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Memorial Day Celebrations

As I look to this Memorial Day and the celebrations around the country and the world, I remember, as thousands did on May 10, 2008 in Lawrence MA, the sacrifices that our soldiers and veterans have given for the freedoms that we all enjoy each and every day. Please, keep in your thoughts and prayers SGT Alex Jimenez, and Byron Fouty, POW/MIA one year ago. I was not able to attend that event on May 10th, but I understand that it was very endearing. With a flyover and members of these boys unit from Fort Drum, NY serving as color guard and Rolling Thunder Chapters from New England. I am saddened that I could not make it, but I am joyful that so many did, THANK YOU. When you go to the many Memorial Celebrations (Washington, DC, Boscawen Cemetery, Ossipee for the Traveling Wall, Dedication of a bridge in Newport NH for SPC Justin Rollins) remember and keep in your hearts our soldiers, POW/MIA's and veterans who gave the ultimate price so that we can demonstrate and make this country accountable for those who are still unaccounted for.

I want to express thanks to those who helped clean the Boscawen Cemetery, it was a beautiful day and enjoyable to spend with so many who care whole heartedly. Congratulations to our newest members who have received their boot patches and back patches. I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know you better.

May you all have a safe and memorable Memorial Day!

Marsha Bailey
Newsletter Editor

**POW/MIA/KIA's
REMEMBER!!
Never Forget!!**

**That is what
Memorial Day
Is all about!!**

House Panel Backs 3.9% Pay Raise

Stars and Stripes (Leo Shane III) May, 08, 2008

Washington—A House panel Wednesday backed a 3.9 percent pay raise for all military personnel next year, mirroring Senate plans to give troops a bigger boost than Pentagon officials had requested. Members of the House Armed Services military personnel subcommittee included the money in their draft of the new defense authorization bill, which sets spending and policy priorities for the military in fiscal 2009. Chairwoman Susan Davis, D-Calif., said the larger pay raise is needed to help shrink the gap between military wages and private sector paychecks.

If passed, the pay raise would be the highest for troops since 2004 and the 10th consecutive year military pay has outpaced the employment cost index. Defense officials had requested a 3.4 percent increase, equal to the index's inflation estimate. But earlier this month Senate lawmakers backed the 3.9 percent figure, indicating that both chambers will likely adopt the higher raise when they negotiate compromise legislation later this year. For an E-5 with four years' military service, the Senate plan would mean an increase of \$79.86 a month, about \$10 more than the Pentagon plan. For an O-4 with four years, it would be \$189.25 a month, about \$24 more than the Pentagon plan.

The House panel also announced plans to eliminate co-pays for preventive care procedures such as cancer screenings and cholesterol tests in an effort to encourage more Tricare patients to seek medical advice before serious problems occur. Davis said the plan covers all beneficiaries except those enrolled in Tricare for Life. She said lawmakers were unable to find enough money to extend the same coverage to that group along with other Tricare members. It also includes a pilot program for military spouses to receive job training in "portable" careers as they move from base to base, and another to allow servicemembers a temporary gap in service to pursue family or education goals before completing their tours of duty.

But the draft excludes nearly \$1.2 billion in pharmacy and doctors' fees backed by defense officials to cover the rising cost of health care. Lawmakers have rebuffed those efforts in recent years, saying military retirees shouldn't bear the brunt of those expenses.

The authorization bill does not set pay raises for civilian defense employees, but Congress often uses the military paycheck boosts as the basis for the civilian raises in later budget bills.

If passed, the raise would go into effect Jan. 1

New Names Etched Into Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall

By Jon J. Kruzel

American Forces Press Service

“Washington, May 7, 2008—The names of four U.S. service members were etched into glossy black walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial this week alongside more than 58,000 of their fallen comrades.

Finishing the addition today was the name of Raymond C. Mason, a Marine Lance Corporal who died a year ago as a result of ailing health from a bullet wound that paralyzed him in February 1968 during the ‘Tet Offensive’.

