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Bittersweet at times, but it makes everyone's life better

Many of you that have been with us have noticed that we do quite a bit to further the support of our soldiers no matter what the reason. Be it homecoming, funeral or memorial, it I what we feel. As you have noticed the Patriot guard riders comes up quite a bit. In the matter of 2 weeks in May I had the honor and privilege of attending all three. In a short amount of time Lorie and I were amongst a group of bikers and non-bikers to be part of all three.

1st we were asked on May 5th to stand in honor of Pfc. Nicholas "Nic" Riehl who was killed in Irag. The Patriot Guard was asked to attend and give support for the family. For 4 hours there was a line of American Flags lining the entrances of the Shiocton High School. Silent and alert we stood in honor of a fallen soldier, asking nothing in return except the knowledge that we may have made that day just a bit easier for the Family & Friends to bear on that cloudy day.

Next was a happier time when Lorie and I headed up to Green Bay, WI on May 10th for a Homecoming of Corporal William (Willy) Nackers, who is a purple Heart holder from the 1st Marine Division, 2nd Battalion. In very short notice Willies mom asked the guard to be present

when he got off the plane. Without any hesitation some 40 people were there waving flags and thanking him for his service. The expression on his face was priceless when he walked through the doors, making the trip for us very deep down worthwhile.

Lastly on May 11th comes John P Sellung of Wikieup, Ariz. but was originally from Wausau. John served 2 tours in Vietnam and did not get the Respect and Honor when he arrived home that he and other soldiers deserved. The Patriot Guard Riders along with the American Legion Riders and Vietnam Vet Riders made up the flag line and escort for this fallen Brother who died of illness. After the service I overheard someone say that was the best military funeral he had ever seen. "What other kind of service is there when all involved believe in their heart what they are doing." As it says on John's Obituary, "Let us not forget the walking or surviving vets" John P. Sellung (USAF).

We may not know these individuals personally, but we should all share in the

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Veterans and Soldiers, families and Friends. If we don't hold each other up when needed, Biker and Non-Biker, Veteran or Non-Veteran, all viewpoints/sides of the political spectrum and Everyone in between, what good is the past 200 plus years of being part of the greatest country in the world been good for.



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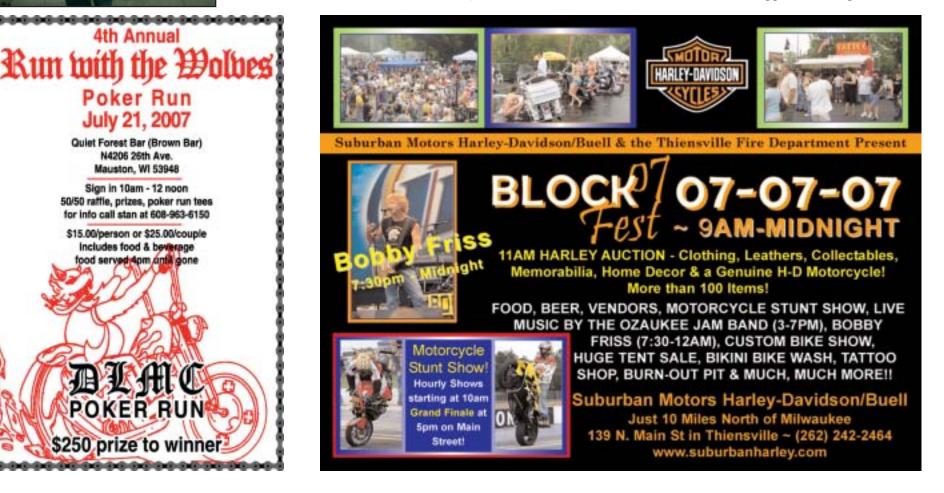
Surprise, Surprise!!

Welcome Home, Willie!!



A Hero forever!!

We're there because we support our troops!!







Thank You John!!!

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