

Little Bit of Everything

By Skypilot

I'm calling this article this because I'm going to talk about a few things this month. Everything from supporting our troops, the birth of my grandson, bike safety, and veterans getting involved with the Veterans Administration.

First off on the 25th of February at 1:44 a.m. my daughter and her husband blessed me with my first grandchild. A 9 lb 6 oz, 21 inch boy. Noah Sterling he's beautiful and mom and him are just fine, my son in law was dragging ass (Very little sleep, running back and forth home to do things). I thought the feelings I had years ago were great. This feeling here is even greater, I should say different. I've been on a high since the birth (a natural high). Can't believe I'm a Grandpa.

Secondly I would like to talk to you



about the Veterans out there, that served their country proudly. Unfortunately a lot of WW II and Korean Vets are dying off and I thank each and everyone of them for serving their country and putting their ass on the line. If your a Veteran and haven't gotten into the VA system, you need to. It's not charity or welfare it is something owed to you. You may not think you needed it now, but you might someday, getting in now will be easier then later. VA Hospitals are required to keep so many numbers to receive Federal funding. So it makes since to do it now why the openings are there. The Lebanon VA hospital was on the news tonight as being one of the best ones in the nation.

On the 17th of March they are having a huge rally in Washington D.C. to show our Troops we support them. You can do this on your own by displaying signs in your yard, on a window in your home, a sign on your car, at doesn't take much, but if you can get there go. they are meeting on the Lincoln memorial steps between 8:30 and 9:00 am. This Troops joined to serve their country knowing they may have to give up their life some day for your freedom. It is the least you can do, you may not believe in the conflict, but you must support our Troops for giving you freedom, just as you should support your local Police and Firefighters for protecting you and your property everyday.

Last but not lest it's riding season, take some time and check your bike out from head to toe, make sure it is rode worthy, your tires pressure and wear for sure. Taking a few minutes now could save you from sitting on the side of the road broke down, or god forbid, a few minutes and adjustments could possible save your life down the road. I know when

I got put down in 99 it happen in just a second.

Well fellow riders be safe out there and keep the shiny side up. "KEEP TRIKEN" " and may the Great Spirit ride with you. Remember if your a Vet and have a story (funny or not) about when you served contact me ~ vietnam-biker@aol.com subject "story for Sky"

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Hero's Come Home



With this being a very thought provoking time as far as the Iraq issue goes, I had the honor of attending the Homecoming of Charlie Company at the Noel Hanger in Stevens Point, WI. The idea of these troops coming home to the first major snow of the year, after being in temps as high as 140 degrees in the Iraqi desert, talk about shock to the system. Without hesitation, Lorie and I (being Patriot Guard Riders) headed across the street from our house to see if any of the Veterans groups be it the Legion, VFW, DAV or anybody needed any help doing anything. The Portage County Veterans Affairs Director asked if we would be able to go out (in the blizzard) and relieve the Legion Members from directing vehicles as to where they should park. No problem we said as we ran home, changed into our warmer clothes and jumped in. As the lot filled and the bus arrived with our returning Hero's and we headed in for the ceremony.

Once inside I started thinking how interesting it was that the troops who have been away from their families/ loved ones for over a year, and how they would really like to go give their families a big hug, but are giving us the time to welcome them home. The unselfishness that appeared to me at that moment was overwhelming. In closing I would again like to Welcome the Troops home, and hope they are enjoying the time back home.

Anybody interested in sending positive thoughts, pictures, messages for a certain person in the military, or have a soldier that would like to get the Free Riders Press let us know. We will see what we can do to support our American Hero's. Send e-mails to preacher@freeriderspress.us or snail mail to 4500 Hwy 66, Stevens Point, WI 54481.



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