



Breaking News: Governor appoints Les Cook property appraiser

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Our mission, our belief

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I would like to thank the *Citrus County Chronicle* for their timely reporting of the imprisonment of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, in the Dec. 25, 2013, issue — "Group making thunder about POW."

The word "thunder" in the article refers to the organization, Rolling Thunder Inc. The mission statement of Rolling Thunder is as follows: "Rolling Thunder Inc's major function is to publicize the POW/MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. 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 is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA issue."

To clarify, Rolling Thunder Inc. is not designated as a motorcycle club or veterans group. While many are veterans who ride motorcycles, there are also many concerned citizens who are not veterans and do not ride motorcycles.

This is an important fact not to be overlooked. In our own Rolling Thunder Florida, Chapter 7, of Citrus County, there are many members who arrive at monthly meetings and chapter events in cars. Their dedication is to all our veterans, even if they personally have not seen military duty. They are valuable members, much appreciated and needed. As stated in Rolling Thunder literature, "... members are old and young, men and women, veterans and non-veterans."

In helping all our veterans, active military and their families, Rolling Thunder has donated time and monies for food, clothing and other essentials.

Included are women's crisis centers and needs of children.

Rolling Thunder reaches out to many, to bring awareness and to offer help and comfort. We encourage all to join us in these efforts. I will end as I began: Remember Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl — help bring him home.

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