

**Meeting Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7**  
**March 8, 2008**

Minutes of the Rolling Thunder – Florida Chapter 7 meeting held March 8, 2008. Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Thompson. All were present except Vice-President Perrino and Director Gooding. 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 9, 2008 meeting as presented by COB Parker and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.**

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

Many members were present for Ray Dumont's memorial service.

Eight (8) members attended the Wounded Warrior Support Foundation in Floral City even though it was raining. Only one person showed up on a bike and quickly transferred to a truck. The event was video taped.

Several members were able to attend the Keith Maupin "Meet & Greet".

Meals on Wheels is looking for financial assistance for their program. No one knows how many veterans are affected by the program.

**Motion** to further investigate the Meals on Wheels program to discover the number of veterans being assisted by Trish Kallenbach and seconded by Will Harris. **Passed.** Trish and Nancy Ealey will investigate.

**Motion** to for the chapter to be a Bronze Sponsor in the Citrus County Veterans Foundation for \$100.00 by President Thompson and seconded by Director Ealey. **Passed.**

Director Ealey reported that the Sunshine Committee has been busy with; Pam Knisley broke an arm, Jean Fernandez is in a nursing home, Kit Bruno-Minard had a knee replaced, Jim Gilchriese had a knee replaced, Jerry Brousseau is covering, Chris King has a kidney stone, and Kathy Perrino had foot surgery.

The chapter presently has 87 members.

Ft. McCoy will host their 8<sup>th</sup> annual country BBQ picnic on March 29, 2008 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Members will meet at the BH VFW Post 10087 with kickstands up/doors closed at 10:00am.

Ft. McCoy will also host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Inter-Tribal POW-WOW and Gathering on April 11 – 13, 2008.

The Sgt. John Borders fundraiser takes place on April 12, 2008 at the Ocala Harley-Davidson dealer between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Additional details will be coming.

The Special Operations Warriors Foundation will be holding a fundraiser on April 19, 2008 at the Tampa VFW Post 424.

Fort Cooper will host a Flag Day ceremony on June 14, 2008. More details later.

The second annual Chapter 7 Golf Outing will be held June 28, 2008 at the Citrus Springs Golf Club.

Denise Garnett reported that 2 Florida heroes were killed in action this past month. The remains of 3 WWII MIAs were identified. The USA will be allowed to go into China and North Korea to search for remains.

HR 111 has 263 co-sponsors but is held up in committee by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Members are encouraged to contact Pelosi requesting her to bring the bill out of committee via her fax number – 202-225-4188, phone 202-225-0100 or 202-225-4965. Her snail mail address is Speaker of the House, H232 US Capital, Washington, DC 20515.

Bike Raffle tickets have arrived. COB Parker took control of the tickets and will pass them on to Director Gooding.

**THERE WILL BE NO APRIL 2008 MEETING BECAUSE OF THE SSGT BORDERS FAMILY BENEFIT.**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE May 10, 2008 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS VFW POST 10087 AND WILL START AT 10:00am.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm.

Submitted by,  
Jim Stepanek