Lyons VA Core
Thanksgiving Lunch
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
National Members Arrive at 10:30 am For Set-up
(Second Floor)

PTSD Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
National Members Arrive at 6:00 pm For Set-up
(1st Floor Activity Room)

Lyons VA Core
Christmas Party
Thursday, December 19, 2019
National Members Arrive at 10:00 am For Set-up
(Second Floor)

Upcoming New Jersey Events

November 2019
11/1-2 National Conference The Hyatt Crystal City, VA
11/6 ELECTION DAY!! Don’t Forget To Vote!!!!
11/11 VETERANS DAY!!!
11/17 National: Regular monthly meeting, Manville, VFW, 1PM
11/21 National: Lyons VA Nursing Home Visit 7PM

December 2019
12/4 National: Lyons VA PTSD Ward Visit 7PM(Holiday Party)
12/14 National Wreaths Across America, Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge, NJ
12/15 National: Regular monthly meeting, Manville, VFW, 1PM

Inclement weather may result in a delay or rescheduling of a VA visit.
For information please call 908-647-0180 ext 427 to find out if the event is still on for the scheduled date. Schedule on last page.

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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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ROLLING THUNDER®, INC.

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 co-founder of Rolling Thunder says the nonprofit service group is rolling — quietly — into Washington this weekend for its annual conference and to thank lawmakers for legislation related to its mission to honor military veterans and prisoners of war who never came home.

"I want to thank Congress for passing the bipartisan National POW/MIA Flag Act, which will require the POW/MIA flag to be displayed alongside the American flag at federal buildings and memorials. All that's needed is President Trump's signature," Artie Muller told The Washington Times.

Mr. Muller, who co-founded Rolling Thunder in 1987, also addressed the decision to forgo the group's ride into Washington on Memorial Day weekend, an annual event that has featured hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists traveling from all parts of the country.

Instead, Rolling Thunder will host multiple events around the nation — a practical move that prompted faulty and melodramatic media reports that the ride itself had ended forever, he said.

"We're not going anywhere. We're just going nationwide," Mr. Muller said, noting that the enormous biker demonstration ran up $200,000 in production costs in May.

He said the intent is to take the focus off a single large event in one city and take it to the heartland, where the energy, effectiveness and purpose of the organization's mission will multiply at the grassroots level.

"Through the years, people would say, 'Artie, there are lots more people who want to ride, who want to be with us,'" Mr. Muller said. "Maybe they didn't have the money to make the trip, or the vacation time.

"We believe that rides staged around the country will get more people involved, draw more attention to the issues and the cause," he said. "Besides, I can find a better way to spend that $200,000."

The volunteer nonprofit AMVETS (American Veterans) has announced it will sponsor the next Memorial Day biker rally in Washington to focus attention on the veteran suicide crisis, as well as POWs and troops who are missing-in-action (MIA).

Mr. Muller said that Rolling Thunder, which has 93 chapters across the country, will continue to push for legislation its hundreds of members believe in — among them improving housing and health care for veterans, providing small business opportunities for vets, establishing a congressional select committee on POW/MIA affairs and suicide prevention.

"I'm no genius here. But one of the biggest causes of suicide is straightforward. Vets get out of the service. They have no money coming in. They can't keep their house, they can't keep their kids fed. We try to address that in practical, direct ways," he said, adding that 99% of contributions collected through Rolling Thunder Charities Inc. goes to veterans in need and their families.

A combat veteran who served in the Army's 4th Infantry Division in the jungles of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, Mr. Muller expressed support for Mr. Trump and criticism of the media.

"It's unbelievable what good things Trump has done so far. He's put people back to work. The economy's on the upswing. He's gone after ISIS and is the first president to visit North Korea. And yet there are those in the press who kick him. It's completely disrespectful," he said. "We weren't so happy when President Obama was in office. But we respected him, even though we didn't agree with him."

He also posed stark questions about the possibility that somewhere, a living POW may still be held in captivity.

