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In anticipation of the arrival of the Westboro Church as well as the Governor of Minnesota and Congressmen, Sheriffs, Police, Swat teams and Police were everywhere. They also welcomed us with open arms and set up an area, about 750 yards from the Church, where the Westboro Church could demonstrate if they did show. They never did. Although there was a rumor that a van with Kansas plates had driven through the town earlier, a spokesman for the Church later was quoted as saying, "We had gotten so much publicity in the Midwest for our attendance at the funeral in Fargo, North Dakota the previous day, we decided to go to New Hampshire to protest and skip Welcome Minnesota." We were all relieved and the business of honoring one of our fallen soldiers was all that was left for the Patriot Guard to do.

They stood with flags waving in the breeze for 3 hours while the family had a private service. Then the pal bearers walked the casket the 6 blocks to the cemetery through the enclave of Patriot Guard Riders who stood either saluted as veterans or held hands on hearts for civilians. The community members who wanted to participate were given smaller flags to hold and even though the presence of the PGR doubled the size of this little community, you could have heard a pin drop as Robert G. Posivio III was carried to his final resting place at the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery.

The Patriot Guard circled at a respectful distance the entire cemetery with the Marine Honor Guard fired a 21 gun salute. Taps was played and tears flowed and our mission was complete.

All of the Patriot Guard Riders rallied at the South end of town for one final parade of bikes down Main Street before we left the Welcoming town of Welcome at the end of the day.

The community was tireless in their care of us. First aid vans were set up on both ends of town (there was no need for it as there was not a single incident requiring so much as a bandage) The local Culligan and Pepsi distributors walked our route with bottled water. A local restaurant offered free lunch to any of the Riders and at the end of the day when we returned to the Fairgrounds community members had several grills going grilling us hot dogs and pork sandwiches and ham sandwiches and cookies from the local bakery. Water and soda were also available in abundance.

Tom Weller and I approached the Sheriff who was in attendance at the end of the day and asked him what he thought of having the Patriot Guard in Welcome. He smiled and told Tom that it was the most wonderful thing he had ever had a chance to witness. There were no incidents, there was not garbage left behind, there was no sign that we had ever been there except for the healing that it did for the family. He is writing a report on the event to share next month at his meeting of Sheriffs recommending that the PGR is a welcome group who was supportive, orderly and respectful. That is the goal of PGR which was represented impeccably in Welcome Minnesota.

I was honored to be a part of this momentous event and am proud to call myself a Patriot Guard Rider.

For more information on PGR, please visit their website at www.patriotguard.org. You can contact Jim Bono, Minnesota PGR Captain at jamesbono@mn.rr.com. Minnesota in particular is looking for more volunteers to help in their efforts. More ride captains and people willing to help with database work, web design, and administrative duties. The PGR is also in need of at-event communication so anyone who can donate, lend or sell at a good price some walkie-talkies or other communication devices should contact Jim Bono.

Look up your chapter on the Patriot Guard website and join in this grass roots effort that makes a positive change in the lives of grieving families, communities and yourself.

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stopped on that soft shoulder my bike just purred. I sat there and sobbed asking to hear the voice from above to sound again.

As my tears roll down, freezing to the cold on my face from that awful race I was in called the run with the drug that had me poisoned. I open up my jacket, and beneath my vest, I took that gun and threw it into the brush, and surrendered to Arizona state for my callus ways of the living dead.

So see today I might be behind bars, however I can hold my head high and continue to mend with the power I have found from the sky. With inside myself I no longer live the life of the living dead. I have control with help from above. I have found myself and who I am. I know from experience, being caught up in the race with the drug not I choose hugs instead of drugs. I am alive and well because of the love from above. God showed mercy on my life of the living dead.

If I can reach out and give advise to save one person from that awful race, and help someone realize that they have a choice I've done my job well, and I will carry a torch for the race is over and has come to an end. So if you are tired like me, just look above, and you can join me on the walk of victory. What I friend I do have from above, what a friend I have in Jesus.

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