

KELLAHER GOLF TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

JUNE 9, 2017

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**Friday, June 19, 2017
Bowie Golf Club
Bowie, MD**

1. _____ \$85 Per Golfer-Tee Time-9:00AM
Drinks and Food Included
2. _____ Contact Tom Delaney for questions at:
(301) 262-1660
3. _____ Make checks payable to:
Greenbelt American Legion
Memo: Golf
4. _____ Mail checks to:
\$100 to sponsor a hole
Greenbelt American Legion
6900 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770



FOOD AND FUN AT THE LEGION FOLLOWING

Rolling Thunder organization achieves 30 year anniversary

“We will not forget” underscores mission of accounting for POW/MIAs

By Butch Hicks

Each year during the Memorial Day weekend, nearly half a million motorcyclists perform a "rolling thunder run" to Washington D.C. to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and other memorials, to hear speeches by members, supporters, military officials and politicians. It is said the riders' arrival is announced by the roar of their motorcycles, a sound not unlike the hundreds of aircraft comprising attacks on North Vietnam targets in the 1965-68 bombing campaign named Operation Rolling Thunder.

This year will mark the 30th anniversary of Rolling Thunder's first ride in 1987 to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Rolling Thunder, Inc. members are old and young, men and women, veterans and non-veterans. Members 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 of its watchwords "We Will Not Forget."

The 30th Ride for Freedom" will occur May 28, 2017 with assembly in the north Pentagon parking lot at 8 am. Riders leave at 12 noon for a ride through Washington, DC to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial.

On May 28 the Greenbelt American Legion hosts a breakfast and cook out for over 200 Rolling Thunder riders headed for Washington, DC to attend various ceremonies. Riders come from up and down the East coast representing various chapters of the Rolling Thunder organization or they are non-affiliated veterans who want to be part of the ceremonies. Riders fill the Post's parking lot with motorcycles of every description replete with American and POW/MIA flags.

Inside the Post Legion, SAL and Auxiliary volunteers serve a very early AM hearty breakfast done in time to allow riders to head for Washington, DC. In the afternoon a cook out is held at the Post yard for riders wanting to refresh before heading home. "It's one of the events recognizing Veterans on Memorial Day that we look forward to every year," said Post Commander Mike Moore. "Our Post flies the POW/MIA flag every day beneath the National Colors. It is with great pride and honor we assist Rolling Thunder riders who do so much to support POW/MIA accountability efforts."