



# “The Roar of Thunder” News

## ROLLING THUNDER KY CHAPTER 1



March 2009

## Membership Dues

Membership dues are past due. Dues are \$30 per year and due during the month of January. If a member's dues are not collected within thirty (30) days from the February meeting, the Chapter may terminate that member. Contact Grace or see her at the next meeting or event. ❖

## HB343

AN ACT relating to highway rest areas. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 176 directing the Department of Highways to display the Kentucky flag, the United States flag, and the POW/MIA flag at all highway rest areas.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/09RS/HB343.htm>

We look for our friends in the Kentucky Senate to pass this soon and we look forward to the POW/MIA flag flying at the Kentucky Rest Areas. Call the toll free number 1-800-3727-7181 and leave the message for your KY senator in Frankfort, KY for their support. ❖

## H. Res 111

H. Res 111 calling for the formation in the House of Representatives of a Select Committee on POW/MIAs.

[thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc111/hr111\\_ih.xml](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc111/hr111_ih.xml)

Both the Colorado POW/MIA Coalition and VietNow, have joined with the National Alliance of Families, the Korea Cold War Families of the Missing and the World War II Families for the Return of the Missing to endorse H. Res 111.

Please continue your efforts, by calling, writing, faxing and emailing your congressional representative asking that they join the growing list of cosponsors for H.Res 111. Visit [www.nationalalliance.org/legis/111congress.htm](http://www.nationalalliance.org/legis/111congress.htm) for a list of congressional representatives along with their addresses, faxes, phone number and a hot link to email them directly from our site.

Please make your call or send you letter, fax or email, in support of this important resolution. Call the toll free number 1-866-727-4894. That's the Capitol switchboard. ❖

## Rolling Thunder XXII

The Chapter has voted, RT/XXII 2009.....

We'll ride to DC in two days as we have for the past few years. Leaving Owensboro, Ky. Wednesday morning early!! May 20<sup>th</sup> stopping for the night in West Charleston, WV. On Thursday morning May 21<sup>st</sup> departing for Washington. We will travel old route 60 east through Rainelle, WV I-64 to Virginia, onto I-81 north arriving at the Best Western Fairfax around 1700hrs. Contact a chapter member for hotel information or attend the next meeting. ❖



# Calendar of Events

## March 2009

15<sup>th</sup> – Board & Membership Meetings  
Montgomery County Veterans Transportation  
Poker Run Flyer Distribution Begins  
Hanson Poker Run Flyer Distribution Begins

## April 2009

19<sup>th</sup> – Board & Membership Meetings

## May 2009

9<sup>th</sup> – Montgomery County Veterans Poker Run  
16<sup>st</sup> – Armed Forces Day Golf Scramble  
17<sup>th</sup> – Board & Membership Meetings  
19<sup>th</sup> – Colonel Shelton Ceremony, Owensboro  
20-25<sup>th</sup> – Rolling Thunder XXII – Washington  
D.C.

## June 2009

6-7<sup>th</sup> – LST-325 09 D-day Reenactment  
14<sup>th</sup> – Board & Membership  
20<sup>th</sup> – Hanson Veterans Center Poker Run

## July 2009

TBA – Board & Membership Meetings

## August 2009

TBA – Board & Membership Meetings

## September 2009

TBA – Board & Membership Meetings  
TBA – POW/MIA Recognition Day  
TBA – Leslie Watson Toy Run, Clarksville

## October 2009

TBA – Board & Membership Meetings

## November 2009

TBA – Board & Membership Meetings  
TBA – Veteran's Day Parade(s)

Board and Membership meets Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm. Membership meetings are open to guests. Check the calendar to confirm any date/location changes.

## POW/MIA Flag Display

Many have asked for a copy of the law related to the display of the POW/MIA Flag. The link is posted at the bottom of the flags page on the website: <http://rollingthunderky1.org/flags>

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Public Law 105–85 105th Congress An Act SEC.  
1082. DISPLAY OF POW/MIA FLAG.

[www.dod.mil/dodgc/olc/docs/1998NDAA.pdf](http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/olc/docs/1998NDAA.pdf)



## SCR-5- Independent Council to Investigate POW/MIA Issue

The House voted to pass our resolution out of committee yesterday. Thank you to Madam Chair Pullin for being a very fine lady to lead this committee and everyone in the committee who voted for us (everyone present voted YES). They showed leadership and the quality of character we need to lead this nation. Our veterans in Kentucky could not be in better hands. This committee cares about our military, our veterans, and our POW/MIAs.

Special thanks to Representative Tim Moore and Mike Denham for speaking in support of this and taking the time out of their very busy schedule to make an extraordinary effort to support out POW/MIAs and our veterans.

If you live in Kentucky, call the toll free number 1-800-372-7181 and leave the message for your senator in Frankfort, KY to support SCR-5 (BR-142) for an Independent Council to be appointed in Washington, DC to investigate the POW/MIA issue. The Senate version is sponsored by Sen. Dan Seum and Sen. Walter Blevins. The House is doing the same thing.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/09RS/SC5.htm> ❖



"Okay, we'll meet back here at 1600 hours.  
Synchronize your BlackBerries."

## Help Wanted

Chapter Newsletter Editor  
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Must be a chapter member. Rolling Thunder®, Inc. relies on volunteers to donate their time. ❖

## Montgomery County Veterans Transportation Services Poker Run

We need your support for this event. The funds will be dispersed similar to the Hanson Poker Run.

Montgomery County Veterans Transportation transports veterans and their spouses from Clarksville to veterans and other hospitals in Nashville with a connecting shuttle to Murfreesboro.

Last years event was held at the organizations headquarters. This year's event will be held at Appleton's Harley-Davidson in Clarksville, TN.

Grace has worked out details with the transportation service for food and cooking. Appleton's will supply grills and tables, they have made other offers of support we'll talk about at the March 15 meeting. Poker Run flyer is posted at: <http://rollingthunderky1.org> ❖

## September Elections

Officers and Board Member positions will be open in September. Boots is looking for someone to fill the President's position. It's time for others to take leadership roles in the chapter. ❖



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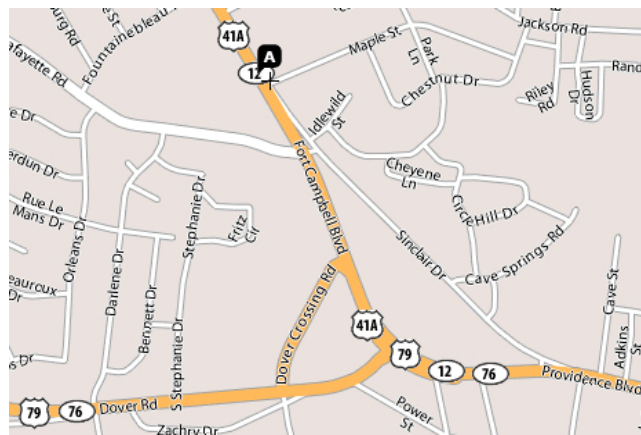
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POW/MIA "We Will Never Forget"

Mailing Label

## Meeting Location

**Maria's Wagon Wheel Restaurant**, 1205 Fort Campbell Blvd. Clarksville, TN (Hwy 41Alt.) from Pennyriple Pwy. south Hopkinsville, Ky. Exit # 7 -U.S.41Alt. south 19.2 miles Maria's is on the left.



Rolling Thunder®, Inc.'s major function is to publicize the POW-MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. To help correct the past and to protect the 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!