"We sincerely hope President Trump will think about this possibility. How do we know that someone who fought for this nation is still out there, years later? We can't assume this is not the case — and who are we to put somebody in the ground when they're not dead? If they are left behind, that is sad. Very sad," Mr. Muller said.
IN MEMORY OF:

Tracie W. Smith 56, passed away October 6, 2019. Tracie was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 South Carolina for over 4 years. She was a member of the Board of Directors. She was always there to help whenever she could. May she rest in peace and may she ride free in the Heavens above.

James E. Price 78, passed away November 20, 2018. Jim was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S. Army for 24 years. He was a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 8 Florida for over 8 years. He was a very active member and will be missed by all who knew him. May he ride free in the Heavens above and may he rest in peace.

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,
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Remember our troops killed in action and those serving
# ROLLING THUNDER® INC. 2019 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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| 10/13/19 | US NAVY BIRTHDAY (10/13/1775) |
| 11/10/19 | US MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY (11/10/1775) |
| 11/11/19 | VETERANS DAY |

## 2019 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 Faxxed 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: |
GOLTZ, JOHN BRYAN

Name: John Bryan Golz
Rank/Branch: O2/US Navy
Unit:
Date of Birth: 19 July 1945
Home City of Record: Rock Island IL
Date of Loss: 22 April 1970
Country of Loss: Laos
Loss Coordinates: 155904N 1064053E
Status (in 1973): Body Not Recovered
Category: 3
Acft/Vehicle/Ground: A4C
Refno: 1599
Other Personnel in Incident: (none missing)

Source: Compiled by Homecoming II Project 15 March 1991 from one or more of the following: raw data from U.S. Government agency sources, correspondence with POW/MIA families, published sources, interviews. Updated by the P.O.W. NETWORK 1998.

REMARKS:

SYNOPSIS: When Douglas Aircraft created the A4 Skyhawk the intent was to provide the Navy and Marine Corps with an inexpensive, lightweight attack and ground support aircraft. The design emphasized low-speed control and stability during take-off and landing as well as strength enough for catapult launch and carrier landings. The plane was so compact that it did not need folding wings for aboardship storage and handling. In spite of its diminutive size, the A4 packed a devastating punch and performed well where speed and maneuverability were essential.

Ltjg. John B. Golz was the pilot of an A4C Skyhawk sent on a bombing raid over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos on April 22, 1970. During the mission, his plane crashed and exploded when struck by enemy fire. His family holds little hope that John survived the incident and feels that he was probably dead before he hit the ground. The alternative, they say, thinking of him as a prisoner for all those years, would be unbearable. They feel they may have more peace of mind than other families.

The Golz family is lucky to have information that indicates their son is dead. Nearly 600 Americans were lost in Laos, and even those who were known to be alive on the ground and captured, disappeared without a trace. The Lao made public statements that they held prisoners, and that they would be released only from Laos, yet no agreement was ever made with the Lao regarding American prisoners.

In the years following the fall of Saigon in 1975, refugees have fled Southeast Asia, bringing with them reports of Americans still alive and in captivity in their homelands. By early 1987, the number of these reports topped the 5000 mark. A committee charged with investigating Defense Intelligence Agency, the entity charged with analysis of these reports, concluded that there was a strong possibility that Americans were being held against their will.

John Golz was willing to die trying to keep a little nation free from communism. How much more willing he would be to fly one more mission for those of his comrades who were left behind in the hands of those communists. The Bush administration has stated that the resolution of the POW/MIA issue is one of "highest national priority". President Nixon said the same thing. These words have no meaning to the hundreds of Americans thought to be still alive. They need to be brought home.
ROLLING Thunder®, INCORPORATED
NATIONAL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER, 2019

The Rolling Thunder® National meeting of October 20, 2019 was called to order at 1:05pm 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. All officers and board members were in attendance with the exception of Elaine Martin and Mike Wolff. In attendance were 84 members, 9 guests, and 1 junior member.

Ted Zabohonski, Chairman of the Board:  Ted read the Mission Statement of Rolling Thunder®, Inc.

