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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

This month we will begin a series of articles as we follow February's calendar model Ashley Roy on her journey from passenger to rider. She tried out the Harley Jumpstart Experience for us this month, and will be taking the Rider's Training courses in a future issue. I am really looking forward to this myself, I think it will be a lot of fun. Ashley will also be helping us out with articles and events.

Ainsley Begnaud also joins us this month, as our New Orleans Editor. Ainsley is well known in the motorcycle community all over southern Louisiana. She rides herself, but also doesn't mind jumping on the back. This came in handy for our riding impressions of the Indian Vintage Chief, when Ainsley was able to give us the back seat point of view. She will be helping to set up and cover events all over New Orleans and surrounding areas. Ainsley is a dear friend all around, and I'm going to try to talk her into doing a cover with us.

We have some other new Contributors joining us this month, so please check out the masthead above. These are the people who get the magazines out to all of you.

I would like to thank each of you for making us the most popular local motorcycle magazine in the state, in such a short time.

We are already distributing more copies to more locations than anyone else, and still growing fast. We have more online engagement than all the other locals and regionals put together, that is fantastic.

We really appreciate all the support and participation from everyone.

We will continue to do our best to just make the best local biker magazine we can, doing it the right way, with the people we live with and ride with.

100% Original. 100% Louisiana, 100% Motorcycles.

Frosty



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RUNNING DOGS RIDING CLUB

The Running Dogs Riding Club is a group of guys from the Caddo Parish. They are a great group of guys that I know personally, you will always be comfortable when you're around them, a pretty easy going, friendly group of guys. The original 8 members of the Running Dogs are known as CREEKCRO while any members coming in afterwards are known as High 9.

On April 6, 2012 a group of friends came up with the idea of starting a club. The first information they received on how, who, and where to go to accomplish this goal was from Vernon "Maddog" Patterson of Maddog Silver fame in Shreveport. Maddog led the guys to the person to speak to, whom in turn led them to John Frank. John Frank was very instrumental in the club becoming legit. The guys met with John Frank three times before going to their first CoC in June to ask the US Defenders for their approval of the patch. Jack Klorik mentored the guys; he taught them what the CoC meant, what it is. He then led them to COIR and ABATE. Mr. Jack spoke with John Frank and told him they were good guys and they really wanted to be US Defenders.

Their patch was approved on August 6, 2012 with their first meeting as an official club on August 23rd. After the one year probationary period, they became a

riding club and proud members of the US Defenders. In June of 2013 they officially became a riding club.

After their patch was approved, John Frank then told them they would have to have an event once a year as a riding club, which led to their annual benefits they hold for Camp Rainman, which is a camp for autism ages 10 and up.

This is the 4th year of the Running Dogs' Camp Rainman benefit. The first year they raised \$800, the second year they doubled that making \$1600, and the third year they had a donate and ride event raising \$5000 making the Running Dogs the largest single donator to Camp Rainman. The ride is almost 50 miles, slow and easy, through nice roads. Before the ride there is a pancake breakfast at Applebee's, with Camp Rainman people serving. Applebees donates \$2 of every \$5 back to Camp Rainman. The ride has no fee, which is rare; but rather the ride is strictly donation and no donation is too small. All are appreciated. 100% of the proceeds go to Camp Rainman of Northwest Louisiana.

All are welcomed, no matter who you are or what you ride. Even if you don't ride, you can come eat pancakes or join in at Bayou Thunder where there



will be t-shirts and food. There will be chicken plates for \$10. The biggest donators for last year's Camp Rainman Ride were Bossier Parish and Northwest Chapters of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. Also donating were Northwest Louisiana Chapter Autism Society, First Five MC, Bayou Thunder, Brothers' Keepers, and Nooney's Bar.

A requirement to be a member of the Running Dogs is to be a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana and C.O.I.R. The Running Dogs assisted in starting the Bossier Parish Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. They support all motorcyclists whether they ride metric or American, whether they wear colors or independent. They are proud to be a riding club and they are very appreciative to all who have supported them and helped them; John Frank, Jack Klorik, Maddog, and many others. Clark McLendon is the president of the Running Dogs, member of the Iron Butt Association, owner of Running Dogs Sportswear and also Clark's Tailgate Catering. Clark is also the Store Manager of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana's state store. If you are interested in being a member of Running Dogs, please contact Clark at runningdogsrc@gmail.com

Story by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly



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HARLEY-DAVIDSON JUMPSTART RIDER EXPERIENCE

Over the course of the next few issues, we will be following a new rider as she goes from passenger to the front seat. We have been hearing people talk about the Harley-Davidson Jumpstart Rider Experience at dealerships around the state, and this seemed like a good place to start. Harley's Official website says:

