

Veteran's United For Veterans

Oct 25th was a dreary, overcast and chilly morning when I saddled up and headed to Janesville's Kutter HD for an event that was to raise some funds, awareness and support for our Veterans. Lucy Anderson (Kutter HD's go to gal) spent countless hours and energy getting together displays. A few displays like army vehicles, National Guard members and past equipment that was tried on by many including some younger folks in the crowd. Patriot Guard had a small display along with a presents by riders like Legion Riders, Military Vets MC and Vietnam Vets MC.



Considering the weather, a good turnout of bikes and people showed up to support the event. I went on the 70 or so mile poker run that had stops at Veteran related places like Legion Posts & VFW's. Thanks to a couple of US Military Vets MC members (Cherokee and Triple A) for your guiding skills through the area. I would have never found my way around or back with out you brothers.

After returning I pulled my hand making my \$\$ a donation, but that's ok, the \$15 is well worth my supporting the veterans. After a raffle of goods and services, donated by a wide variety of business's, the main event kicked off. This I will say brought tears to my eyes. (Great job again Lucy, Kutter HD and all involved)



With the service starting out with a couple of short speeches by Richard E. Marbes-past National Commander Disabled American Veterans 1993-94, Lauren Pagenkopf from Harley Davidson Headquarters on their donation to the DAV, Rusty Goecks-DAV Commander Chapter #6 and Cathy Price- DAV Chapter #39 Adjutant and past commander.

The part of this particular service that tore up my heart was the 3 Man Living Statue and the 3 Nurses with Wounded Soldier Ceremony. I have never seen this in all the services I attended, but I believe that it should be mandatory for all to see. The way it was presented was just reality at it's best. The people involved with their bronze skin, silent meaningful motion and the reality that was brought forward without a word spoken. All I can say is Fabulous!

I hope this event is as memorable in the future as it was this year. Mark your calender for September 26, '09. See you there.

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