

# READY TO RIDE

Rolling Thunder honors veterans this weekend



A trip across Arlington Memorial Bridge is part of the course for Ride for Freedom participants, whose mission in part is to bring awareness to the public about the POW/MIA issue.

# A thunderous arrival for a solemn mission

## Ride for Freedom marks its 26th year

By JENNIFER HARPER

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There is no better name for an event that resonates with patriotism, deep loyalty, sacrifice, a sense of mission and authentic history: Rolling Thunder. Oh, yeah. Here they come. They're rolling, and it is thunderous.

For the 26th year, hundreds of thousands of motorcycle riders will glide into the nation's capital aboard perfectly tricked-out Harley-Davidsons, three-wheelers, new-fangled racing bikes and old hogs — bound for the Ride for Freedom.

Last year, 750,000 riders were roaring their way from the Pentagon to hallowed acreage surrounding the Lincoln Memorial in homage to the U.S. military, not to mention chrome, mighty engines and old-school fossil fuel.

They hail from 90 chartered chapters, though all riders are welcome.

"Everything about this rally still affects me, no matter how many years we've been doing it. And everything we do is meant to remember and honor our POWs, MIAs and all of our veterans," said former U.S. Army Sgt. Artie Muller, who founded the

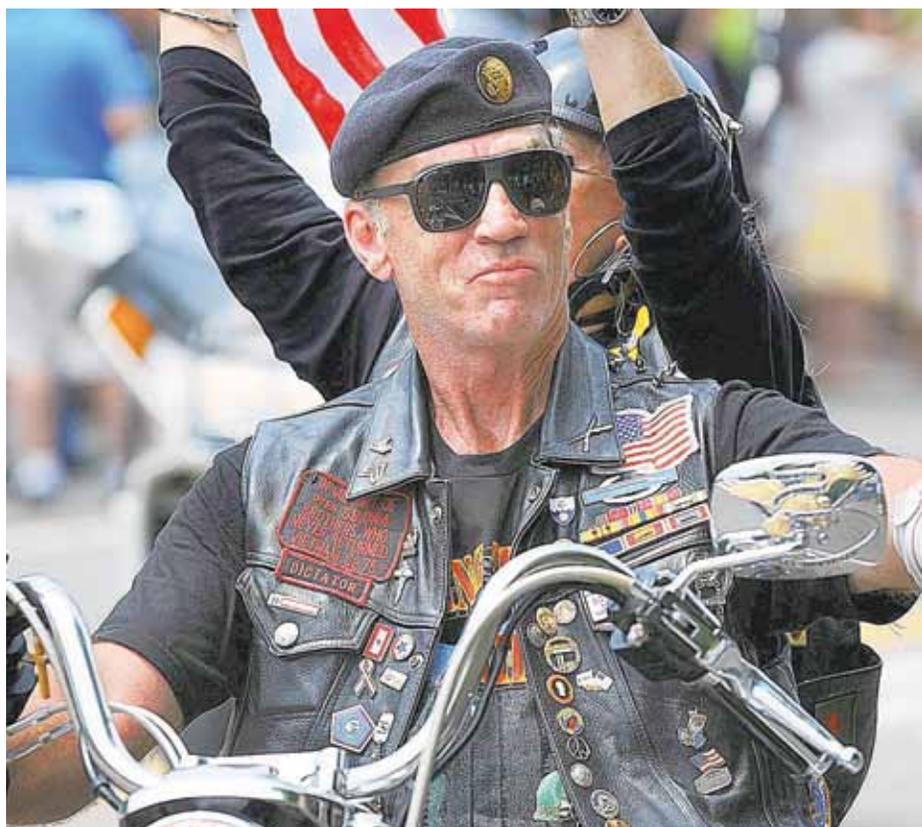
organization in 1987 and named it for a U.S. bombing campaign over North Vietnam more than two decades earlier.

"I lost a whole lot of guys in that war. I never forget that I made it back but they didn't," he said.

"It's hard to predict how many will show up," said organizer and spokeswoman Nancy Regg. "We lose members each year, particularly our Vietnam vets. It can be hard on some of them. But we always draw at least 500,000 riders. Always. And all are welcome."

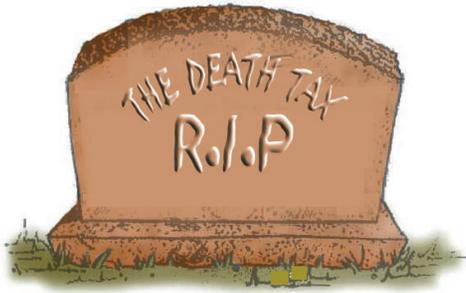
Something else, lingering and persistent, troubles Mr. Muller.

"It's what we call the 'live' issue. Are the men who were left behind after all past wars still alive? We recover the remains of those lost, which is an honorable thing. But little is being done to resolve what happened to those left behind alive," he said. "Sgt. Bowe R. Bergdahl, captured July 1, 2009, is still missing. What are we doing to get him home? Let's find him and the others — including those missing soldiers from other countries."



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Rolling Thunder Inc. National Executive Director Artie Muller will be leading the way during the 26th annual Ride for Freedom. "Always remember our troops serving," he said.



# Here's a "shovel-ready" job Bury the Death Tax

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## RONALD REAGAN vs. KARL MARX

Look who stands with REAGAN on burying the Death Tax:

**Mitch McConnell, John Boehner, John Thune, Kevin Brady, Pat Boone, Frank Luntz, Grover Norquist, Lew Uhler, Dan Mitchell, Jim Martin.**

Look who lines up with MARX on keeping alive the Death Tax:

**President Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders, Bill Gates, Sr., Warren Buffett, George Soros, Jay Rockefeller, Ted Turner.**

**This is not hyperbole. The third tenet in the Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx (verbatim): "Abolition of All Rights of Inheritance."**

"**Jim (Martin)** deserves particular credit for leading the movement to repeal the Death Tax."

