

Rolling Thunder ®, NC 4
2/11/08 – General Membership Minutes

Meeting was called to order by the Art Welch @ 7:00 pm at the Raleigh American Legion Post #1.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Art Welch.

Prayer was lead by Perry Ball.

Mission Statement was read by Lee Johnson

POW/MIA Missing Man Table Ceremony was performed by Bob Stempler. A moment of silence was observed.

Welcome of Guests: Terri Scott

Roll Call of Officers and Board:

Art Welch, President - present	Paul Fritz, VP - present
Melinda Taylor, Secretary – present	Donna Coffey, Treasurer – absent
Bruce Miller, COB – present	Ken LaMore, Board – present
LuAnn Spain, Board – present	Chuck Spain, Board – present
Lowery Perry, Board – present	Darryn Mewhorter, Board – present
Ed Williams, Board – present	Grady Golson – Alt. Board -absent

Acceptance of previous month's minutes: The general meeting minutes from December had not been completed. Membership did not receive December or January minutes electronically. Tabled until March general meeting.

Treasurer's report - Donna Coffee. No report

COB Report: Bruce Miller.

- Reported to the membership that the board and executive committee had a great meeting with the Raleigh Vet Center's Dr. Greg Inman and Moses Gloria. They discussed the outreach program that the Raleigh Vet Center is doing at NCSU.
- We are moving ahead with the flag pole at the Raleigh Vet Center.

Presidents Report – Art Welch:

- National Bike Raffle tickets are here. Each ticket has 3 chances for \$10.00 We receive a \$1.00 for each ticket sold.
- Raffle committee now has a chairperson. Monica Cash has agreed to chair the committee. It will be done as teams again. Lowery Perry has offered his assistance to Monica.

- Art attended the Raleigh HOG meeting as a member of Rolling Thunder and was well received. He covered the Operation Missing Man (OMM), our mission statement and the fact that we would like to work with them. The goal is to have a better relationship and participate in each other's rides. Art left the meeting with their calendar of scheduled events.
- May 4 – HOG is having a Ride for Kids. It is for Pediatric Brain Tumor research.
- Art will be putting together his own news from the President newsletter to email out to the membership in an effort to trim down the meeting time.
- The ride on 2/16 will have a stop at Ray Price and on 2/23 Ray Price will be having a huge tent sale.
- RT XXI – Make sure you make your reservations. We have the To The Wall Fund for any member in need. Please see a board member.
- Chapter 5 is collecting Veteran's History Project kits to take to Washington. Fill out your history to submit.
- Moses Gloria spoke with the group concerning the NCSU outreach. Moses can be contacted at moses.gloria@va.gov.
- Several members has participated in the Accident Scene Management. Road Captains and tail gunners will be required to have basic CPR.

Vice Presidents Report: Paul Fritz - The events committee has been working.

- 2/16 – Ride for Darrell
- 2/23 – Ride at Biker's Blvd.
- 3/15 – Shelton's Chili Cookoff
- 3/22 – HOG Easter Bunny Basket Ride

Events Committee Report – Keith Parker: We will be having a ride for Darryl and Annie on February 16. First bike out at 10, the last one out at 11. Police will be assisting in Apex for the turn. Ken will do a missing man bio.

Operation Missing Man Committee: - Ken LaMore. One of the things the committee is working on is a state ride focusing on the 44 missing. We are trying to get a bio to Full Throttle every month.

Legislative Committee: Lee Johnson Not much to report. Lee is trying to contact the Casualty Marine Office to find out about the JPAC team in Cambodia. The newest news is the new class of homeless vets have emerged from the Gulf Wars.

Durham VA – Bobby Finch 2/15 @ 10:00 will be the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Everyone is invited. There is a lot of renovation going on. The wards are going to semi-private and private. For the first 3 weeks in January over 400 new vets signed up. VA needs help with volunteers. They have hired 8 new mental health workers.

Membership Committee Lee Johnson: We currently have 63 members –59 adults / 4 juniors. Keith Parker received his rocker & eagle. Monica Cash received her boot patch.

Safety Committee: Tony Miller – Accident Scene Management is a class urged for everyone. The fee is \$45.00. Road Captains need to sign up so that the seminar can be set up. Road captains must take CPR.

Education/Pins & Patches – LuAnn & Chuck Spain:

Public Relations : Ed Williams has resigned as chairman. The committee still needs help to get things done. Full Throttle will have an article in March written by Perry Ball.

Raffle Committee - Lowery Perry: We need a new chairman.

Old Business:

- Lowery Perry , the 2007 Committee chairman, presented a plaque to Paul Fritz for his work on the 2007 Cash Raffle..

New Business:

- Bob Stempler asked if there was a different version of the missing man table ceremony. Several versions are available. The one that Bob performs is fine.

For the Good of the Chapter:

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Boner Award:

Lee Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Darryl Mewhorter 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Taylor
Secretary