

NC CVMA 15-1 Escorts Wounded Warriors



The Combat Vets Motorcycle Association Chapter 15-1 met with Wounded Warriors and Gold Star families in Fayetteville, NC. After a meet and greet and introductions from Ken Barnard of [Patriot Hunts](#) who personally invited us to lead / escort these soldiers and families from the Airborne & Special Operations Museum to an all expense paid Pheasant Tower Hunt at the [Allen Brothers](#) hunting preserve in Bladenboro, NC the ride got under way.

It was a 44 mile route and the weather was barely holding... cloudy and a chilly 38 degrees. We had a good sized crew representing the NC CVMA Chapter 15-1 with Full Members, Auxiliary Members, Support Members and Family Members braving the cold in order to support these men, women and children.

Also present were Butch and Chewy (Iron-Mutt) and about a dozen other local riders from the community. We could not have been happier with the turn out considering how many other events were going on this day.

The ride took us partly through downtown Fayetteville and South down Highway 87. Traffic was minimal and it felt like we owned the road. "Dagger" flew the POW/MIA and our glorious Red White and Blue American Flag on his bike and the line of bikes, cars and trucks seemed to stretch for at least a mile.



Everyone enjoyed the ride and even though we had a few that could not feel their fingers by the time we pulled into the Allen Brothers Hunting Preserve the folks there were so kind and the hugs made every shiver seem to disappear. There were a bunch of folks waiting for our arrival. The lodge was warm and inviting and the coffee was hot and ready to serve.

We were welcomed and treated like family at the preserve. Outside of the lodge was a great big bon fire that could keep even the coldest rider toasty. The kids found a lot to do and places to explore around the cabin, it was just great - no one was left out or felt out of place!



A surprise was announced and everyone was asked to come outside as three members from the Golden Knights parachute team prepared to jump into the preserve. We gathered in front of the lodge and watched as

each jumper flew in. The last Parachutist flew the American flag and a couple of our members were asked to keep Old Glory from touching the ground as he landed - a request we were proud to assist in.

Once the jumpers were all gathered, a few announcements were said, the playing of our National Anthem and a prayer it was time to eat! The food was out of this world good... we had pork, coleslaw, biscuits, green beans, and more. But the best was the plethora (that's right I used the word "plethora") of desserts!!! Cakes, cookies, cup cakes, pies and the list goes on. It seemed impossible to have anyone leave this Southern Hospitality hungry.



Ken Barnard of Patriot Hunts wanted to talk to everyone and recognize the help of certain organizations. To our surprise he asked that all riders of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association come up to the front. We were presented with an Award of Appreciation (on a wooden plaque) that stated:



The military and Patriot Hunts put a very high value on selfless acts such as this one here today. Your service to these soldiers and professionalism are in keeping with the highest standards of the military and Patriot Hunts, and reflect great credit upon yourself. Your outstanding commitment and undying devotion to our Wounded Warriors, is a true testament to your character, and is equal to the Honor and Integrity of the men and women that serve this great country. Should they stumble along the way, it is our moral obligation as Americans, to extend our hand to help them up. The flame that burns deep inside of all of us, glows a little brighter because of patriots like yourselves. We must never accept defeat, We must never quit, we must never leave a fallen comrade.

*Ken Barnard
Patriot Hunts*

It was with great pride, respect and humility that we accepted this Award on behalf of all our members in our Association. We had a great day, a great ride and it was spent with great people... who could possibly ask for more?

To view all the pictures from today please go to our website <http://nc.combatvet.org/15.1.html> and click on the pictures 'Dog Tag'.