

Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2007

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held August 11, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 9:35am by President Thompson. All were present. 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 July 14, 2007 meeting as presented by COB Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

Treasurer Harris reported the treasurer's report.

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

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

Chapter members attended the Key Training Center fundraiser on July 28. Our human foosball team was defeated in the first round.

The August 5 lunch ride brought out 20 members and they enjoyed a good lunch and ride. The next lunch ride is scheduled for August 25. Details will be emailed to the members.

A fundraising ride will be held on September 8 to help raise funds for an upcoming surgery that Will Harris will need.

VFW Post 10087 will host a bike night on September 7, 2007. The post encourages RT members to attend.

Chapter 3 has invited us to attend the Pete Herrick Bike Show in Fort White on October 6.

October 6 is also the Lake Panasoffkee VFW picnic that we have been invited to attend.

On November 5, 2007 the South Lecanto Post Office will be dedicated to Dennis Flannigan, KIA Iraq.

Remains have been identified – WWII 10, Korea 10, Vietnam 10. The official count of unidentified from the Vietnam War now stands at 1,772. Florida has lost 6 sons in Iraq in the past month.

SR111 has 115 co-sponsors but still needs more. There are a couple of other significant bills but all have very few co-sponsors.

Citrus County realtors have been using their office billboards to post the names of returning Iraq soldiers.

Bob Strange went through shoulder surgery; Jean Fernandez had a heart attack and broken ankle; Vicki Gooding is recuperating from back surgery; Patrick Bailey had knee replacement surgery; Frances Bruno was in the hospital.

The chapter has been providing donuts & coffee at the Lecanto VA for a year. Archie Gooding requested that someone else have the opportunity to chair the committee. Joe Taylor volunteered to be the new committee chair.

The chapter presently has 84 paid members.

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	Jim Gilchreise
	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
	Russell Vance

Nominations were closed.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE September 8, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW POST 10087
AND WILL START AT 10:00am.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Submitted by

Jim Stepanek