August, 2019 MINUTES:
The abbreviated minutes for the August, 2019 meeting was read by Nancy Regg, National Media Chair, and Alternate Board member. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Carmella Avon and seconded by Bud Fritz. 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 Jay Horne, seconded by Greg Cox. None opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Gus Dante: Gus received an email from Senator Elizabeth Warren’s office that there is some action going on regarding the Flag Bill in the House, and to sit tight. Perhaps by Veterans Day or at Conference we will hear something. WDVR the local radio station will feature Mike Wolff, Gary Domanski, and Gus. They will be speaking on legislation and education. Ted Zabohonski commented that RT will be on the air for about an hour, and there will be call in questions.

Public Relations/Media, Nancy Regg: The Press releases were sent out in August. If you would like to read them, they are on our website under “Media”. Two packages were sent to Afghanistan, and well received. There is a sheet going around for our annual Xmas party. Please sign up for one item only, so we do not have left over food. Aurora will be in charge of the kitchen for the event.

VA Hospital Committee, Lucy Walsh, Tom McAtee, Mary Kay Synder McKeith:
Lucy: Our PTSD visit went very well at the Lyons VA Medical Center. This week we also had some musical talent perform at the visit. The 2020 schedule cards are on the table for next year’s visits. We have another volunteer opportunity at the end of November with TAPS. On November 23rd and 24th TAPS will host “Camp Good Grief” which ministers to children who have lost a parent in the military as well as the surviving spouse. We have been invited to participate. Help is needed to check-in the children and family members, and help is needed at the sales table. Also, on Sunday we have been asked to help break-down. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. Please see Lucy if you wish to sign-up.

KIA Report, Deb Teall: (Deb was absent, report read by Brenda Einhorn)
For the two months from August 17 through October19, 2019, I am sad to report the deaths of six Americans: Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. Griffin, age 40, from Greenbrier, Tennessee, a soldier supporting Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, was killed in action September 16 by small arms fire when his unit was engaged in combat operations in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Elias A. Barreto Ortiz, age 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico, a soldier supporting Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, was killed in action September 5 when a vehicle-borne IED detonated near his vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Dustin B. Ard, age 31, from Hyde Park, Utah, a soldier supporting Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, died August 29 from wounds sustained while engaged in combat operations in Zabul Province, Afghanistan. Two soldiers supporting Operation Freedom’s Sentinel died August 21 in Faryab Province, Afghanistan, from wounds sustained from small arms fire while engaged in combat operations. They are: Master Sgt. Luis F. DeLeon-Figueroa, age 31, of Chicopee, Massachusetts, and Master Sgt. Jose J. Gonzalez, age 35, of La Puente, California. Specialist Clayton James Horne, age 23, of Atlanta, Louisiana, a soldier supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, died August 17 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from wounds sustained in a non-combat related incident.

POW/MIA Chair of Honor Committee, Elaine Martin: Absent

Membership, Mike Bottrel: Please remember to sign in today. There is a bucket on the table for donations for Wreaths Across America.

Gerry Franke, Run Coordinator: Gerry announced upcoming Charity and Veteran Charity Runs. An email with details will be sent out to the membership.

Education Committee, Gary Domanski: RT is participating in a program for Veteran’s Day at Triangle School in Hillsborough, starting at 8:30am. See Gary if you are interested in attending as you would need to sign up. On another note, Gary read on Facebook that the Citadel dedicated a POW/MIA Chair at their stadium. An Alumnus was responsible for this dedication. Regarding the TAPS organization Gary is still in touch with a family he worked with. Gary noted TAPS is a worthwhile organization helping our military families.

Dan Heulitt, Sergeant at Arms: Please have a safe trip traveling to the Conference.

Andy Kerr, Food Drive and Junior Members: Food Drive: 1,700 pounds of food were donated in August. Great job everyone helping the less fortunate. Junior Members: No junior members in attendance today.
**Al Gashler, NJ Mission of Honor:** On Thursday October 10th, 12 remains (cremains) of abandoned veterans were laid to rest at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery. The next ceremony will be Thursday, November 14th, and the next Wreath Laying ceremony will be Thursday, December 5th. Brochures are on the table for more information.