In a ceremony at the wall here, Mason’s widow, Priscilla Mason, watched as an engraver inched a sandblaster over the Marine’s stenciled name with surgeon like precision.

Priscilla got on bended knee, held a sheet of paper up to the bright, new inscription, and rolled a crayon in diagonal strokes until ‘RAYMOND C MASON’ was embossed against the white paper. She said she plans to have the outline tattooed onto her skin, and she has promised to make dozens of rubbings for friends back home in Riverside, R.I., when she returns here on Memorial Day ‘This is wonderful. He’s finally home’ she said when asked how she felt upon seeing the finished product on Panel 41E, Line 64 of the Memorial.

The names of Richard M. Goosens, a Marine Lance Corporal, and Dennis O. Hargrove and Darrell J. Naylor, both Army Specialists Fourth Class, were inscribed here yesterday.

The Defense Department determined that their deaths, which occurred years after the end of U.S. operations in Vietnam, resulted from wounds suffered in a combat zone there.

The Wall’s 58,260 etched names bear testament to the ultimate sacrifice paid by those U.S. troops, said R. James Nicholson, former secretary of Veterans Affairs.

‘It’s also a tangible expression of the gratitude of the American people for those who served and did there,’ he said in an interview today. ‘The hope is that more and more Americans will grow to appreciate the sacrifice and the price that was paid to perpetuate our freedom.’

Designed by architect Maya Lin and built in 1982, the Memorial consists of two black wall sunken into the ground, with rolling mound of earth behind it sloping toward a heavily trafficked street.

‘It was Maya’s vision for the Memorial that it appear as a rift in the earth,’ said J. C. Cumming architect of record for the Memorial.

‘At the same time, the wall serves a practical purpose of separating the visitor from the noise and the traffic of Constitution Avenue and the noise of the city.’ As a result, the architecture creates a quiet and contemplative atmosphere, he said, a design that allows visitors to have a respectful experience.

Jan C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, said adding the names this week completes the healing process for surviving friends and family members. The additions also reflect America’s solidarity with the service members of past and present, he said.

‘When you join the service, you can feel comfortable that the service is going to stand behind you,’ Scruggs said in an interview today. ‘Especially the people who are serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan in combat, they need to know that we’re behind them and we appreciate what they’re doing.’

Placement of patches on Vest or Jacket



The Front of the vest—The Boot Patch is displayed on the left side of the vest as shown in picture above – the yellow member patch on the right front .



The Back of the vest as shown above —The only patches to be displayed above the Rolling Thunder rocker on the back of a members vest/jacket will be a Veteran Patch or POW/MIA related. There will be no patches displayed in-between the Rolling Thunder Rocker and Eagle. No member shall wear any business name or organization name over or between the Rolling Thunder Rocker and Eagle. No member shall wear any state rocker or strip patch on the back of his/her vest. No member of Rolling Thunder will wear a Patriot Guard/Patriot Guard Rider patch or pin or any other patch referring to an MC on their Rolling Thunder vest or jacket.

If you have questions about whether something is appropriate bring it to the attention of your officers or Board of Directors.

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The Director's Corner

Patrick McGhie
NE States Director

Many of us are starting to ride. As always, be safe but also early on be extra cautious for "rider rust" and also for the sand etc. that is still on the road.

I was able to attend the May 10th event to honor and remember two soldiers missing in Iraq for approx on year. The families of Alex Jimenez (Lawrence MA) and Byron Fouty (Mich) were both in attendance and I was able to meet and speak briefly with them to assure that Rolling Thunder will not allow their son's to be forgotten. Byron's dad is actually a member of the MI 5 Chapter, right near where my kids live. Members of their unit were also in attendance to honor these two soldiers and support the families.

The ceremonies were well done and I was asked to say a few words which I did. In closing, I stated that no matter what term anyone wants to use to classify these two heroes, to us "They are POW/MIA" This statement received a loud round of applause.

