold to the funeral director and advising them to contact me directly. In consideration of the responsibilities of funeral directors and their staff, NJMOH has developed a streamlined process which, as the Information Manager, is discussed with a funeral director. Again, thank you for your support and please contact me directly should you have any further questions.

Flags, Street Signs, Travel POW Chair by Mike Maloney: Absent.

Patches & Awards presented by Exec. Director Artie Muller, Pres. Joe Bean. & V.P. Ed Crabtree

Eagle and Rocker: Joe McIlvaine

Membership Appreciation Award: Dina and Bud Fritz

Congratulations all!

Break 1:30pm to 2:05pm

PRESIDENT JOE BEAN: Thank you to everyone in attendance today. This year's Demonstration Ride is all planned out. We hit a couple of bumps, but we now have a confirmed route. One of the towns has us routed around it for safety concerns. The Blue Knights are on board to escort us. We will also have the State Police providing President Trump is not in town. RT has sent an invitation for President Trump to attend, but we will not know until the last minute. We have all the approvals from the County. The Fairgrounds is not charging us, except for garbage pick-up (nominal fee). RT has liability insurance for the event at the Fairgrounds. However, all vendors must have their own liability insurance, and it is a flat rate for a table. If anyone knows of a vendor please have them contact Joe. There is a sign-up sheet going around for members to work at one of the sales tables. There will not be sales teams going out, but help is needed to man the tables. Help will also be needed for clean-up at the end of the event. Everyone is expected to pitch in.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARTIE MULLER:

See Artie's "In Memory Of" report in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to a good Memorial Day event. It will take a few years to build up. Williams Harley is having a BBQ for us on Saturday, and a vendor will be giving out free sausage. This year's tee shirt is still in the works. After the BBQ we will be going to the NJ Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel to lay a wreath. The Gold Star Mothers will be with us (transported in a van). The President of RT NJ Chapter 5 is very ill. If anyone would like to send him a get-well card, please mail it to Chapter 5's address. Thank you all for attending today, and welcome to the new members!

<u>VICE PRESIDENT ED CRABTREE:</u> Let's do all we can to make this year's Demonstration a success. Please contact any vendors you may know for a good showing.

<u>Sunshine Committee Kate Barna:</u> Elaine Martin read Kate's report. Get well wishes were sent to the following National members: Cassandra Getts, Harold Einhorn, & Betsy Ficken.

Elaine Muller, Newsletter, Raffle, & Office: The "Bike" to be raffled is finished; it's silver and blue. We are waiting for the photographer's photos. So far, \$4,000 has been received from the Chapters in ticket sales. The drawing will be the Tuesday following Memorial Day, and will take place at the Fort Washington Harley Davidson. Next year we hope to have the drawing in New Jersey. Raffle tickets are available today. There are flyers on the table for RTXXXIII. The hotels are filling up, check the RT website. There is a list going around for volunteers for Sales. There will be three tables this year, no sales teams going out. Deb Teall and Jennifer Monteleone are in charge of Sales, and volunteers are needed. This week RT will be visiting the PTSD ward at the Lyons VA on Thursday. We have a new caterer who will be providing the dinner at our PTSD visits.

ADDITIONAL/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Matelski: Motorcycle for sale: V-Star – 1,300 with 24k miles, \$2,500.

<u>Hank Frank, Motorcycle & Driver Safety:</u> Hank has worked with the NJ Motorcycle Safety Rider course for 25 years and gave safety tips regarding riding and driving.

<u>Gary Domanski:</u> On Gary's recent trip to Arizona he received a \$2,500 donation from a widow of a veteran after telling her about Rolling Thunder®.

<u>Tom McAtee:</u> We will be collecting donations for Wreaths Across America at ShopRite in Clinton the weekend of the Conference, 11/7 & 11/8. Mike Steinward sends his thanks, and will need help at the cemetery.

<u>John McCabe</u>: I (we) will be hosting an OSHA Construction (safety course) here at the VFW on February 28th and 29⁻ The flyers are on the table. If you know anyone who be interested in attending this class please pass them a flyer. All proceeds from the course will be going to RT Charities.

Russ Sitren: Russ has worked in the insurance business for many years, and stressed to all when you hire a contractor please make sure you get his certificate of insurance. Russ recently returned from Sarasota, Florida and highly recommend all to visit the National Veterans Cemetery there.

<u>Terry Beck:</u> Terry is working on "save the kids" to combat the new LBGQT curriculum being implemented in our schools under Governor Murphy. Parents may not have the authority for their children to opt out of this curriculum. The website is thefathersword/savethekids.com. If interested, please see Terry after the meeting. The petition against Murphy fell short, but we are still working to keep him working within the law. Terry strongly believes in "Veterans before Illegals". Also, we hope to have something next March after Trump is re-elected.