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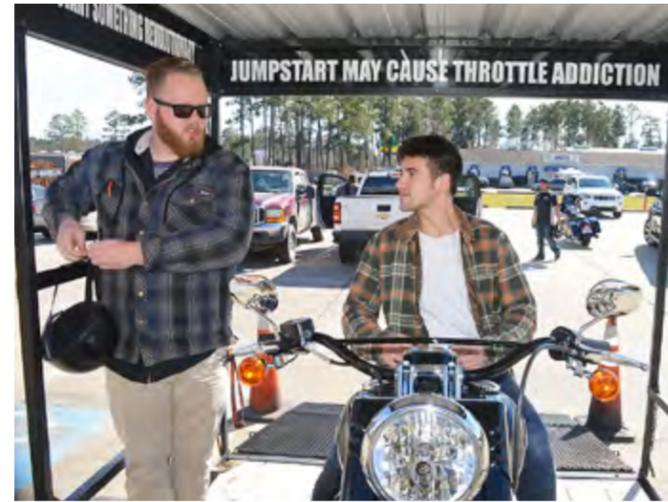
You'll mount the bike, set your boots on the foot pegs and fire up the engine under the watchful eye of trained personnel. Give the throttle a twist and hear that unforgettable Harley sound. Sitting comfortably on the bike, you'll continue to shift through the gears – all safely and securely attached to the JUMPSTART™ platform."

Basically it looks like riding a bike on a Dyno, with no diagnostics attached. We called Rachel at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson, and she made arrangements for us to come down and give it a run. We had three novice riders along for the trip. Ashley, last month's calendar model, is an avid rider, but has only been a passenger up to this point. Jonathan, a young man in his early 20s, has ridden dirt bikes in the past, but is interested in learning to ride on the street. Finally, we had Malcolm, who was two days shy of his 16th birthday and had never been on a motorcycle before. This was a surprise for him, he had no idea where we were going.

Rachel welcomed us to the dealership, and salesman James took us out to the Jumpstart cage, hooked us up with a 2016 Softail Slim, and ran us through the procedure.

Everyone had far more fun than you would expect. Obviously this can't give the full riding experience, but it is a great way to get a first feel of a bike before moving on to a rider's training course. I'll let each of the three participants give their own impression of the Jumpstart Experience.

Frosty



Jonathan Franks

"I enjoyed the Jumpstart Experience. It taught me the basics about changing gears manually using a clutch and throttle, although I believe I could have benefitted from actually feeling the bike accelerate. As a whole, the Jumpstart Experience was a good introduction to motorcycling that caught my interest and has motivated me to pursue the lifestyle."



Malcolm Stockstill

"I was a bit nervous at first, but I think I'd get used to it. I want to learn to ride a bike, I want to learn more about it. I want to someday have my own bike, maybe help build my own and everything. It wouldn't hurt learning how to ride a bike. That's it, really?"

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Ashley Roy

"Hey Y'all. My name is Ashley and I just did the Jumpstart Experience at Harley-Davidson in Slidell. I've always been a passenger on a bike, I've never been my own rider on my own bike or anything. so it was definitely an experience.

I want to... And it helped me to learn that there's a lot more going on than just pulling that throttle. I'm excited to learn, though."



PERHAPS HEAVEN: THE STORY OF A WARRIORS LIFE AND HIS JOURNEY TO IMMORTALITY

By: Mama S

“War is Hell, or Perhaps Heaven, depending on the nature of the Warrior. This concept was the genesis of the novel,” the author states, leaning against his old school ride, true to form down to the up swept fish tail exhaust and the 16” apes.

Recently I had the pleasure of sitting down with critically acclaimed novelist, Club founder and President, Saint Barnett.

Now, some of you are wondering why in the blue hell you’re reading about some damn book in a biker rag, right?? I know I would be, had I not read it first.

Barnett is, first and foremost, a hard core, old school Louisiana Biker, who’s ridden as both an Independent and MC all of his adult life. In his younger years, he earned numerous Black Belts and Instructor Certifications in multiple Martial Arts systems, which came in handy, not only for the book, but for his 20+ years as a bouncer.

A few years ago, Barnett decided to sit down to try writing the demons out of his head, and Perhaps Heaven was born. In the middle of writing he took some time out to found The Band Motorcycle Club, finally perfecting and publishing the book in 2005.

Most of the book is loosely based on experiences in Barnett’s past. According to him, the “Warrior aspect was mostly from conversations with my Son as he was developing into the Elite Army Ranger he is today.” As we were talking, I was mesmerized by the passion for his project coming from this big burly tattooed beast of a man standing before me. “As I began to delve into this over and over, again and again, the dynamics of the eternal warrior started to emerge and develop almost into obsession, the theme of the eternal Warrior naturally led to the age old struggle of Good vs. Evil.”

