

**Rolling Thunder® Maryland Chapter 1
General Membership Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m.
 - a. Quorum: Yes
 - b. Number of Attendees: 33
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Moment of Silence and Remembrance**
4. **Mission Statement:** Read by President David Lutzow
5. **Roll Call of Officers:**
6. **Introduction of Guests/First time Attendees:** James Wilkerson, Ricky and Cathy Davis, Pat Walters, and William Jones Sr. (Fish).
7. **Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Q. motioned to accept, Dave K. seconded. Minutes accepted.
8. **Reports/new Business:**
 - a. Treasurer: ### balance. 50/50 winnings (###) at the 70th Tank battalion's 60th annual Reunion were donated to the chapter's treasury by Sue Bearn
 - b. Chairman of the Board: Will save his report for just before adjournment.
 - c. President:
 - Artie Mueller's longtime secretary Marjorie passed away recently.
 - Boot patches and RT Rockers with Eagle patches were earned by members: Robert Dunlap and Ron Harris. Chapter boot patches were earned by George Buie, Luz Wilson, Vera Harris, Jay Savage, and Doug Patton.
 - President has archived and has copies of all meeting minutes.
 - Rolling Thunder® Maryland Chapter One raised \$240 for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home with our Veterans' Choice Bike Show. President let the membership know that the veterans chose to attend the bike show rather than go on a fishing trip that was offered for the same day.
 - RT Maryland Chapter One had a very active first year with 26 events.
 - The Bowles Farm field trip scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2007 with the Charlotte Hall Veterans has seven members signed up. Departing the dealership (HDW) at 8:00 a.m. to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home by 9:00 a.m. to leave at 9:30 a.m. There are hayrides, pumpkin patches, and a corn maze. Please let the President know if anyone else wants to volunteer to help.

- USO Stuffing parties for the rest of the year are on Oct. 20, Nov. 3, and Nov. 17. The President will send out the dates to the membership by email for a general consensus on volunteering.
- Last official Wall Washing of this year will be on Oct. 14th. All four memorials will be washed. Leave HDW at 5:30 a.m. or meet at the Wall at 6:10 a.m. Wall washing resumes in March of 2008.
- Rolling Thunder® National Convention is scheduled for November 2-3, 2007 in Washington D.C.
- RT Maryland Chapter One has been invited to join in the parade for the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on Saturday November 10th. We will be up front, bikes only, no cars. RT NY Chapter 1 is coordinating the motorcycle part of the parade. The President wants a firm commitment from the membership for participation. Since this date/time conflicts with our next regularly scheduled general membership meeting, we need to vote on falling back to our default meeting date/time so that our chapter may participate in the parade. Final details TBA. Motion to approve- Robin, seconded by Debbie Devine. Voted on and approved by the membership in attendance. Next general membership meeting will be Thursday Nov. 8th. Clipboard is being passed for sign-ups for the parade.

9. Main Order of Business: Chapter By-laws

- A special Board meeting was held on October 6, 2007 to work on the chapter by-laws.
- Between this meeting and next, a copy of the proposed by-laws will be sent as an attachment to an email to the membership for review.
- The by-laws will be read at this meeting and the next two general membership meetings. The by-laws need to be right and effective ASAP, so please contact the President with any concerns within the next 30 days. All concerns will be reviewed by the Board and addressed at the next general membership meeting.
- The December reading of the by-laws will be final. Once we approve the by-laws they will be sent to Rolling Thunder® National for approval. If National does not approve something in the by-laws, they will have to be reworked.
- All the proposed chapter by-laws were read:
- Article III: Minor correction to Sec.5
- Article V: Discussed the minor difference between patch and logo—wording at bottom could not be reproduced in the patch. Sec. 2: Template for business cards to be available at next GMM.
- Article VI: Chapter Quartermaster is established. Robin Lutzow will serve in this position.
- Article VII: Dress code discussed.
- All other Articles were also read as written.

10. Other Business/Comments for the Good of the Chapter:

- a. Quartermaster: Two designs for t-shirts have been chosen by the Board. Membership can contact either the quartermaster or the secretary to see the designs (created by Sue Bears). Quartermaster Robin Lutzow asked the membership to help create a design for a

chapter pin to be sold (and asked that it please be someone other than Sue Bearns). The chapter patch is being legally copyrighted by LegalZoom. A small fee has been paid for the copyright search and recording. See Debbie Devine for stickers. Quartermaster intends to add merchandise forms to the chapter website.

b. The Chairman of the Board announced that Board member Leo Contreras is being deployed next week. Please wish him well and a safe return.

We are looking for ideas for a chapter holiday party/anniversary get-together.

c. Sue Bearns recapped our chapter's attendance at the 70th Tank Battalion's 60th Annual Reunion.

d. Murray Hall reminded everyone that Veterans Day weekend includes Nov.12th

e. Dave K: Godspeed to Leo. Thanked Joe and Sue Bearns for hosting the dinner/meeting on Oct. 6th to work on the chapter by-laws.

f. Mel: The by-laws are very important.

g. Buddy was very impressed with the attendance for the Welcome Home Parade at the Indian Head Post held earlier that same day and the Chapter's Veterans' Choice Bike Show.

h. Robin encouraged members to attend meetings.

i. Vera wished the best of luck to Leo and said it was good to be part of this organization.

j. Leo and Val said thanks for everything.

k. Last call for 50/50. Winner donated winnings to the chapter treasury.

11. **Adjournment:** Robin motioned, Lam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2007, 7:30 p.m. Mexico Restaurant, Waldorf, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolling Thunder® Maryland Chapter One Secretary,
Susan Bearns