



NAVY RIDERS' CREED

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*I am a United States Navy Sailor. In the service of my country, I fly or hover in the skies, cruise the seven seas, or dive beneath the oceans. I survive **many** dangers because I am finely trained, manage my risk, and I am well equipped. I am a patriot and a consummate professional.*

But the most dangerous activity that I undertake is riding my motorcycle. Riding is unforgiving of mistakes and bad judgment. My motorcycle has the power to throw me, crush me and propel me at deadly speeds. It exposes me to weather, being impacted by other vehicles, and tempts me to break the law.

The Navy has prepared me to identify these and other risks and mitigate them through proper training, heightened awareness, preventive maintenance and good judgment. I chose to apply this survival strategy to my riding.

I owe it to my family, to my country, and myself.

- *I will continue to train and improve my motorcycle knowledge and skills.*
- *I will always wear the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).*
- *I will never assume the right-of-way.*
- *I will ride within my abilities and will vigilantly identify and avoid hazards.*
- *I am often invisible to others on the road and it is up to me to be seen or remain out of harms way.*
- *I will not exceed safe or legal speeds and I will not ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.*
- *My passenger may not fully understand the risks of the ride and it is my responsibility to protect them.*
- *Two coaster sized patches of rubber are all that holds me and my bike to the ground. I can not rely on fate, but must control that tenuous life line by riding within my abilities and vigilantly monitoring and adapting to conditions.*
- *I will mentor and consider the advice of my rider shipmates because together we will keep each other safe.*

Like the service to my country, I ride for the freedom, the adventure and the camaraderie.

I am a Navy Rider and it is my duty to RIDE SMART !