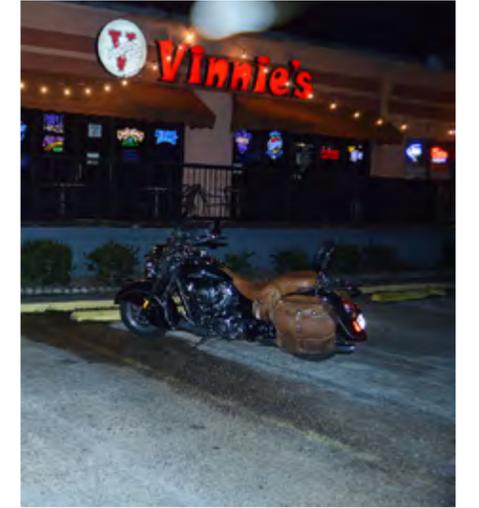


“Early on, we see the main character, John David Saxxon, as a remorseless killing machine, but there is so much more to the man, his trials and challenges. I felt taking John David back to his teenage years would reveal his true essence and strength of will that defines his vulnerability as an outcast in the small town where he was raised.”

Perhaps Heaven is a tale of love, hate, family, passion, and revenge with some kick ass fight scenes thrown in. The novel is available now on Amazon and several other online book sites, under the pen name John David Saxxon. The second book in the trilogy, Perhaps Heaven: Aftermath will be available in early 2017.

If you see Saint Barnett out or at a rally, he’d be more than happy to sign your copy.

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2016 TABFEST CHARITY JAM

Tommy "Tomcat" Patterson

The 2016 Tabfest Charity Jam is an annual Hammond, Louisiana event partnered with Louisiana Biker Magazine, The Workshop (a collective of local area artists), and The Ronald McDonald House Of Greater New Orleans. The goal of this collaboration is to provide support for the families of children suffering from cancer and other life threatening illnesses. The first Tabfest occurred on Easter Sunday of 2013. The event sprang from the imaginations of Damien Johnson and jCallender, two local artists and musicians. It was the request of one of Mr. Johnson's co-workers that inspired him to begin saving the first tabs that were destined to be the beginning of a charitable enterprise. At the time, The Workshop strongly supported recycling and had an abundance of aluminum cans available with the pop tabs still attached. A gathering of the members of The Workshop, local musicians and associates was planned to harvest the tabs from a mountain of cans. To encourage people to participate crawfish were boiled and live music was played as everyone took turns harvesting tabs from the cans. Despite a treacherous afternoon storm the event was a stellar success. Numerous local musicians, including LZ Dillon, Slapface and Troy Bennett, performed at the event. The following year on Easter Sunday of 2014 a second Tabfest was planned and over ten times as many tabs were harvested. The event was once again a stellar success with the continued support of more local businesses, artists and musicians. The Hammond Daily Star featured a prominent write up which included color photos and a two page article. Inspired by the previous successes Tabfest was formulated into an LLC on February 16th, 2015 with the goal of producing a more substantial charitable benefit to the local community and beyond. Just two months later on April, 19th 2015 the third annual Tabfest was held. Dozens of people arrived bringing boxes, jugs, bags and cans filled with tabs. About 100lbs of tabs in total was accumulated by the end of the event. In addition a raffle was held which generated \$800 in cash donations, all of which was donated to The Ronald McDonald House Of Greater New Orleans. Event-goers enjoyed crawfish, gumbo and other foods prepared by Kevin Cote, Rudy Rodgers, Donnie



Vicknair and numerous volunteers. Music and entertainment was provided by local artist including Will Vance, Slapface, No More Beyond, Cappastron, Little Bird, A Tiny Clack Of Sparks, The Angry 88, Pale Satan, Struggle, Steve Friedt (of Zync), Redbeard & 7382, Jo'zef Ciprian, Tommy 'Tomcat' Patterson and Sally. The 2016 Tabfest Charity Jam was organized by jCallender, Andrew Kinchen, Sara Ciolino, Sason Black and Michael Damien DiMattia. Anyone interested in contacting, saving pop tabs or participating in the Tabfest event are encouraged to do so and can find more information at the following web address: www.facebook.com/tabfestCharityJam



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VETERANS OF VIETNAM MC, REGION 3 UNSUNG HEROES

One of my favorite things about being involved in the motorcycle world again has not just been the many acquaintances, friends, brothers, and sisters I have made, but the absolute most special to me has been the veteran organizations and clubs I have had the pleasure in which to be involved.

As much as I love the WW2 Veterans, the ones who are nearest and dearest to my heart are the Vietnam Veterans. I don't know if it is because I am old enough (yes I'm that old) to remember the last few years of the war or if it's because they were so mistreated and neglected, or both. Our heroes, who went through hell and back for the country they love, came home only to be spit on and called "baby killers", among other things. Verlon Emmett Lawrence aka Catfish states, "Vietnam was not declared a war, but called a Police Action. We almost did not get any benefits for this." According to Wikipedia, this is how Vietnam Conflict is explained: "The term "Vietnam Conflict" is largely a U.S. designation, it acknowledges that the United States Congress never declared war on North Vietnam. Legally, the President used his constitutional discretion—supplemented by supportive resolutions in Congress—to conduct what was said to be a police action. It took some great senators to get this changed." Our Vietnam Veterans not only fought a war in Vietnam, but so many also fought their own wars in their minds, hearts, and their bodies due to injuries

and Agent Orange; only to come home to be treated in this way.

