

## AN OVERREACHING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS CALLING BIKERS A DISEASE OF THE ROADWAYS. THEY ARE WORKING TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOMS OF THE ROAD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Are you just going to hand over your motorcycle keys when they come knocking?

## WE NEED YOUR HELP -JOIN US AND FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM TO RIDE!

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**HOGS FOR HEROES** is a new nonprofit created specifically to get our injured Wisconsin Veteran riders back on The Road with a new Harley-Davidson. Their mission is pretty simple: they raise funds to purchase Harleys for Wisconsin's Veterans injured, mentally or physically, in the course of active duty, in an effort to enhance their healing and aid in their readjustment to civilian life. You all know the power of The Road in which we speak of.



There is a long-standing tie between our military, its service members and the benefits of motorcycle riding. The organization believes the freedom of the road, the collegiality of riders and the pride and peace found in ownership can support the healing for those Veterans who have long enjoyed the passion for riding and now find themselves without means or ability to do so. " One Bike at a Time. One Hero a time." That is both their motto and approach. And in the 6 short months of fundraising primarily in the Madison area, the group hit their financial threshold for purchasing the first Harley-- faster than they expected-- and just opened their application period for deserving Veteran's to apply.

Started by four family members, none of whom served and only two of whom ride, they felt it was time they assisted others in a more meaningful way. "We're just 4 grateful Americans who realize our freedoms come at a cost and sacrifice from those who served, and continue to do so, on our behalf.", explained Kevin Thompson, President & Founder of HOGS FOR HEROES. "There are so many honorable causes and obvious community needs to support, but HOGS wanted to do something uniquely different by making a large, impactful difference in a small number of lives rather than a slight difference across many. Focusing on Wisconsin allows us to take care of our own. "

"We're not a one and done gig, in fact we already have a solid start on the funds needed for our next bike. That being said, donations from grateful citizens are what fuels our ability to gift the next Harley" shared Kevin's wife, Audra Thompson. HOGS prides itself in their effort to direct every dollar donated for the bike straight to the bike. No overhead costs, no paid positions, no fancy gimmicks. "Dollars are what makes this happen for our Veteran's, and it makes a huge difference to people knowing that one person will receive 100% of what was shared specifically for them. Our Veteran's deserve that." There are many ways to assist the organization and tax deductible donations can be made through their website.

Awarding one bike at a time, and recognizing one hero at a time, it is their hope that they not only make the rough road a little smoother for a returning Veteran, but that they also convey a collective message of gratitude from the donating public. Please help spread the word of this amazing opportunity--share, talk, post, tweet, distribute, whatever you can do to further the cause and help find our first Veteran is appreciated. The deadline for receiving applications is March 6, 2016. More information about the organization and their application can be found on their website: *www.hogsforheroeswi.org* or emailing them at: *info@hogsforheroeswi.org*.

## Moving Day on The Borman Express-Way

In the past 50 years many trips have been made back & forth to Southern Michigan, as that is my home state. Only the ones that were made by motorcycle were the most memorable & usually the most enjoyable.

We would take the Express-way to get around the bottom of the lake, then head north on various smaller roads which there are several to choose from. As I prefer to leave home at 4 AM, well before the masses were even awake, it always was on the Borman. The sun rise over Lake Michigan ,was another plus...spectacular !.

I can't recall what year it was ,but this trip was different while riding the Borman. Much more traffic & someone moving....stuff falling off their trailer...in the center lane.

Now if you have never done the slalom ride at 75 MPH around this crap , with no wayto change lanes..or get their attention, you are missing out on a lot ! This was much better than any riders test that Illinois could possibly ever have come up with...

We survived & got off as soon as we could. However, I did mention Never again will I travel that portion of the expressway.

Fast forward to now, & I need to go east to my High-school class Reunion luncheon.. However my son will be going also & he will drive me there in my 26 year old Volvo 760 Wagon .( He is a mechanic ... just in case I would need one). That is the first time I have been back on this highway. We made the 700 mile round trip, averaging 80 MPH & still everyone else was passing us. We were lucky this time NO one was moving.... we get up on Michigan I-94 to Battle Creek & we are very lucky once again.....the sniper that has been reported was not there either. NO car trouble & NO bullet holes either. A very pleasant trip & back home in time for the evening news.

Life is good. Bonnie Cousins, Jerseypine Cruiser

