

## Meeting Minutes – Rolling Thunder Florida Chapter 7 – September 8, 2007

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held September 8, 2007. Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Thompson. All were present except COB Parker and Director Ealey. 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 August 11, 2007 meeting as presented by Archie Gooding and seconded by Bob Bruno. **Passed.**

Treasurer Harris reported the treasurer's report.

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

Representatives of the local DAV were present and offered 2007 Veterans Appreciation Week pins for sale.

Seven chapter members attended the lunch ride on August 25, 2007. President Thompson stated that the lunch rides are not to be turned into beer rides.

Many chapter members attended the bike nite hosted by VFW Post 10087. Over 100 people attended.

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. Tickets are \$7.00 each with the proceeds going to help veterans.

**Motion** to purchase 47 VFW picnic tickets at \$7.00 each by Jack Gresham and seconded by George Harris. **Passed.**

The picnic tickets will be distributed to chapter members on a first come/first serve basis. Members will meet at the Inverness McDonald's (Rt41 & RT44) on October 6, 2007 with kickstands up/doors closed at 11:30am.

Ray Dumont reported that three (3) Florida residents were killed in Iraq in the last month and remains of a Vietnam veteran and a WWII veteran have been recovered.

Liz Bryant reported that SR111 has 128 co-sponsors. HR7760 authorizes WWII Filipino veterans to maintain benefits. There was some confusion over this bill and we expect additional information next month.

The Sunshine Committee had no report because Bill Ealey was unable to attend the meeting. Bill's back is really hurting.

Connie O'Brian stated the Education Committee will hold a meeting after the October 2007 chapter meeting. Anyone interested in assisting this committee is welcome to attend.

Noranne Melnyk reported that Chapter T-shirts are available and long sleeve shirts will be ordered.

Jim Gilchreise reported that the Florida State Parks is writing a protocol for flying POW/MIA flags at the state parks. Jim is contacting other states to fly the POW/MIA flag.

Ray Thompson stated Andersonville plans are in the final stages. Chapter members are needed to assist former POWs with accommodations and answering any questions they might have.

The chapter will participate in the following Veterans Appreciation Week activities;

- November 3 Veterans Fair at the Crystal River Mall 9:45am
- November 5 post office dedication in Lecanto
- November 9 post office dedication in Brooksville
- November 10 Veterans Day parade in Inverness

The chapter Christmas party will held on December 08, 2007 at a place to be determined. Vicki Gooding will investigate having the party at a local restaurant for 100 people.

Penny Thompson will chair a Christmas Basket committee. The Family Resource Center will be contacted for potential recipients.

The chapter has been invited to set up a booth at Willard's during the Nature Coast Bike Fest held October 6-8, 2007.

Chapter elections were held. The Nomination/election Committee announced the following results

President	Ray Thompson
Secretary	Jim Stepanek
Directors	Jim Gilchreise
	Archie Gooding
	Joe Taylor

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE October 13, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW POST 10087 AND WILL START AT 10:00am.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Submitted by

Jim Stepanek