I have a lot of friends and family who are Vietnam Veterans; some I have known the majority of my life. Of these, the Vietnam Veterans who are bikers are the ones with whom I've become the closest. Despite everything they've been through, I see big smiles and hear bigger laughs. The stories I've gotten aren't "oh poor us" stories, but rather joking and laughing; telling the funny stories. Toego with the Veterans of Vietnam Motorcycle Club, Region 3 informed me it wasn't the bad, but the good they choose to remember. So I won't be telling you any of the horrid war stories, but the light-hearted ones that no matter how many times they tell to each other, they still laugh just as hard. On this note, let me add that Toego is also the one who said for the VoVMC to tell me some dirty stories. I'm honored they allowed me to be a part of hearing their stories and laughs. I'm especially honored the VoVMC Region 3 allowed me to sit in on parts of their September 2015 and January 2016 meetings so I could get some of their stories.

Rattler (1969-70, 1970-71) told me about when he was based out of Phan Rang; he worked 9 miles out. He went back to the base to get supplies for the beach, but didn't know he had to have at least an m60 on a tripod. When he got stopped at a checkpoint he put a



garden rake on a tripod and covered it with a tarp. He was asked what was under the tarp and he replied a Rakey; they let him pass.

One of Toego's (1968-69) stories he told wasn't about Vietnam, but about a trip back home to Michigan for a memorial service where he learned his Uncle Delbert Williams is in the "iconic picture" with President Eisenhower on June 5, 1944 with Co. E, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment (Strike).

Tootie Ray (Jan 5, 1969-Jan 5, 1970) tells about how he was gone to Breaux Bridge for the crawfish festival the first weekend of May and after a fun weekend came home to find his father casually sitting when he walked in. He looked at Tootie Ray and said, "Here you go, boy" and handed him his draft notice.

In Fort Benning, GA during Jump School Tootie's group was the first group to jump out of a C-141, which is a big jet for those of you, like me, who didn't know.

Memories of Tootie's include his first day of Jungle Training. While he was in formation the Platoon Sgt was instructing and explaining what all they would be doing when going on their first night ambush. The



Platoon Sgt told Tootie, "Here, big boy; you carry this" and handed him an M60 machine gun. He carried it from then on.

The first time Tootie got stoned was his first or second day in Vietnam. They had been burning meat (cooking steak) and drinking beer at the EM (Enlisted Men's) Club. He was walking back when he walked upon a guy sitting on a grassy hill and wearing purple honeycomb glasses. This guy told him to sit and smoke, and then told Tootie to put on the honeycomb glasses. Tootie stated it was actually like looking through a honeycomb.



Tootie's funniest story I believe is the one he tells about when he was on the helicopter coming in on Hill 219. They were hovering about 5 feet off of the ground while the group was sitting on the struts with their feet hanging off. Everyone bailed off, his heel got caught, and he "busted his butt" as he tried to jump; he cracked his knee cap. Tootie spent 288 plus days in the jungle out of his 365 days. The rest of his time he was either on R&R or in the 67th Evac in Quy Nhan. He was at the 67th Evac twice.

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CAJUN HD CHILI COOK-OFF

Jared Dorsey

Cajun Harley Davidson in Lafayette held its 3rd annual Chili cook off on Saturday, January 23, 2015 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

7 teams from the Acadian area were represented and competed. Acadiana and Teche Area Chapters of A.B.A.T.E. were on hand for the chili cook off and sponsored a membership drive.

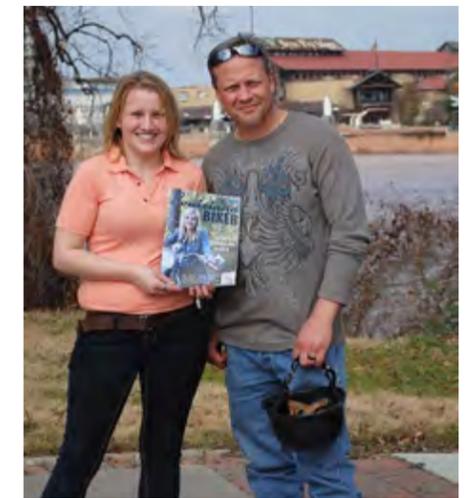
All donations and monies received from the chili cook benefitted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help offset some of the costs associated with the services they provide. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital provides treatment for children at no cost. The child's family never receives a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food – because St. Jude believes a family should only worry about helping their child live.

