



Rolling Thunder CA-1 Quarterly Newsletter

Our Mission

The major function of Rolling Thunder® Inc. is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: 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 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. Rolling Thunder® Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA Issue that we are working on.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. CA-1 is the first fully chartered west coast chapter of Rolling Thunder® Inc. We are dedicated to helping those who are serving, have served and the families left behind of those members in the armed forces who have been wounded, missing or killed in action.



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Meetings

Monthly Meetings

We meet the
3rd Wednesday of
every month at the
Elks Lodge at 6:30 PM.

Address:
The Elks Lodge #2477
158 Conejo School Rd
Thousand Oaks, CA.
91360

Become A Member

Whether you are a veteran or not, family member of a veteran or not, ride a motorcycle or not, YOU ARE WELCOME!

Rolling Thunder Story

Incorporated in 1995, [Rolling Thunder[®], Inc.](#) is a class 501(c)(4) non-profit organization with over 90 chartered chapters throughout the United States and members abroad. While many members of Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. are veterans and many ride motorcycles, neither qualification is a prerequisite. Rolling Thunder[®], Inc. members are old and young, men and women, veterans and non-veterans. All are united in the cause to bring full accountability for Prisoners Of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) of all wars, reminding the government, the media and the public by our watchwords: "We Will Not Forget."

Annual Events

Rolling Thunder CA-1 attends numerous events through-out the year to support, honor, and/or assist local veterans. The following list are those events that are scheduled for the remainder of 2024.

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| Thousand Oaks Street Fair | 10/20/2024 |
| West Valley Christian Church | 11/06/2024 |
| Camarillo Santa's Village | 12/14/2024 |
| Wreaths Across America | 12/14/2024 |

If there is an event that you would like Rolling Thunder CA-1 to consider, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to support our veterans and raise awareness of the Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) issue.

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- 13 Navy Birthday (1775)
- 14 Columbus Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- 26 National Day of the Deployed

NOVEMBER

- 5 Election Day
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Native American Heritage Day

DECEMBER

- 1 Civil Air Patrol Birthday
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13 National Guard Birthday
- 14 National Wreaths Across America Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 16 Battle of the Bulge Day (1944)
- 17 Wright Brothers Day
- 25 Christmas Day/Hanukkah Begins

Missing in Action (MIA) Update

Unaccounted for by War (as of 9/30/2024):

- World War II 72,012
- Korean War 7,455
- Vietnam War 1,574
- Cold War 126
- Gulf Wars 6
& Libya

Total MIA count for California : 6,345

Total accounted for so far in FY 2024 (10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024): 117

WWII = 88, Korean War = 25, Vietnam War = 4

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Rolling Thunder CA-1 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park. Any question please call John Short at 800-606-1390

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0851



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Rolling Thunder CA-1 Officers & Board

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- Board Member: Mike Smith



Member Updates

Welcome to our newest board member, Mike Smith.

Congratulations to the following members who recently received their back patches: Russ Miller, Becky Miller, Mike Smith, David Beaver, Annette Barboza, and Erik Sterling.



Flags on Bikes



When the US flag is flown alone, it needs be at the center on the back of the motorcycle, or to its "marching right." The "marching right" is on the right side of the motorcycle to the rider's perspective when facing forward. If the US Flag is on your bike with another, it should be to its "marching right." All flags flown with the US Flag are the same size and at the same height of the US Flag. While the US Flag is on your bike with several other flags the US flag is placed at the center and highest. Other flags should be arranged in alphabetical order and in decreasing importance - Nations first, states (in order of admittance) and territories second, military third (in order of establishment), and then any others.

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day:

A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Donations

Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to our chapter, organization and Veterans. We are 100% donation driven and 100% volunteer based. No one in the Rolling Thunder® Inc. organization draws a salary. All proceeds donated goes directly to help our Veterans and their families through projects we fund and manage.

How You Can Help

Without your help we would not be able to help our veterans. Rolling Thunder® Inc. CA-1 is a 501(c)(4) & Rolling Thunder® Inc. Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

You may send any donations to: P.O. Box 6672, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.



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