

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Chapter 5 Michigan

OUR MOTTO:

*"When one American is not worth
the effort to be found,
we as Americans have lost"*



ROLLING THUNDER® INC. CHAPTER 5 MICHIGAN

P.O. Box 305

Hartland, MI 48353

President: Duane O'Parka

Email: rtmc5.president@gmail.com

Phone: 248-505-5953

MEETINGS
HELD ON THE 2nd
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 10 A.M.

@ The Greater Brighton Area
Chamber of Commerce
218 E Grand River Ave,
Brighton, MI 48116



MISSION STATEMENT

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 FUTURE VETERANS FROM BEING LEFT BEHIND SHOULD THEY BECOME PRISONERS OF WAR -MISSING IN ACTION. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO HELPING AMERICAN VETERANS FROM ALL WARS.

MISSING POW/MIA's

"We will never forget"

WWI	3,344
WWII	78,503
Cold War	120
Korea	8,044
Vietnam	1,651
Afghanistan	0
Total	91,662

(Rolling Thunder® Inc
as of 4/2016)

NATIONAL
POW/MIA
RECOGNITION
DAY

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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 the Prisoners of War-Missing in Action (POW/MIA) of all wars, reminding the government, the media and the public by our watchwords:

"We Will Not Forget."

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Chapter 5 MI is a class 501(c) (4) non-profit organization and is a registered Non-Profit with the State of Michigan

Rolling Thunder® Inc. Chapter 5 Michigan

is a class 501(c) (4) non-profit organization and is a registered Non-Profit with the State of Michigan

*"They fought for our freedom,
we're fighting for theirs"*

About us:

What we do...

We are not a motorcycle club. If you are looking for a motorcycle club, we are not it. "Some" of our members own bikes and ride them to our events, or ride to our events as a group, but we do not require nor emphasize motorcycle riding.

We visit the VA hospital on a regular basis, do fund raising for the Michigan Disabled Veteran's Group. We support local veteran's homeless shelter(s). We support two Veterans Adult Foster Care Homes.

We donate, present and replace, as needed, POW/MIA flags to businesses that support our cause. We support other veteran groups in their endeavors. We also support other Rolling Thunder® Inc. Chapters.

While some Rolling Thunder® members are WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq Freedom and Afghanistan Veterans, many are not; but every member is dedicated to our mission.

How we got started:

Rolling Thunder® Inc. began on Memorial Day, 1987 when about 2,500 people gathered in Washington D.C. for a visit to the Vietnam Memorial and to peacefully demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the U.S. government's lack of action toward finding and returning thousands of Veterans left behind from past wars after the troops were brought home. The annual event has grown to more than 750,000 people from across the U.S. and many Foreign Countries.

The name "**Rolling Thunder**" came from the sounds of the F-105's and B-52's bombing runs during the Vietnam War.

Rolling Thunder® Inc. is a relatively young organization, formed by 80 chapter members in 1995. Today, there are 97 chapters across the U.S.

Thinking of Joining?

You need not be a veteran to join... Membership is open to all persons, male or female over the age of 18, (40% of all members are not Veterans). You must attend at least three meetings and three events each year to remain a member.

Junior members are also welcome when sponsored by an adult chapter member.

In addition to the annual Memorial Day **Rolling Thunder® Inc.** Run to Washington D.C the Michigan Chapters join in with other Veterans Groups to raise awareness for the POW/MIA issue. Each chapter is also dedicated to charitable cause for all Veterans.

To find out more join us at one of our meetings.

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10 A.M.

@

THE GREATER BRIGHTON AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
218 E GRAND RIVER AVE, BRIGHTON,
MI 48116



ROLLING CHAPTER 5 MI WEB SITE: www.rollingthundermich5.com
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/rollingthundermichapter5
TWITTER: [@RollThunderMI5](https://twitter.com/RollThunderMI5)
NATIONAL: www.rollingthunder1.com/
Nat'l FB: [www.facebook.com/Rolling Thunder, Inc. National](http://www.facebook.com/RollingThunder,Inc.National)



Did you know: That while many members of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. are veterans and many ride motorcycles, neither qualification is a prerequisite?