*President George W. Bush*

"**Jim Martin** came up with the idea of relabeling the estate tax as a "death tax." Martin's rhetoric was particularly brilliant as it made the tax seem especially cruel."

*Ramesh Ponnuru, National Review*

"**Jim Martin** renamed the estate tax to try to kill it."

*Joshua Green,  
American Prospect Magazine*

"Because of the work by 60 Plus, Sen. Kyl and Rep. Cox, everybody talking about tax reform includes abolishing the death tax."

*Grover Norquist,  
Americans for Tax Reform*

"Please thank your members at 60 Plus for building support for my bill to repeal the death tax."

*Former Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA)*

"Small business leaders recognize how counterproductive this tax really is. That's why they endorsed repeal of the death tax and why my bill is supported by 60 Plus."

*Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ)*

### Wealth and Our Commonwealth: Why America Should Tax Accumulated Fortunes

*By Bill Gates, Sr. and Chuck Collins*

*Authors credit Jim Martin with renaming  
the Estate Tax the "Death" Tax*

#### "DEATH TAX": WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The proponents of estate tax abolition have a good thing going for them with the moniker "death tax." Language is essential to enlisting popular support. After President Reagan's missile defense program was dubbed "star wars," proponents had difficulty regaining control over the terms of the debate.

Defenders of the estate tax lost the battle of shibboleths early on. We knew we were in trouble in 2000, when major television news networks, **such as CNN**, abandoned objectivity, using "death tax" rather than estate tax in their news coverage.

The derivative of the "death tax" phrase is disputed. As it turns out, the phrase "death tax" has been around for several decades.

Congressman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), lead sponsor of repeal, notes that there were many references to "death taxes" in professional tax journals dating back to the 1970s. President Reagan first used the term in a Minnesota speech in 1982.

One significant player in advancing the "death tax" tag was **Jim Martin**, a longtime activist who founded "**60 Plus**," a conservative Washington beltway alternative to the American Association of Retired Persons.

Martin has the distinction of having given **President George W. Bush** his first political job. When Bush was twenty-two years old, Martin hired him to work on the 1968 campaign in Florida to elect **Ed Gurney** to the **U.S. Senate**. The president, distinguished for his unique nicknames of friends and colleagues, calls Martin "**Buddha**."

#### Gains Important Ally

Martin is credited with having brought the "death tax" coin back into wider circulation in 1993. He gained an ally in **political mastermind Frank Luntz**. Luntz, who conducted focus groups for conservative caucuses and politicians, understood the importance of language.

Luntz's message research found that "death tax" kindled voter resentment in a way that "inheritance tax" and "estate tax" didn't. Luntz shared his findings with Republican leaders and included the phrase in the GOP's 1994 "Contract with America."

In a strategy memo to GOP lawmakers, the media-savvy Luntz suggested that legislators stage press conferences opposing the estate tax "**at your local mortuary**" to dramatize the issue. "I believe this backdrop will clearly resonate with your constituents," advised Luntz. "Death is something the American people understand."

The first challenge of any campaign is to have a good message. But it is another hurdle, as the media spin masters will tell you, to enforce "message discipline" (i.e., getting everyone to say the same thing). Enter the pizza fund.



[www.60Plus.org](http://www.60Plus.org)

"Death tax pizza funds" first appeared at **Jim Martin's 60 Plus** organization. Then, across the Potomac, a pizza fund was instituted by Jack Faris, the president and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Soon the idea spread to Capitol Hill, where then House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other pro-repeal lawmakers instated pizza funds in their offices.

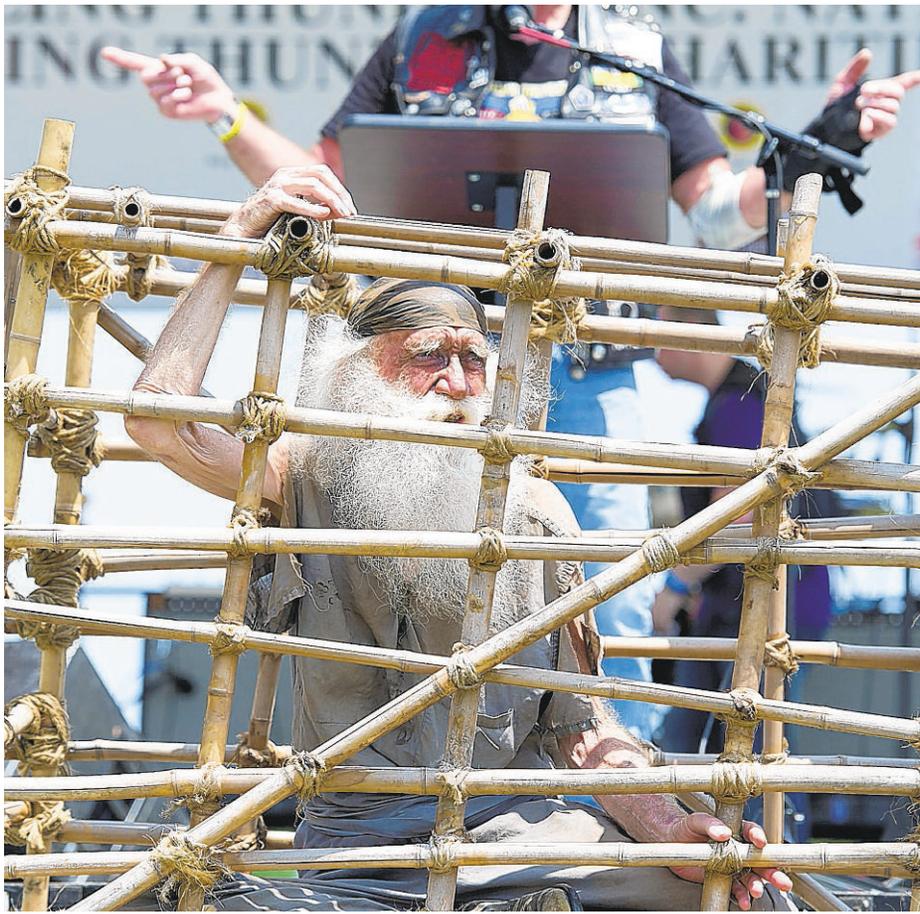
Slowly the powerful "death tax" phrase worked itself out from these lobbying groups into advertising, talk shows, and into the title of legislation, the "Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000." **A powerful message catapulted the repeal cause forward.**

