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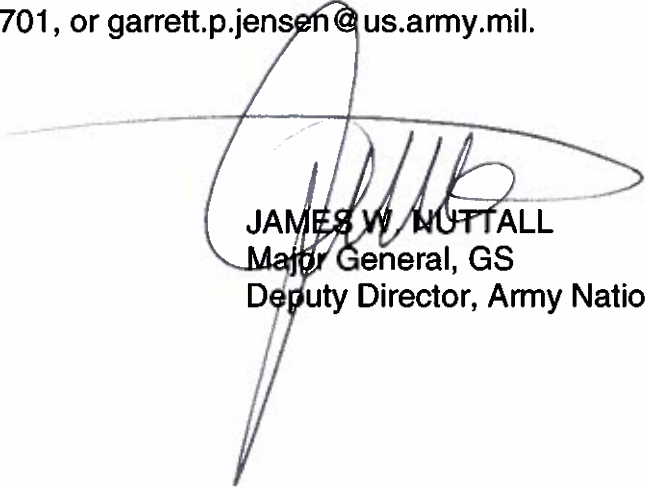
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MEMORANDUM FOR The Adjutants General of all States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Emphasis on Motorcycle Training Opportunities

1. I would like for you to encourage your sport bike motorcycle riders to attend an outstanding Sport Bike Rider Certification Course scheduled early next year. The ARNG leadership is concerned with the upward trend of fatalities, serious injuries, and accidents resulting from Soldiers riding sports bikes. Trends tracked by my Safety Office indicate that 18 of the 35 motorcycle fatalities in FY 08 were from Soldiers riding sports bikes, compared to 12 of the 20 in FY 07.
2. To combat this spiraling trend, the ARNG, in coordination with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the US Army Combat Readiness Center, is hosting a Military Sport Bike Rider Course. This training will produce 12 sport bike rider coaches and 12 sport riders. The course will offer key tools to supply personal riding strategies and decision-making abilities to minimize risk. The first training course is scheduled for 28 January through 1 February 2009 at Fort Rucker, Alabama.
3. The ARNG intends to schedule additional Military Sport Bike Rider Certification Courses for rider coaches throughout the year. The number of Military Sport Bike Rider Courses and certified trainers is extremely limited. I urge you to participate as fully as possible and encourage your best sport rider coaches to apply for the training.
4. The point of contact is COL Garrett P. Jensen, Chief, Aviation and Safety Division, at DSN 327-7701, 703-607-7701, or garrett.p.jensen@us.army.mil.



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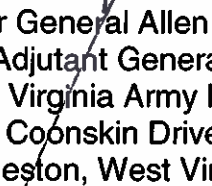


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Major General Allen E. Tackett
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Dear General Tackett:

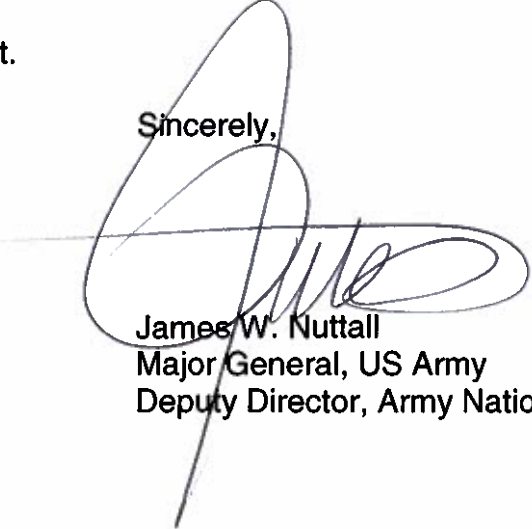
I am concerned with the upward trend of fatalities, serious injuries, and accidents resulting from Soldiers riding sports bikes. Trends tracked by my Safety Office indicate that 18 of the 35 motorcycle fatalities in fiscal year 2008 were from Soldiers riding sports bikes, compared to 12 of the 20 in fiscal year 2007.

Military Sport Bike Rider Courses are extremely limited. I understand that there are only three qualified Military Sport Bike Rider Coach Trainers in the Army. Among them is Lieutenant Colonel Craig Lambert, West Virginia Facility Management Officer. To launch this landmark program, the most comprehensive in the Army, I need your assistance. I would greatly appreciate your endorsement allowing Lieutenant Colonel Lambert to provide training for Army National Guard Rider Coaches who, in turn, would provide the Military Sport Bike Rider Course to Soldiers.

A training course is tentatively scheduled for 28 January through 1 February 2009 in Fort Rucker, Alabama. The success of this training hinges on the participation of Lieutenant Colonel Lambert and the West Virginia Army National Guard. Please feel free to contact Colonel Garrett Jensen, Chief, Aviation and Safety Division, at DSN 327-7701, 703-607-7701, or garret.p.jensen@us.army.mil. Colonel Jensen and his staff are prepared to provide you with a comprehensive briefing.

I earnestly request your support.

Sincerely,



James W. Nuttall
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Deputy Director, Army National Guard