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## Dear Members/Chapters/Supporters:

Happy New Year 2023! Hope you and your families had a joyful celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. Our 10<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America event at Somerset Hills was a great success and got everyone in the Holiday spirit. Thanks to all those that contributed and worked the event.

As our Country returns to a more normal following the pandemic, 2022 saw the Rolling Thunder organization return to holding State Chapter meetings, events and participating in their local communities. The 25th Rolling Thunder Conference, held in Washington, DC was well attended and provided an opportunity for the nationwide membership to meet and discuss the aims of the organization. We will continue working on the POW/MIA Mission, dedicating POW/MIA Honor Chairs and Flags nationwide, helping veterans and active military through Rolling Thunder® Charities and hopefully return to being active in the VA hospital system. We recently had a meeting with the Lyons New Jersey VA representatives and a possible PTSD visit with restrictions may happen in January. Nothing is certain with visits to the VA. A January 19th Veterans Advisory Board meeting at Lyons is schedule, the first in over two years. Rolling Thunder has been on this Board for many years, concerns addressed are Veterans outpatient care, mental health treatment programs, Community Living Center, Campus programs. I greatly look forward to resuming these meeting with the VA staff.

Seek confidence in what Rolling Thunder has achieved in the past and direct our efforts inward to establish a grassroots movement focused on local, county and state officials responding to their constituents. Let your elected officials know who you are and what our organization stands for. Educate the public at whatever suitable venue chapters gather at. We are in the early stages of planning for the 2023 New Jersey "Ride for Freedom" XXXV, Sunday, May 28, 2023. I encourage and hope all state chapters will make plans for a Memorial Weekend demonstration in their state to bring attention and continue our 35 year Mission. Again, best wishes for 2023 and remember all those members who have passed in 2022. Remember our POW/MIAs, our Veterans and Troops serving. God Bless America!

Sincerely.

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