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Other names by 60 Plus, Grave Robber's Tax; Grim Reaper's Tax; Exit or Departure Tax; Cruel Tax; Success Tax, Stiffest Tax of All; and **Voluntary Tax**, the latter Martin said is in honor of Gates, Buffett, Soros, et al, since they say they don't mind paying it and since they think they know best where your after-tax assets should go. An outrageous tax? You be the judge. As **Professor Edward McCaffery**, an attorney at USC and a self-described "unrequited liberal" has said: "**To most people, death seems like the wrong time to tax.**" Martin succinctly says: "The first claimant in line for your after-tax assets is **Uncle Sam, not even a blood relative!**"

A survey by 60 Plus shows **77% of the public**, across all income and philosophical categories, **favours total repeal**, citing the "**unfairness**" of the tax. To those who claim "death tax" repeal is a "tax cut for the rich," 60 Plus rebuts, "that horse is dead, dismount!" The rich have lawyers and accountants to set up foundations (ever heard of foundations headed by Gates, Buffett, Turner, Rockefeller)?

A few years ago the House of Representatives repealed this tax by an overwhelming 110 vote margin, 272-162, with 42 Democrats joining the repeal movement. In the Senate it mustered 57 votes but, thanks to Harry Reid's chicanery, it took 60 votes. **But the forces of good shall prevail and we will repeal!**



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Gerald McCullar of Washington, Ill., has been a feature of Rolling Thunder for many years, portraying a Vietnamese prisoner of war in a tiger cage. It has been his way to express solidarity with his American comrades who never returned from battle in Southeast Asia.

## ROLLING

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He also wants to know why the stark POW/MIA flag is not flown over the White House. "It was in previous administrations," Mr. Muller said.

He should know. With such allies as chanteuse Nancy Sinatra and others along for the ride, Mr. Muller was warmly welcomed in the White House for years. George W. Bush made a practice of greeting them in the grand driveway of the presidential residence. The group had a brief but cordial visit with President Obama last year.

Just don't get Mr. Muller started on health care, though. He is no fan of "Obamacare" and is particularly piqued over backlogs on disability claims, military budget cuts and increases in prescription costs for veterans. They are scheduled to rise from \$9 to \$36, he said.

"Why is that? Many vets can't even afford their medications now. It's a disgrace," Mr. Muller said.

He established Rolling Thunder Charities six years ago as an entity to tend to veterans and active-duty personnel who are under financial or personal duress. Among the organization's major backers are Harley-Davidson and Aetna. Ninety-five percent of the donations go directly to those in need, Mr. Muller said.

Though politics, policy and legislation

are never far from the Rolling Thunder radar, the group has a sense of place and occasion. On Friday evening, a candlelight vigil will be held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Saturday's events include a five-hour program at the Lincoln Memorial, a wreath presentation at the United States Navy Memorial, traditional Scottish pipes and drums, and plenty of opportunities to salute Old Glory. The American flag is properly displayed virtually everywhere at these events.

Rep. Reid J. Ribble, Wisconsin Republican, and Rep. Jon Runyan, New Jersey Republican, are among the scheduled speakers.

When Sunday dawns, the Rolling Thunder ride takes on a life of its own. It takes six hours to assemble all those motorcycles in the only spot big enough to hold them: the Pentagon parking lots. Preparing for the noon ride is no freewheeling occasion.

"No attitudes! Confirmed: everyone must wear a helmet! No alcoholic beverages in the Pentagon parking lot!" proclaimed an edict sent to the vast membership.

At 67, Mr. Muller has not lost his fervor for the ride or his instinct to guard the interests of the American military.

"Always remember our troops serving," he said. "Always remember those who have borne the battle and those that gave their lives for us so we can live free."

"The cost of freedom has a flavor the protected will never know."

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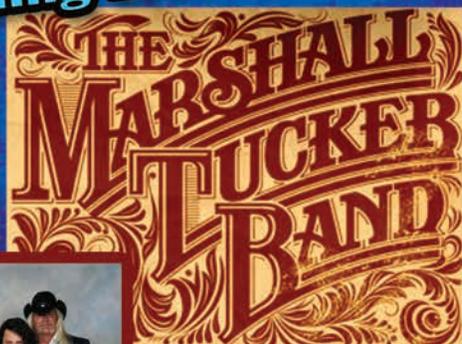
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Motorcyclists receive a salute as the Rolling! under contingent passes near the Lincoln Memorial on the final leg of their journey as crowds gather on sidewalks to wave.

## Volunteers keep the Rolling Thunder riders fed and fueled

By VALERIE RICHARDSON  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

**DENVER** | Before they arrive in Washington, D.C., the bikers of Rolling Thunder drive through hundreds of small towns, where they can count on receiving a hand from friends like Gary Komassa.