**Mike Maloney:** Montgomery Township Wine Company’s grand opening will include a benefit for RT Charities. Wreaths Across America will be at Montgomery Upper Middle School on December 11th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting if you wish attend. Flag-wise several businesses are interested. Manville is interested in Street Sign memorials. The Travel Chair has been circulating every two to three weeks.

**PRESIDENT JOE BEAN:** Thank you to all who attended the NJ2 Run to the NJ Vietnam Memorial. Also, we had a great attendance at our annual picnic at the Lyons VA. Thank you to all who attended the Stand-down at the Philadelphia VA Hospital.

**Break:** 1:42pm – 2:07pm

**PRESIDENT JOE BEAN:** There are shirts for sale today to help restore the tank at the VFW. All are welcome to attend our annual Conference, November 1st-2nd. All must book their own room at the Hyatt. Our Capitol visit will be on Friday morning, and then later in the day classes will be held for the Chapters. We will talk about RT’s constitution and explain it. John Bennett of the Marine Corps will be our speaker on Saturday. We are busy planning the 2020 Demonstration, and would like to have Fort Dix as our endpoint. It has not been confirmed yet. We are in the process of designing this year’s shirts. All Chapter’s will have the same front, and will choose their back design. Fort Harley Washington DC will be on the back of National’s shirts.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARTIE MULLER:**

See Artie’s “In Memory Of” report in the newsletter.

A couple of week’s ago we dedicated a POW/MIA Chair of Honor at Asbury Park. It was a great event and Elaine Martin puts her heart into organizing these dedications. This past week on Wednesday evening Artie received the John Graff plaque award from Somerset County for his work on the POW/MIA issue. The PSTD dinner at Lyons went well. On Friday Gus Dante, Rob Stroker, Gary Domanski and Artie attended a memorial ceremony in Somerville commemorating fallen police. On Saturday, we had a fundraiser at the Flemington ShopRite for Wreaths Across America.

**Patches Earned**

Boot Patch: Benjamin Caropreso, Berney Jarosz, and Rebecca Wiecenski
Rocker and Eagle: Thomas Delorenzo and Amy McNally

Congratulations All!!

**Elaine Muller, Newsletter, Raffle & Office:** Tickets will be available at Conference for the 2020 bike raffle. We have asked the Chapters to pre-order them, and about 7,000 tickets have been preordered. The bike is not in yet, but expected any day. Anything for the Newsletter please send to the office. On a personal note my cousins from Australia visited us. I had connected with them through Ancestry. We had a wonderful visit, and they love America. At the Awards dinner, it was heart warming for RT to be included and for Artie to receive a plaque. The priest/missionary that sat next to Artie related well to our organization.

**ADDITIONAL/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ed Crabtree:** Yesterday we had the POW/MIA Chair Dedication at the MT Holly motorcycle shop in Vincentown. The Air Force Color Guard had to leave at the last moment, and left us in a lurch for the ceremony. Through prayer it all worked out, and Gary Stansbury filled in for Color Guard. The event went very well, and a beautiful plaque was presented by the township. Congressman Kim’s representative was so impressed he would like us to put in more Chairs in his district. Please contact Elaine if you would like to help.

Detective Ivis Molina and Tom Cogan, of Middlesex County: We need veteran mentors, volunteers to assist veterans who have gotten in trouble. You will not be in danger, please see Ivis or Tom for more information. They have literature and details on the program.

Mike Steinwand: RT will be fundraising for our Wreaths Across America event at the Phillipsburg ShopRite next Sunday. On November 9th & 10th RT will be at the Clinton ShopRite. Please help if you can.

President Joe Bean: We lost a boot patch member this past month, Skip Brown. If you are reordering sweat shirts for National see Dan. We will also have Charity shirts for National coming up. Cash up front for shirts.