Each team had to prepare and cook their chili onsite in order for it to be eligible for judging. There were 4 awards given out. 1st place judges choice was awarded to Team Chili Masters. 2nd place judges choice was awarded to Team Cajun Harley Davidson. 3rd place judges choice was awarded to Team Kripple Kooks of Cajun HOG Chapter. People's choice award was the best chili voted on by the people attending the cook off. Each person who purchased a wristband was given a ticket to vote for their favorite chili. The people's choice award went to Team Krewe de Fireballers.



 A large, colorful event poster for the 2016 Fun Run, Vendors, Bike Games, and All Proceeds Benefit Operation Homefront. The poster features a motorcycle silhouette and text including:

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DAY TRIPPING 2015 INDIAN VINTAGE CHIEF

When we came up with the idea for the DayTripping feature, we just had a few simple rules. These would be rides within Louisiana, that we could do in a day, or maybe overnight for some events. It might be about the event we're riding to, the people we're going to see, or sometimes, just the road we feel like riding on. This month, it's a little different, it is just about a bike I really wanted to ride.

When we did the road test of the Indian Scout, I just loved it, and that made me want to try out one of the larger Indians. We will be doing a lot of test rides with dealerships all around the state, but I wanted to really give this one a run. To that end, I headed down to Eaglerider in New Orleans. The whole process was quick and easy, and in short order I was riding off with a nice black Indian Vintage Chief.

I put a couple miles on to feel it out, then picked up our New Orleans Editor Ainsley and headed off to the West Bank. Overall, the bike was great, a lot of fun to ride, and it got a lot of attention. Riding through traffic was like being in a parade, with everyone trying to get a look at the bike.

There were a couple issues that I didn't expect. The first thing I noticed was that the transmission seemed kind of clunky, very loud changing gears, especially going into first from Neutral. The effort didn't seem excessive, and I never missed a shift, but I was expecting something more like the effortless "click" of the Scout transmissions.



Lauren Blanchard



Now, this was a rental bike with 22k miles on it, so that might account for the extra noise, but that still isn't really a lot of miles. I also thought engine had more top end noise than I'd expect on a newer bike. Nothing like the clatter my Shovelheads put out, but it was enough to make me stop and check the oil. Both of these issues improved as the bike warmed up, and I got used to it. Nothing major, but also not what I was expecting.

I was very happy with the handling and suspension. We went down some rough roads in Gretna, but the bumps were not bad even with a passenger. The bike felt just as smooth with or without Ainsley on back, so very nice for two-up riding. I did feel like the bike could have used an extra degree or two of rake, but again that is just something you get used to.

The riding position felt good, everything was easily in reach, but the floorboard position was a little flat for my preferences. I would rather have them angled up more in front. While there was not a simple adjustment, it did appear to have an alternate pair of mounting holes. From their location I think that set of holes would put the boards in a better position for my tastes.

The engine was very smooth and pulled evenly from right off idle. It doesn't feel like a fast bike, but that Thunder Stroke 111 has a lot in reserve. I went back to the Mississippi Bridge on 190 later that night, and rolled it on without downshifting, and it went hard. I never came close to full throttle, but it accelerated up the steep bridge without any hesitation. When you need the power, it's there.

We gave it a good ride, and after dropping Ainsley off I took off again on my own. It was a great ride, I finished the night happy. I am looking forward to trying out some other models, and Eaglerider's rental program is going to make that easy.

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Passenger impressions by Ainsley Begnaud

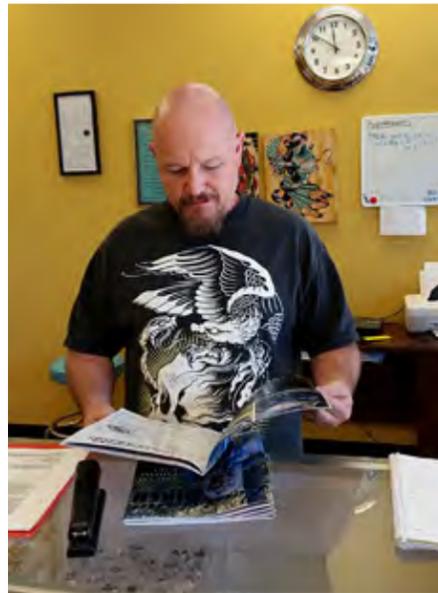
The seat was real comfortable. I never had a "brace for impact" moment when we came across a bump in the road. The only thing negative I would say is if you're a little older, it's just a little more difficult to get on the seat than other bikes. Then again I'm used to sportsters and soft tails. Could have been the passenger seat height too, but definitely the back rest when getting on. I did lean on it the whole time while riding, though. It was comfortable. Overall, a very smooth ride. I give it 4 stars.

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BOSSIER CITY HARLEY-DAVIDSON BURGERS AND BEERS

Joanie (Lulu) Nerrettig



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When Tootie was a Sgt E5, he wanted to get out of the "woods" so he convinced the EXO, Major Butler, they needed a bar in the Officer's Mess. He then had a guy in the unit build a bar. He ran the bar approximately the last month to month and a half "in country." Problem solved!