Rolling Thunder XXI is only about 2 weeks away. This is the premier event to remind the world of our POW's and I look forward to seeing many of you in DC this year. Remember to review the media points as sent out by National and when you refer to the ride, please refer to it as a "Demonstration". Be safe on trip to DC!

I know that many will not be able to attend and we will be representing all of you so you will be there in Spirit through us. Attend your local Memorial Events that weekend and represent Rolling Thunder in your local communities. Let everyone know that Rolling Thunder cares and the Missing are "Not Forgotten!"

Never Forget our POW's and MIA's and keep those serving today in your thoughts and prayers.

Patrick McGhie
NE States Director

Contact Pat at pmcghie@comcast.net

September Elections

Positions that will be open are as follows—

Vice President

Chairman of the Board of Directors

(2) Two Board of Directors

Treasurer

If you are interested in filling one of these positions and you are a full back patch holder by September

please contact Tom Leary, Election Committee Chairman

ROLLING THUNDER NH-1 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



May 6, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 1930

Pledged Allegiance—All

Mission Statement—All

Chaplain Sermon—Fred Jewell

Moment of Silence—All

Guests:

President and Vice of POW/MIA Riders and
Denis Desilets

Sick and Distressed:

David Holmes

Patches Received

Boot Patches were received by

Daren Thompson, Josh Brindamour, Clyde Kimball, Donald Lyons,
Jon Rollins, Skip Rollins, Kevin Tasker, Guy Vittorioso and
Mark Walton

Back Patches were received by

Keith Carmen

Secretary's Report: Marsha Bailey

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Robicheau

Accepted as read.

Documentation is available upon request.

QM Report: Bill Niland

Bill said a fantastic show at Milford and Co. Lots of new product,
In Memory patches/Fallen Brothers Ride coming up soon.

Noted that Anyone wearing our name needs to act accordingly—if
you see someone acting inappropriately bring it to the attention of
an officer from the chapter .

QM financial report is available upon request.

Board of Directors: Fred Jewell

Fred and Too Tall to co-ordinate ride to Moving Wall, and
Dedication of Newport Bridge to SPC Justin Rollins. Janice to co-
-ordinate ride to Boscawen for Memorial Day event.

Fallen Member ride, date forthcoming.

Election Committee needed to screen for positions opening in Sept.

Tom Leary accepted the Election Committee Chairman position.

Positions open are Vice-President, Chairman of BoD, (2) two BoD
and Treasurer. Announcement to be put in Newsletter and on Web
site.

New England Director: Pat McGhie

Focus is on DC—Friday night Vigil, VA visit

Some websites inappropriate—New England is clean

Cross Border Run Aug 1-2, we represent National, notices going
out at a later date.

Legislative Report: Jim Chisholm

Not Present.

Old Business

WDC in May was available on the table. A sign up sheet for
when leaving, where staying, etc passed around.

Butch Fontaine to be the contact person for the Hospital visit in
DC. Money for chits—Motion for \$150, seconded, passed.

SPC Justin Rollins Memorial Ride, Aug 24—official RTNH!

Event. Information can be found on the web site

www.rollinsride.com Doc will make copies of flyer and get
distributed.

Jay informed that dues need to be paid, they are now was pass due.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway event this year is June 28 & 29
need volunteers. Contact David Holmes or Too Tall

Alex Jimenez Memorial Ride May 10 Jay and Pat to

co-ordinate times and place to depart from

Thunder Run looking to have 500 bikes, volunteers for stops, take
some posters to distribute—need people to co-ordinate at Nault's—

9-1:30 on sights, need contact for donation of water. Becky and
Robin will check companies for water for this event. Items to stuff
in grab bags—Jay says we have a purchase order for give aways.

Looking for other organizations to participate.

Cold War Veterans Bernie attended a gathering in Portsmouth for
these Veterans—very moving.

Texas Hold 'em Keith Carmen supplied info—gambling venue—
motion made, seconded and passed, 501C-3. Doc will co-ordinate
with Keith on the particulars.