The president of the New Mexico Rolling Thunder chapter has never attended the national event. Instead, he helps run the stop in Las Cruces, N.M., a way station on the southern route of what's known as the "Run for the Wall."

Hundreds of bikers stopped May 16 in Las Cruces, and Mr. Komassa and other volunteers were there to help them with everything from finding a hot meal to filling their tanks with gas.

"We greeted them, fed them, put them up," said Mr. Komassa. "We direct them to their motels and hotels, help them with

any issues. We get about 200 to 400 coming through. It's a lot of bikes."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Run for the Wall, which begins in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and then splits into two routes: the southern route and the central route. Along the way, thousands of bikers join the Rolling Thunder brigade as it makes its way to Washington, D.C. In addition to a national expression of patriotism and pride in the military, the annual event is a major logistical challenge as well.

There are nine stops on both routes, and hundreds of volunteers to assist the riders as they make their way cross-country, said Rolling Thunder national spokeswoman Nancy Regg.

"The townspeople in these little towns are great," said Ms. Regg. "They make up T-shirts, they wave flags, they let [riders]

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Add to that John's natural curiosity about...well, just about everything. So when the Ellis family entertained pharmaceutical pioneer Elmer Bobst (head of what was Warner Lambert at that time, now Pfizer), Mary Lasker, founder of the American Cancer Society and a man known to the Ellis family only as “Otto.” At the Ellis estate, John was fascinated by the views of his guests. Otto piqued John's interest to delve deeper into water—simple water—to determine its curative properties. Only, the water John Ellis™ electron distillers created was not simple. The idea came from Otto, who turned out to be Baron Otto von Bolshwing—a man with a CIA dossier that any movie director would have paid a fortune to convert into a movie script.

What started John's mind on this odyssey was a comment Otto made: “The only home water system that will work to clear pathogens from the body must change the properties of water, and subject water to intense ultraviolet radiation and heat by repeatedly recycling that water hundreds of times per gallon—not just once!” Then Lasker said something that chilled Ellis to the bones. “Millions of people will become susceptible to cancer [not because they are genetically predisposed to it but] because when the mixtures of drugs and latent disease markers are flushed into the city's sewer system and end up in the ground water supply, eventually to be reprocessed back into our drinking water supply because water treatment plants use a “single pass” purification, distillation and filtration system...” Those drinking that water will consume whatever pathogens and waste particles were not filtered by nature nor killed in the purification and distillation process at the treatment facility. Remember, we live in a world that reuses everything. Nature is, itself, the world's greatest recycler. What you drink and expel today will quite possibly be in someone else's cooking pot tomorrow.

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Edward Coty, a Washington Post Foreign Service writer wrote an article on January 27, 1992, page A10 about a “miracle well” in Tlacote, Mexico. His article began: “By the thousands they waited; men, women and children, equipped with plastic jerrycans and tranquil faith in miracles that has adorned Mexican history since pre-Hispanic times.

“The line stretched alongside a dusty road for more than a quarter of a mile one day last week. On other days it strung out for more than a mile as hundreds of thousands of sick and lame line up for the “light water” in Jesus Chahin's well—the miracle water that is said to cure everything from AIDS and cancer to obesity or high cholesterol.

“For me, all of these things are God's miracles,” said Mary Guadalupe Aguilar, a Dominican nun who drove 175 miles from Puebla along with a fellow nun and a priest, Father Juan Crespo, who has prostate cancer.

“Chahin, a wealthy rancher, has been making the water available free to the public since May, 1991 ever since he accidentally discovered its healthy properties by observing the swift recovery of a farm dog who had lapped some of it. But Chahin quickly dismissed the reporters continued reference to “miracle water,” by explaining he was using distillers purchased from Crystal Clear in the United States, and the “curative power” comes from the constant movement of water from one metal tank (the distillers) to another. Whenever any of those in search of a miracle through references to Christian faith, Chahin said he tells them there's no miracles here, only science.

“But Chahin, a Roman Catholic himself, makes sure when those seeking water speak of miracles, they understand the water has no divine power. “The water is scientific,” Chahin told the Washington Post, but man is God's creation.”

Millions of people go to John Ellis.com every year. Thousands of people buy one or more of the Crystal Clear™ distillers that permanently turns the bond angle of his water from 104° to 114°, or they buy gallons and gallons of his water. For that reason, Crystal Clear™ is now the best known distillers in the world. And, for that same reason, sooner or later someone who needs John Ellis water™ for something other than drinking would read the John Ellis™ ads and apply John's water for some other scientific application. All scientific advances begin with curiosity.

The curious person was David Davies, CEO of Powergate Technologies, LLC which has been researching and developing HHO (hydrogen-hydrogen-oxygen) hybrid conversion systems for trucks and cars since late 2007. Powergate's current hybrid system adds 25% to 35% gains in fuel mileage. In addition to creating a fuel-efficient HHO conversion hit for cars and trucks, Powergate is also perfecting a zero-pollution, extremely efficient home heating and cooling system that burns HHO generated from tap water. Add to that the possibility of buying an HHO electric generator that serves as a back-up system to your power company's electrical system.

Okay, now you're curious. What would Davies want with John Ellis' 114° bond angle water, the stuff you drink? Davies discovered that the properties about John Ellis™ water, that makes thousands of American homes buy his water, may well work in an entirely different application. It might even be the key to something called “cold fusion.” John Ellis™ water may well be the catalyst that makes cold fusion really work.