Rob Stroker: Thank you for all your support and for attending my wife’s funeral. My family truly appreciates it.

Nancy Regg: If you are bringing children to the Xmas party please let Nancy know so she can arrange for them to receive a gift.

Karen Burst: There is a question on the upcoming election ballot regarding veterans. It is on the table.

The 50/50 was $330 and $165 was awarded to this month's winning ticket holder Karen Burst. The CORE Jar amount was $138. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55pm was made by Dave Gilliam, seconded by Bud Fritz. All in favor, none opposed.
Happy 241st Birthday United States Marine Corps

The month of November brings a special significance for United States Marines, as we celebrate the birthday of our beloved Corps on November 10th.

The United States Marine Corps is steeped in tradition and carries the pride of its storied history. The Corps was born out of a little tavern, Tun Tavern, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 10, 1775. The fighting spirit of Marines is perhaps best exemplified by the name bestowed upon us by the Germans at the Battle of Belleau Wood in May of 1918. Marines were outmanned by the Germans, four divisions of artillery and ground troops. Despite this, Marines fought with such tenacity and ferocity that the Germans called us ‘Teufel Hunden’, roughly translated as ‘hounds from hell’. To this day, Marines proudly call themselves Devil Dogs!

One of the most iconic images of World War II, based upon a historic photograph by Joe Rosenthal of Marines raising a U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi, is immortalized in the Iwo Jima Memorial erected in Washington D.C. It commemorates a particularly hard fought battle that was a major turning point in the Pacific campaign.

Today, Marines continue to distinguish ourselves both on and off the battlefield. Over the last two decades Marines have led the way in complex multi-front counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency campaigns and the rebuilding efforts that have followed. During these campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, three Marines earned the nation’s highest military award, the Medal of Honor, as a result of their bravery and selflessness.

As the nation’s expeditionary force in readiness, Marines continue to support disaster relief efforts at home and around the world immediately following natural disasters. Major relief efforts since 2000 include responding to a tsunami in Indonesia, Hurricane Katrina, earthquakes in Haiti, and the tsunami in Japan that resulted in the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant disaster. Currently, Marines are providing relief efforts in Haiti following the destruction wreaked by Hurricane Matthew.

Our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment are what best exemplify the Corps. Our motto, Semper Fidelis, means always faithful to our country, Corps mission and to each other.

Happy 242 years Marines!

(Anonymous)
A Day in History: 1983 Bombing on Marine Barracks in Beirut

On October 23, 1983, two truck bombs struck buildings in Beirut, Lebanon, housing American and French service members of the Multinational Force in Lebanon (MNF), a military peacekeeping operation during the Lebanese Civil War. The attack killed 307 people: 241 U.S. and 58 French military personnel, six civilians, and two attackers.

Three hundred service members had been living at the four-story building at the airport in Beirut. There were 1,800 Marines stationed in Beirut at the time.

A multi-national force with units from France, Italy and the United Kingdom was also on peacekeeping duty in Lebanon at this time.

At 6:22 a.m., a truck carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives drove into the Marine compound in Beirut and crashed into the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regimental Battalion Landing Team barracks. The first suicide bomber detonated a truck bomb at the building serving as a barrack for the 1st Battalion 8th Marines (Battalion Landing Team – BLT 1/8) of the 2nd Marine Division, killing 220 Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers, making this incident the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II and the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Armed Forces since the first day of the Tet Offensive in the Vietnam War. Another 128 Americans were wounded in the blast; 13 later died of their injuries, and they are counted among the number who died.

Minutes later, a second suicide bomber struck the nine-story Drakkar building, a few kilometers away, where the French contingent was stationed; 55 paratroopers from the 1st Parachute Chasseur Regiment and three paratroopers of the 9th Parachute Chasseur Regiment were killed and 15 injured. It was the single worst French military loss since the end of the Algerian War.

