

## A BLANK PERIOD ?

By: Skypilot

Some months I set in front of my computer thinking of what to write and come up with a blank, other times it just flows, well this is one of those months. So I will write about a couple different things.

First on Sunday May 24, 2009 a couple chapter members and I left York, Pennsylvania headed to Washington DC for our annual trip to "Rolling Thunder", this year was the 22nd running of the event. You couldn't have asked for a nicer day. The Sun was out, traffic going and returning wasn't bad, but there was one thing that screwed up the whole event. It was the lack of the American Public (God Bless those that did come), this year out of all the years I have participated in this event was a year when I saw the SMALLEST group show up to pay tribute to America's fallen. I don't know if it's getting to the point people just don't care or what, but I was definitely upset. When I go unlike most people I pay Tribute to not only those listed on "The Wall" (because it was my War), but also the Korean and WWII monuments as well, because I believe they deserve it as much as the Vietnam Veteran. Hopefully next year the numbers will climb again. On the way home we hit a brief shower (30 to 40 minutes long) and it seemed to me that it wasn't rain, but tears from heaven from the fallen saying "Thank you for making the trip again, to pay Tribute to us all". Instead of getting mad because it started raining, I was giving thanks (besides it cooled us off a little).

Secondly I ran across this in one of my old files and thought I'd share it with all of you.

**" A SOLDIER'S PRAYER "**

WRITTEN BY HIS SISTER MARY RODGERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER LANCE CORPORAL JERRY E. METCALF WHO WAS KILLED IN A RICE PADDY IN VIETNAM, SEARCH AND DESTROY, JUNE 15, 1967. "TIME HAS NOT ERASED THE EMPTINESS".



AS THE SOLDIER LOOKED DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS ABOVE  
DOWN ON THE EARTH AND THE LAND THAT HE LOVED

HE SAW ITS BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS, ITS RIVERS AND STREAMS THE LAND  
OF OPPORTUNITY, OF FREEDOM AND DREAMS  
THEN HE LOOKED DOWN AT THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE  
THE FLAG HE DEFENDED, BEING BURNED BY A FEW  
HIS HEART BEGAN ACHING, HIS EYES FILLED WITH TEARS  
DEAR GOD, TELL ME THE REASON FOR THE FLAMES AND THE SNEERS?

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MY PEOPLE, WHERE IS THEIR PRIDE?  
HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN WE CARRIED THAT FLAG AS WE DIED?

THAT FLAG WAS OUR SYMBOL OF A LAND FREE AND TRUE  
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS IT HAS CARRIED US THROUGH

IF THERE EVER WAS ANYTHING FOR WHICH THIS COUNTRY STOOD  
IT WAS THE FLAG THAT TOLD OTHERS OUR LAND WAS FREE AND GOOD

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY MOTHER WHO CRIES OVER MY GRAVE?  
OR THE IMPRISONED OTHERS, SO STRONG AND BRAVE?

WE FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY, MANY LIVES FOR THAT FLAG  
YET YOU DARE LET THEM BURN IT AND CALL IT A RAG?

WE GAVE THE GIFT OF FREEDOM, UNSELFISHLY FOR YOU AND YOUR OWN  
ARE YOUR EYES SO BLIND THAT THIS DISHONOR YOU CONDONE?

THAT FLAG CANNOT BURN, YOU JUST CAN'T LET IT BE  
PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE AND LISTEN TO ME

LET IT FLY PROUDLY,  
PLEASE PROTECT IT  
FROM HARM  
LET IT BE UNFURLED  
OVER CITIES AND  
FARMS

IF YOU ALLOW IT TO  
HAPPEN, IF YOU LET  
IT BURN  
YOU ARE KILLING  
AMERICA AND THE  
HONOR THOUSANDS  
FOUGHT PROUDLY  
TO EARN



I WISH I COULD BE THERE, I'D TRY TO FIND A WAY  
BUT MY DAYS WITH YOU WERE TAKEN, SO I CAN ONLY PRAY

THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU GUIDANCE, AND THE STRENGTH TO DECIDE,  
THE FLAG WE DIED FOR SHALL NOT BURN, BUT FLY WITH REVERENCE AND  
PRIDE

LANCE CORPORAL JERRY E METCALF KILLED IN VIETNAM JUNE 15, 1967 ON  
A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION DURING " OPERATION ARIZONA "  
PFC JAY E KECK

Thirdly is we need your help again to obtain cosponsors for HR 111, it's a bill to get a committee started for POW~MIA Affairs for their return. Last year we had more than enough cosponsors, but thanks to the House Speaker Nancy Pelosi it was never put on the Agenda so it could be voted on. We were lucky enough to keep the same bill number this year so when you mention it most of your representatives will already be aware what the Bill is for. This is where your help is needed if you could all call your Local Representatives every week to request their support in cosponsoring this Bill (you can find their phone number in your local phone book in the Blue Pages or call 1-866-727-4894), it will only take you a minute or so of your time to do this on a weekly basis. Then we have to pray that it is on the Agenda to be voted on this year. In advance "THANK YOU" to everyone for taking your time to do this.

May the "GREAT SPIRIT" be at your side when you ride, also try to find time each day to say a prayer for a quick, safe and speedy return of all our Troops who are deployed through out the world, also our POWs~MIAs and their families so they can finally have closer. Until next Month " KEEP ON TRIKEN' " and be safe out there.

Skypilot "HOOAH"

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## Calling All Ladies!!

**Take time for yourself & join us for our Garage Party!**  
Our garage parties are a great place to learn more about motorcycling & the lifestyle of H-D. Free food, refreshments, and prizes.  
Come for the fun and learning experience!

**New Found Friends = More Harley-Davidson for you!**  
Bring a friend along that is new to Open Road and for every new friend you bring you will receive a \$10.00 gift card!  
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**Call 920-921-2344 & ask for Becky to register!**  
**Next date 8/25 ~5:30-8:00pm**  
(New Found friends means they are not in our database)

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**Throw your leg over a 2009 motorcycle & take a free demo ride every Saturday from 11am-3pm.**  
**All model families are available to demo!**  
Demos run now through September  
Weather permitting - must have valid motorcycle license