

Bikers VS. ISIS: "Netherlands Okays Biker Gangs To Fight Islamic State"

The Dutch public prosecutor has announced that "motorbike gang members" who have joined Kurds battling the Islamic State group are not necessarily committing any crime. Members of the infamous 'No Surrender' motorcycle club are fighting against Islamic State militants in northern Iraq, and public prosecutor spokesman Wim de Bruin told the AFP news service, "Joining a foreign armed force was previously punishable, now it's no longer forbidden."

Many countries including the Netherlands have been clamping down on their nationals trying to join ISIS jihadists who have taken over swathes of Iraq and Syria. Measures include confiscating would-be jihadists' passports before travelling and threatening prosecution should they return.

"You just can't join a fight against the Netherlands," he told AFP after reports emerged that the Dutch bikers were fighting ISIS insurgents alongside Kurdish troops in the Middle East.

In November 1965, Ralph "Sonny" Barger of the Hells Angels MC sent a letter to President Lyndon Johnson at the White House offering tactical support for the war effort: "I volunteer a group of loyal Americans for behind-the-line duty in Vietnam. We are available for training and duty immediately."

Chief of Police Cancels Ocean City Bike Week "No Colors" Policy

GOOD NEWS (Sept 12, 2014): The Maryland Confederation Of Clubs Attorney Mitchell Greenberg approached the Ocean City Police on Thursday, Sept. 11 to address the "NO COLORS" policy stated on the Chief of Police Bike Week Rules and Regulations page on the OCPD website.

The matter was brought to a quick and friendly close including a personal call to Mitch from Chief of Police Ross Buzzuro who assured the Maryland Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney that all Clubs and Colors are welcome in Ocean City. Mitch in turn assured Chief Buzzuro that the leaders of each Club share his hope for a Safe and Incident-Free bike week.

The OCPD also assured Mitch that the "No Colors" language will be removed as soon as possible and that Colors are welcome in Ocean City public areas.

New Army Rules Ban Basketball Shoes And Club Colors

U.S. Military installations worldwide require military members and employees to utilize a variety of safety equipment to ride motorcycles on base that is not required by laws outside their boundaries, but some new Army rules in Hawaii sound way off base.

On Nov. 1, Military Police and leaders at all levels began enforcement of U.S. Army-Hawaii Policy Letter 11 on Motorcycle Safety, consisting of four major changes to the pre-existing policy, including changes to required safety equipment and prohibited equipment.

"When operating a motorcycle on USARHAW installations, riders must wear a DOT approved helmet, protective eyewear, abrasion-resistant gloves, long pants (excluding PT pants), long sleeves, and leather/canvass boots or sturdy over-the-ankle shoes," and such regs are typical of most military bases, but their new policy "prohibits riders from wearing high-top basketball shoes while riding."

Additionally, the new policy specifies the use of reflective gear at all times, and riders must wear either a fluorescent (brightly colored) and reflective vest, jacket or upper outer garment, or they must wear a motorcycle

specific jacket with padding/armor.

But what's most concerning is "Prohibited Equipment" that is NOT allowed to be worn: "Riders on-post are not authorized to wear any garment that displays an affiliation with a motorcycle club or other group that offers or solicits membership."

The new policy applies to all motorcycle operators on USARHAW installations. In addition, the policy applies to all 25th Infantry Division Soldiers, both on and off-post.

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