New Business

George "Spidah" Walsh bought cards for Chapter to send to Matt
Maupin's FAMILY—thanks Spidah

Dedication of Newport Bridge Memorial Day 10 am in honor of
SPC Justin Rollins.

Leaving for Iraq Sean Waller—God Speed

For the Good of the Chapter

Top's Profile Project - Janice Jolly was this month's profile

May 9 Military Appreciation Night at Manchester Ball Park

May 17 Brown bag with Senator Clegg

June 19 Freedom ride in Laconia to Meredith NH

Vigil— 7pm, Veterans Park, Manchester first Wednesday of the
month Vietnam Memorial dedication in Nashua at 1800

Denise has bags of tears to send to troops—Merlin's Miracles—
Doc will bring to next meeting

50/50-Billy

won by Diane Lloyd

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2100

Never Forget!!



Always Remember

Join us on a mission that lasts all year...
...are you ready to give some time
to *your* veterans?

New Hampshire Korean War MIA/POWs

Philip Warren Ackley
Philip Albert Botsford
Madison Freeman Charles
Myron Gracian Dick
Henry C. Flanders
Reginald E. Frazier
Robert Shurben Hedman
George Norman Hill
Warren O. Kendall
Theodore W. Ledoux
Albert Anthony McCarthy
Edward Joseph Morse, Jr.
Wallace F. Ritter
Leo Paul Savard
Mark A. Wentworth

Francis Adams Ashly
John Charles Brennan
George A. Curley, Jr.
Gerald Leo Joseph Dubay
Frederick E. Fleming
Benjamin W. Griggs, Jr.
Richard C. Henson
Paul Herbert Jordon
Arthur Raymond Labonte
Robert Hugh Malloy
Bruce Robert Mills
Joseph Norman Pelletier
Joseph A. Robillard
Alfred Harry Sidney

Phillip Kendall Balgh
Arthur Delbert Buckley, Jr.
Joseph Adelard Demers
Leland Rockwood Dunham
Robert S. Fletcher
Elmer Rix Hamlin
Herbert A. Hesseltine, Jr.
John Murray Kelley
Roland L. Leblanc
James Joseph Mayo
Fernand Aime Morin
Elmer Powers Richard
Ernest F. Russell
Harry Sparrow Smith

New Hampshire Vietnam War MIA/POWs

Clyde Douglas Alloway
Gerald Robert Helmich

Frank Neil Badolati
Quinten Emile Mulleavey

Robert Joseph Sullivan
Albert L. Page, Jr.

OUR MISSION

The major function of Rolling Thunder, Inc is to publicize POW-MIA issues: To educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war-missing in action.

We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars.

Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Members donate their time because they believe in the issues we are working on.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008
7:30 P.M AT AMERICAN LEGION, EPPING NH
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, POST 51



Rolling Thunder® New Hampshire Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Legend	Event/Function
May 25	Sun	CF	RT XXI DC
May 26	Mon	CF	SPC Justin Rollins—Bridge Dedication
Jun 19	Thu	CS	Freedom Ride, Meredith NH
Jun 21	Sat		RT ME Ride for Biddeford Veterans Home
Jun 22	Sun		RTMA Run for Veterans
Jul 19	Sat	CS	NH Thunder Run
Aug 9	Sat	CS	Tilton Vets Home Barbecue
Aug 10	Sun		RTMA Freedom Ride
Aug 16	Sat	CS	Liberty House
Aug 24	Sun	CS	Justin Rollins Memorial Ride for POW/MIA, Veterans, & Gold Star Mothers

CS = Chapter Sponsored (We are putting it on) - **CF**= Chapter Designated Function (All should try an attend)

Blank = Informational for dates on other events This is a tentative list as developed by the Board. As we firm it up, we will add items and details to our Web Event Calendar. If you have suggestions or items, please feel free to write them down and give them to any board member. As other events and functions of interest become known, we will publish them.