Davies, like scores of other HHO developers was quick to grab what information they could from the late Stanley Meyers 44 patents on HHO technology when the patents expired after Meyers' death in 1997. Meyers claimed to have perfected the science behind HHO powered automobiles which is like claiming you have perfected Cold Fusion) by producing 300% more energy than the electricity required to generate the hydrogen needed to operate the vehicle from water. Meyers was a deliberately obscure inventor who equipped his dune buggy with a HHO fuel system and ran it on nothing but tap water for three years.

**As Meyers continued to defend his statements of generating 300% more energy than the electricity consumed to create it, scientists continued to refute his claims by saying an over-unity device was impossible. To prove he was correct, Meyers subjected his patents to three years of rigorous testing by the US Patent Office, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that his HHO invention really worked. The one problem with Meyers' work is that because he constantly feared someone would steal it, he cloaked his discoveries and methods in obscure terminology that he simply made up to protect his work. He used that created terminology in his patent applications, keeping his code secret. Meyers' Water Fuel Cell, a variation of which is now being used by Davies and everyone else experimenting with HHO, was subjected to three years of testing by the Patent Office and Meyers claims have been substantiated.**

Davies had one problem with his invention—he couldn't achieve the 300-to-1 ratio Meyers claimed in his notes. In Meyers' notes, Davies observed the question Meyers asked himself: “How do we switch off the covalent bond of the water molecule, and do it economically?” He answered himself: “We need a way to switch off the bonds and not process the water molecule in any way. Normally the oxygen atom has 8 protons and 8 electrons.

But when the oxygen atom accepts the negatively charged hydrogen electron there is an electrical imbalance. The oxygen atom still has 8 protons, but because of the hydrogen atoms, it has 10 electrons. Meyers realized that because there is no electromagnetic field between hydrogen and oxygen, all he had to do was reverse the electrolysis process. Under Newton's second law, all Meyers had to do was set up opposite electrical charges to make the positive field attract the negative charge. The positive field, according to Coulombs Law, would repel the positive charge and the positive field would then attract the negative charge. When Meyers' patent clerk realized Meyers was describing a form of cold fusion in his patent application, he said: “Why in the world did no one ever think of this?” I think someone did. His name was Michael Faraday.

Faraday may have theorized cold fusion in the early 1800s, long before the technology to achieve it existed. Meyers may have achieved the concept in 1997, but David Davies wasn't getting the results he wanted.

On April 23, 2013 John Ellis™ received a fax from David Davies concerning what the as many as 10,000 pilgrims a day carrying their jerrycans to Jesus Chahin's well called “miracle water.” Davies needs some “exceptional” water. In his fax, Davies said:

“I've been researching and building hydrogen generators for big trucks since 2007. So, when a friend of mine sent me a copy of the John Ellis™ water advertisement from a magazine I went ahead and requested a free sample of John Ellis™ water to test with my new HHO (hydrogen-hydrogen-oxygen) cell design.

**“After mixing KOH and well water for the electrolyte, I connected my cell to my Pulse Width Modulator that pulses energy from a 12-volt battery. As suspected, the amps shot up to over 35 amps blowing a few 30 amp fuses. So, I added two cups of hydrogen peroxide to dilute the electrolyte. “The cell had excellent HHO output and the amperage immediately dropped a little bit down to 29 to 30 amp range where it remained. Every day I ran the cell for about 15 minutes and the amps remained in the same 29 to 30 range.**

Then my 4 oz. free sample of John Ellis™ water arrived so I put 10 drops of the water into the electrolyte. I continued to run the cell several times a day for 15 to 30 minutes and, to my surprise, the amperage kept getting lower. It was using less of the battery's power to make hydrogen. A couple of days later the cell was still producing lots of HHO, But the amps had dropped to about 15 amps, then to 12, then to 7.5 amps. So, I decided if a little more John Ellis™ water could make the electrolysis so efficient, I would add another 10 drops. The amps continued to drop. I was dumbfounded. My electronic engineer said there had to be something wrong with my ammeter or I messed up my experiment somehow. After seven days of testing, it remained steady at 1 amp—but the HHO output was the same as when the cell required 33 amps.

Today, I decided to save the electrolyte with the John Ellis™ water and use it to test a brand new cell in case there was something defective with the original test cell. To my total amazement, the cell began to produce lots of HHO as it was “broken in”...but the amps dropped from one amp to an indicated zero amps. The ammeter goes up to 60 amps so the calibrations are coarse, but even so, my new cell is using no more than 1/2 amp to produce lots of HHO.

As a researcher who devotes all of his time in the study of using water for the fuel process, this appears to be a breakthrough since I'm producing abundant HHO (lots of energy when burned), using almost no electrical power to generate the HHO fuel. This is the cleanest energy on the planet since the only emissions when HHO is burned is pure H<sub>2</sub>O. If the John Ellis™ water is used with my new cell design, fuel mileage will go way up. The HHO can also be used to heat and power your home because they are no harmful emissions, and it is so efficient the device, using John Ellis™ water as a booster, consumes very little Electricity.”

Each new discovery man makes is a new first step of a new journey to even more important discoveries. Stanley Meyers started the journey that David Davies now walks. Davies footsteps just crossed paths with the footsteps of engineer and scientist John Ellis who discovered that H<sub>2</sub>O with a bond angle of 114° instead of 104° permanently alters water and makes HHO burn a hundred times more efficiently.

About the same time Davies was starting Powergate, Dennis J. Klein of Clearwater, Florida formed his own company, also in the footsteps of Stanley Meyers' genius. His company is called Hydrogen Technologies Applications, He is also using HHO to power cars. He branded his product as Aquygen® gas (a new spelling for the word “oxygen.”) Klein converted his Ford Escort to use HHO. He calls his hybrid HHO system HHOS for “a hybrid hydrogen-oxygen system.”