When I spoke with Kinky (1965 & 1968) he told me that ever since he was old enough to read GI Joe in the Sunday paper he always wanted to go into the military; he wanted to be a tank commander. After he turned 17 he enlisted in the Army, took all of the tests and physical and passed. The Army had already met the quota for the month but he was ready to get out of Shreveport. He checked back every month and this went on for 3 months, always told the quota had been met. All of the recruiters were downtown on Texas Street so he went to the Navy recruiter on Monday and told them what was going on. By Wed he was headed to San Diego. After boot camp, Kinky went into naval aviation, and then became an air crewman. He was an Aviation Ordnanceman, primary duties was to make sure the armament system on the plane was working appropriately. Kinky was in bomber squadron VHA 2 his first 4 years. "VHA 2 was the first A3D Skywarriors to make bombing runs over North Vietnam. The A3D was the largest plane that could operate off of an aircraft carrier." They operated off of the USS Coral Sea at the time, CVA 43.

Kinky's light-hearted story took place in California in VP50, an antisubmarine squadron. He got real close with his co-pilot, LT Coleman, who was not a career military officer. Lt Coleman told Kinky, "When I get out, I want you to watch this." He got his discharge papers; he came out of the hangar side door by the offices. Lt. Coleman's wife was waiting on him; he unbuttoned his shirt and threw it off, took his undershirt off, and proceeded to strip down until he was stripped down to his undershorts by the time he made it to the car.

Kinky states he saw more action in the bars and the Philippines than anywhere else. I declined to hear any of these stories; I'm sure you all understand.

When I asked Tootie what made him want to join an MC and Veterans of Vietnam MC in particular, he stated, "You want to be around the people who understand where you are, because they have been there"

When I asked Baudot the same question, he replied with: "Membership, brotherhood, and respect. It's a dying club. Once all of us are gone, there will be no more VoVMC. It's a very unique club."

The more I get to know these members of Veterans of Vietnam Motorcycle Club, the more respect I have for them. I have completely enjoyed the visits I've had with them and the friendships that have come out of it. So many of our guys came back from Vietnam sick with PTSD and/or Agent Orange, broken, betrayed, but the ones I've met through the Veterans of Vietnam Motorcycle Club don't dwell on all of this. As a couple mentioned to me in our talks, at least they made it back home unlike 58,470 plus brothers and sisters who gave the ultimate sacrifice between the years of 1959-75. So here 40 years after the war officially came to an end, these heroes have a brotherhood like many vets and bikers, but yet like no other. They've allowed me a tiny glimpse into their past with their memories and I'm completely honored by this. I thank you all for your service, your time, your patience in preparing this article and asking so many questions. If you want a laugh, go visit these guys when they are all together.

Thank you, VoVMC!

I pulled the following off of the website, vovmc.org "The VoVMC colors are in Honor of the Vietnam Service Ribbon.



"About Vietnam The tragedy- indeed, the immorality-of those years was that for the first time in our history our country and its government failed to match the heroic sacrifice of our men in the field. This must never happen again." – Ronald Reagan "

The colors and what they represent are:

The YELLOW is for the color they never showed;
The RED is for the blood they shed;
The GREEN is for the jungle in which the blood was shed."

VoVMC Region 3 covers the states of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Region 3 Officers are Representative, Donnis "Wheelkicker" O'Bryan; President Ken "Rice" Dodson; Sgt At Arms, Kenneth "Tootie Ray" Deemer; VP, Harry "Toego" Brunn; Treasurer, Richard "Papaw" Hargis; and Secretary Bill "Baudot" Machen. National President is Dennis "Baron" Patterson. And Region 3's own Charlie "Dogman" Blood is the National Sgt At Arms.

To any Vietnam Veteran in Region 3 who might be interested in joining the VoVMC, please contact Donnis "Wheelkicker" O'Bryan at wheelkicker@vovmc.org. Their meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. They are generally held at the Podnuh's BBQ on Mansfield Road in Shreveport, Louisiana; although they are occasionally moved.

Stacey "Snoopy" Conly



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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Billy "Drummer Boy" Abshire

At the young age of 21 I got my CDL and started driving trucks. I got really used to the road and the feeling of being free. After driving a couple of years I started running teams with a fellow driver I trusted. Well that's when I really started getting to know my first real best friend Billy.