Karen Burst: Karen reminded everyone to vote. Workers are needed at Polling places. The pay rate for a poll worker was \$200 per day, and expected to go up to \$275. If you are a registered mail-in voter you have 51 days prior to election to change your status. As a voter be informed about ballot measures. Cell phones, political tees, and hats are not allowed when voting. There will be no "I Voted" stickers given out.

<u>Berney Jarosz:</u> On 2/22 at 11am Brian's Harley Davidson in Langhorne, PA will be dedicating a POW/MIA Chair. Bernie will have 100 National flyers at the event to publicize our Demonstration. All are invited to attend.

Ed Crabtree: Shirts for Charities are available at a cost of \$25.

<u>Ted Zabohonski</u>: We needed a couple of volunteers last Wednesday. Thank you to those who stepped up.

The 50/50 was \$302 and \$151 was awarded to this month's winning ticket holder Kevin Bobrowski. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm was made by Jay Horne, seconded by Al Gashler, none opposed.



ROLLING THUNDER® INC. "Thanksgiving"

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MARCH FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS TO THE March 15, 2020 MEETING (at THE VFW MANVILLE, NEW JERSEY)

THE FOOD BANK NEEDS 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 TOMATOES, CANNED GRAVY
CEREAL (hot & cold), SNACKS (bars, pudding, Jello)
Also needed is hand soap, diapers/wipes, dish & laundry detergent
Paper towels, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant

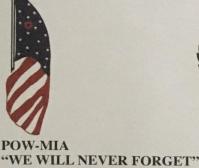
ALSO NEEDED IS - "BACK PACK FOOD"

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, JELLO 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 MARCH 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

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January 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Welcome to the New Year of 2020. I hope everyone has a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year! As most of our supporters already know, our final Washington, DC "Ride for Freedom" demonstration run took place in 2019. We will not be returning to Washington, DC again. The organization is now going nationwide across America with Rolling Thunder National and our State Chapters organizing Memorial Day Weekend across the United States in different state locations. See our website for information regarding these runs in your state or near you.

We hope that our loyal supporters will continue to participate in this annual Memorial Weekend event on the state level. The organization continues to work on the POW/MIA Mission and passing legislation to help our troops and our veterans. Rolling Thunder Inc. was instrumental in passing the National POW/MIA Flag Act signed into law on November 7, 2019. Our Chapters, nationwide, worked tirelessly sending letters and making telephone calls to insure the passing of this act. Proudly some of our members were invited to attend the signing of the POW/MIA Flag Act on November 7th by President Donald J. Trump at the White House, we had an opportunity to discuss with the President some issues concerning our troops and our veterans. The President seems to have a firm commitment to our military and veterans, which we had not seen in the previous administration.

Rolling Thunder National NJ and sister Chapters will stage Rolling Thunder® XXXIII "Ride for Freedom" Nationwide, Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Hunterdon County 4-H Fair Grounds, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08532. See our website (rollingthunder1.com) for full information. Following a planned route past historic Washington Crossing Park the participants will return to the 4-H Fair Grounds for food, music and speakers program. Weekend events are in the planning.

Everyone is welcome! Ride with us for those left behind, POW/MIAs. Keep the tradition of this patriotic demonstration run going, join us for the "Ride for Freedom" Nationwide Sunday Memorial Weekend-Now in New Jersey! God Bless America and Support out Troops!

Sincerely

Sgt. Artie Muller

Nat'l Executive Director

Joe Bean

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. National

XXXIII Nationwide "Ride for Freedom" Sunday, May 24, 2020



(NJ, PA, NY, New England State Chapters)





Saturday, May 23, 2020 - Events

BAR-B-Q 10:30am – 2:30pm
Williams Harley-Davidson
1100 U.S. Hwy 22 West
Lebanon, NJ 08833
908-236-0767/Service

**NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial - 4:00 p.m. **

1 Memorial Lane Holmdel, NJ
Exit 116 NJ Parkway
Flame of Freedom - Wreath Presentation
Participants to assembly at Memorial

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Rolling Thunder® XXXIII - Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds Parking Lot Assembly 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Departure at 12:00 noon sharp for planned/escorted route passing Washington Crossing Historic Park and return to Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds Parking Lot

FOOD * SPEAKERS * VENDORS * MUSICIAL TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

Registration Fee - \$5.00 per Bike - Cash Only

Contact:

Joe Bean - 484-880-2012 or Ed Crabtree - 908-930-1920

WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan

No Attitudes!! Confirmed: Everyone Must Wear A Helmet! No Alcoholic Beverages permitted at the 4-H Fairgrounds

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ROLLING THUNDER® XXXIII "RIDE FOR FREEDOM" DEMONTRATION NATION WIDE SUNDAY MAY 24, 2020

