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Brotherhood and Friendships

By: Skypilot

Well this pass week end I went down to North Carolina to do some visiting with my Brothers from down south. From Thursday till Sunday, reminded me just how much Brotherhood means to me. It was fantastic to just sit and talk with Brothers I hadn't seen, not months but for years. Due to their work and my travels it just has been awhile since last we'd talked. I was going to take a run up around Fort Bragg area to see how much it had changed since 1968, didn't even have to do that, because a Brother from that area filled me in. Talk about catching up and getting good news, I'm going to be a Grandfather come February.

Those of you who ride with a group, no matter if it's a club, or just a bunch of friends you always ride with know exactly what I'm talking about. It is always good to get together with old friends to keep up with whatever (becoming a grand parent, the lost of a dear friend) or whatever the case is.

I remember back in April of 1999 how great it was to have my Brothers for support during the recovery phase after I was ran down. The way Brothers spread the word up and down the east coast and looked themselves for the idiot who ran me down and left me for dead. Hell a couple different chapters from what I was told put rewards for leads to find the S.O.B. and have him prosecuted (after we talked with him first).

To me there is no better feeling on earth then to meet new Brothers, existing Brothers and people on the highways and byways when you are out on your bike and reminiscing about old times and new stuff that is going around with every-one.

One of the biggest honors in my life was learning my Uncle Alvin who fought during WWI was a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Well this weekend I had my second most honorable moment in my life. I found a Challenge Coin earlier this summer for troops who received the Silver Star, as soon as I saw it I thought of a Brother I knew and got it. Well this weekend I had the honor to present him with that coin and the look on his face made it worth more to me that day then anything.

Well to finish up all I can say is "remember your friends, Brothers who ever you ride with because they are part of your life". Let us face it we get to meet good people who end up being good close friends a few times in our life. Take advantage of that and meet and greet as many as you can in your life time, Friendships and Brotherhood last a life time. Besides you can always tell what kind of life a person (who ever it is) has lived by the number of friends and Brothers show up upon their passing.

Until next month be safe and may the Great Spirit always be with you. " Keep on Triken' ". As always I ask for your prayers for our Men and Women in Uniform deployed through out the world and also for all POW~MIA and their families from all wars. LET US NOT FORGET!!!

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