

### Honoring Our Country's Veterans

May 23, 2009, A Day For Memories, and Honoring our Nations Veterans.

The Union Grove Cemetery on Lakewood Road in Harshaw, WI, drew hundreds of people again last year to Honor our Country's Veterans.

The Union Grove Veterans Memorial Ceremony, which began years ago with a handful of local people, has grown into an event which draws many from neighboring counties and states.

The Ceremony began with the Veteran's Parade, a large convoy of motorcycles and collector cars rolling into the cemetery. The event ran approximately an hour, followed by a delicious lunch at the Cassion Town Hall which was sponsored by the Veterans. The days activities were concluded with Live music, dancing, and beverages at the Alpine Resort in Harshaw.

I certainly would like to go into great detail regarding the Ceremony's events. However, I would prefer to ask everyone within the area to attend the Ceremony this year to Honor our Brave Veteran's for their courage, and the sacrifices they made for every many, woman and child, within this Great Nation.

Please say a prayer for those Veteran's who made the Ultimate Sacrifice throughout history by giving their lives so that we may be Free, and enjoy living in the greatest country on earth.

Sadly far too many people merely see the Memorial Day Holiday as a three day weekend. What many people my not realize is that each and every service member who has served in a hostile environment has sustained wounds. Many people only see the Veterans who have visible scars, but the reality is that virtually all Veteran's who have served have sustained wounds. What a soldier sees, and must do daily in battle adds to the emotional scars. The intensity and stress of living in an environment where one does not know if death awaits at any given moment is very real. Those are the wounds to a soldier's hear, mind, and soul...wounds which never entirely heal.

Perhaps it is fortunate that many people in our country never have to see or experience war first hand. However, please don't dismiss, or forget about the Brave Souls that have. Especially those who have died in the Line of Duty, so that All Americans can enjoy Freedom, and live in the greatest country in the world.

So Please if it is at all possible, come to the Union Grove Veteran's Memorial Ceremony this year in Harshaw, WI. If the distance is too great, then attend a Ceremony near you.

To give a couple of hours from your life to Honor our Nations' Veteran's isn't much to ask, when our Nation's Veteran's have given so very much for you!

God Bless...

Daryl Pyykonen





**Memorial Day Weekend - May 28 - 31**  
**At the Harley-Davidson Museum™**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Commemorative First Rumble Patch with adult Museum admission, while supplies last.

## ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION

at the Harley-Davidson Museum®



**Saturday, May 15**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- Military personnel Admission only \$12
- \$4 Off adult Admission when you bring an American flag to be retired.
- Military Displays
- Live Bands
- Food and Drink

Event open to the public.

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