

## ***Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers***

The Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers have established themselves as a formidable entity in the Northern Virginia Community. We have grown internally and externally, to encompass concerns of the community as a whole, and we have taken on the responsibility to address some of those community needs and issues. This group, composed of civic minded individuals, have accepted the challenge to assist when necessary and to help whenever and where-ever we can. We have dedicated ourselves, not just to ride proud, and represent a proud part of history, but we also want to present ourselves as a Motor Cycle Club, that cares.....and we do care.

In the last few years we have grown in size, and we have also expanded in the charitable donations and activities, that we see an immediate need to address. We have adopted families each year to enrich their Christmas. Bringing gifts, monetary stipends, and most importantly, bringing back the true spirit of Christmas.

At Thanksgiving, the Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldiers joined forces with a local Church in the area, to pass out turkey's and Thanksgiving dinners, to the less fortunate. We showed up early and stayed late, to make sure that they all had food for Thanksgiving.

We have offered up our services to our community youth, speaking at local churches and groups, to offer ourselves, as positive role models. As well as donating monies to youth for football camp, and extra-curricular school activities, we do believe that this is a necessary move, to make sure the youth of our community have opportunities in all facets of their educational experience. We have also rode down to visit the sick and wounded Veterans, to show our appreciation for their sacrifices, and service to our country. This we felt, was an extremely important gesture, because many of us are in fact veterans, and feel a certain kinship to those that have served, and stood guard, over our freedoms. The Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldier's have even recently passed the hat, to assist a family in need of so many items. We answered the call, for shoes, shirts, coats, diapers, and so many other things that this family in crisis needed.

And of course we have joined forces in the community, with other Motorcycle groups, for even greater issues. We participated in Aids awareness, in the Greater Washington DC area; We escorted "Diva's for a Cure" for Breast Cancer, through the Northern Virginia area. We joined forces with a Richmond Virginia

Motorcycle group, for “Child Saver’s”, As well as joined many, many, other riders, in the “911 Memorial Ride”, from Dulles airport, in Northern Virginia, to the Pentagon in Washington DC. We have expanded our numbers, as well as expanded our views, on the need to be community minded, to be a force that can help, that should help, that will help, when needed. And we are constantly looking for other areas, other issues to address; there is no shortage of needs in our community, there is just a shortage of people to address those needs.

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