We covered many miles together over the years both in the same truck and in our own trucks following each other to the same delivery. His truck hated me and my truck equally hated him. He could make his truck climb like it was empty, but the second I got in the driver's seat, I couldn't make it maintain speed up hill for squat! He'd tell me "it's a Cat, you gotta flutter the pedal and back out of it as she climbs." I'd have to drop two or three gears as he'd sit there and laugh. "Watch the manifold pressure, it'll tell ya what she wants." He had a black 10 speed Pete with a 475 Cat and I had a Mocha Pearl 18 speed Pete, with a 550 Cat. He'd get in the driver's seat of mine and have to down shift three or four times cussing "How da hell you only drop one gear up dat hill when I had to drop tree?" We spent many a mile together and REALLY got to know each other. We'd come home and our families would hang out together. Gathered in his kitchen for hours, day after day, talking about all kinds of stuff. Our wife's and kids telling us all about what we missed while we were out, and us telling them all about what we saw, did, or even some of what we talked about on the last trip out. Great times!

On my way back home from a haul one day out of the blue, I got a call from a company I worked for right there by the house and they made me an offer I couldn't turn down working local and not driving. So I gave up the truck, went to work there along with my wife and we proceeded to make a life for ourselves. A few months later, Billy decided he wanted that life too and we happened to need a driver so we hired him on. It wasn't the big rig he was used to, only a pickup truck or a super duty, but he adjusted and made a life out of it right along with us. We still hung out together a lot, rode motorcycles together as much as we could, BBQ's and crawfish boils at each other's house, Gumbo, family gatherings, you name it, we did it. We met a lot of good people out on rides, poker runs and biker events, some still in my life today. And we still had long talks in his kitchen with the families.

Well in late August of 2013, Billy's back was really hurting him and I took him to the hospital where we found out he had stage 4 lung cancer. He was down the whole month of September and recovering at home most of October from surgery to remove a large amount of cancer and put a cage in his back to hold the remaining bone together that the cancer didn't eat. We got through Chemo together and every time he was ready to try that first ride



again a few days after treatment, I was right there with him. Well in late November of 2013 I got the honor of making Billy's last ride. I called in "sick" for work to make it, but damn glad I did. We didn't know it was his last ride until he never got well enough to ride again. Then in March of 2014, cancer won the battle and he was gone.

We gave Billy the best funeral we possibly could and it seemed Billy was having no part of a police escort from the funeral home to the church and then the grave site. We delayed the funeral a good 20 minutes waiting on the police, but finally gave in and Flat lead us in his Peterbilt. My youngest son was in Flat's Pete along with Billy's oldest son, I was directly behind him on my bike with my oldest son on the back and our friend, Randy Hooper also known as "Hoop" next to me. Behind us was Billy's Brother-in-law on Billy's Black Honda Shadow and our little buddy Ginger next to him. Then Billy in the big black Hurst and all the other bikes then family and friends. Among the other bikes was a fella we had just met that day by the name of Jerry Worley. Jerry was voluntarily blocking traffic for the funeral



and just a whipping in and out like a humming bird earning him the nickname "Worleybird". It was a hard day for us all. Billy was my Father-in-Law.

The next morning, I woke up to learn from Stacey "Snoopy" that Hoop and Worleybird where in an accident on their way home. Hoop was badly banged up and Worleybird was killed. Now Billy and Worleybird are two of the many "Biker angels" that watch over us as we ride. Hoop has since recovered but still unable to ride due to the damage done to his back in the wreck. I think of them every time I ride. I know them and many others watch over us with every mile we ride. Gone from earth, but NEVER forgotten. In memory of the life with Billy "Drummer Boy" Abshire May 1st, 1952 to March 16th, 2014

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Monica Kujawa

He took you too soon but he needed a lead rider, ride with the angels sister



Jack Kujawa

Amgela Lingefelt's father in law Jack Kujawa from Cicero,ill. You are always in our hearts ride free dad

When asked to talk about “A Soldiers Heart- An American Legend” I was so overwhelmed with emotion it took a while to put it all in order, so here is our story.

I was in line behind a woman at the store and I noticed she had a cart full of drinks and snacks, I commented to her that it looked like someone was going to have a party, she slowly turned around to me and said no and proceeded to take a picture out of her purse and show it to me, I was so taken back I forgot to breath. It was a picture of a Soldier that had been so burned he had melted. She went on to tell me that he had already had over 100 surgeries, that every few months he had to go get scrubbed and get skin grafts and even though the military paid the medical, he and his family had to come up with gas, food, and sometimes hotel money, so a group of family and friends get together to help out. I was so shocked and upset that with all this Soldier had sacrificed, that he should be worried and stressed about getting to and from a place to help him. I told her that I was going to do what I could to change that and so A Soldiers Heart-An American Legend was conceived.

I had heard about Veterans for Veterans and contacted Teresa Neff about some help getting this going. I then attended their event in November and talked with her and A Soldiers Heart-An American Legend was born. I then talked to some of my friends and they came on board, it's been nonstop from there. At first A Soldiers Heart -An American Legend had a rough time because so many people didn't want to get involved with the military, but I soon let them know



A SOLDIERS HEART AN AMERICAN LEGEND

that without a Soldier fighting and dying for us every day no one in our America would have anything. Well we went from a chili cook-off to raise money to this wonderful event. As with Veterans for Veterans no one gets paid a salary for anything, we are all volunteers.

