



Rolling Thunder

New York Chapter 3

Calendar Update

MISSION STATEMENT: Rolling Thunder®, Inc.'s major function is to publicize the POW-MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. To help correct the past and to protect the 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.



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.

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May 2017

Well, as always, May is one of our busiest months. Starting May 6, we have the annual Orange County Veterans Coalition picnic.

Sunday, May 7 we have the Montrose Country Western Party
Saturday, May 20 there is the Hudson Valley Honor Flight escort at Westchester airport.

May 21, there is the 13th annual Legion Riders spring ride.
Finally, we have our run to the Wall the 25 thru the 29 of May.
We have a lot of work to do but as always, we get it done.

I try to make this News Letter both short and informational. I try to change things up a bit and talk about something that may affect us all. I try to be objective on all issues and non-political on any issue.

In my opinion, Living The American Dream is not necessarily how much wealth we achieve but how much we are able to give back in ways that best suits us as individuals. I look at all of us here in Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 3 and see a very much varied assemblance of good hard working and dedicated people. Every month that goes by, you have stepped up to the plate and done something to recognize those who have served us faithfully, Al and Shelly at West Point for the Chair of Honor dedication. Ron Orts taking on the challenging task of our President, AGAIN. Terry Elia as our Vice President and of course all our people that take on the tasks of chairing committee's. These would be simple tasks if we didn't have family's, jobs etc. to maintain. But the time we dedicate to OUR mission is what makes OUR American dreams so special not only for us but for those we do these events for.

If I have said it once I have said it 100 times, I am very proud to be a part of such a Great and Productive organization and I again have to say thank you all for letting me be a part of Rolling Thunder N.Y. Chapter 3 and to a little extent, part of your lives.

Now for a little Humor

Tribute to the Marines

A tribute to the United States Marine Corps and the reasons why they are superior to the many organizations of the world . . .

*** United States Marine Corps Birthday: 10 NOVEMBER 1775 ***

- 1) Best haircut. Hands down. You can't have a bad hair day with a high and tight. And you spend less on shampoo.**
- 2) Dress blues. They're the coolest uniforms in any military worldwide.**
- 3) Bloused trousers. Another distinctive Marine look that sets the proudest service members apart.**
- 4) The rest of the Marine sea bag. From the Alphas to the camouflage utilities, uniforms just look better on a Marine than any other service member.**
- 5) Marines don't wear dungarees.**
- 6) Most respect I. When the Marines pulled out of Haiti and Somalia, the media reported the U.S. military was pulling out -- as if tens of thousands of Army troops weren't still in the country. Now that's respect.**
- 7) Most respect II. When the Corps came back to Haiti after 60 years, an old man on the Cap-Haitien beach said "*Welcome back!*"**
- 8) Toughest mascot. The Marine Corps' is a bulldog. The Navy's: a goat.**
- 9) Esprit de Corps. Even if you can't spell it or pronounce it, the Marine Corps has it in spades. One example: When sailors get tattoos, they do it to express their individuality, and their choices range from Betty Boop and Mickey Mouse to raging sea serpents. When Marines get tattoos, they do it to express their solidarity, and choose bull dogs, ``death before dishonor," and ``USMC."**
- 10) Best war monument: Iwo Jima**
- 11) The Marines invade, then go home. The Army has to do the occupying.**
- 12) The silent drill team. Just watching them ply their trade makes you want to wear dress blues.**

13) Status. Sailors live and work on ships. Marines go for cruises -- then hit the shore.

14) Best fast attack vehicles: LAVs.

15) Best fighting knife: Ka-Bar.

16) Best duty assignments: Okinawa, Kaneohe Bay, Camp Pendleton, Diego Garcia, Moscow, North Carolina. Plus any ship at sea.

17) Worst duty assignments: Okinawa, Kaneohe Bay, Camp Pendleton, Diego Garcia, Moscow, North Carolina. Plus any ship at sea.

18) Most exotic duty assignments: Kuala Lumpur, The White House.

19) Best phone number. Call 1-800-MARINES and you've got the Corps. And if you're a civilian with the character to be a Marine, a recruiter there will be happy to sign you up.

