



# **US DEFENDERS**

**AND THE**

# **C.O.I.R.**

**January 2010**

***“Let us form one body, one heart, and defend to the last warrior our country, our homes, our liberty, and the graves of our fathers.”***

***~Tecumseh***

*"Never before in motorcycling history has the need ever been greater than the present for all motorcyclists to join together for the common cause of defending our US Constitutionally protected civil liberties, our rights to live our chosen lifestyles without fear of discrimination or prosecution and to provide our local communities with assistance in times of natural disasters. The US Defenders program was created in an effort to accomplish those very goals.*

*Working together with the US Defenders program and the solidarity of all motorcyclists we can not only champion our constitutional rights today but even more important the rights of our children and grandchildren, from generation to generation."*

*Gimmi Jimmy  
National Commander  
US Defenders*

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## History:

In the fall of 2007 Gimmi Jimmy, Texas State COC Chairman, commissioned a committee with the task of creating a body within the COC that could react quickly on legislative concerns.

The challenge was how to harness the incredible manpower potential that lies in the memberships of traditional motorcycle clubs, riding associations and the independent motorcyclists while keeping the integrity of their different lifestyles intact.

Most of bikers recognize a shared responsibility in defending our constitutionally protected civil liberties including our “Right to Ride”. However, many of these men and women did not take up motorcycling in an effort to attend political meetings.

The simple solution was to not try and change these motorcyclists into politicians but to provide them with clear and simple instructions so they can add their voices to the fight for our rights and then go back to doing what they do best, being bikers!



**The first Defenders unit was commissioned on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2007, in Austin, Texas**

## **The Mission:**

The US Defenders Program is a grass roots movement of manpower, citizen “BIKER” manpower that is designed to provide an efficient way to organize and rally a rapid response when needed on legislative issues that are of concern to all motorcyclists.

The US Defenders provide the manpower behind legislative “Call-to-Action” campaigns from recognized state and national motorcycle rights organizations.

The US Defenders also stand ready to assist local communities in post emergency situations, like in the case of flooding, tornados and amber alerts, when called upon by civilian management authorities.

In a nutshell, the US Defenders are soldiers, proud soldiers dedicated to preserving the US Constitution and applying their collective manpower where it can best serve the riding public and local communities.



**US Defenders at the Capitol in Austin, Texas, Jan 09**

## **How the US Defenders program works:**

A system of representatives from the memberships of traditional motorcycle clubs and riding associations was created. Two members from each organization, a primary and an alternate, were chosen to act as the liaison between their perspective clubs and the program. These representatives became known as US Defenders.

When a “Call-to-Action” (CTA) is brought forth by a motorcycle rights organization (MRO) such as ABATE, MRF, AMA, or other “Motorcycle Rights” organizations, and is recognized as falling within the criteria (Motorcycle specific, either legislative or judicial) of the COC or NCOM the US Defenders are activated. The Defenders units are called in and briefed on the CTA and trained on the nature of the “Action” such as letter writing, faxing, phone calling, etc. The US Defenders are provided with logistical support such as sample letters and postage and then return to their perspective clubs and associations, share the training with their memberships, and implement the “Action.”

Recognizing the fact that it would take all motorcyclists for there to be a voice the Coalition of Independent Riders or C.O.I.R. (pronounced core) was formed. The C.O.I.R. is not a club or association but a simple data bank of contact information where the independent rider can be contacted in a situation such as a “Call-to-Action” or community emergency. There are no C.O.I.R. meetings or dues, etc., except where independent volunteers attend Call-to-Action briefings.

## **.Why get involved?**

Understanding how our judicial and legislative systems work is every citizen biker's responsibility. From how a bill becomes a law to preventing a bad bill from reaching the floor of the capitol is all part of the process.

Although it is a small percentage of our elected officials who promote legislation for self-serving or illegal purposes there are those legislators who support bad or even harmful legislation due to poor information or lack of experience in motorcycling or the motorcycle lifestyle.

It is our responsibility as motorcyclists to educate ourselves and our elected politicians so we can work together in preserving our precious freedoms and our chosen lifestyles.

It doesn't matter if you're a motorcyclist, a NASCAR fan, a long distance runner, whatever. What does matters is that we all get involved and protect the freedoms that are guaranteed to all US Citizens by the US Constitution.

We are not suggesting that anyone change their lifestyles in an effort to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. What we are suggesting is that you support and defend the Constitution so you don't have to change your lifestyles!

***Liberty without learning is always in peril and learning without liberty is always in vain."***

***~John F. Kennedy***

## **Q & A:**

Q. Is the US Defenders Program a motorcycle rights organization (MRO)?

A. No! The US Defenders are manpower, biker manpower, designed to provide the feet on the ground to implement a call-to-action initiated by a MRO.

Q. What is the relationship between the US Defenders Program and a SMRO or MRO?

A. There is a symbiotic relationship between the US Defenders and MROs. The US Defenders depend on the MROs to define legislative and judicial campaigns with clear goals and objectives. If it is determined that the campaign falls within the Defender's criteria the US Defenders will activate their units and implement the "Action" called for.

Q. Why don't the US Defenders just join a SMRO or MRO?

A. Many US Defenders do belong to a motorcycle rights organization. For example, Secretary Suds, the Nat'l Secretary of C.O.I.R. belongs to all of them. However, many "bikers" do not want to join anything with meetings or dues, no less political agendas. This doesn't mean they don't want to participate when it comes to protecting their "Right to Ride". It is for this very reason the US Defenders Program was developed.

Q. Do the US Defenders offer monthly or yearly memberships? Are there mandatory Defender meetings?

A. No. There are no memberships available in the US Defenders program. All funding to cover operational

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expenses such as printing and travel are realized from the offering of support gear like tee-shirts and patches for donation only. There are no mandatory Defender meetings except on the occasion of a Call-to-Action meeting for the CTA briefing.

Q. What is a Call-to-Action (CTA) and how can I as an Independent Rider take part?

A. A “Call-to-Action” is a grass roots campaign designed to let our elected politicians know how we, the riding public, feel on issues that are of concern to us. The action could be a letter writing campaign or other form of communication. By providing your contact information to COIR you will be notified of the CTA with clear instructions on how you can best participate in the action.

Q. How do we as a Coalition or Confederation of Clubs become involved in the US Defenders Program??

A. By contacting National Lt. Commander Paul who will work with your organization to develop the necessary state and local officers. Lt Commander Paul will also assist your organizations with Defender training, booklets and support gear. You can contact Paul at [paul@usdefenders.org](mailto:paul@usdefenders.org) or by going to [www.usdefenders.org](http://www.usdefenders.org) .

***“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”~Henry Ford***



**From right to left;  
Nat'l Logistics & Strategy Officer Casey,  
Nat'l US Defender's Commander Gimmi Jimmy,  
TXCOC Director of Operations Big Kid,  
Nat'l US Defender's Lt. Commander Paul  
[www.usdefenders.org](http://www.usdefenders.org)**

***“Lead me, follow me, or get the  
hell out of my way.”***

***~General George S. Patton***

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time and limited resources to help keep motorcycling a true  
American expression of freedom*



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## **Q & A**

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