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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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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 the upcoming events that are scheduled for the remainder of 2025.

Thousand Oaks Street Fair	10/19/2025
Camarillo Trunk or Treat	10/29/2025
Veterans Day Wellness Fair in Simi Valley	11/11/2025
West Valley Christian Church	11/12/2025
Camarillo Santa's Village	12/13/2025
Wreaths Across America	12/13/2025

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

- 7 Operation Enduring Begins (2001)
- 13 Navy Birthday (1775) & Columbus Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Make A Difference Day
- 26 National Day of the Deployed
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clock back an hour)
- 4 Election Day
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Native American Heritage Day

DECEMBER

- 1 Civil Air Patrol Birthday (1941)
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 13 National Guard Birthday (1636)
- 13 National Wreaths Across America Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 16 Battle of the Bulge (1944)
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

Rolling Thunder CA-1 Officers & Board

Officers

- President: John Short III
(800) 606-1390
- Vice President: Allan Woods
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- Secretary: Christina Woods
- Treasurer: Lisa Connolly

Board of Directors

- Chairman of the Board: Pat Connolly
- Membership/Board Member : Tom Cook
- Board Member: Jim Kirby
- Board Member: Mike Smith
- Board Member: Russ Miller
- Board Member—Tim Tarry



Member Updates

Welcome to our newest board members; Russ Miller and Tim Tarry.

Congratulations to Floyd Lovejoy and Cynthia Votava who recently received their boot patches.



Recent Event Photos



(Wings Over Camarillo Air Show)

Missing in Action (MIA) Update

Unaccounted for by War (as of 9/26/2025):

- World War II 71,844
- Korean War 7,398
- Vietnam War 1,566
- Cold War 126
- Gulf Wars 6
& Libya

Total accounted for so far in FY 2025 (10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025): 226

WWII = 163, Korean War = 55, Vietnam War = 8

Total MIA count for California : 6,325

Veteran Spotlight

On August 1st, with heavy hearts, we joined family and friends to lay to rest one of our own, **Bob Jones**. Bob was an active member of Rolling Thunder CA-1 and could be counted on to participate in all our events, engage with others to support our mission, and due to his passion and dedication, became an enthusiastic board member.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Robert Lewis Jones Sr., a beloved father, grandfather, Air Force veteran, devoted friend, and motorcycle enthusiast, passed away at the age of 72 in a tragic motorcycle accident.

Born on March 3, 1953, in Fort Worth, Texas, Bob lived in St. Louis and graduated early from high school to volunteer in the U.S. Air Force in January 1972. He was a Minuteman missile mechanic proudly serving with the 100th AMMS and flying drone missions in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

He married Colleen Russell in June 1975 and started college after his honorable service and discharge in September 1975, graduating twice with two undergraduate degrees. He and Colleen had three children, Robert L. Jones Jr, Kevin T. Jones, and Eleana M. Jones. After college, he became an Insurance adjuster in 1982 and divorced in 1985 before moving to Glendale, California, in 1986. Bob started law school in 1989 and graduated in 1993. He started work in a law firm with his best friend, Jack Sheppard, in insurance defense for three years and returned to insurance adjusting in 1997. He started his own company, R.L. Jones & Associates, that same year and worked for almost two decades in private investigation and insurance adjusting. He met Sammi Brazenor in 2002, and they loved their life together while traveling the world until her passing in July 2014. He remarried Erja Sandelin in May 2016 until their divorce in May 2023. Although she moved back to Finland, they remained in contact and had a wonderful friendship. Bob loved to be in love, and the last love of his life was Lina Liu. Over the last two years, she filled his life with commitment and joy.

Bob's life was marked by his unwavering work ethic, his Irish wit, his Cheshire cat smile, and his uncanny way of making you laugh. Bob had a good heart and would help anybody in need. He loved to travel with his friends, Jack and Debra, Gary and Gayle, and Carlos and Laurie, during their many adventures around the world, and his sarcastic humor made all his journeys more than memorable.

Bob was an avid rider committed his life to supporting veterans through his local motorcycle riding chapter, Rolling Thunder, and his riding buddies in the Conejo Cruisers. His passion for riding, America, and its veterans was proudly seen through his many patriotic events, including Ride to the Flags, Ride for the Blue, Veterans Day, 4th of July, and Memorial Day riding events, along with participating in the annual Wreaths Across America. Bob could usually be seen riding, offering sage advice, and would have a beer with just about anyone, as long as you didn't mind a little civil discourse with a proud Republican.

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Veteran Spotlight (continued)

Bob's love for riding, his love for his family, and grandkids were beyond question as he would drive 15 - 20 hours one way to see his family. He loved to travel to see the "Jones Clan", Stan and Deloras Jones, Jeff and Kay, Sherry and Dan, Denise and Ken, while seeing his extended family fueled his passion for filling out his family tree's ancestry line. His family loved his mischievous smile, his commitment to American patriotism, his love of history, and his ability to have an argument with anyone, but give them a hug in the next breath. His true calling was to be a grandfather, beaming from ear to ear every time he saw his grandchildren. His commitment to his grandchildren was beyond measure as he loved them with every fiber of his being.

Bob is survived by his son, Army Veteran Kevin Jones; his daughters-in-law, Aili Jones and Jean Jones; his brother, Jeff Jones; his sisters, Sherry Kelly and Denise Ker; and five grandchildren, Serena, Angelina, Vincent, Nevaeh, and Ethan.

Rest in peace Brother! We love you!





Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 13, 2025** ★

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 questions, please call John Short III at 800-606-1390 or email him at john.short@ubs.com!

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



#KeepMovingForward

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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