

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held July 14, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 10:03am by President Thompson. All were present except COB Orr, Directors Harris and Vance. 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 June 09, 2007 meeting as presented by Director Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and file for audit by COB Parker and seconded by Director Ealey. **Passed.**

VP Perrino read a letter from Jonathon Rodriquez thanking the chapter for all the items sent to him and the troops in Iraq. The envelope had postage stamps on it. Prudy Rodriquez will be requested to investigate whether "in country" troops need to use postage stamps.

The chapter was informed that the Board appointed Rick Parker to COB and Ray Dumont to Director.

The chapter presently has 84 paid members.

The POW/MIA Committee reported that there are still POW/MIA's – WWI 78,773 – WWII 4,452 – Korean War 8,100 – Cold War 123 – SE Asia 1,784 – Gulf War 1 – Enduring Freedom 5.

The chapter has delivered 125 POW/MIA flags to the Department of the Interior with the agreement that RT will provide replacement flags for two (2) years. Those replacement flags will be paid for by the Florida chapters. Our chapter will set aside proceeds from the 50/50 raffles to the POW/MIA flag replacement fund.

The Ride Home – Andersonville is coming along very well. The chapter will provide \$500.00 to the event and also cover room and board for Ray Knisley, Jr.

The chapter will participate in the Key Training Center fundraiser on July 28, 2007 by entering a Human Foosball team. The residents of the Key Training Center just love motorcycles so RT members are encouraged to meet at the Beverly Hills VFW Post 10087 on July 28 with kickstands up at 9:00am.

Director Ealey is planning a ride to the Bayport Inn on August 05, 2007. Meet at the Beverly Hills VFW Post 10087 with kickstands up at 10:00am.

The Board recommended to the chapter that donations be made from the golf outing proceeds.

Motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Haley House, \$500.00 to the DAV Scholarship fund in RT's name, and \$750.00 to the Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans Association by COB Parker and seconded by Director Dumont. **Passed.**

Chapter elections are coming up in September. The Nomination/election Committee has been formed and nominations were opened –

President Ray Thompson
Secretary Jim Stepanek

Directors Archie Gooding
George Harris (nominated - not eligible because wife is on the board)
Joe Taylor (nominated - not eligible until back patches are received – August 2007)
Bob Strange

Nominations were closed for July and will be opened at the August 2007 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 11, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW POST 10087 AND
WILL START AT 9:30am.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Submitted by

Jim Stepanek