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MEMORANDUM FOR All Army National Guard (ARNG) Leaders

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Motorcycle Riders

1. Since 2005, 54 ARNG members—many of whom were in a non-duty status—died in motorcycle accidents. A lack of training and skill for both new and experienced riders were cited as factors in their untimely deaths. We must encourage all ARNG personnel to ride responsibly. The first step is to identify persons in the National Guard who own and ride motorcycles, and then focus our efforts and resources on reducing fatalities.
2. Motorcycle riders can access a Motorcycle Safety Web site on Guard Knowledge Online for information on other riders, training, and safety. Access the site by clicking on the link for ARNG motorcycle riders on the Ground Safety page. The purpose of the Web site is to establish a directory of ARNG motorcycle riders, the types of motorcycles they ride, and their levels of training.
3. In the future, riders will be able to register for training on the site. We hope the site will offer riders the opportunity to meet potential riding partners and mentors. Key ARNG personnel will be able to view the information to determine training requirements. As leaders, we must persuade all ARNG Soldiers and employees who ride motorcycles—regardless of age, grade, or experience—to register on the Web site.
4. Without the proper management of risk, proper training, and understanding of “owning the edge”, motorcycles are dangerous. We must obey the standards, continuously manage their risks, exercise self-discipline, and receive appropriate training. We must remain vigilant about the hazards our Soldiers face whether deployed or at home. Engage your troops and protect the Force.
5. The point of contact is LTC Garrett Jensen, Chief, Aviation and Safety Division, at DSN 327-7701, 703-607-7701, or garrett.p.jensen@us.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Clyde A. Vaughn".

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