

Waco ~ A Call To Action

For All Motorcyclists and Non-Riders Alike

What truly happened in Waco Texas on May 17, 2015 is still shrouded by 'investigative' privilege. But what has been steadily coming to light is that the citizens incarcerated that day were there for a regularly scheduled, peaceful meeting of the Confederation of Clubs and Coalition of Independent Riders.

What happened in Waco can happen anywhere, to any of us. You are deluding yourself if you believe that in the future this sort of thing won't be done to independent riders, or at peaceful political rallies, or other sizeable gatherings of 'independent-minded' individuals ~ bikers or otherwise.

These people have been locked up since May 17. That's nearly 2 weeks as of the time of this writing that they've been away from their Families, Homes, and Jobs. Reports have indicated that some bond hearings could be dragged out as far as into August. The financial and emotional burden these people are endured is very significant, perhaps even life-changing.

Please help spread the word, and offer what support you can.

Although the following message is directed toward members of various MROs [motorcyclist rights organizations], EVERYONE, including non-affiliated riders, is re-

quested to step up and be heard.

Read on to learn what you can do in support of the illegally detained bikers in Waco.

From: Dr. Jim US National Commander Coalition of Independent Riders (C.O.I.R.)

To: US Defenders and C.O.I.R. throughout the United States

Subject: Waco

To all our brothers and sisters across the United States that support and defend everyone's right under the US Constitution. First I want to say that at a time when the rights of citizens across the United States is [sic] battered and bruised in the name of protecting us from terrorism that this incident is as devastating to the motorcycling community as the recent ones in Baltimore, Tulsa, or Ferguson.

Our reaction to the Waco incident however has to be organized to apply pressure to government officials through an active campaign of phone calls and letter writing. I have a concern that some of the organizations that seek our support in legislative matters have yet to assist us by Call to Actions from their organization. The US Defenders and C.O.I.R. are working hard but we all need to be a singular voice and we need help from our brothers and sisters from other organizations.

I would like to say everyone has been looking for a hot topic reason to mobilize

and support an important issue. THIS IS THAT ISSUE. If you are also a member of the MMA, MRF, ABATE, or other organization this is a time when you need to demand from your leadership to mobilize your member and support the group of individuals that showed up to a Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents (TXCOC&I) meeting and became the targets of this egregious violation of their rights.

Currently there is a US Defenders campaign to bombard the Texas governor with requests to release the people arrested and to request an independent investigation into what really happened. This should be considered a priority but this is also a National issue and requires national oversight which can only be accomplished by contacting your US Congressmen, or US Senators. We all have connections to people in power at the state and national level. This is the time when you should be talking to these people.

There is a lot of hoopla going around and to tell you the truth it is scaring many individuals into complacency. I took a ride Saturday and did not see one other bike out on the road. Maybe it was the rain, maybe it was something else. Whatever the reason is, you should continue to do what you love and ride with the wind. Think about what we have all worked to accomplish over years.

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Don't let this incident, as monumental as it may seem, change who you are or how you think or your community activities.

Finally, remember that each of you is a part of the fabric that makes up America. You work hard, pay taxes and vote to give your family a better place to grow. Most of you have served our country to protect our freedom. Now is the time to assert your rights. Take Action.

Regardless if you prefer speaking with someone or writing an email, please be polite and respectful. Here is some contact information:

TX Governor Greg Abbott -

Phone - 512-463-2000
<https://gov.texas.gov/contact/>
 [There is a web form here for correspondence.]

TX Lt. Governor Dan Patrick -

Phone - 512-463-0001
 Comment Line: 512-463-5342
LTGConstituent.Affairs@ltgov.state.tx.us

US Congress -

Regardless of what state you live in, you can find contact information for your Congresspersons at www.house.gov/representatives/find/ and www.senate.gov/
 [This page includes a 'Find Your Senator' option in the top right corner.]

White House of the United States -

Comments: 202-456-1111
 Switchboard: 202-456-1414
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ANYONE can make a call to the TX Governor's office, their US Senators & US Representatives, the President, and Vice-President, and request the release of eye witnesses and innocent bystanders of the Waco incident currently being held on \$1,000,000 bail each. Request an independent investigation as well.

ANYONE who makes an effort is asked to please advise "44 Dan" Lemond, AZ's ABATE Yavapai Chapter Safety Officer and C.O.I.R. AZ Representative at 44lemond@gmail.com.

About C.O.I.R.

The C.O.I.R. is not a membership funded organization or club. It is a registration of independent riders from all walks and rides of the motorcycle community. Independent cruisers, sport and dirt-bike riders and even non-riders alike understand that protecting our "Right to Ride" is everyone's responsibility. Independent cruisers, sport and dirt-bike riders and even non-riders alike understand that protecting our "Right to Ride" is everyone's responsibility. We must all do our part to keep motorcycling a true expression of freedom! When a Call-to-Action comes down the pike you will be contacted and asked to help implement the action whether it is a letter writing campaign or showing up at a state capitol.

Dr. Jim McKinney,
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 FMI: <http://www.usdefender.net/>

Also, there has been a Go Fund Me page set up on behalf of the Waco prisoners & an attorney who is offering his representation Pro Bono. We found his firm's Facebook & web pages and have read a bit about him. What we know about him is what we've read there. No more. Here is the Go Fund Me description, so you can choose for yourself if this is something you'd like to help with. "A man by the name of Daniel Jones III is an attorney traveling to Waco everyday from College Station, TX in order to fight for the INNOCENT bikers involved in the Waco massacre that took place on May 17th. Not all of the brothers he is defending are able to pay for his services as an attorney so he is doing it PRO BONO. Daniel is a biker himself and believes in the constitutional rights that we all hold as Americans and bikers. He believes in the biker code and knows an innocent man when he sees one. The funds raised through this will all go to Daniel to help with his gas and hotel costs as well as help our brothers with whatever they need. Please help my good friend as he frees the innocent men being held. Show them all that no matter the negative media coverage, the brotherhood still exists between bikers.

Thank you!"

The page is located at http://www.gofundme.com/vgth3u8?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=cta_button&utm_campaign=upd_n