

Would you like to make a difference in a blinded Veteran's life this summer? We are a young, vibrant organization: THE VIPER RIDE™, (Visually Impaired Patriots Experiencing the Road.) On August 20, 2017 we will take blind and visually impaired veterans on a 100-plus mile motorcycle ride on some of Wisconsin's best cycling roads. Like our very successful event last year, there will be a mid-way social/rest stop for food, fellowship, and entertainment.

We are anticipating an excellent turnout of TAILGUNNERS, including many who have committed to return after participating last year. Accordingly, we will need a large number of corresponding VIPER PILOTS (motorcycle drivers) and GROUND CREW (event volunteers) to support both the ride and the social aspects of the event. By volunteering, your participation will help make this ride a success. You will be directly responsible for bringing both enjoyment and excitement to a blind or visually impaired Veteran. The bar was set very high during our inaugural year but we know we can make it even bigger and better this year.

Our Mission:

To engage with Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans from Wisconsin and provide a day of motorcycling, socializing, food and entertainment.

Download the appropriate application form at one of the following web locations:

www.theviperride.org/application/groundcrew.pdf

www.theviperride.org/application/pilot.pdf

www.theviperride.org/application/tailgunner.pdf

There are **132,000** blind veterans nationwide.

Blindness often leads to isolation, isolation frequently leads to depression, and depression can result in bad things . . . **22** veterans commit suicide every day.

We can make a difference because we as motorcycle riders know being on, or even around, a motorcycle makes us feel more alive. We believe we can bring excitement, joy, and liveliness to veterans who may quietly and secretly need something extra in their lives. It is entirely possible that this event could **literally save a Veteran's life.**

Please join us in making a difference in the life of a blind or visually impaired Vet!

Join us for the
2nd Annual VIPER RIDE



August 20, 2017

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATRIOTS
EXPERIENCING the ROAD, Inc.**

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Visually Impaired Patriots Experiencing the Road Inc. is a Wisconsin based 501.c.3 corporation



Volunteers Needed

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for THE VIPER RIDE™. VIPER stands for “Visually Impaired Patriots Experiencing the Road”. Our mission is to engage with Blind & Visually Impaired Veterans to provide a day of motorcycling, socializing, food and entertainment.

This event cannot be successful without the help and support of our many dedicated Volunteers and Sponsors. Your participation will directly impact the positive experience of a US Military Veteran who is blind or visually impaired.

GROUNDCREW

We actively recruit patriotic, enthusiastic, and caring individuals, veterans and non-veterans alike, to help us in a variety of ways. On event day, our volunteers may be assigned to help with parking/directions, welcoming, check-ins, set-up, food and beverage services, clean-up, and many other support tasks. Providing specific aid and assistance directly to our blind and visually impaired veterans is also required.

GROUNDCREW applications are available at www.theviperride.org/application/groundcrew.pdf

TAILGUNNER

Each dignified veteran passenger is identified by the codename TAILGUNNER.

They are our guests for the day and participate as passengers on a group motorcycle ride covering some of the premier cycling roads in southeastern Wisconsin. Each Tailgunner is driven by a VIPER Pilot, an experienced volunteer motorcycle owner/operator who will serve as the motorcycle ride escort for the day. The ride is in excess of 100 miles in length with a mid-way stop for socializing, food, rest and entertainment. Tailgunners have a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with many of their friends, both old and new, and with many of the people who have volunteered to make their day special. All of this is provided at no cost to the hosted veterans.

TAILGUNNER applications are available online at www.theviperride.org/application/tailgunner.pdf. If a hard copy, printed application is desired, feel free to contact us at info@theviperride.org or via phone at (414) 525-9005. If assistance is required to fill out an application, please leave a message and your call back number at the phone number listed above.

PILOTS

We actively recruit licensed, insured, and experienced motorcycle operators to serve as PILOTS (drivers) for our event. Two-up experience is required. Your motorcycle must be a minimum of 750cc, it must be properly equipped to carry a passenger, and we require that your motorcycle undergoes and passes a pre-ride safety inspection. Your bike may be a two-wheeler, a trike, a sidecar rig, or CanAm/Spyder style.

Our PILOTS are patriotic, enthusiastic, and caring individuals; veterans and non-veterans alike. On event day, volunteer PILOTS serve as the drivers and escorts for our blind and visually impaired veteran passengers (TAILGUNNERS). For the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of our tail gunners, strict adherence to THE VIPER RIDE™ rules must be followed. PILOT applications are available at www.theviperride.org/application/pilot.pdf



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