What makes Klien's HHO application interesting is that after converting his Escort into a HHO hybrid, he began experimenting with other applications for HHO gas. Klein converted a normal acetylene torch into a HHO torch. When he lights up the torch, he can place his bare fingers at the metal tip of the torch just below the flame—and it remains cool to the touch. Yet the flame of the torch is so hot it will immediately cut a building brick in half with a heat comparable to the heat of the sun. The heat was so intense, it took only seconds to burn a hole completely through a cannonball-sized piece of charcoal. Three seconds turned a brass ball into a glowing sphere and tungsten lights up like a fluorescent tube. Steel slices on contact. Yet, the instant Klein turned off the torch, it was still cool to the touch. That is Cold Fusion.

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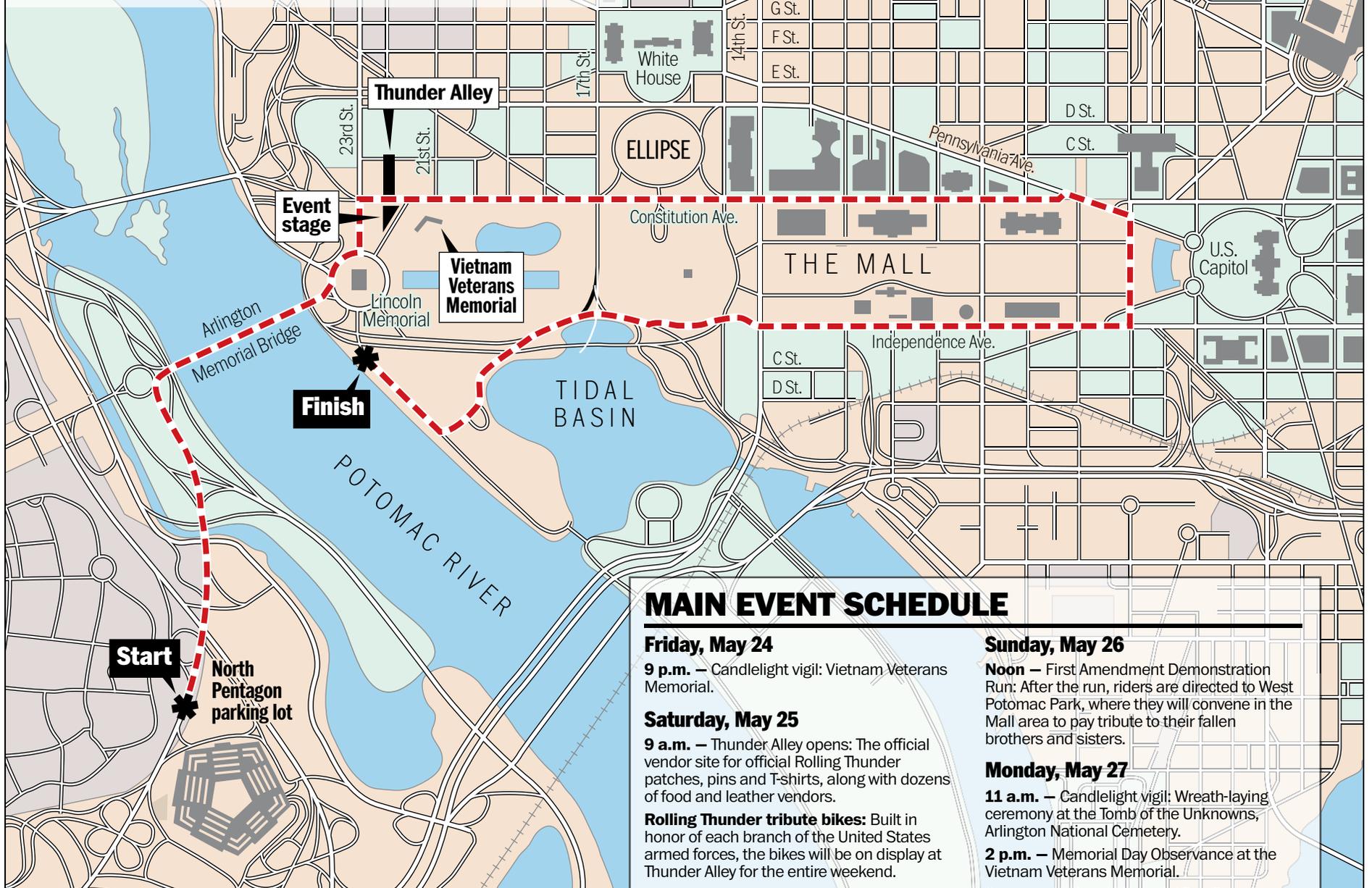
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## MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 24

**9 p.m.** — Candlelight vigil: Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

### Saturday, May 25

**9 a.m.** — Thunder Alley opens: The official vendor site for official Rolling Thunder patches, pins and T-shirts, along with dozens of food and leather vendors.

**Rolling Thunder tribute bikes:** Built in honor of each branch of the United States armed forces, the bikes will be on display at Thunder Alley for the entire weekend.

### Sunday, May 26

**6 a.m.** — Reveille/wake-up call for riders for the rally to begin in the North and South Pentagon parking lots at 7 a.m. for a noon departure.

### Sunday, May 26

**Noon** — First Amendment Demonstration Run: After the run, riders are directed to West Potomac Park, where they will convene in the Mall area to pay tribute to their fallen brothers and sisters.