The attacks eventually led to the withdrawal of the international peacekeeping force from Lebanon, where they had been stationed following the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) withdrawal in the aftermath of Israel’s 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Officially dedicated on October 23, 1986, the Beirut Memorial is located outside the gate of Camp Gilbert H. Johnson, a satellite camp of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where there is an annual commemoration of the victims of the suicide attack that took their lives of 241 American peacekeepers—220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers—killed in the October 23, 1983 Beirut barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

"They Came in Peace."
POW/MIAs – Rolling Thunder®, Inc. most important issue:
Are the men/women who were left behind alive after all past wars. Research teams still must continue to search and obtain the release of all prisoners, to the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation not only during the Vietnam War, but all past wars. Rolling Thunder Inc. Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.

Why haven’t the 116th Congress House leaders pass H.R.2819 To fly the POW/MIA flag ALL Days that the American flag is displayed. S. 693 passed the Senate 5/3rd 2019.

Congress must pass H.R. 1019 - the Full Military Honors Act 2019. Those who enlisted and earned the Medal of Honor, along with our POW/MIAs who have sacrificed immeasurably in service to the USA, regardless of the rank, are eligible for burial at Arlington National Cemetery to receive a full military honors burial.

There are several other key pieces of legislation that we must get out of committee and to the "floor" for a vote and signed into law. These bills/resolutions are crucial to our POW/MIA's, Veterans, past, present and future as well as to the families of our American heroes


S.191 – Burn Pit Accountability Act.

S.514 – The Deborah Samson Act “Benefit for women veterans”


H.R. 1350 - Corey Adams “Green Alert Throughout the United States.

H. R. 2201 – Modify Presumption for service-connected veterans who served in Thailand during Vietnam Era.

“National Wreaths Across America”
Saturday December 14, 2019

Sponsored By: Rolling Thunder ®, Inc. National

Please Support our 7th Annual
“Wreaths Across America”

We will be placing wreaths on 1,500 Veterans graves at the
Somerset Hills Memorial Park, 95 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge, NJ

Your DONATION will help make this project a success!

The event is done nationwide on December 14th during the Holiday Season to honor the Men and Women of our Armed Forces who put themselves in harm’s way and now Rest in Peace!

Ceremonies start at 12:00 Noon December 14, 2019
Rolling Thunder® Charities Inc.

7th Wreaths Across America Project

Celebrating National Wreaths Across America Day
Saturday, December 14, 2019

Our Goal - To place 1,500 Holiday Wreaths on Veterans graves at Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge, NJ. The price of each wreath is $10 and the total cost of the project will be $15,000. Please help us achieve this goal! Your DONATION will help make this project successful!

Donations can be made through PayPal located on our Rolling Thunder® Inc. website (www.rollingthunder1.com) Home Page, Rolling Thunder® Charities Inc./Click Donate button (Right Side), indicate in message area Wreaths Project.

Or

By check (payable to Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc.) with this form to the address below. All donations to Rolling Thunder® Charities Inc., a tax-exempt corporation under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS tax code are tax deductible. Please consider donating a wreath!

Contact Person: Michael Steinwand
(gratefuldad1@aol.com – 908-419-7507)
Rolling Thunder® Charities, Inc. (Mailing Address)
P.O. Box 327
Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Name: _______________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________
________________________________________
Number of Wreaths: _________________________
Amount Enclosed: __________________________

We will be placing wreaths on 1,500 veterans graves at the Somerset Hills Memorial Park, 95 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge, NJ December 14th at 12:00 Noon - Volunteers Welcome!

This Event is to Honor and Remember the Men and Women of our Armed Forces who put themselves in harm’s way and now Rest In Peace!
POW/MIA “WE WILL NEVER FORGET"

2019
Rolling Thunder ® National Inc.
Lyons VA Hospital Visits

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

January 17
March 21
May (none)
July 18
September 19
November 21

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

February 21
April 18
June 20
August 25, Sunday (VA Picnic) 11:00am
October 17
December 4, Weds. (Holiday Party)

Recreation Dept. (908)-647-0180 Ext. 4327 (Days)

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