

**Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 News**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

FOR THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY (8/8/2007 RTFL7 Meeting) AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WERE THERE AND MAY HAVE MISSED SOME THINGS DISCUSSED BELOW IS A LIST OF REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

**VFW DISTRICT PICNIC AT THE VFW IN LAKE PANASOFKEE**  
***SATURDAY OCT. 7TH***

ON SATURDAY OCT. 7TH WE ARE GOING TO THE VFW DISTRICT PICNIC AT THE VFW IN LAKE PANASOFKEE. THE CHAPTER BOUGHT 47 TICKETS AND THERE ARE APPROX, 15 LEFT. THEY ARE FREE. IF YOU WISH TO GO WITH US PLEASE CALL NORANNE MELNYK AT 352-527-9798 AND ASK HER TO RESERVE A TICKET FOR YOU. THEY ARE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

WE WILL BE MEETING IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE SHOPPING CENTER BY MCDONALDS IN INVERNESS BY HWY 44 AND 41 WITH KICKSTANDS UP AT 11:30AM. NORA WILL BRING THE ADDITIONAL TICKETS YOU REQUEST WITH HER. IF TICKETS ARE NOT SPOKEN FOR BY SUNDAY SEPT. 23RD WE WILL DONATE THE REMAINING TICKETS TO SOME INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT THEM.

**ANDERSONVILLE**

ANYONE THAT WAS A \$150 SPONSOR FOR THIS EVENT TO SPONSOR A FORMER POW, PLEASE CONTACT ME BY CELL (813) 230-9750 WHEN YOU ARRIVE SO THAT I CAN MAKE SURE YOU GET A TICKET TO THE FIRST SEATING AT DINNER WITH OUR GUESTS. ALSO SINCE YOU ARE A SPONSOR WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE PAIRED UP WITH A POW FOR THAT WEEKEND.

ALSO I PICKED UP THE WINDSHIELD BANNERS SUNDAY ( 40) AND THEY ARE PRETTY COOL AND COME WITH A BUNGEE CORD. I WILL HAVE THEM IN ANDERSONVILLE.

**NATURE COAST BIKE FESTIVAL**  
**OCTOBER 6th, 7th AND 8th**

THE NATURE COAST BIKE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN SET FOR OCT. 6,7 AND 8. WE HAVE AGAIN VEEN INVITED BY WILLARDS TO SET UP A BOOTH TO PASS OUT INFORMATION ON WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT AS WELL AS SELL OUT CHAPTER MERCHANDISE. QUESTION- IS THERE ANYONE THAT ISA NOT GOING ON THE PICNIC ON SAT. THE 7TH THAT CAN SET UP THE TENT AND SELL ITEMS FOR THAT DAY? SATURDAY IS THE BIG, BUSY DAY. THERE ARE NO TIME CONSTRAINTS. WE CAN SET UP WHEN WE WANT TO AND TAKE DOWN

WHEN WE WANT TO. I WILL BE AT THE PICNIC AND CANNOT GO UNTIL SUNDAY.

DENISE AS INDICATED SHE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY SO WE JUST NEED TO GET A TENT OUT TO THE SITE AND OUR STUFF. ON SUNDAY WE SHOULD BE OKAY. I CAN COME OUT ON SUNDAY AND I THINK STEVE MELYNK. ANY OTHERS THAT CAN HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP. I UNDERSTAND THOUGH THAT SUNDAY IS USUALLY A MUCH SLOWER DAY.

### **VETERANS WEEK ACTIVITIES**

#### **NOVEMBER 3RD (SATURDAY)**

THE CHAPTER WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A LARGE WAY DURING THIS WEEK. NOVEMBER 3RD (SATURDAY) THE VETERANS FAIR AT THE CRYSTAL RIVER MALL. THE MALL IS NORTH OF THE AIRPORT ON HWY 19. FROM 10:00 - 3:00. WE WILL NEED HELP SETTING UP OUR TABLE AND DISPLAY AND MANNING THE TABLE DURING THE ABOVE HOURS. PLEASE E-MAIL ME IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE. THIS IS SOMETHING WE DO EVERY YEAR.

#### **NOVEMBER 5TH (MONDAY)**

NOVEMBER 5TH (MONDAY) WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SGT. DENNIS FLANAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING DEDICATION IN LECANTO. THIS TAKES PLACE AT 10:00 AM AND WILL BE HOSTED BY CONGRESSWOMAN GINNY-BROWN WAITE. WE WILL PROBABLY MEET AT 9:00 AM AND LEAVE AROUND 9:30 FOR THE DEDICATION.

#### **NOVEMBER 9TH (FRIDAY)**

NOVEMBER 9TH (FRIDAY) WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER POST OFFICE DEDICATION FOR SGT. LEA MILLS AT 10:00AM IN BROOKSVILLE. THE POST OFFICE IS LOCATED ON AVIATION LOOP. WE WILL DEPART FROM INVERNESS AT 9:00AM. MEETING PLACE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

#### **NOVEMBER 10TH (SATURDAY)**

NOVEMBER 10TH (SATURDAY) THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING THAT DAY. INSTEAD, WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE IN INVERNESS. WE NEED A GREAT TURNOUT THIS YEAR. I AM SURE YOU WILL ENJOY THIS MEETING MORE THAN MOST AS YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME!!

WE WILL NEED TWO PEOPLE TO WALK IN FRONT AND CARRY OUR BANNER. FOLLOWING THEM WILL BE THE BIKES WITH THE COLORS. WE HAVE A CHAPTER FLAG, POW FLAG, A OLD GLORY. DOES ANYONE HAVE A STATE FLAG? I CAN FLY TWO LARGE FLAGS FROM MY BIKE AND DON, CAN FLY 2 LARGE FLAGS FROM HIS BIKE. BEHIND THE FLAGS WE HOPE TO HAVE A MOCK REPLIC OF A BAMBOO PRISONER CAGE FROM VIETNAM

TO BE PULLED ON A TRAILER. BEHIND THAT WILL FOLLOW THE BIKES  
AND BEHIND THAT ANY VEHICLES.

NOTE: WE RODE IN THIS TWO YEARS AGO AFTER WE HAD JUST FORMED.  
THE PARADE ROUTE IS SHORT AND SLOW. DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE YOUR  
BIKE IN SECOND GEAR DURING THIS PARADE. YOU WILL BE FOR THE  
MOST PART WALKING THE BIKE. HOPEFULLY EVERYONE IN THE PARADE  
WILL HAVE ONE OF THE NEW WINDSHIELD BANNERS I JUST PICKED UP. I  
HAVE 40 IF WE NEED MORE WE CAN ORDER THEM. I EXPECT MOST OF THE  
ONES I HAVE WILL BE BOUGHT AT ANDERSONVILLE. THEY ARE PRETTY  
COOL! ALSO WE WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY BIKE HAS A POW  
FLAG ON IT.

THERE WILL BE MORE ON THE VETERANS DAY EVENTS AT THE NEXT  
MEETING.

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