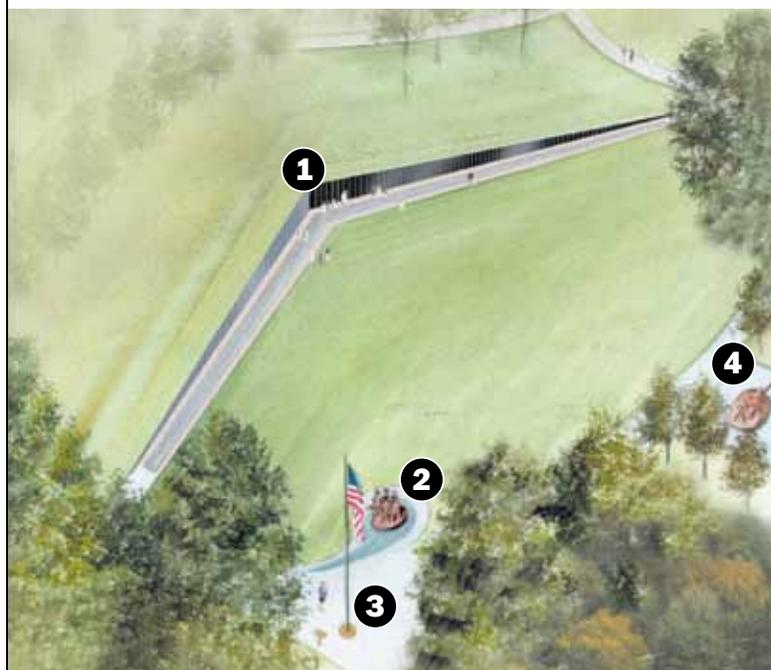
### Monday, May 27

**11 a.m.** — Candlelight vigil: Wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.

**2 p.m.** — Memorial Day Observance at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**2 p.m.** — National Memorial Day Parade begins on Constitution Avenue.

**3 p.m.** — National Moment of Remembrance: A minute of silence in honor of those who gave their life for our country.



### 1. Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Height: 10 feet Overall length: 500 feet

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### 2. Three Servicemen Statue

Controversy over the wall design led to a compromise and the expansion of the memorial in 1984. The bronze 7-foot statue by Frederick Hart was erected near the wall.

### 3. Bronze flagpole

The 60-foot-tall flagpole was installed in 1983, to honor Vietnam veterans.

### 4. Vietnam Women's Memorial

The bronze 8-foot statue honors women who served in Vietnam. Eight yellowwood trees were planted in memory of eight nurses killed in Vietnam. The memorial was designed by Glenna Goodace and dedicated in 1993.



# Vietnam vet embraces Rolling Thunder's mission

By ANNIE Z. YU  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

For Vietnam veteran and professional photographer Patrick Hughes, the self-portrait he would have shot back in 1993 would not have been a particularly cheerful one.

It was a time when he nearly lost his job at a large daily newspaper, in part, he said, because of his military service. From that point on, he was determined to disassociate himself from the military and avoid speaking about his Marine experience for his family's sake.

But then he learned about a nonprofit advocacy organization serving veterans and active-duty service personnel. Curious, he volunteered that year to help out Rolling Thunder as a photographer chronicling its annual Washington Memorial Day event. Twenty years later, Mr. Hughes is an active Rolling Thunder national member and will be out on the streets of Washington once again this weekend, camera in hand, promoting the event and in particular, the campaign to keep alive the memory of American prisoners of war.

"The first year I went, I kind of stayed in the background but took a lot of pictures and met some people and thought, 'This

## Patrick Hughes helping the effort to find, free Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in Afghanistan

was what I wanted to do," Mr. Hughes said. "I lost some of my best friends in Vietnam. And I know there were people who were left behind, even though our government said something different."

This Memorial Day weekend, Mr. Hughes will be one of the hundreds of thousands of people who flock to the nation's capital to be a part of Rolling Thunder's 26th annual "Ride for Freedom."

Rolling Thunder, dedicated in part to bringing awareness to POW/MIA issues, is run by volunteers who stand by their slogan, "We will not forget." Mr. Hughes has actively campaigned to bring home Sgt. Bowe R. Bergdahl, a POW who has been missing in Afghanistan since June 30, 2009. In March, on Sgt. Bergdahl's 27th birthday, Mr. Hughes and several other veterans stood outside a Fox News television station in Philadelphia with a table and a birthday cake for him. The inscription on the cake: "Another unhappy birthday for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl."

"I have met his mom and dad and stayed

in touch with his dad. So I really feel like I almost know their son, because of my relationship with the father of the family," Mr. Hughes said.

He noted that the remains of POWs from other wars have been returned to their families.

"Years of waiting and hope and finally, despair, but at least they got the remains back," he said. "Hopefully, some day we can bring back a living POW."

The ride provides an environment of camaraderie for the gathered veterans and supporters, something Mr. Hughes said he badly needed when he first attended the event in 20 years ago. During his first Rolling Thunder, he met and forged a bond with several Australian Vietnam veterans, who have since passed away.

"I never thought I would go to Australia," he said. "But I went there three times since I met them."

Mr. Hughes, whose studio is in Glen Mills, Pa., near Philadelphia, is also committed to drawing the attention of

American citizens, not just politicians, to the POW-MIA issue. He has flag poles on his property displaying the American, POW and Marine Corps flags. He has placed POW ads in his community publications, distributed free writing pads with the POW logo and encouraged neighbors to display the Stars and Stripes on Memorial Day weekends.

"In subtle ways, I try to educate people or enlighten them," he said. "In a nice way, it's not 'in your face.' I occasionally do ask and I try not to hard sell. I just let them know what's going on."

Mr. Hughes said he met President Obama once and asked him if he was familiar with Sgt. Bergdahl's plight. The president confirmed the sergeant was alive and remained a priority, according to Mr. Hughes.

