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Our chapter wishes to acknowledge **American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.** as an organization, like our own, that dedicates itself to the support of the behind-the-scenes heroes of our country's military actions. We also want to recognize and honor **all** Gold Star parents, and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers, always.

January 2017 Edition

Well, I hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday. 2016 was filled with very much progress. All of our events were a great success and again, we had a very prosperous Memorial weekend in D.C. as well as our run at Stewart Airport. All of these events took the skill and dedication of all who participated. As I have said over and over again, I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a fundamentally dedicated membership, from the top guy down to all of us grunts. As I had started to do when we re-ignited this newsletter. I will continue to acknowledge a member every month. I believe it is an important part of our organization to support each other. This is my way of doing just that. I love you guys/gals. So after our little humor column, we will acknowledge our member of the Month.

Now for some humor...

During the Vietnam War, a Lieutenant asked a Marine why he was falling back during a really fierce battle. "Didn't you hear me say that we're outnumbered 4 to 1?"

The Marine replied, "I got my four Sir."

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An Army Ranger was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana and he wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way, but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking.

After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the Ranger shouted, "maybe I'll just go out and get my own alligator so I can get a pair of shoes made at a reasonable price!"

The vendor said, "By all means, be my guest. Maybe you will run into a couple of Marines who were in here earlier saying the same thing."

So the Ranger headed into the bayou that same day and a few hours later came upon two men standing waist deep in the water. He thought, "those must be the two Marines the guy in town was talking about." Just then, the Ranger saw a tremendously long gator swimming rapidly underwater towards one of the Marines.

Just as the gator was about to attack, the Marine grabbed its neck with both hands and strangled it to death with very little effort. Then both Marines dragged it on shore and flipped it on its back. Laying nearby were several more of the creatures.

One of the Marines then exclaimed, "Damn, this one doesn't have any shoes either!"



Shelley Croshier, what can I say about Shelley that we all don't already know. Shelley has been a dedicated member since 2007 She has been at the forefront in most if not all of Rolling Thunders events and functions. Many events she has chaired herself acting as chief, cook and bottle washer so to speak. Shelley, we recognize and appreciate all you have done and we are sure will continue to do. You are a dignified member of Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 3. You have carried yourself with dignity and poise and again we in our incredible chapter thank you and we are all very proud to call you sister.

Members, I would like to take a minute to be nostalgic a little bit here. I have been a member since 1998 along with guys like Kenny Zipp, Lou Signa, Frank Rey, Paul Devito, Toni Shembri and of course Charlie Alongi my very good friend. These are just a few of the original Guy's.

My point is and I am proud to say, the reason I joined Rolling Thunder New York 3. Because of the dedication of those that started our chapter but as important, as we have grown, that dedication by all has not waived one bit. In fact, it has grown to the point we are right now. I am acknowledging all members in the Months ahead. Because I am the Gentlemen all knows me to be (ah hmm), ladies first, RIGHT? So fellow gentlemen, be patient, you will all get your due!!

I hope these news letters are representative of our chapter and a closeness of how we as a chapter are. I am always looking to improve our newsletter so please all, do not hesitate to send me feedback. I will continue to recognize each and every member because that is why we are so successful.

We are unified in what we do because of members like Shelley Croshier, Renate DeAngelis, Pam Siegal, Terri Keeley and Sue Orts. Members I have acknowledged to date. So to date, again, we thank you ladies and I do mean ladies. We are all very proud of you and look forward to serving with you at Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 3.

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Now a look at what's new with our POW/MIA issue:

NEWS & STORIES

[Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified \(Pelletier\)](#)

By | December 22, 2016

Army Cpl. Joseph N. Pelletier, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. In early February 1951, Pelletier was a member of Headquarters Battery,...

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[Airman Missing From World War II Identified \(Pitonyak\)](#)

By | December 21, 2016

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[Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified \(Torres\)](#)

By | December 20, 2016

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[Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified \(Zimmer\)](#)

By | December 20, 2016

Army Sgt. Thomas E. Zimmer, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. In late November, 1950, Zimmer was a member of Battery A, 57th Field...

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[Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified \(Follese\)](#)

By | December 19, 2016

Army Pfc. Charles C. Follese, killed in the Korean War, has now been accounted for. On Nov. 29, 1950, Follese was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 187th...

NEWS RELEASES

12/16/16: [Soldier Missing From Korean War Accounted For \(Curtis\)](#)

12/09/16: [Soldier Killed In Korean War Accounted For \(Nordin\)](#)

11/30/16: [USS Oklahoma Sailor From World War II Accounted For \(Johnston\)](#)

11/23/16: [Soldier Killed In Korean War Accounted For \(Presswood\)](#)

11/23/16: [Soldier Missing From Korean War Accounted For \(Hunt\)](#)

Well everyone, we have started a new year. May we be as successful as last year.

Your Fellow Member,

Joseph Dall Vechia