20) Toughest DI's. (Drill Instructors). They're so tough that when the Navy wants to train its officers, who do they call? 1-800-MARINES.

21) Toughest boot camp. When San Diego was still training Navy recruits, legend has it that recruits occasionally would jump the fence and accidentally land in Marine boot camp. The Marines would keep them a couple of days, and when the recruits were sent back, they were ready to be sailors!

22) Best motivational cries: Ooh-rah! - Attack! - Kill!

23) Best emblem: Eagle, Globe and Anchor. (Air, Land and Sea)

24) Best campaign covers: The Smokey Bear hat.

25) Separate heads for enlisted and officers. Everywhere else, officers and enlisted use the same pot.

26) The only official, congressionally sanctioned hymn for any of the services: ``The Marines' Hymn.''

So people, if anyone has a story or humor you would like to share, send it to me and I will include it in the newsletter.

NEWS & STORIES

[Marine Missing From World War II Accounted For \(Bussa\)](#)

By | April 21, 2017

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. George S. Bussa has now been accounted for. In November 1943, Bussa was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines,...

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

By | April 19, 2017

Army Read Pvt. Walter F. Piper has now been accounted for. Piper, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division,...

[Sailor Killed in World War II Identified \(Surratt\)](#)

By | April 17, 2017

Seaman 1st Class Milton R. Surratt has now been accounted for. Surratt, assigned to the USS Oklahoma, was killed Dec. 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Interment...

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

By | April 14, 2017

Army Pfc. Richard A. Lucas has now been accounted for. Lucas, of Company C, 1st Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was reported Missing in...

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

By | April 14, 2017

Army Air Forces Pvt. Harold S. Hirschi has now been accounted for. Hirschi, of Headquarters Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group, died Nov. 19, 1942 in the...



NEWS RELEASES

04/27/17: [Soldier Killed In Korean War Accounted For \(Henson\)](#)

04/21/17: [USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II \(Walkowiak\)](#)

04/20/17: [USS Oklahoma Sailor From World War II Accounted For \(Sederstrom\)](#)

04/14/17: [Soldier Missing From Korean War Accounted For \(Miller\)](#)

04/14/17: [USS Oklahoma Sailor From World War II Accounted For \(Galajdik\)](#)

Rolling Thunder 2017: Motorcycle Rally in Washington DC

So I have included some tips and a schedule of events in our newsletter for May. I hope it will be helpful to especially those of you that are going to D.C. for the first time. I hope it is helpful.

Rolling Thunder is an annual motorcycle rally that is held in Washington, DC during the Memorial Day weekend to call for the government's recognition and protection of Prisoners of War (POWs) and those Missing in Action (MIAs). The tribute to American war heroes started out in 1988 with 2,500 participants. Now approximately 900,000 participants and spectators are involved with this annual demonstration in Washington, DC.

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Rolling Thunder is one of the best patriotic events held in the nation's capital and a unique experience not to be missed.

2017 Rolling Thunder Memorial Day Schedule

Friday, May 26, 2017

Candlelight Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

[Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#), Washington, DC

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Wreathlaying Ceremony – 11:00 a.m.

[U.S. Navy Memorial](#)

701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC (On the Plaza)

Saluting Our Troops

Henry Bacon Dr. and Constitution Ave.

The Stage is just north of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#), Washington, DC

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Rolling Thunder (will assemble at the Pentagon Parking Lot) - 7:00 a.m. - Noon.

Departure To Washington, DC - Noon

[See a Map of the Route](#)

Speaker Program - 1:30 p.m.

Musical Tribute - 3:00 p.m.

The Stage is located between the Reflecting Pool and the [Korean War Memorial](#)

Tips for Attending Rolling Thunder

- The best viewing spots are along the Arlington Memorial Bridge and Constitution Avenue.
- Streets will be closed along the route from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is limited. Public transportation is suggested. [See a guide to using Metro](#). Stations nearby include Smithsonian, Metro Center, Judiciary Square, Federal Triangle and L'Enfant Plaza.

Well Folks, this is all I have to say right now. I hope you enjoyed May 2017newsletter. Please remember though that I will include anything anyone would like to add to our newsletter.

Thank You All For Reading

Joe DallVechia