Minnesota Patriot Guard

It’s about

Honor, Dignity, and Respect
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Who are the Patriot Guard Riders?

- We were started in 2005 in Kansas
- Five American Legion Riders were the first Patriot Guard members
- The Patriot Guard was started in response to protestors at funerals of soldiers killed in the war by putting a line of flags between possible protestors and the family so they don’t have to see it.
Our Mission Statement

Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission we undertake has two basic objectives.

1. Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities.
2. Shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestors or group of protestors.

We accomplish the latter through strictly legal and non-violent means.

• You don’t have to ride a motorcycle
• You do not have to be a veteran
• We have no opinion on the wars
  – We support the troops
  – We support the families
Who is the Minnesota Patriot Guard?

- We are the Minnesota arm of the Patriot Guard Riders
- We were formed as a 501c3 in Minnesota so that we could raise money to donate to military causes here at home
- We have about 5,700 members here in Minnesota
- We are a non profit charity that donates about $85,000 per year to MN military causes
We Do More Though…

• Honor Missions for Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters or EMT Line of Duty Deaths
• Troops on Deployment
  – Send Offs
  – Welcome Homes
• Visit with veterans at the state Vets Homes and Hospitals
• Assist in hunting days for disabled vets
• Support our Gold Star Families
How Does the MN Patriot Guard Get Invited to a Mission?

- A direct family member (or minster or funeral home director) contacts the MN Patriot Guard.
  - Email to Missions@MNPatriotGuard.org
  - Go to www.mnpatriotguard.org and click “Request the MN Patriot Guard”

- A review is made by a Senior Ride Captain and passed to the local Ride Captain if the Mission is appropriate

- The Ride Captain puts the Mission on our calendar and sends an email to local members
We Are Very Busy With Missions

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2012 Figures thru 27 Nov 12
Why Do We Do This?

“It’s about Honor, Dignity, and Respect.”

“We will never forget…”
We Remember......

From the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan and Iraq our military has fought for our freedoms and rights to be free.

We never take that for granted.
How Do I Join In?

• Go to www.MNPatriotGuard.org and click “Join Email List”
• Have a 3’x5’ USA flag on a pole
• Watch for the weekly emails and join up with us!

• YOU DO NOT NEED A MOTORCYCLE!!!
• YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A VETERAN!!!