We will be honoring all Veterans from all conflicts on April 2nd, 2016 at the Elm Grove Middle School 4301 Panther Drive, Bossier City. We will be paying tribute to all fallen Soldiers, thanking all active Soldiers and the families of those deployed. There will be military music, Barksdale AFB Color Guard, Parkway Band and Choir, Parkway ROTC, and singer Jeff Richardson. We will also be raising funds with carnival rides, horse rides, craft fair with 60+ vendors, 50/50 raffle, bounce house, Sheriff's Department will have K-9 units, bike patrol, Dare etc., there will be lots of good food out there, a bike run, a memory wall and so much more. We had some sponsors but they pulled out when another organization messed up, but we

aren't giving up, our Soldiers didn't give up on us so this event is going to happen. The Vendors will start selling at 9am and it's all on from there. The program will stage at 12:30 and begin at 1. Oh just in case, there isn't a chili cook off either.

If there is anyone who would like to be a sponsor or give a donation, hey, we are happy to have the help. If anyone knows of a Veteran, a family that has lost a Soldier, active duty, or a family of a Soldier deployed please let them know of this event. I would like to thank Teresa for all her help. It has been such a learning experience, she has kept us focused and taught us so much, not to mention all the wonderful Veterans and people that are as dedicated as we are to helping. Yes, we plan on doing this every year and each year we will be better and better.

This doesn't even begin to tell our story and the walls we have encountered, the blindness of people and their lack of understanding when it comes to the military and what they go through for us. I have been so frustrated that at times I have cried and yelled, but I realize I can't change these people; we have to educate them, open their eyes. The event is also open to the public, to everyone. Thank you to all of you who believed in this and in us. Again, I thank Teresa for having my back and encouraging me to go forth and fulfill a dream. These Soldiers have given me the freedom to do.

I may not always believe in my government but I will always believe in our military.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana is 1429 members strong in 17 chapters. A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana is officially a member of Mid-South M.I.L.E. (Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness, joining the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The next Mid-South M.I.L.E. will be in Joplin, Missouri in October. A.B.A.T.E. has 8 members on the committee for this with Donnie Brown chairing. The next planning event will be in Joplin or Branson, MO on February 21st. Rally at the Capital is March 14th. This is the opening day of legislation and ABATE welcomes all to come out and meet your legislators. Whether you are a biker, motorcycle enthusiast, mc, independent, or cage, you're welcome and wanted to come. The larger our numbers, the more we will get their attention. Also the next State Board meeting is 2 days before the Rally at the Capital on March 12th. Some of the issues ABATE is looking to address this year: Lane filtering bill, Right of Way Bill, Freedom of Choice on the helmet issue, and a bill to create an "autocycle" category in order to account for the new 3-wheel cars being sold. This would prevent autocycle statistics being lumped together with motorcycle statistics. Donnie Brown stepped up as our new Motorcycle Riders Foundation Representative after Cecil Crawford stepped down after a few years of such a great job. Thank you, Mr. Cecil for all you've done. Donnie will do a wonderful job, as well. The next NCOM meeting will be on Mother's Day in Atlantic City, NJ We took a moment of silence for our CoC (US Defenders) Commander, John Frank who passed away earlier in the month. Cecil Crawford stepped down as ABATE's representative; ABATE State President, Randy Postlethwait volunteered to take Mr. Cecil's place. Donnie Brown will be preserving our history of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc online. Bruce Roberts is now our State Advocate

Confederation of Clubs (CoC) - January 31, 2016

New CoC Commander is Swamp, president and founder of the Bayou Country Riders MC. The January 31st meeting was the first meeting of the year, but also the first meeting with Swamp as Commander. Swamp told me he always thought highly of John Frank as a leader, he hopes he can do as good a job as John did all of the years he was Commander. Swamp is honored and humbled to follow in John's footsteps and Swamp hopes he can be as good of a leader as John. Swamp's main goal is to keep everybody together, have a strong voice no matter what colors they wear, including independents. Swamp emphasized his appreciation and respect for A.B.A.T.E. CoC meetings will be held at a new location, which is: Family of Grace Church Baptist Temple Church 4200 South MacArthur Drive Alexandria, LA Our next meeting: Sunday, March 20th 2016 at 14:00 due to Easter Holiday President's meeting at 13:00



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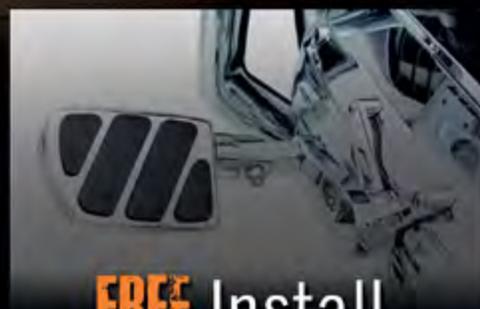
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