

# HEROES

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When my middle son had to write a school paper about their Hero, he wrote a two page report on how his dad was in the military and guarded our country from bad people so he was a hero. It was a great report, but I had to have him add a paragraph about "REAL HEROES" the ones who gave everything for family and country. I told him about the names on a piece of "WALL" in Washington D.C. and the ones who didn't get to come home at all there are still 83,000 missing.

It's hard to explain the meaning of "HERO" to someone who has never served or known someone who served or even knew why Soldiers were in their country.

I remember years ago this town was having an event for Service men and women and I heard this little voice say "Mom and Dad look at all those Heroes". I ask the boys parents if I could talk to him about all those people being honored and the best way I could explain it is "a hero is some one at a split seconds notice did something to save the lives of their team members, sometimes they died and other times they lived and were awarded for their action".

No one ever plans to become a Hero ..... it is a split second thought that comes to someone to try and do what it takes to save other team members.

My uncle SGT ALVIN C. YORK WWI CMOH recipient didn't plan to receive any medals, but he knew if he didn't do something to knock out those Germany Machine Gun Nests that a lot of people that day were going to die. He had no plan or ideal what he was going to do he just jumped into action and did what had to be done.

Audrey Murphy is another fine example WWII CMOH. He had no ideal what had to be done, but knew something had to be done so he did it with no thought of his own life just his comrades in arms.



To me my Heroes are the nine men I lost in different operations while in Vietnam and the 58,282 names on that "WALL" in our nation's capitol and cemeteries throughout America where a Soldier lies at his finale resting spot.

Today's "Freedom Fighters will have a lot of Heroes as a matter of fact they already do. Jessica

Lynch, Michael Matt Murphy and others who are still missing.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY ASK ABOUT THE BRAVERY AND COURAGE OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN HERE'S AN INSTANT REMINDER THAT FREEDOM ISN'T FREE AND NOT ONE CONSIDERS THEMSELFS HEROES IF YOU WERE TO ASK THEM.

With that I will leave you with some food for thought. GOD BLESS ALL THE HEROES! Be careful out there and ride for those who can't and remember the Sacrifice they gave. Be safe out there on the roads. I'm not a HEROE I just did my job, "JUST A GRUNT" nothing more nothing less! WAHDO



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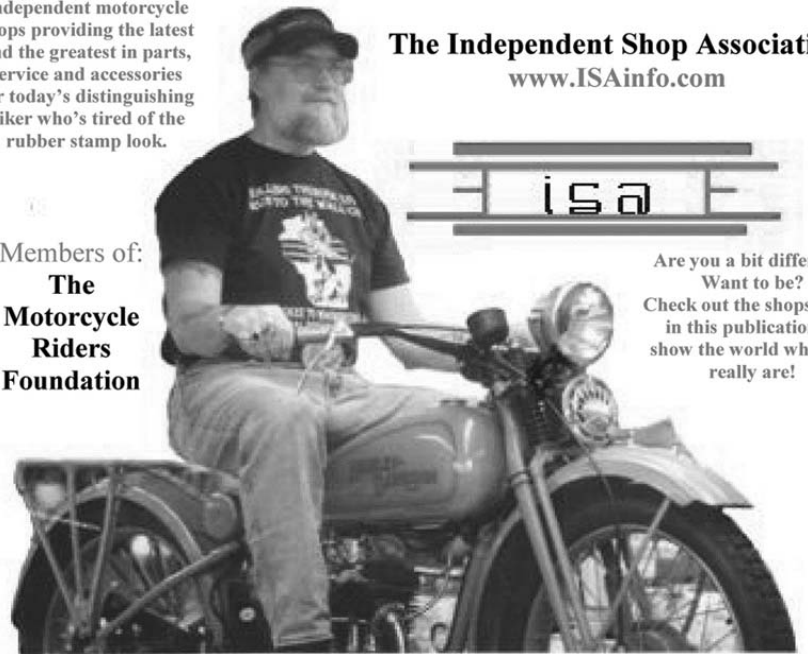
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