HOTELS / NEW JERSEY

HOTEL NIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE MAY 22, 23 & 24 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY NIGHTS

HOLIDAY INN PHONE 908-735-5111
111 MAIN STREET / CLINTON, NJ 08809
RATE: \$121.00 A NIGHT PLUS TAX
CUT OFF DATE April 30

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES PHONE 908-252-1000 947 ROUTE 202 / BRANCHBURG, NJ 08876 RATE: \$125.00 A NIGHT PLUS TAX CUT OFF DATE May 1 HAMPTON INN PHONE 908-713-4800
16 FRONTAGE DRIVE / CLINTON, NJ 08809
RATE: \$129.00 A NIGHT PLUS TAX
CUT OFF DATE April 28

COURTYARD MARRIOTT PHONE 908-236-8500 300 CORPORATE DR./LEBANON, NJ 08833 RATE \$125.00 A NIGHT PLUS TAX CUT OFF DATE APRIL 17

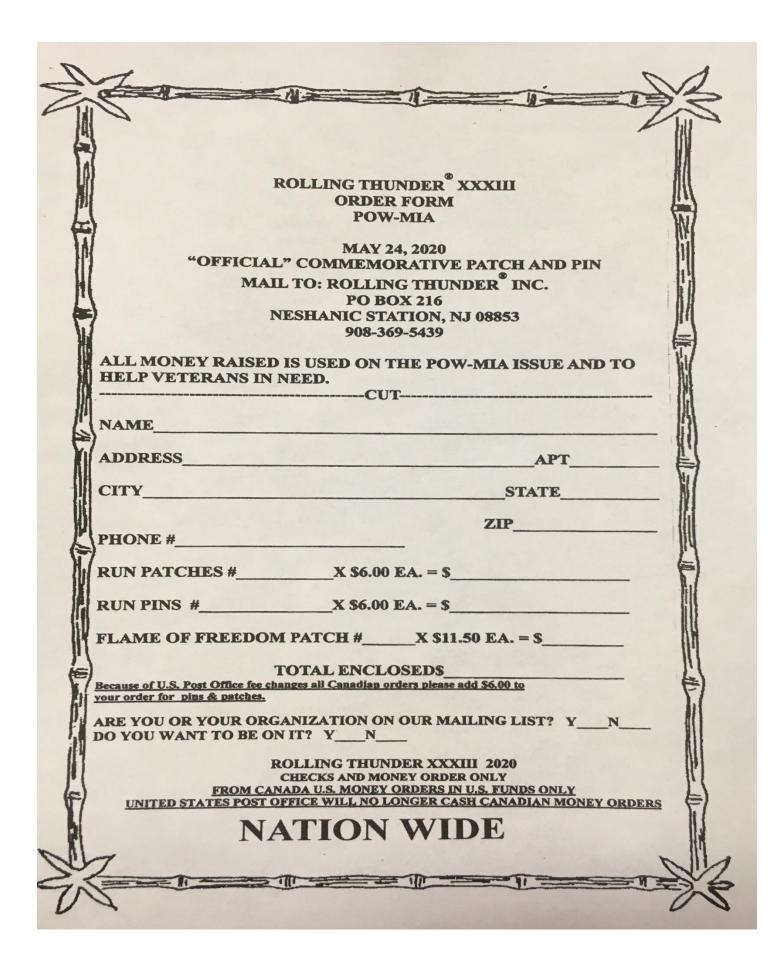
CAMP GROUNDS

JUGTOWN MOUNTAIN
301 ROUTE 173
CLINTON, NJ PHONE 908-735-5995

RINGLING ROCKS
75 WOODLAND DRIVE
UPPER BLACK EDDY, NJ PHONE 610-982-5552

MOUNTAIN VIEW
131 GORITZ ROAD
LITTLE YORK, NJ PHONE 908-996-2953

ANY PROBLEMS GETTING ROOMS CALL BRENDA 609-330-0040 1 NIGHT DEPOSIT REQUIRED



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POW/MIA

"We Will Never Forget"

WWI	3,343
WWII	72,784
Cold War	126
Korea	7,676
Vietnam	1,592

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Rolling Thunder ® National Inc. Lyons VA Hospital Visits

7:00pm~ Community Living Center ~2nd Fl.

January 16

March 19

May 21

July 16

September 17

November 19

7:00pm ~ PTSD Ward Bldg. 143BE - 1st Fl. All-Purpose Room (Please bring a dessert)

> February 20 April 16

> > June 18

August 23, Sunday (VA Picnic) 11:00am

October 15

December 2, Weds. (Holiday Party)

Recreation Dept. (908)-604-5810 or (908)-647-0180 Ext. 4327 (Days) **Please obey speed limits on VA grounds**

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