"I'm hoping to meet him again and ask him why it's taken so long to get Bowe back, when they've gotten back three hikers in Iran and sent Navy SEALs to get [American aid worker Jessica Buchanan] from Africa" in 2012, he said. "These are civilians and that's fine. But why can't you get back somebody who raised his hand to serve his country, [especially if] they know where he is. Why can't they get him back?"

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# Supporting fellow vets is a year-round effort at home and in Congress

## POW/MIA issues remain as a priority

By **BEN WOLFGANG**

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

For Tom Bender, fighting for his fellow veterans means more than showing up once a year in Washington for an awe-inspiring motorcycle rally.

The Vietnam combat veteran and head of Rolling Thunder Inc.'s government affairs team has taken the lead on lobbying Congress to improve health care benefits for members of the military and has spearheaded a number of other legislative priorities on behalf of his fellow vets.

Those efforts attract plenty of attention, but it's what Mr. Bender does behind the scenes — far away from the roar of a half-million motorcycles in the center of the nation's capital — that he feels makes perhaps the greatest difference.

"It's tragic, but I've grown accustomed to it. I understand what obstacles they'll run into. I can help them navigate the system," Mr. Bender said Monday, as he sat in the waiting room of a New Jersey VA hospital. He had driven a fellow Vietnam veteran to the medical center earlier that morning, a duty he tackles regularly but one that, admittedly, can be emotionally taxing.

He takes those experiences and the often heart-wrenching stories of fellow veterans with him to Capitol Hill, where he continues to push Rolling Thunder's broad legislative agenda.

The organization, gathering in D.C. this Memorial Day weekend for its 26th annual motorcycle rally, is best known for its work on POW/MIA issues. It took the lead in getting a bill passed in 1993 that kept the federal government from declaring a member of the military dead unless there is concrete proof.

The organization also helped push through legislation requiring government buildings to fly the black POW/MIA flag with the words "You are not forgotten."

One of its most recent successes was the "Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act," which was signed by President George W. Bush in 2006 and keeps protesters 300 feet from the entrance of any cemetery hosting a military funeral.

Rolling Thunder is now fighting for the creation of a congressional select

committee to "conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States POW/MIAs unaccounted for" from any past conflicts. The group's website features the case of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the Army sergeant captured by the Taliban in June 2009 who is believed to be the only living American serviceman being held in the Afghanistan conflict. The select committee idea has attracted a number of co-sponsors but has yet to make it to the House floor.

"It's a matter of priorities," Mr. Bender said, adding that despite the ongoing efforts of Rolling Thunder, the POW/MIA issue still isn't given the attention it deserves among lawmakers.

### Congressional agenda

Rolling Thunder also continues its ongoing effort to speed up the processing of medical and benefit claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, pointing to the nearly 1 million outstanding claims still in the system. Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki

is facing increasing heat from lawmakers and some veterans groups as the backlog persists with an influx of new veterans from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Moving forward, Mr. Bender and his colleagues also are pushing a number of bills to provide benefits for

Vietnam veterans affected by Agent Orange and are seeking co-sponsors in Congress.

With Rolling Thunder's credibility and — this weekend — visibility on those and other issues, and given the sheer size of its annual bike rally, members of Congress can't help but pay attention.

"Groups like Rolling Thunder help keep [veterans' issues] in the front of the mind of members of Congress like myself," said Rep. Reid J. Ribble, Wisconsin Republican and one of two members of Congress scheduled to address the Rolling Thunder crowd. Rep. Jon Runyan, New Jersey Republican, also will speak, organizers of the event said.

But legislative efforts are only a part of the organization's mission. As Mr. Bender and others fight on the legislative front, Rolling Thunder's local chapters care for veterans in ways that too often go unnoticed.

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Rolling Thunder gathers again this Memorial Day weekend for its 26th rally, which kicks off Saturday when thousands on motorcycles will gather at the Pentagon before riding into D.C.

  
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The roar from Rolling Thunder motorcycles can be heard as riders come over the Memorial Bridge as they near the Mall during the traditional Memorial Day weekend ride.

## BIKERS

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pitch tents on their front yards, they have Little League games — it's amazing."

Having the riders roll through is an event in itself for many communities. In El Paso, Texas, authorities agreed last week to shut down an overpass on Interstate 10 to allow Rolling Thunder supporters to bid farewell to the bikers.

Fans of Rolling Thunder cheered and waved American flags as the caravan of bikers passed underneath on its way to Odessa, Texas.

In Corydon, Ind., the Veterans of Foreign Wars donated 300 flags for the locals to wave Tuesday as they welcomed the procession of bikers. Riders and volunteers are chronicling the journey on the Run for the Wall page on Facebook.

"I witnessed this group in Colorado City on Saturday, where the town opened

its doors for the group, fed them, recognized their courage and bravery, filled their fuel tanks and loved each of these vets," said Johanna Christian May in a Sunday post. "It makes your heart swell to see the way they interact with each other as well as civilians, and most of all their love of country."

For Mr. Komassa, the best part about this year's Rolling Thunder stop was meeting retired Sgt. Tim Chambers, the "saluting Marine" who holds the salute for up to four hours as thousands of motorcycles pass him on either side during the procession in Washington, D.C.

"We took pictures with him, myself and many others," said Mr. Komassa. "We had a nice time. That was really the highlight for me."

And who knows? Maybe next year Mr. Komassa will be one of those riding in the convoy instead of greeting it.

"I haven't made it yet," he said, "but I would love to go."

## CONGRESS

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"They just want us to come down and to be a part of their lives. We provide comfort," said James Bohannon, vice president of Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1.

The group is organizing a Father's Day cookout at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, where they expect to serve a few hundred veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

"We're definitely passionate about taking care of them, of the men and women who put themselves in harm's way," Mr. Bohannon added.

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