

Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2007

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held March 10, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Thompson. All were present except COB Orr. A quorum was present and declared an official meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance recited, a moment of silence of our POW/MIAs was held, mission statement was read, members and guests were welcomed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2007 meeting as presented by Director Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Treasurer's report was presented.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and file for audit by VP Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Martin Murphy, DAV 70 Commander, visited and spoke about VA benefits. Murphy stated that anyone who served in Vietnam was exposed to Agent Orange and should be receiving at least 20% disability from the VA.

About twenty (20) members attended the Military Order of the Purple Heart ceremonies held in Crystal River.

There are also some future events to note;

- March 17 Operation Yellow Bow. Thunder Inn 10:30am
- March 17 Gathering of Eagles. Washington, DC
- March 24 Fort McCoy picnic 9:00am
- March 31 Legion Riders for local National Guard families 9:15am
- April 5 Escort the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial. Wal-Mart parking lot on SR 200 at 484. Kickstands up at 9:00am. Assist in putting up The Wall after the ride.
- April 6-8 The Vietnam Veterans Gathering presents the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial at On Top of the World on SR200 in Ocala.
- April 8 Freedom Ride in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans Gathering. Planning to meet at Central Florida Community College (CFCC) on SR200 in Ocala across from the Paddock Mall. Kickstands up at noon.
- April 14-16 Nature Coast BikeFest - Willards
- May 16-19 American ExPOW convention in Deerfield Beach.
- Sept 21-22 Andersonville, GA www.powridehome.org

If you don't want information on the rosters that are made available to members at chapter meetings, advise Secretary Stepanek.

Present membership stands at 72. We have several people who have not paid their dues and/or have not attended sufficient meetings/events to remain members. Those people have been sent letters informing them that they have been dropped and requesting the return of their patches. Those people are – Mary Lou Besedell (boot), Debbie Mampe (boot), Warren Stines (boot), and Paul Van Degrift (boot & back). Additional letters will be sent.

Discussion ensued over the subject of the next chapter fundraiser. The Fundraising Committee researched several options but recommended that the chapter hold a golf tournament at Pine Ridge Golf Club.

Motion to go ahead with plans for a golf tournament on July 07, 2007 at Pine Ridge Golf Club by Will Harris and seconded by Chris King. **Passed.**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 14, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW AND WILL START AT 10:00AM.

Submitted by
Jim Stepanek