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On Saturday, May 21, 2005, Armed Forces Day, The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 921, is having a Poker Run to honor and support our combat troops overseas. All profits from the run will go to help mentor our wounded & safely returning combat troops. This eases their return to civilian life.

We in VVA 921 are also planning on getting a booth at Mitchell Intl. Airport in Milwaukee, to welcome our troops home and honor them for doing their duty in protecting us from car bombs and suicide bombers here in the U.S.A.

9-11 can not happen again, because of what these soldiers are doing for us overseas.

VVA 921 also mentors family members of these returning troops. We try to explain how different their sisters, or mothers, or brothers, or fathers may be due to what they saw and did in combat situations. This mentoring of family members has helped them to understand some of the changes those soldiers have gone through since being shipped out.

This mentoring program has been brought up to the National Committee of the VVA, and was received in a very good way. At present, the Nation Committee is considering implementing this program on a national level, with VVA 921 as a founding base. This program is very young, but has already paid dividends. The stronger this program gets, the more soldiers and families will be helped to readjust to a normal life style.

In today's society, our citizens support our troops, no matter what the political agenda may be. For this we as Vietnam Vets are very grateful.

When we, Vietnam Vets, came home, we were feared and hated. We were denied benefits to help us. We as Vietnam Vets fought the Veterans Administration and the U.S. government for 20-25 years before help was given to us. In that time, even though over 58,000 Americans died in Nam, more than 120,000 Vietnam vets committed suicide after they returned home. JUST BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET ANY HELP. It was 28 years before anyone came up to me and thanked me for serving my country and welcomed me home. I cried when I heard these words.

We as VVA members, both on a national & local level, will do all in our power to assure that these things will never happen to any soldier again.

As U.S. citizens and motorcycle riders, I ask you all to support all VVA chapters in their fund raising functions. All profits from these functions go to our troops and their families. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Henry "The Elephant Man"
VVA 921, Waterford, WI



I received this email from one of our servicemen over in Iraq. He told me how him and all our troops enjoy getting mail from home. It makes their day just a little bit brighter hearing about home. He sent me some e-mail addresses and his regular mail address. I hope that our readers will reach out and drop these men and woman a letter or package from us here in the states. If

you know of anyone in Iraq or any combat area that would like to get a copy of the paper and/or have their address listed, you can mail it to: Free Riders Press 1900A Madison St, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email me at: lorie@freeriderspress.us. Let our troops know that we appreciate what they are doing for our country and that we will not forget them!

Lorie,

Hello, I talked with my platoon and have some email address for you. Several are interested in receiving emails. I will also include my snail mail address. It was a pleasure chatting with you yesterday. I love meeting new people and making friends. The email address list is:

sgtflesh@aol.com
tim8201@yahoo.com
Bartlyroe@yahoo.com
sick12003@yahoo.com
DelatDave0304@yahoo.com
BrockL54@yahoo.com
RJZoom@SBCGLOBAL.net
Going2crazy2002@yahoo.com

SFC Fleshman from GA
PFC Wagner from PA
SSG Webster from UT
SPC Scott from TX
SGT Stemmerich from PA
PFC Luther from IN
PFC Saunders from TX
SSG Harris from WI

The snail mail address for me is:

SFC Sonny Fleshman
HHC 2nd BCT (PSD)
Unit #15058
APO AE 09395-5058

We look forward to hearing from you and your organization. It makes us feel better knowing that there are people at home that are thankful for what we do. I also want to Thank you all for reaching out to those of us here and spreading friendship, brotherhood, and support. I cannot begin to explain how much that means to me. God Bless you Lorie and the rest for your organization.

Sonny

"Breeze", one of our salesman and distributor has a son, Patrick Huwiler, who is serving in iraq. His e-mail is listed below for any of you that are interest. Please keep Patrick and all our soldiers in your prayers for their safe and speedy return.

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Bell Signs, "Not Just Signs"

I first talked with Tammy after Hellcat, one of the Brothers from Armed Forces MC, turned them onto this rag. Tammy gave me a call about some ad prices and the rest is history.

I finally made it down to meet these folks after two previously failed attempts, and I'm glad I did. With all the intention of staying only for a short time, it turned into a 2 hour ordeal. Tammy and Mike are great people to sit around and shoot the shit with. (Warning: Tammy is a people person) Finding out after talking with her about some of the runs they have been on, how she will start up a conversation with anyone. Ok, I'm getting off track here.

Bell Signs located at 219 3rd Ave Monroe, WI just a short hop south of Madison and has been owned by Tammy and Mike since 2001, after buying the sign division from it's original owner.

I asked Tammy what kind of things they do at Bell Signs? She replied, "What don't we do is more like it. We do everything from business cards to neon signs to banners of unlimited size. Not to mention magnets, frisbees, bumper stickers etc, etc, etc."

"We do everything that will promote your unique business." I'd have to agree with that. And one of the cool things they do (like most of the bikers out there) is help out select charities with discounts for their event.

If your looking for any kind of promotional items like I did, give Mike or Tammy a call at 608-328-3427 or check out their website at www.signs4ever.com. Making it easy for you to order items and pay quickly with PayPal.

see our ad on page 14

POKER RUN

MISSION:

WELCOME HOME/SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sponsored by the
Vietnam Vets of America Chapter 921

Saturday, May 21, 2005 Armed Forces Day

**ALL PROFITS TO HELP RETURNING
VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Register at the Bunker.....11 am to 12 pm
Waterford, WI**

1 block north of Hwy 36 on Hwy 20 & 83

\$10 PER HAND \$15 PER COUPLE

**Prizes, 50/50 drawing, & Free Raffle Prizes
to be given out at 7:30 pm**

**Beer and Food available
at the end of the run**