

NEWSLETTER

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South Dakota Chapter 1

Feb 2011

Guest present at today's meeting included: Duane Frokle from Brandon, SD along with Amy and Jean Fast from Marshall Minn.

Special welcome was given to the Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 guests. RT SD CH 2 official started on January 1st. 2011. Thirteen of our members have transferred to Chapter 2: Marilyn Bombeck, Martin Deibert, Mary Jane & Bob Foster Fran & Loren Hanson, Kirk Harrington, David Zoelle Lloyd Hollter, Ron Klosterman, Leo Sterling Billie & Steve Wallen

No board meeting was held this month. Presently Marilyn Jensen is our acting chairman of the board.

Betty Clouser was appointed as an alternate board member.

During the month of January three members were hospitalized: Paul Granum, Lee Bird, and Jerry Rigney.

President Ron called and talked to the Tennessee Chapter 4 president inquiring about their poppy sales in four days their sales totaled \$6,800. The poppy is a black flower with white center. On each side of the poppy's tag we are allowed three lines of typing.

Our POW/MIA design could go on one side with "You are not forgotten" and Rollin Thunder South Dakota Chapter 1 on the other. There is a two week order arrival time. Poppies for \$69 along with the \$25 set up fee with shipping included was made by Ruth VanSteenwyk with second by Jerry Rigney, motion carried.

It was pointed out that our meetings provide the opportunity to get ideas out of the membership. Members must be interested in doing things for our POW/MIA mission.

At our November 2010 meeting the topic of DNA testing through JPAC was discussed. Our chapter could inform the community about JPAC DNA testing by spreading the word in the local paper of the shopper's news. People need to be informed about the identification of remains. There is no cost for the families to be tested. The Argus Leaded recently had an article concerning this same issue. Since August 2010 through January 2010 10 soldiers remains have been identified and returned home.

The Abate is scheduled for March 26 and 27, 2011 at the WH Lyons fairgrounds Expo Building. A motion was made to secure two spots for \$55 each by Richard Engler, second by Dave Nordlund, motion carried.

The upcoming trip to Washington DC in May has a sing up sheet. If the first day's ride is extended to Peoria, Illinois, hotels will need to be found. President Ron will send an email about motels. Our chapter will still man the booth at the Pentagon parking lot. Patches order for DC-forms are available. Flyers are available for the protest ride in May 2011. It was suggested that each day's ride start one hour earlier.

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A total of 811 have been identified with 1,700 still unaccounted for.

Larry Englund handed out boot patches to Jeanette and Paul Granum.

In Memoriam Patches are here: they are free to the members. The individual name patches for Richard Johnson, Rich Tulio and Dale Reker may be purchased for \$2 each.

Member Profile

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Name: James Holien

Branch of Service: Navy

Rank: Gunner mate Seaman

Basic Training: San Diego, Cal.

Years of Service: 1958 to 1962 USS Cavalier PA-37

Occupation: Gunner

Mission: 3 tours Far East

Hometown: Marshall, MN.

Family: Son Troy daughter Teri Wife Kristen granddaughters Riane, Jana grandson Calebe

Rolling Thunder Member Since: 2006

Favorite Rolling Thunder Memory: Flag line at all events, VA visits, every happening is a memorial

Hobbies: Collection of Eagles of knives, past commander president 3 years, VFW, VA, Abate of Minn., past member Milatyondie of Cooties, Life member National hunting club, National fishing club Legion Motorcycle foundation Riders,NRA

He retired from MN. Electric after 31 years.